



# NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2023

## GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



This edition of Newsletter brings to the events and happenings of the  
Month of March 2023

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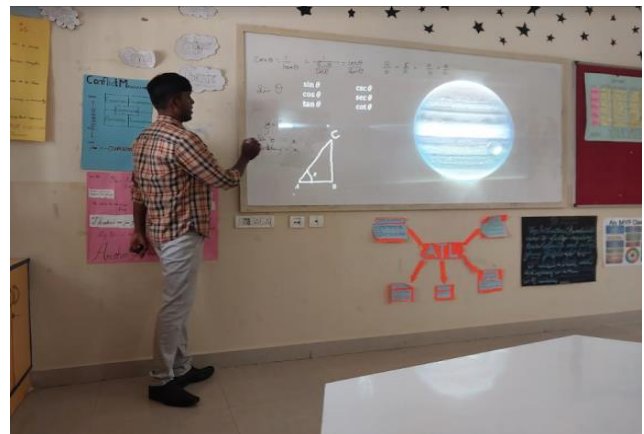
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## Guest Lecture on Trigonometry- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

"I never teach my pupils, I provide the conditions in which they can learn" - Albert Einstein

As the quote states, GIS IB provides the conditions and opportunities for students to initiate their independent learning. GIS IB organized a guest lecture for DP 1 students on the topic "Trigonometry." Mr.Kaviarasan, the subject expert, was invited to present a lecture on the topic of trigonometry and its applications in real life. His explanation about the beauty of mathematics was thought-provoking for the students. This kindles the interest of students in trigonometry and initiates their research on this topic in the future.

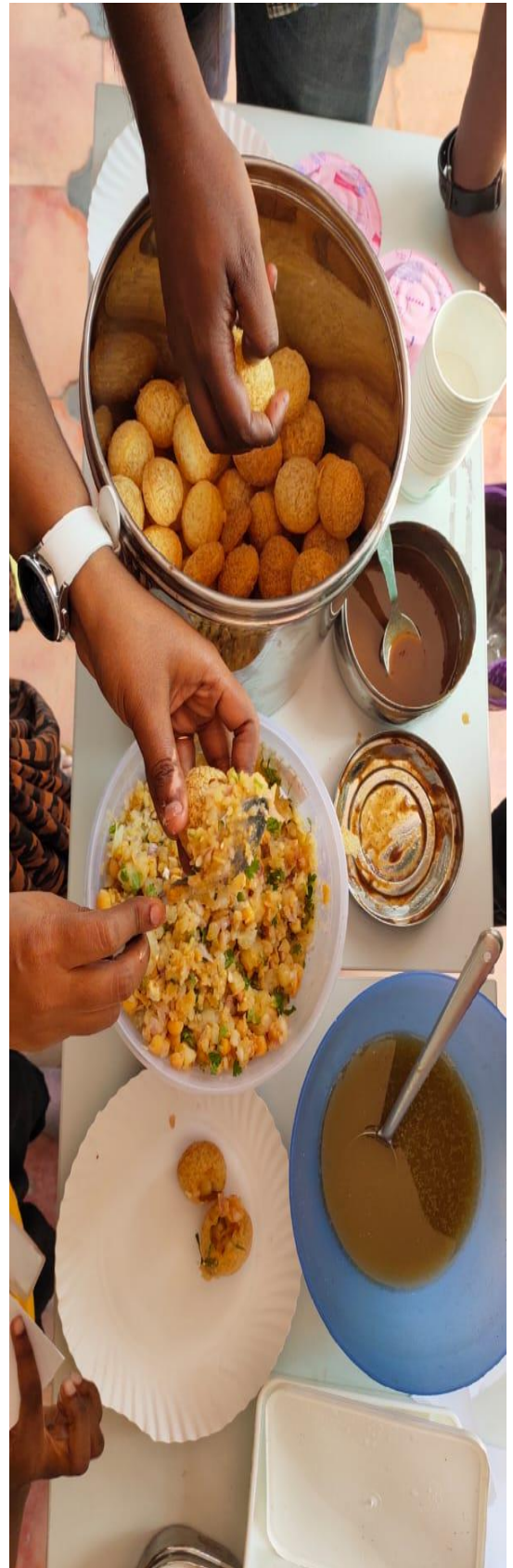


## Lahori Dhaba – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Our DP1 students organised "Lahori Dhaba", a fundraising food stall, based on the inspiration from the book "Ice Candy Man". The whole school community supported the DP1 students' initiative to raise funds at their innovative Indian Restaurant and donate the money for the development of SEN room in our school community. The support from all the class students helped the DP 1 students raise funds.



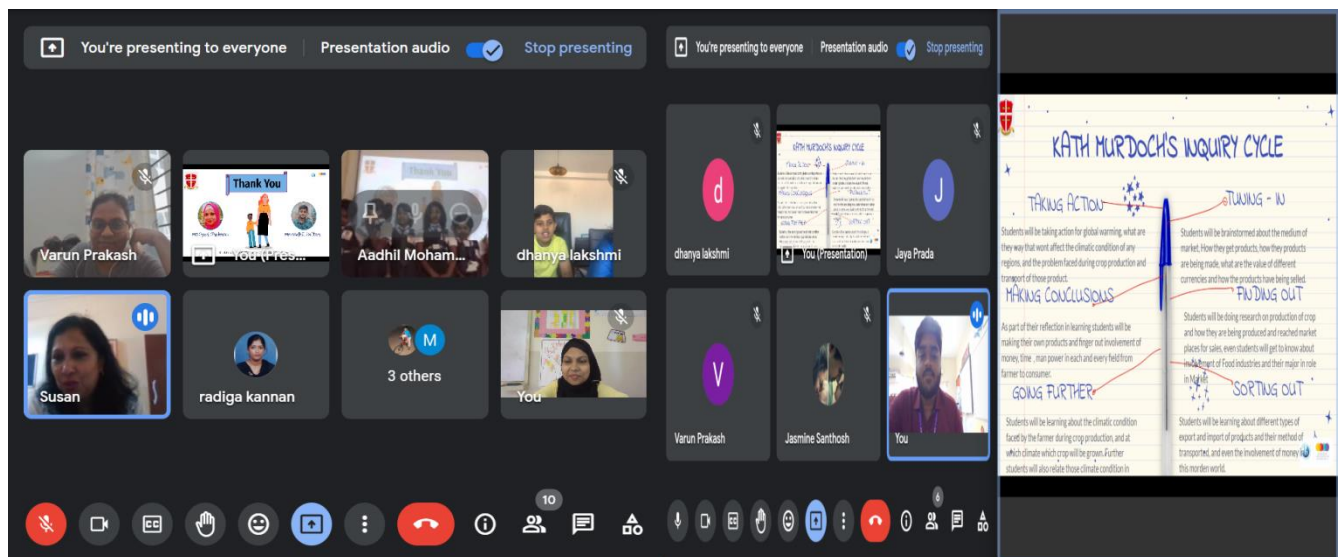




## Unit 5 Introduction session from PYP 1 to PYP 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

The Unit 5 introduction session from PYP 1 to PYP 5 happened with great fervor on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 through a virtual platform. Parents were given details of all the learning that was planned for the upcoming unit, and the elements of the PYP with regard to the age-appropriate inquiry teaching methodologies and the strategies catering to the stages of inquiry with relevance to the assessments—diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments—were articulated among the parents. The parents listened enthusiastically, interacted with the process, and shared their views and ideas that concerned their perspectives.

The parents had a glimpse of the proceedings and acknowledged to support the students throughout the unit inquiry.



## Saplings Donation to Eco Le Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 20203

‘Dreams don’t work unless you take action - Roy T.Bennett

As part of the PYP journey, Vennila from PYP 5 has initiated taking action for her chosen SDG-15, 'Life on Land.' Her main goal is to reduce the cutting down of trees (deforestation), build and create awareness about afforestation, and plant more trees. In this regard, she has taken personal steps towards donating saplings to the school's Eco Le club, led by the DP students.

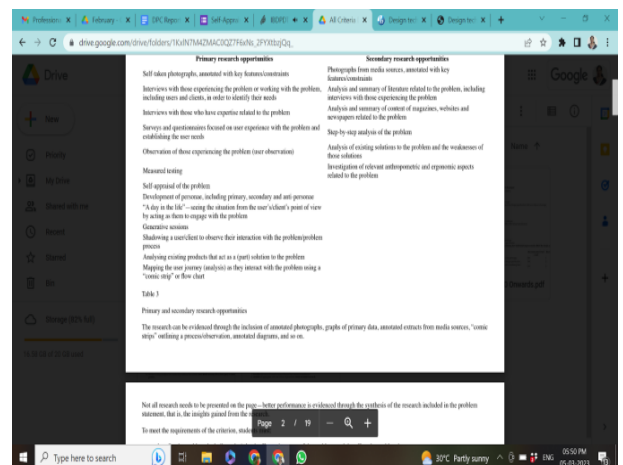
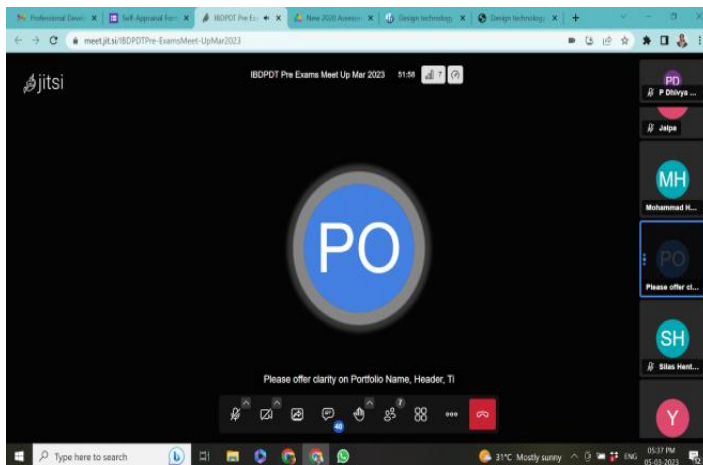
The main objective of her goal is to soar on reaching a cleaner and greener environment to live a healthy life and breathe unpolluted air in the local and global environment for the betterment of all.





## Design Technology Meet-up - 5th March 2023:

The Design Technology meet up was convened to collaboratively discuss the marking of the assessment criteria by the DT team and they solely discussed the differences between the teacher marking comments and the examiner comments. The meet-up guided the teacher to follow proper approach for every strand and the criteria.



## Whole School Collaboration Meeting - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The whole school collaboration meeting was convened to elaborate on the common understanding of the event "Ventura 2023". The Head of School announced the roles and responsibilities of the teachers in the event. The entire event planning was finalized and the event in-charges were allocated.



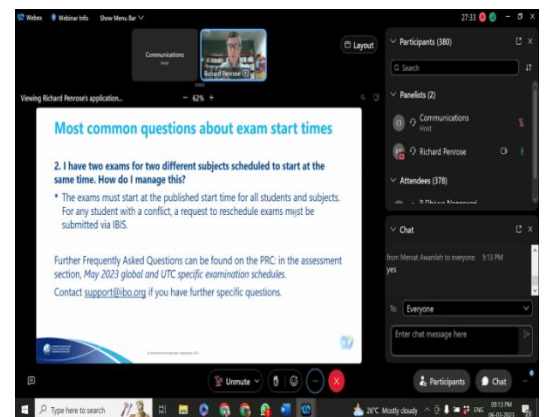
## MYP Guest Lecture – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

As a part of the community project on Conservation of Wildlife, a guest lecture was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Dr. K. Sridhar, Assistant Veterinary Surgeon of Arignar Anna Zoological Park explained the importance of conserving wild life.



## May 2023 DP Assessment Session Webinar - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

IBO organized a webinar to guide the coordinators on effectively organizing the Diploma Programme for the May 2023 session. The webinar gave a detailed description of the consideration of Predicted grades for May 2019 as a reference to allocating the predicted grades for the May 2023 session. The questions regarding ChatGPT and its uses were discussed and the links to work for understanding the usage of ChatGPT were shared with all the attendees by the PRC.





## MYP Field Trip – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

A field trip was organized for the students from EYP 1 to MYP 4 to the Arignar Anna Zoological Park at Vandalur on 8th March, 2023. They were enthusiastic to explore and experience the world of different species of animals, birds and fish. The students' observation enabled them to develop an interest in the conservation of animals. This provided the students with experiences outside of their classroom happenings to connect with nature and promote empathy and benevolence towards these creatures. It also gave them scope to share, regulate and have fun with their classmates and teachers.







### **Whole School Collaboration Meeting - 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

The whole school collaboration meeting was arranged to provide proper exposure to the various AI tools that can be used effectively for educational purposes. Mr. Ebenezer Paul, the MYP and DP Chemistry Faculty, made this session more informative and creative by incorporating the knowledge he gained on the various tools. He engaged the teachers in the exploration of AI and its applicability and age-appropriate usage. This session helped the teachers analyze the effects of AI in generating the internal assessment document and the ways in which the authenticity of the student's work can be detected.

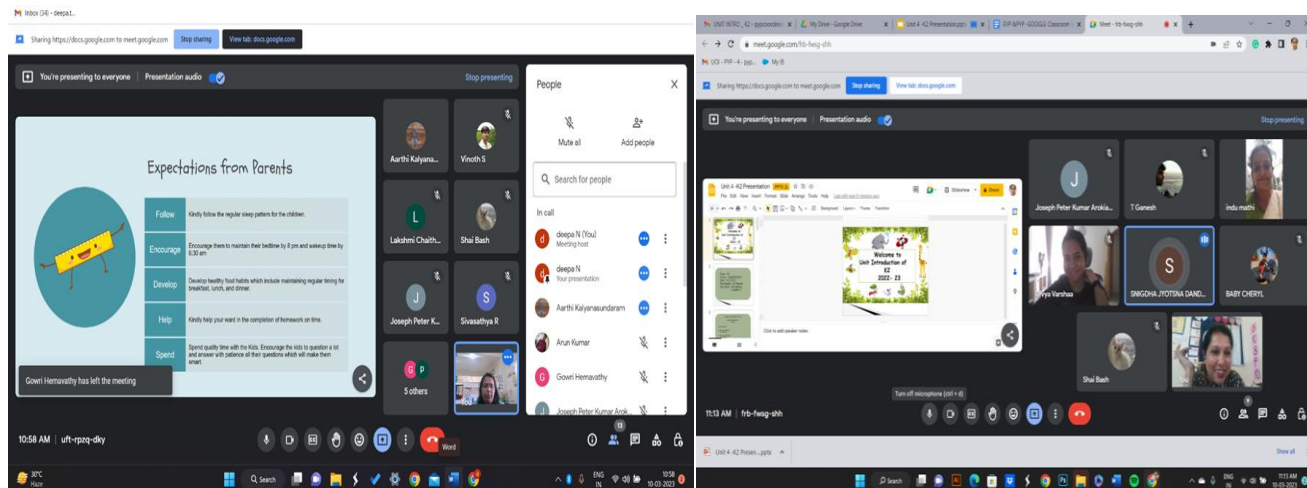


### **Unit Introduction Session for EYP 1 to 3 – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

The parents were all ready to witness the 4<sup>th</sup> Unit Introduction session, which happened virtually. Parents of EYP 1–3 observed the trans-disciplinary theme ‘Sharing the Planet’ as the respective central idea for their classes.

They were introduced to the lines of inquiry, with key concepts connected to them and emphasis on the related concepts. The parents received detailed information on the inquiry stages, the scope and sequence for each subject, along with ATL and sub-skills.

The formative and summative assessments that were tentatively planned were discussed with the parents. The parents were happy and said that they would be supportive to their ward throughout the unit.



## **State Level Gymnastics Competition – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Aditi Sood of MYP 3 has participated and won third position (Floor) in the State level Gymnastics Competition organized by the Chennai District Gymnastics Association on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023. She was presented with the medal and certificate by our Principal in the school assembly.



## **PYP Collaboration Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

PYP Collaboration meeting was organized to discuss the PYP 5 exhibition status.

- The PYP teachers were all set to discuss the facilitation of the subject integration with the PYP 5 students.
- The PYP elements were considered as Hindi and French. The subject teachers led the way in articulating their thoughts on the strategies that the students would display, which is of great relevance because of the connection it makes to comprehend the concept.

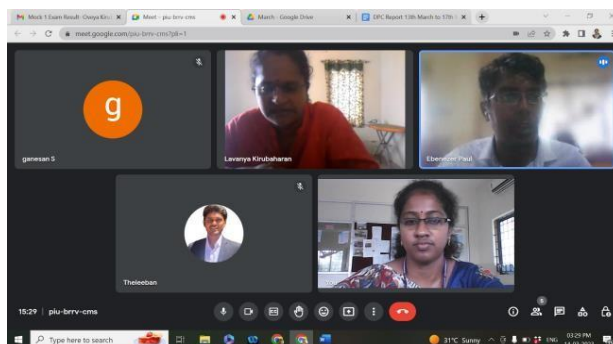
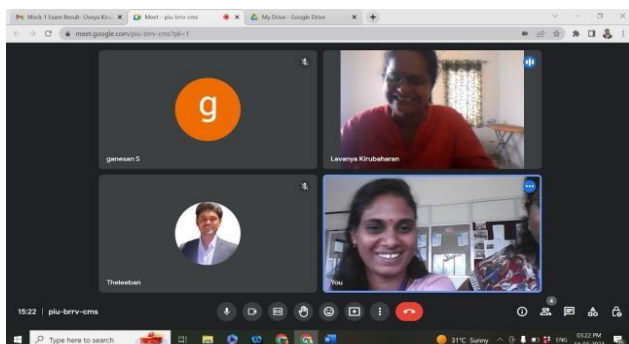


- Teachers shared their ideas and suggestions for improvement and cited some of the resources as references for the project work, which could be implemented as an innovative way of displaying their conceptual understanding to the target audience.
- The teachers were asked to do a research study on the PRC to enable them to connect to the PRC-IB exchange to view a few examples of the exhibition of other schools.
- Finally, teachers were motivated and encouraged to follow deadlines and academic integrity to pursue further and succeed in their involvement.



### **Parent Teacher Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

The Parent Teacher Meeting was organized for the students of DP2 to discuss their performance in the Mock 1 Examination. Teachers discussed with the parents the basic focus points to improve their scores in the IBDP examination.



## CAS Experience – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023



The students of the theatre club performed a play on March 15, 2023, in our DP1 classroom as a part of their CAS experience. The well-known playwright Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House" was the basis for the performance. Our highly talented DP 1 students practiced presenting the story. The play emphasizes women's autonomy and the challenges they encounter in society. The performance was so passionate and thought-provoking that the spectators thoroughly enjoyed the play.

The actors did an excellent job depicting the characters and communicating the play's theme to the audience. In addition, they won appreciation from the crowd for their powerful and captivating performances. The students' devotion and hard work were evident in how well the performance turned out.

The occasion was a wonderful way to honour Women and spread awareness of the difficulties encountered by them in our society. Seeing the teenagers approach such a crucial problem with zeal and dedication was encouraging.



## **DP Collaboration Meeting - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

- The DP Teachers collaboratively completed the portion sheets for the Term 2 Examination, which are to be shared with students.
- The teachers were informed that the revision classes will commence on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and ends on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- Teachers gathered information regarding the IB Exchange programme that could be accessed by all the DP teachers when their subject groups are developed by IB. The procedure to get access to the IB Exchange portal was explained to the teachers by the DP coordinator.

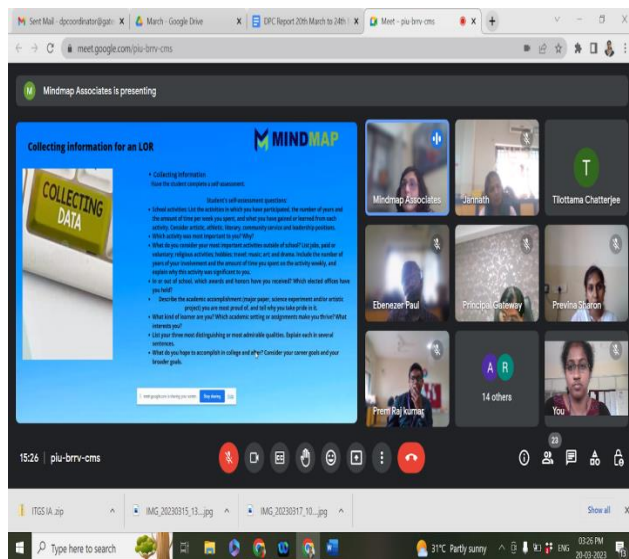
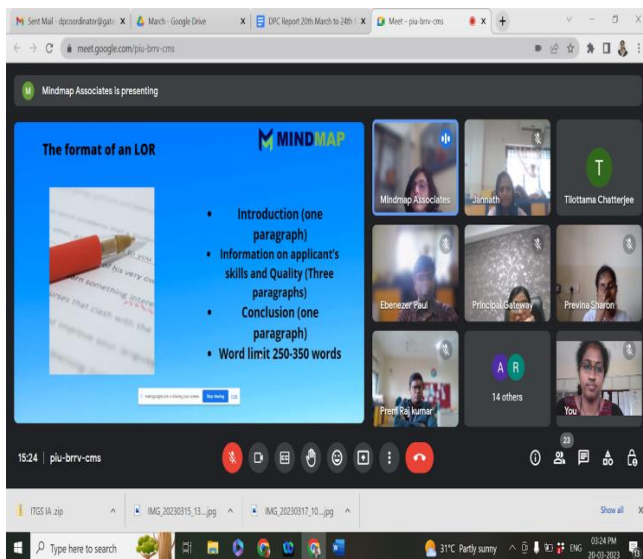
## **Career Campus Programme for Design Opportunities - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

A workshop has been organized for the students of MYP3 to DP1 to understand the various opportunities available in the design field. The workshop was addressed by Dr. Sam Collins, Head of the Design Department, University Of Birmingham, United Kingdom. He made the session more interactive with the students by discussing the importance of critical thinking and building effective product ideas.



## **Workshop on Writing Letter of Recommendation - 20th March 2023**

A workshop was organized by our career counsellor, Ms. Chandra, on the topic "How to Write the Formal Letter of Recommendation" for the MYP and DP teachers to enhance the pattern of writing the formal letter. The sample LOR shared with us helped to understand the critical value of writing the LOR. Ms. Chandra gave guidance, highlighting the importance of the LOR in the admission process of a student at various foreign universities.



## Visit to Anna Centenary Library - 21st of March 2023

On 21.03.2023, the students of DP1 visited Anna Library to conduct research on various subjects, including physics, biology, business management, computer science, and psychology. Their visit aimed to determine a topic and research question for their extended essays.

The students explored the library's resources, which included books and academic journals. They worked diligently to gather information relevant to their chosen subjects, discussing and exchanging ideas with one another. The students were enthusiastic about their research and showed a deep interest in their chosen subjects. They were determined to select a topic that would allow them to explore their interest in depth and write their extended essays.

Overall, the visit helped the students to gain a better understanding of their subject topics and a clear direction for their extended essays.





## **MYP 1 & 2 Service As Action – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

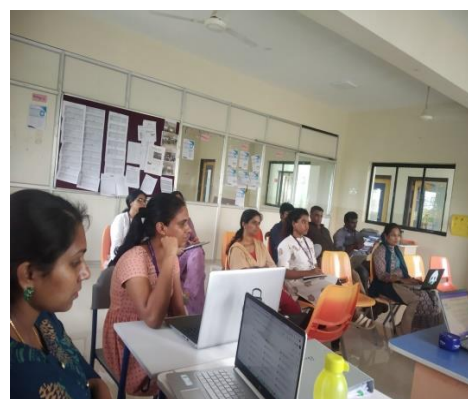
MYP 1 and 2 students collaboratively did Service as Action in French and Spanish language acquisition (Group 2) for other MYP students. They did a puppet show in French and Spanish languages narrating the daily routine of a French family, involving vocabulary and grammar functions relevant to the topic. In order to facilitate the spectators understanding of the dialogue, the students translated French into English.



## **DP Collaboration Meeting - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

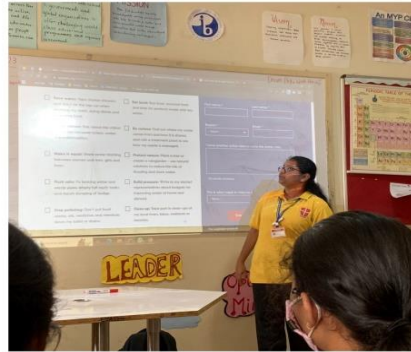
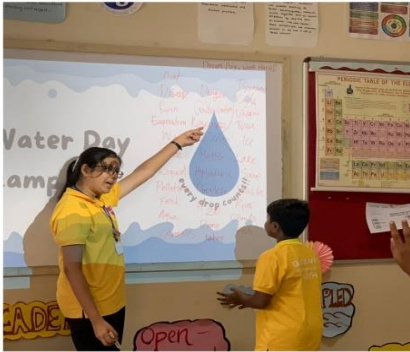
The following points were discussed during the DP Collaboration meeting:

- The catalogue of Hodder Education books was shared to meet teachers' requirements for paper books.
- The IB Exchange portal was discussed among the teachers to understand its proper usage.
- The Managebac completion date has been finalized for the teachers.



## World Water Day Workshop - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The DP1 students conducted a workshop for the students of MYP and DP, marking the importance of water and its conservation on behalf of the World Water Day celebration. The students enjoyed the workshop through the activities provided by Shravanti, Darsh Shashankk and Vinaya Ravi of DP1 students. The information regarding the conservation of water and the details of the United Nations checklist was briefed to all the students. Finally, the debate on the lives of aquatic animals was conducted to mark the importance of their presence.



## Whole School Collaboration Meeting -31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

The following points were discussed in the meeting:

- Teachers collaboratively discussed the final preparatory work to be done for the event "Ventura 2023"
- The timings and other arrangements were discussed.





## **EYP**

(From Classes K1, K2, K3)

**Name of the Student: Mohammed Aashiqur Rasool.P.M, K3**

We are proud to have Aashiqur Rasool the Best Student of EYP, who is an outstanding student with remarkable communication skills in writing and reading. He is **knowledgeable** and a **thinker** who can make normal decisions and think critically. His dedication and passion for learning have made him a perfect example of what an ideal student should be. We congratulate him on achieving this prestigious award and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

## **PYP**

(From Classes PYP 1,2 & 3)

**Name of the student: Chrisa Dreana. A, PYP 3**

Chrisa is an obedient and responsible student. She pays attention to the instructions and adheres to the time given for completing her assignments. She is also very **caring** towards her peers and often gives them emotional support whenever needed. She is **principled** towards everyone in the school community and acts with integrity, honesty, and a strong sense of fairness and justice. She takes responsibility for her actions and their consequences. She has developed her Critical Thinking skills drastically. She thinks and solves problems with ease.

(From Classes 4 & 5)

**Name of the student: Darshitha Vijay, PYP 5**

Darshitha is an exceptional learner who shows incredible dedication and enthusiasm for learning. She has excelled academically, and also demonstrates strong leadership skills, acting as a silent observer when needed and an outstanding **communicator** and **thinker** when called upon. Moreover, she is a caring person who looks out for others in their class and encourages them to strive for excellence. We are certain that she will continue to excel in all aspects of her life as she is a capable learner and it was evident in the PYP 5 Exhibition.

## MYP

(From Classes MYP 1, 2 & 3)

**Name of the Student: V Sriram Dhoddu, MYP 1**

Sriram is an **inquirer** and a **knowledgeable** child who consistently uses observations and relevant terminology when explaining his ideas and he uses his thinking skills to acquire knowledge effectively during the class. He's prompt on submitting his tasks on time. He also practices deep listening, responds mindfully, makes fair and equal decisions, and respects divergent viewpoints. He articulates his opinions sensitively, taking care of others. He exhibits the attributes of the IB Learner Profile as an Inquirer and Knowledgeable person.

(From Classes MYP 4 & 5)

**Name of the Student: Varshini Vijay, MYP 5**

Varshini exhibits IB learner profile attributes of **open mindedness**. She appreciates her own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. Varshini seeks and evaluate a range of points of view and willing to grow from the experience.

## DP

(From Classes DP 1 & 2)

**Name of the Student: Mohamed Eyad Sheriff, DP1**

Eyad is found to exhibit the attributes of the IB Learner Profile "**Communicator and Inquirer**". Eyad's behaviour in class is very appropriate with the teacher and the students. He also reflects on his understanding of real-life situations based on the content. He seeks and evaluates a range of points of view and he is willing to grow from the experience.





**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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