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## PYP Orientation – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

The first session of the academic year was the PYP induction program, which was conducted by Ms. Suasn Pramod, the PYP coordinator. The session mainly focused on the practices of the PYP programme and also the light was thrown on the enhancements made to the programme. The facilitators of all the three programmes were present for the session, to get an insight into the primary years programme.



## Programme Induction and Orientation by Principal – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

The day was started off with an inspirational speech by **Mr. Anthony Vijayaraghavan**, the **Director of Operations**, of the Gateway International schools. This interactive session was attended by all the teaching staff of our school. He gave an insight into the healthy practices and best teaching practices to be followed.



Our esteemed **Principal, Ms. Letishia Harris**, conducted a session on the leave procedures, rules, and regulations to be followed in school. She emphasized following the codes of a good teacher. This session helped the staff understand the processes involved.



## **MYP Orientation- 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

The MYP Orientation program was conducted and presented by Ms. Sangeetha, the MYP coordinator. The facilitators of all the three programmes were present for the session, to get an insight into the middle years programme. She facilitated in making everyone understand the practices followed in the MYP.





## Academic Honesty policy discussion - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Academic Honesty policy of our school was discussed by all the staff members, with the session lead by Ms. Nishanthini, an MYP facilitator. The session was all about the policies to be followed by the students and teachers in order to maintain integrity. A healthy discussion was held after the presentation on the policies to be updated for the following academic year 2019-2020.



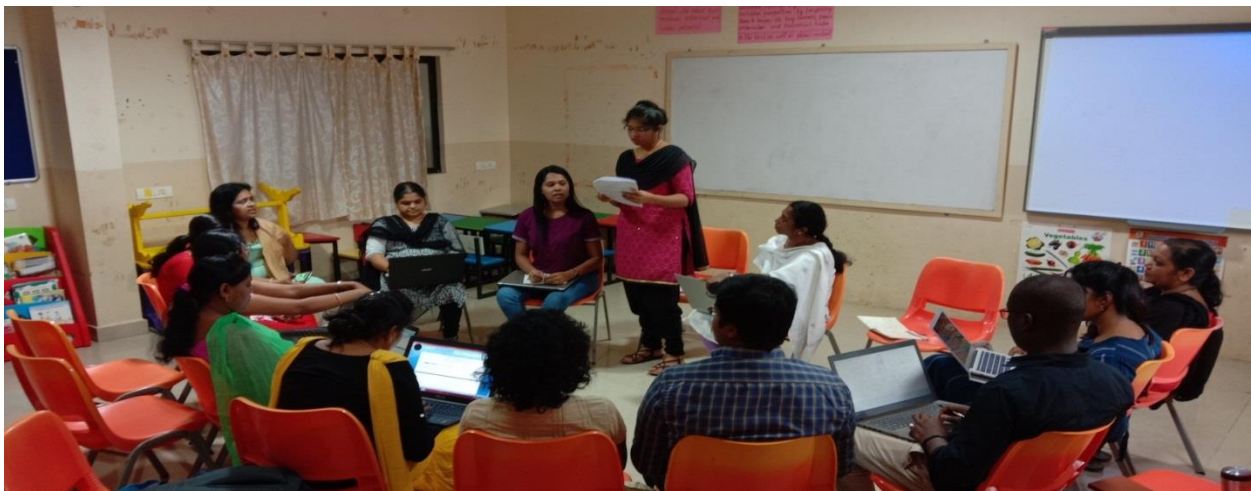
## DP Orientation – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The DP Orientation program was conducted and presented by Mrs. Elizabeth, DP coordinator. The facilitators of all the three programmes were present for the session, to get an insight into the Diploma Programme. Mrs. Sophi, DP Facilitator threw light on how the extended essay, the theory of knowledge and CAS activities are followed in the programme.



## Service As Action – Collaboration by Team MYP – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Service as Action activities help realize that whoever you are, you have the power to reduce all adverse impacts of globalization for yourself, the people you love and for the world. For successful implementation of the same, all the teachers of GIS Middle Years Programme collaborated on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 2019 and planned the service as action activities with regard to the learning engagements devised for the academic year 2019-20. This was headed by Ms. Sangeetha Solomon, the MYP Coordinator and Ms. Sharanya Sundar, the Service as Action Coordinator.



## Language Workshop – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Language workshop was conducted on the 5<sup>th</sup> July by Ms. Sharanya, MYP Facilitator. This session was conducted to refresh the grammar skills of our teachers. The teachers were segregated into groups and were given activities to perform, which was fun as it was educative. Marks of **punctuation** play very important role in giving intended meaning to the language. Use of wrong mark of punctuation or even wrong placement of mark of punctuation can change the meaning of the sentence completely. Given its importance, this topic was covered in this session.



### **DP Collaboration and UOI Session on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The Teachers of DP have collaborated on the details of the subjects and the requirements of each subject group. An Induction program was conducted by the DP Coordinator Ms. Elizabeth. The core subjects of Theory of Knowledge was introduced to us by Ms.Haseena M , CAS was briefed by Ms.Dharakeswari G , Extended Essay was briefed upon by Ms. Sophia Elizabeth. The subject groups were introduced by Group-1 Language and Literature was introduced by Ms.Sharanya Sundar ,Group-III Economics and Business Management by Ms.Dharakeshwari G, Group- VI Visual Arts by Ms.Jennifer K ,Group-IV-Computer Science-Mr.Satyanarayan V., Biology- Ms.Sophia Elizabeth, Design Technology-Ms. Sangeetha Solomon, Group-V Mathematics by Ms.Catherine Christober. The meetings were presided and moderated by the Principal and DP-Coordinator.







## **UOI session**

All the PYP facilitators actively engaged themselves in an interactive session on the UOI planner framing, led by the PYP coordinator Ms.Susan Pramod. This session was highly helpful as it paved the way for a healthy discussion on the contents of the planner.

## **Learning Strategies – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

A quiz program on the Primary Years Programme was conducted using a variety of creative strategies by Ms. Sudha, for all the PYP facilitators. This session helped the teachers understand the programme better through discussions that arose. The facilitators took this opportunity to come up with various strategies that can be implemented for their classes.





## Visual Arts Orientation – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The teachers were introduced to group 6 subjects offered by IB and the group 6 subject offered in our school which is Visual Arts. The presentation was focused to deliver the syllabus outline, assessments and the expectations from the student as an artist. The distinctions between HL and SL artworks were clearly explained using the subject guide references.





## **Assessment Policy – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

A discussion session was held on the school assessment policy which was lead by Ms.Dhivya for the Primary Years Programme and by Ms.Vidhya for the Middle Years Programme and Diploma Programme. All the facilitators discussed collaboratively on the policies that need to be updated to the document.



## **Enhancement in PYP – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

A session on the enhancements in the Primary Years Programme was conducted by the PYP coordinator Ms.Susan Pramod, for all the facilitators of the programme. This session was highly helpful in discussing the implementation of the enhancements.



## **Induction by Mr.Anthony - 17-07-2019:**

A discussion lead by Mr.Anthony, the director of operations, was held to throw light on the new PYP/Finnish/ Montessori school which is about to be opened by Gateway. He also emphasized the importance and duties of being an IB facilitator. He also gave some tips on greeting the students on their first day to school.



## **Starting a new academic year – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

On the first day of school, the students were cheerfully greeted by the school principal, coordinators and a team of facilitators and peppy music. The students were eager and happy to start their year of learning with GIS. There were colourful decorations put up in every classroom to welcome the students after their vacation. The facilitators made little cards/ gifts for their students to cherish their first day in a new class. The MYP students were given an induction to the policies namely Academic honesty, Assessment policy etc. The DP students were introduced to the programme curriculum followed by a discussion on TOK, CAS and Extended Essay. It was a very productive day.







### **Programme Orientation (PYP, MYP and DP) – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

An orientation was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 for the various programmes offered at GIS IB. The session started with a Prayer by our staff seeking blessing for our Gateway Community. Our Principal then took the session ahead with her presentation of the general rules and regulations that are the students are expected to adhere. The respective coordinators gave a clear understanding of the curriculum. Ms. Susan Pramod explained the PYP curriculum and Ms. Sangeetha the MYP curriculum followed by Ms. Elizabeth for the DP curriculum. The parents were asked to give their suggestions, feedback and their questions as well in writing. It was a great start to an eventful year.

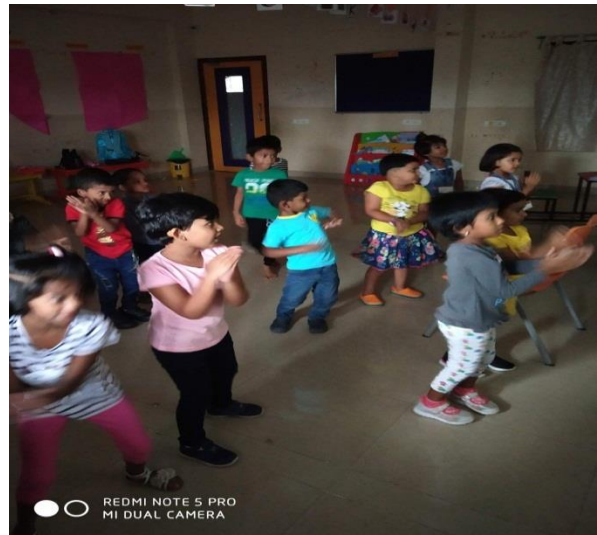






# Embarking on a New Journey - Kindergarten

Kindergarten kids recited numbers from 1 to 100 in a fun manner with animal exercises which helps them to get fit along with learning numbers. Playing is the driving force in the Early year's program. Children gained focus on their learning through a balance walk strategy and they also built a house with playing cards learning the techniques of balancing. K3 children involved themselves in the action play game to remember the phonics of all the alphabets. They gained the confidence to make an attempt to learn the blending of new words. They were involved in making their own patterns with the rubber bands which helped them to improve their fine motor skills.





## Enviro 2019 – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Our students Abhily of MYP 3 and Diya of MYP 1 participated in Enviro 2019 that was held at IIT, Guindy. This event was conducted by Industrial Waste Management Association (IWMA) and Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF). Our students participated in Mascot Designing and garnered a wealth of experience by competing with students from over 200 schools who participated in this event.





# Social Darwinism – MYP 3 – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The topic of History - “ Social Darwinism “ is linked to Biology and explained in the History class with lot of examples. Ms. Sophia (Biology Dept.) presented a lecture on Theory of Evolution. Ms. Sophia explained Evolution theory with lot of examples. The interdisciplinary of History and Biology classes was interesting.



## Debate on Civil Right – MYP 5 – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Debate session was conducted during History class on 29/07/19(Monday). The topic was from Civil Right. The debate was conducted under the topic “The use of non-violent protest had only limited success in improving the position of African – Americans in US society in the 1960’s”. To what extent do you agree with this claim? The session was excellent. Students improved in their critical thinking skills and communication skills. Their claims and counter claims were extremely thoughtful.



## The process of Digestion – PYP 4 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

The students of PYP 4 are learning about the digestive system, they represented their learning as a role play where they enacted as food, mouth, food pipe, stomach, small and large intestine. They took initiative to play all their roles in the best way possible within a short period of time. Through this group activity they demonstrated the IB learner profiles of being balanced and open minded.





## International Career Counseling for students – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Our school management in our school campus organized an international career-counseling programme. The students of grade 9, 10 and 11 from Gateway group of schools participated in this meet. Mr. Apratim Mukhopadhyay – Recruitment Advisor for India, conducted this programmed. The students were given clear picture about the various courses and the ways of getting admission at University of, TORONTO, Canada. The session was very interactive and imparted useful information regarding the higher studies in Canada.



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