



GATEWAY

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



January EVENTS

08th January 2019 – Guest Lecturer on Communication Models (PYP 3)

10th January 2019 – Field Trip to Mahabalipuram (PYP 1)

11th January 2019 – Field Trip to Gramathil Oru Naal (PYP 3 - MYP 5)

18th January 2019 – ECO Hackathon (MYP Students)

19th January 2019 – MYP Talk (MYP – 5)

24th January 2019 – Trip to Dakshinachitra (k3 & pyp 2)

25th January 2019 – Inter School Swimming Competition @ Vaels International

25th January 2019 – Next Gen Education – Education Counseling (MYP 4&5)

26th January 2019 – Republic Day Celebration

26th January 2019 – Akshra Arbol – PYP Exhibition

29th January 2019 – Safety Awareness Program for Drivers of Gateway

30th January 2019 – Field Trip – Government Offices – PYP 5

30th January 2019 - Prevention of Suicide: Raising Rescue

31st January 2019 – General Awareness – Ambulance – (K1 – MYP 5)

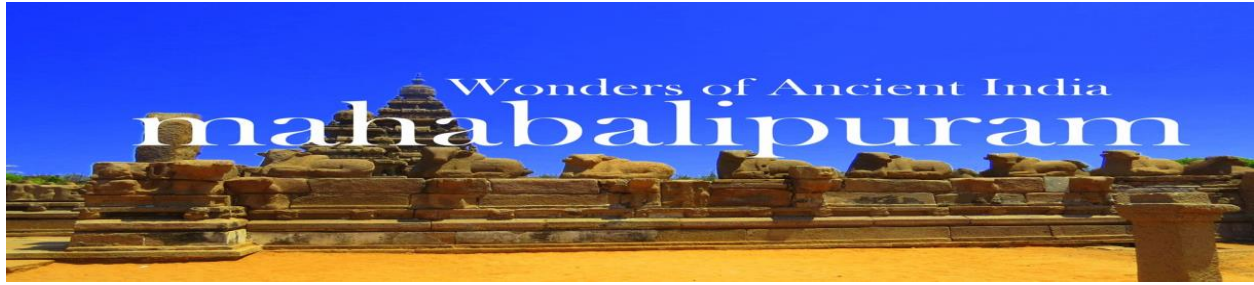
31st January 2019 – MUN Orientation Program (MYP Students)

Communication Models

GUEST LECTURER ON COMMUNICATION MODELS

PYP 3 learners were facilitated with a Guest Lecture enhancing their understanding on Communication models by Mr. Vivekanadan. This was an opportunity for them to learn constructing an effective message, by exploring about Linear and Transactional communication. They developed an understanding on the process involved in communication. Where the creator/sender devices message only after having clear understanding about who their target audiences/receivers are, to be able to construct the message appropriately. Thus, PYP 3 learners explored various advertisements to understand the choice of image taken connecting with the audiences, to effectively reach out their message and are on their way out to become an EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR.





FIELD TRIP – MAHABALIPURAM

Students of PYP I enjoyed a field trip to Mahabalipuram on 10 January'19. These students explored the sites of ancient stone structures, caves and carvings comparing them to their current homes, at the same time were amazed to come face to face with the historical evidence of our great nation. The students visited the Famous “Shell Museum” which is also considered to have the largest collection of shells across the Asian continent. They got a chance to view many different kinds of shells, pearls and a unique visit to the aquarium where the students were given a chance to hold a live Star fish or have a live lobster walk on their shoulder. They also visited the Marine museum where they saw multiple models of ships which were used during ancient time across globe. The students were able to relate their visit with the current unit theme of “Where we are in place and time”.





GRAMATHIL ORU NAAL

The students of Gateway IB School celebrated the Pongal festival at "Gramathil Oru Naal" on the 11th Jan 2019. The event started with a bullock cart ride from Acharapakkam to Irumbuli village, where the event took place. The event organizers welcomed the students with the traditional music instruments named 'Tharathappatai' and explained the sports events to be conducted.

The students joyfully participated in the following sports events,

1. Crossing the bridge
2. Pot breaking
3. Mud - Tug of war
4. Mud – Race

The day ended with a scrumptious spread of traditional South Indian food.



ECO — HACKATHON

FROM GREY TO GREEN

ECO-HACKATHON

On 18th Jan 2019, the students had a highly interactive session with the Reap Benefits Team on solving local environmental and civic problems. Initially, the students identified Environmental Issues in the nearby localities and were brainstormed on it. This led to the students coming up with innovative solutions to the problems proposed. This program made the students realize the power anyone has when they take the initiative.



MYP TALK

The Personal project in MYP 5 provides an excellent opportunity for students to produce a truly personal and creative work of their choice and to demonstrate the skills they have developed through their learning in the IB programme. This long-term project is designed as an independent learning experience of approximately 25 hours. The personal project encourages students to practice and strengthen their ATL skills, to connect classroom learning engagements with personal experience, and to develop their own interests for lifelong learning.

The school organized the educational event "MYP Talk" on 19th of January from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the GIS campus. The students of MYP 5 presented their personal project with great confidence which reflected their hard work and engagement. The constructive feedback from the parents and the supervisors encouraged the students to make improvements and extensions in their project. Indeed the event has successfully motivated the students and enhanced their communication skills.





FIELD TRIP TO DAKSHINA CHITRA

Students of K3 & PYP 2 visited Dakshinachitra for a field trip related to their units. The students of PYP2 are currently learning about buildings and structures under the theme of 'How the world works' and the students of K3 under the theme 'Where we are in place and time'. This field trip was a great learning opportunity for the students to enhance their understanding of the central idea. They were able to compare and contrast between the modern architecture and the architecture of olden days. They curiously observed the materials used and were able to reason out on why the Kerala houses are built primarily with wood and Tamilnadu houses are built mainly with stones. The students were very inquisitive and explored the structures thoroughly.



INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION @ VAELS INTERNATIONAL

Our students Participated in an Inter School Swimming competition held at Vaels International School , Injambakkam. Our students displayed exemplary talents and won an array of medals in both individual events and relay. A total of 18 medals were won by Gateway IB students . We are very proud of their achievements.



Next Gen EDUCATION PROGRAM

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.” -Abraham Lincoln

Career counseling is a prime factor that needs higher degree of attention for MYP 4 and 5 students. It will be helpful in choosing a career goal, planning and give a proper direction to students for a better future ahead. Keeping this in mind, our school community decided that it is highly mandatory to impart the essentials of prior planning to enable the students to have a clear insight into their future. Also it will help the students to identify the real potential towards a right career path. Therefore a programme based on the same was organized at our school premises on 25 th January 2019. “Next Gen Education”- a leading organization to guide the students to take admissions in top universities of United States, conducted this programme. The Universities visited our school are as follows,

- University of Delaware
- University of Arizona
- University of Wyoming
- University of South Dakota
- Marian University
- Eastern Michigan University

The counselors from the above Universities gave a detailed explanation about the academics and demography of their institution. Our students also got an opportunity to interact with them and got sumptuous information to plan their future. It was highly helpful for our students as they got a vivid picture of how to select their academic stream.





REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Republic Day honours the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect on 26 January 1950 replacing the Government of India Act as the governing document of India. This day celebrated with much enthusiasm and patriotism. Many games like, Patriotic Songs Rendition, Fancy dress, Colouring/Painting, Speech, Quiz, Puzzle, Debate and Flyer Design were conducted.



AKSHRA ARBOL – PYP EXHIBITION

Understanding “How the world works” helps people address issues effectively and take actions.(Central Idea).

Lines of Inquiry

- Inquiring Into our Planet and its laws (Physical) (Form, Function).
- How we use our understanding of the scientific Principles in our daily lives.
- (Connection).
- Inquiring into our planet and it’s laws (Biological)(Form & Function).
- How we use our understanding of scientific principle in our lives. (Connect).
- Examining Different Problems and their Effects.(Causation)
- Changes in Inventions over Time. (Change)
- Different Inventor points of view in addressing issues. (Perspective)
- Evidences in understanding the impact of science and technology on the world.
- (Reflection)
- Taking actions to address issues based on our understanding (Responsibility)

Student’s had a clear understanding on what the Central Idea is, how it is been related with the exhibition and what was their input in making the Lines of Inquiry. Each Student had their own Portfolio, which had an evidence of how they made the research on the particular topic and the process of making. Teachers were guiding the children in the whole process.



SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

DRIVERS OF GATEWAY

This program was conducted by MYP 5 students of Gateway IB as part of their SA (Service as Action) activity. The students explained to them the various measures to be undertaken by the drivers to ensure safety of their passengers.



How the government systems influence the lives of the people – Field Trip by PYP 5

The students of PYP 5 had been for an educational trip to government offices to understand how the people work and the benefits and challenges they encounter working in a government organization. The students had many queries and were determined to get the answers from the government official jotting down word to word. At first, they were excited to visit the Post office at Kelambakkam and understood its mode of operation after interviewing the Post Master, he other employees and promised them to convince their parents to have a recurring deposit for themselves which is beneficial at a later stage. Then they visited the Electricity Board and gathered information from the Assistant Engineer; the hierarchy of the organization the roles and responsibilities and the job distributed evenly to the people who work to ensure that the people in and around the locality do not face any challenges with the Electricity Board. They were all geared up and with great excitement while visiting the Corporation Bank to understand the different roles of the people in the bank mainly the Branch Manager; the important aspect is the various schemes provided by the bank to ensure that people live a comfortable life planning to save for their future. Next, the students were curious in knowing about the local government, and were taken to the Municipal Corporation who served people in laying the roads, distributing water at all times, clearing the garbage, and help fix the repairs of the street lights. Last by not the least the students visited the Kelambakkam Bus depot to understand the importance of the Pallavan Transport and the efficiency of the people who work there. It was indeed an unforgettable experience as the students gained confidence, acquired knowledge and connected their central idea on ‘How the government systems influence the lives of the people.’



Creating General Awareness – Ambulance

To create awareness about emergency situations and how to react during such situations, an ambulance was brought to our school campus on 31-01-2019. The EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) explained to the students about the parts of the ambulance and the first aid procedure that is being followed. The inquisitive learners of our school were very enthusiastic in knowing about how an ambulance works.



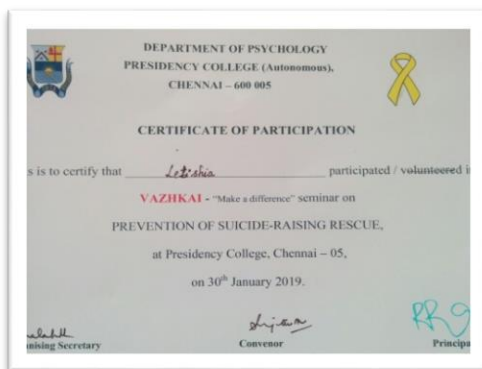
PREVENTION OF SUICIDE: RAISING RESCUE

Suicide is one of the pressing social concerns whose magnitude growing in alarming proportions. Sadly it impacts the most vulnerable such as young, the elderly and the socially isolated of the world's population with its ripple effect on the mental health of their families and the community at large. However the availability of measures and access to appropriate service can significantly reduce the tragic loss of life by suicide. With an aim to prevent suicide by raising rescue the Psychology department of Presidency College, Chennai organized the one day seminar "VAZHKAI" on 30th of January 2019. The objectives of the seminar are

- To understand and identify people with suicidal ideation
- To impart training in psychological first-aid
- To connect to professional sources of help

Ms.Letishia, Principal and Ms.Sangeetha, MYP Coordinator of Gateway International school attended the seminar. The sessions were addressed by

1. Dr. S. Sabesan positive Psychologist & Behavioural coach on "Why this Vazhkai? (A call to make a difference)"
2. Dr.C.Anbudurai, Consultant Psychiatrist on "Hearing the cry of Pain (Understanding the psyche behind suicidal ideation)"
3. Mr.S. Karthikeyan, Chief clinical Psychologist on "Rendering Immediate help (Psychological First Aid)"
4. Dr.V.Jaikumar, Assistant professor in Psychiatry Institute of Mental health on "Raising social support (role of significant others)"
5. Representative from SNEHA suicide prevention centre addressed on "Seeking professional help"





The Model United Nations Orientation Programme 2019 was held on 31st January by Mr. Arun Ragavendar. The students were introduced to the MUN, which will take place on 28th April at Chennai Regional center. Model United Nations, MUN, is an educational simulation and academic competition in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations. MUN is a great platform to mold the student's skills like public speaking, thinking, debating, writing, team work and leader ship. The session was informative and interesting.



Student OF THE MONTH



She exhibits Knowledgeable and reflective IB learner profiles by curiously involving in all the homeroom activities and she is also reflective in her learning.



Rithishvar gives thoughtful consideration to his own learning and experience. He is able to assess and understand his strengths and has overcome limitations; reflecting positively in his learning and personal development. We are happy to acknowledge this dramatic change in him towards betterment and are sure to see him growing jubilantly.



Oveya is a good communicator and an open-minded person which is reflected in her well-mannered and disciplined behavior. She actively participates in her classroom activities with her classmates. She is able to bring out her ideas and understanding in a clear and coherent manner as well as she respects the views of her peer group as a good listener.



Uniforms

Wearing the school uniform helps to build pride and school spirit but when the correct uniform is not worn, and orbit is dirty or sloppy it does not build a culture of pride or care for one's school, hence we are asking parents to assist us by requiring their children to dress in appropriate uniform before leaving to school.

Boys: (K1 – K3 & PYP) - dark grey shorts, half sleeve white shirt, grey socks, tie, belt and black sports shoes; (MYP) - dark grey long pants, white half sleeve shirt, grey socks, tie, belt and black sports shoes. P.E. – House T-shirt, black track pants, grey socks and black sports shoes.

Girls: (K1 – K3 & PYP) dark grey pinafore, half sleeve white shirt, grey socks, tie, belt and black sports shoes; (MYP) - dark grey long pants, white half sleeve shirt, grey socks, tie, belt and black sports shoes. P.E. – House T-shirt, black track pants, grey socks and black sports shoes. Formal & sports uniform must be purchased from the school.

Kindly see that the children come in proper uniform daily to school.

Thank you for your support.



Water Bottle - Please send a metal water Bottle for each student, which also promotes plastic free zone.



TRANSPORTATION - Please contact Ms. Sushma (proib@gatewaytheschool.in) for transportation.



FACEBOOK - Follow Gateway IB MYP World School on Facebook. We post events of GIS 'Learning Engagements'.

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