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GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



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DP Collaboration Meeting: 2nd February 2023

The DP collaboration meeting was convened to discuss the following points:

- The building criteria for analysing the progression of ATL skills in students (explicitly apart from the IAs) were discussed.
- Plagiarism among students works to be checked. Students were to be required to use citations in all tasks they submitted in order to maintain academic integrity, and they were to be educated on how to conduct proper research.
- Discussed collecting the final drafts of DP2 students' IAs.
- Planned to schedule a meeting for the Group 4 project of DP1.
- Parameters have been set to finalise the student of the month.



MYP Talk – 4th February 2023:

The students of MYP 5 presented their personal experience on personal projects through MYP talk. A personal project is a student-initiated project that happens in the final year of the Middle Year Programme. The personal project is based on the student's personal interests. The students choose a topic of interest where they explore and experiment with their learning by gaining knowledge, demonstrating and applying ATL skills, which helps them develop as an independent lifelong learner. MYP talk started with seeking the blessings of God, followed by a welcome and introductory speech by the PYP coordinators.



Shaurya clearly explained his project, "Haley to Help," which was appreciated by everyone. Mathangi exhibited excellent self-confidence in demonstrating her project, "Have a nice journey," which made the parents and the teachers mind-struck.

Students were really excited with Sathyan's "All about LCD" and had a lot of questions, which led to an open discussion. Varshini fascinated the audience with her "Cher's closet," where even orders for fashionable clothing were placed. MYP Talk served as a feedback and improvisation platform, where comments were shared to improve the

project. The day was an interactive learning experience for all of us, where parents, teachers and students understood the purpose of MYP talk.





Career Campus Drive – 9th February 2023

GIS IB organized a career campus drive for the students of GIS IB and GISP to help the students understand the world of study in the USA. Mr. Joe Vainner, administrative officer at Michigan University, Flint, demonstrated the various courses offered scholarship programs available and the admission process at their university. This session made the students think and prepare themselves to meet the eligibility requirements of the universities in the US. Students inquired about various queries and clarified their doubts. It was a highly interactive session.





Whole School Collaboration Meeting – 10th February 2023

The whole-school collaboration meeting was held to reveal the roles and responsibilities of the in-charges assigned to Marathon 2023 to raise autism awareness. The committee's allocation was informed and the teachers gave suggestions for improvements to be made in the plan for the effective conduct of the marathon. Teachers showed their involvement in the planning phase and the whole program was planned effectively.

Marathon T-shirts and BIB Number Distribution – 10th February 2023

The DP2 students reached the registered participants of the Marathon and distributed the T-shirts and the Bib numbers. They elaborated the Do's and Don'ts to be followed during the Marathon.



Making the PYP happen - Implementing Agency (CAT 1) – 10th & 11th February 2023

The teachers were excited to do the online virtual in-school workshop through a Zoom meeting. The session started with the facilitator's address, followed by the presentation. The teachers understood how to frame the central idea using the right words and the different features of the PYP program: trans-disciplinary learning design, different inquiry cycles, and how to frame the UOI for the chosen theme, the central idea, lines of inquiry, key concepts, related concepts, learner profile, inquiry activities, types of inquiries, and trans-disciplinary skills.

Overall, the training helped them gain knowledge in different areas to create UOI, different teaching strategies, resources, assessments & feedback.

The teachers understood the contents and indeed, it was a useful and constructive way of comprehending the PYP and using effective teaching practices with the students adds interest and motivates them to learn enthusiastically.

FOR A FAIR SELECTION EVERYBODY HAS TO TAKE THE SAME EXAM! PLEASE CLIMB THAT TREE

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The "Sheep Effect"

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Venn Diagram
Know this well / Don't get this yet / Confused about this

PMI table (from de Bono)

Plus	Minus	Interesting
Can do this well	Need more work on this	I could try...

Compare and Contrast
How I feel about my work / Understand this / I can improve on this

Triangle
Skills / New Goals / Understandings / Feelings

SWOT

Strengths	Weaknesses
Opportunities	Threats

Ladder
Ranking or prioritising steps

KWHL table

K what do I KNOW?	W what do I WANT to find out?	H HOW will I learn?	L what have I LEARNED?

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1. Waterfall in a lush forest.
2. River with multiple waterfalls.
3. Sunset over a lake with mountains.
4. Winding river through a green valley.

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Marathon to create awareness of Autism: 12th of February, 2023

Our DP 2 student, Siva Subramanian Swaminathan, organized the marathon as part of his CAS project to create awareness of autism. The event started with a welcome speech, followed by the chief guest address. Mr. Dhenadayalan, the Dean of the Shree Sai Gokulam Trust (Home for autistic children), was invited as a Chief Guest and gave a brief note of the activities taken up by them for the welfare of the autistic children and explained the support required for those children. Siva contributed Rs. 5,000 to the trust. The marathon was conducted in three categories: 2 km, 3 km and 5 km, to encourage our little ones to participate. The run was initiated by waving the flag by the Head of School. The enthusiastic bunch of participants made the day a successful and energetic completion of the marathon. The police officials supported the school by facilitating the students with the required traffic control at the entry and exit points. The first three finishers in all three categories of the marathon were honoured with trophies by the head of school and all the finishers were awarded medals and certificates.

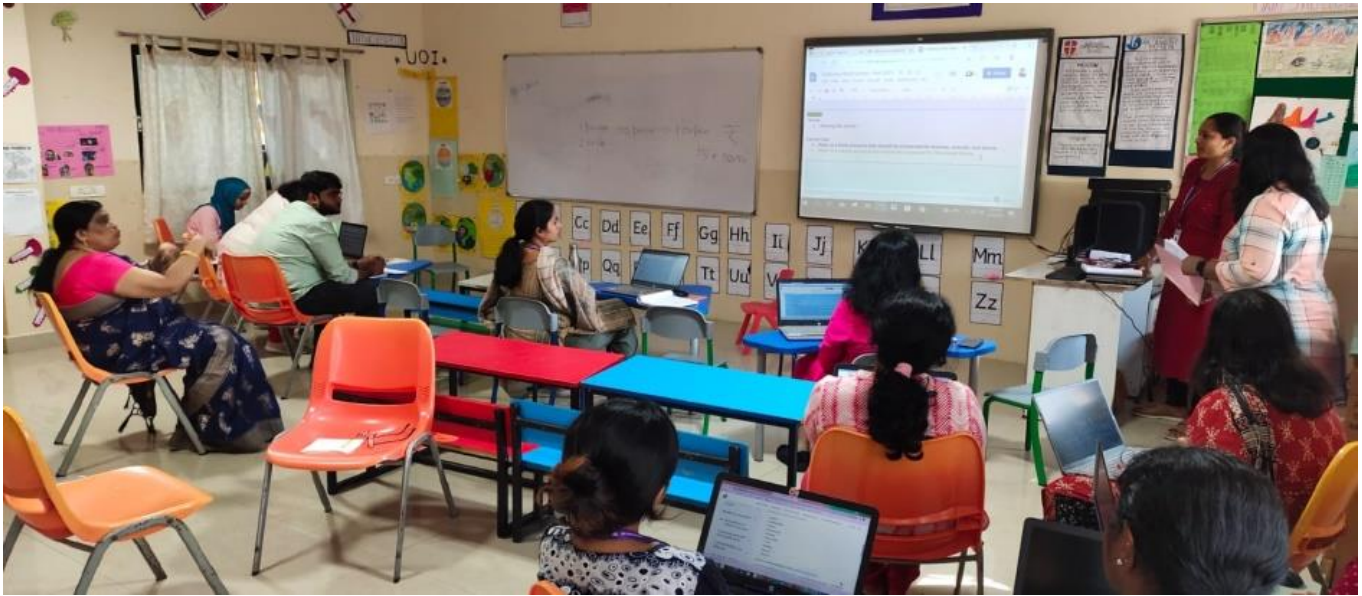




PYP Collaboration Meeting – 13th February 2023

- During the collaboration meeting, the teachers discussed and shared their understanding of the workshop "Making the PYP Happen," which was held on 10th & 11th February, 2023.
- Teachers discussed the importance of the IB learner profile and how they could connect the attributes to learning and teaching.
- Deepa, the PYP homeroom teacher, shared about integrating the topic in UOI with other subjects like math, PSPE, music, etc.
- An explanation of thematic teaching, an example related to it and an outline of the approaches to teaching (ATT) were discussed.
- Collaboratively, they discussed the understanding that gave them a deep insight into implementing the standards and practices into their teaching.
- Peer understanding and sharing of ideas are very important for all of us to grow, so a few teachers were nominated to briefly describe the learned outcome so they could discuss the ATT during the next collaboration meeting.





International Assembly - 15th February 2023

The DP1 students created opportunities for the whole school to explore the culture behind every country. As a part of the exploration, the dance styles of the various countries were given to the students and demonstrated in the assembly. MYP 1 and 2 students performed the dance styles of Singapore and Israel. The students took the opportunity to showcase their talents through presentations and cherished the school assembly by performing the dance styles.



A Warm Meeting with our honorable Chairman Father Anton Cruz – 16th February 2023

It was indeed a great honour to have dined with our loving chairman at the Novotel hotel as he facilitated our GIS IB team on account of the successful completion of the continuum evaluation visit.

The Principal addressed the gathering by giving us a short speech on goodness and gratitude provided by the Management of the GIS IB.

Our chairman, Mr. Anton Cruz, was impressed by the team and extended his gratitude to the members of the school community. He shared a few of his experiences from his journey through life and his personal thoughts and opinions on several aspects of dealing with people and scenarios.

He shared a few personal incidents that changed many people's lives as he aimed towards the motto "Trash to Treasure."

The great person, our father, and the chairman of all the Gateway Schools led us in prayers that were the ultimate as he felt the needs of every individual as he prayed for all the staff, the principal, coordinators, teaching and non-teaching staff, and the akkas who work in our school. It was the most touching moment, as our joy knew no bounds.

The IB staff and members were very grateful, happy, and content as we had a sumptuous dinner were satisfied and pleased.





7th Annual Sports Meet – 17th February 2023

The GIS IB celebrated the most anticipated 7th annual sports meet, which was held prestigiously at our school premises on February 17th, 2023.

The chief guest, Mr. Meenakshi Sundaram, B.Tech, a state-level cricketer and football player currently working as an IT Analyst in a well-reputed company, presided over the event.

The students geared up with great enthusiasm, as they were energetic and displayed confidence thoroughly from the beginning until the end of the event.

The students were arranged as per their houses to perform the march past on the ground. They showcased their discipline and focus when they marched together as a team. The synchronized movements, the crisp commands and the zeal and enthusiasm of the students showed how close they worked to get the perfect symphony.

The students of EYP 1 to PYP 2 performed a wonderful glittering ribbon drill with excellent coordination. The PYP-3, 4 & 5 students displayed their strength by displaying the human pyramids, and the MYP-1, 2 & 3 students had the saree drill, which was the most beautiful as it related to the team's integrity as they coordinated wonderfully, which was an eye-catcher to the audience. The students performed very elegantly for the Zumba dance, listening to the rhythm and beat of the song's music, and the DP students' Silambattam was extravagant as they were skilled and showcased their talents by defending as a measure of self-defense, which was an important life skill.

It was a mind-blowing event and a celebration to be remembered forever!





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7th ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 11th FEB 21

SNO	CATEGORY	JOY	PEACE	HOPE	FAITH
1	Points till 16223	885	827	873	1252
2	Track Events	170	290	140	220
3	Fun Events	180	220	180	180
4	Relay	175	175	150	175
5	March Past	250	500	150	150
6	Tug of War		250		500
	Total	213	1660	2262	1493

Faith - 2477	1
Peace - 2262	2
Joy - 1660	3
Hope - 1493	4

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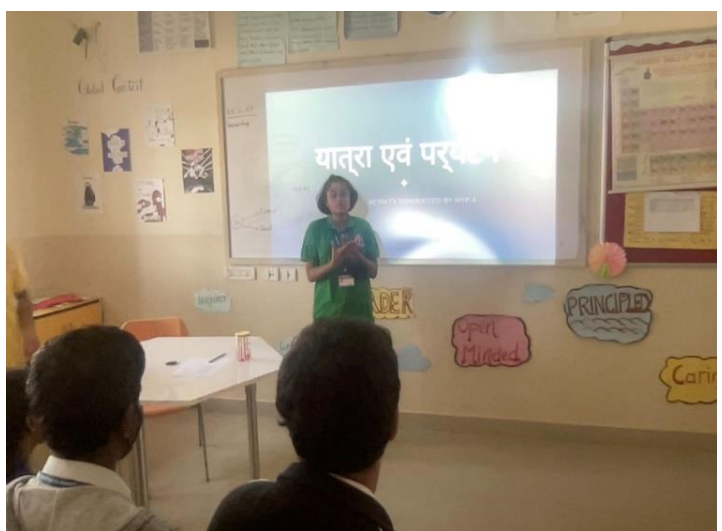
Guest Lecture on Sustainability and Responsible Consumption - 23rd February 2023

As part of the Eco le club, a guest lecture was arranged on the topic "Sustainability and Responsible Consumption". Mr. Victor Pravinkumar, the head of CSR at TCS, engaged the students in an interactive session and beautifully explained the topic with analogies that were simple enough for the students to understand and also stressed the importance of consuming responsibly.



MYP-4 Service as Action: 23rd February 2023

The students of MYP4 conducted a flip teaching on "Travel and Tourism" to the students of MYP1 to MYP5 as a part of their Service as Action. They taught the students the necessary vocabularies relating to the topic. The students very keenly grabbed the session and understood the vocabulary.



PYP Collaboration Meeting: 27th February 2023

The meeting was convened to discuss the workshop "Making the PYP Happen."

- The facilitator brainstormed on the Approaches to Teaching (ATT). The six approaches to teaching in the IB were communicated using examples. The importance of these six approaches to teaching was discussed.
- The strategies and the awareness needed to use the avocado model are explained.
- Further, the different inquiry stages of inquiry cycle were discussed for better understanding.
- Summative and formative assessments were discussed.
- Towards the end of the meeting, the teachers effectively understood the six approaches to teaching and their importance. The avocado model, different inquiry stages, and assessments were briefly discussed. Teachers shared their ideas and opinions collaboratively during the meeting.



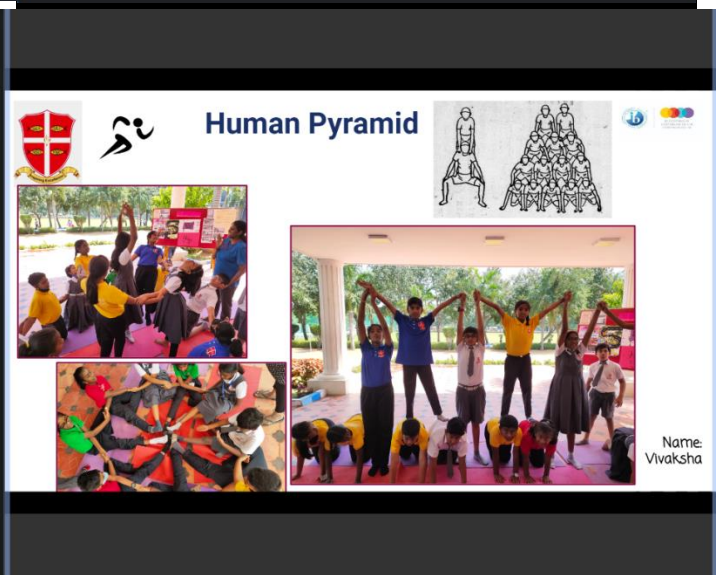
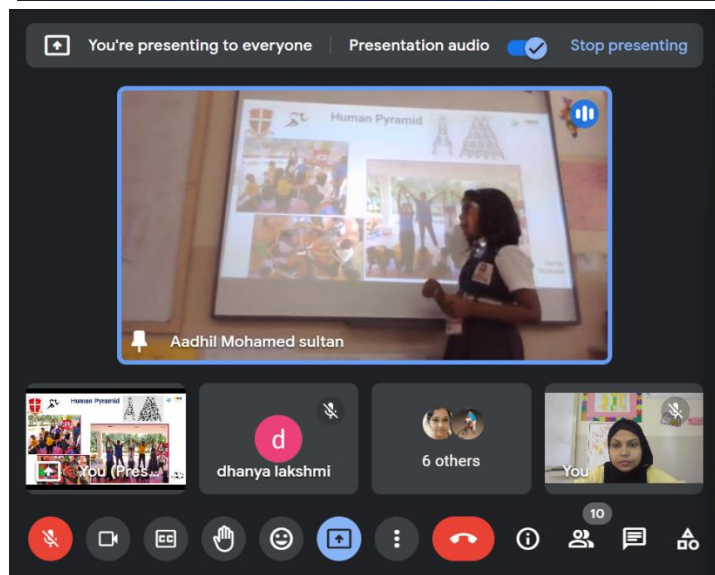
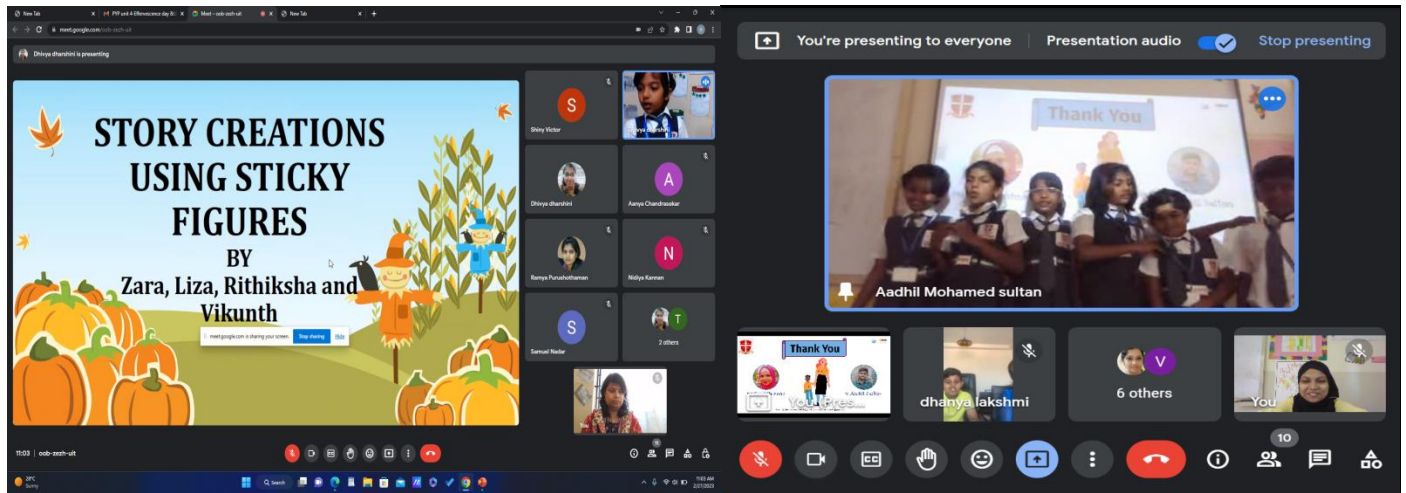
PYP 1-5 Effervescence Event – 27th February 2023

PYP students gracefully led the effervescence event on February 27th from the school premises as the parents were on the online platform. The students exhibited immense agency, having voice, choice, and ownership of their learning.

The parents mindfully listened to the students as they exhibited confidence to showcase the conceptual understanding of the unit. As the students articulated the facts of their learning process and made connections throughout the event, the parents interacted with their peers and further comprehended the learning of their wards.

The students were excited to present their understanding of the different subjects as they integrated their conceptual understanding, asking questions about the concepts that led them to use their ATL skills and develop their IB attributes of the learner profile.

The students did their best and the parents were pleased and open-minded as they were taken throughout their learning process.





EYP

(From Classes K1, K2, K3)

Name of the Student: Uvaki Ganiv, K2

Uvakai is an **Inquirer** who has a great curiosity to learn new things and shares her knowledge with the group. She is a principled child who tries to follow instructions to the maximum and does not disturb or hurt others. She is very observant and retells stories during classroom engagements and recalls what has been learned in different environments. She has developed her communication skills, reading skills and sight words without any help. She has immensely developed her social skills by playing with her peers and manages to handle her things in a more systematic way, with notebooks and crayons, using her self-management skills.

PYP

(From Classes PYP 1,2 & 3)

Name of the student: Emmanuel Nadar, PYP 1

Emmanuel has immensely developed his social skills and has settled down very cheerfully in the classroom environment. He has improved and has acquired the IB learner attribute of being a **Knowledgeable** and **Caring** child in class. He engages himself in all the class activities and has shown improvement in his social skills. He has a friendly attitude towards everyone at school and has always gone ahead and helped his peers, which makes him a caring person.

(From Classes 4 & 5)

Name of the student: Johanna Abraham, PYP 4

Johanna is an inquirer and a knowledgeable child who consistently uses observations and relevant vocabulary when explaining her ideas and she uses her thinking skills to acquire knowledge effectively during the class. She also practices deep listening, responds mindfully, makes fair and equal decisions, and respects differing viewpoints. She articulates her opinions sensitively, taking care of others. She exhibits the attributes of the IB Learner Profile as a **Caring** and **Knowledgeable** person.

MYP

(From Classes MYP 1, 2 & 3)

Name of the Student: Abinaya Yuvaraj, MYP 2

Abinaya is a disciplined and regular student who never fails to finish her work on time. She is attentive in class and brings out her communication skills, self-management skills, and creative thinking skills. She has the capacity to grasp things easily and proves to be a good **Inquirer, Thinker and Communicator**. She is also developing herself to be open-minded, balanced and a risk-taker.

(From Classes MYP 4 & 5)

Name of the Student: A. Sathyan, MYP 5

Sathyan is a very enthusiastic student who explores knowledge across a wide range of disciplines. He investigates different concepts, ideas, and issues that have local and global significance. He exhibits the attribute of the IB Learner Profile "**Knowledgeable**".

DP

(From Classes DP 1 & 2)

Name of the Student: Oveya Kirubaharan, DP 2

Oveya is **Knowledgeable**. She is balanced and understands her strengths and limitations in order to support her learning and personal development. She is principled and she acts with integrity and honesty, showcasing a strong sense of fairness and justice. Oveya is calm and composed inside the class. She is knowledgeable, as she always boldly shares her perspectives in the discussions and raises questions on things for which she needs clarification. She shows consistent learning and participation.



**WEAR
MASK**



PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK

Avoid close contact with others
to prevent spread of COVID-19

**If you cant Stay Home, Stay apart!
Maintain a distance of 2 meters from others.**



COVID – 19 SYMPTOMS

High Fever
Dry Cough
Sore Throat
Difficulty in Breathing

HOW IT SPREADS

Air by Cough or Sneeze
Personal Contact
Contaminated Objects
Mass Gathering

PREVENTION

Wash your Hands often
Wear a Face Mask
Avoid Contact with Sick
People Always Cover
Your Cough or Sneeze

STAY SAFE, GET VACCINATED AND MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING



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