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A Celebration of Compassion and Creativity

EDITORIAL DESK

Dear Readers.

As we step into the month of December, the air is filled with the unmistakable scent of festivity, and our hearts resonate with the warm melodies of joy. In this edition of Indian High School's monthly magazine, we immerse ourselves in the enchanting spirit of Christmas, a season that transcends religious boundaries to bring people together in a tapestry of goodwill and kindness. Christmas, at its core, is not just a time for exchanging gifts and relishing festive feasts. It is a reminder of the profound importance of compassion and charity. In the hustle and bustle of our lives, it becomes increasingly crucial to pause and reflect on the simple yet powerful acts of kindness that define the true essence of the season. This year, we invite our talented readers, the budding artists, poets, and writers among you, to contribute to our December issue and help us weave a narrative that goes beyond the ordinary. Share your reflections on the Christmas spirit—stories that embody the selfless joy of giving, poems that capture the warmth of shared moments, and artwork that paints a canvas of hope and unity. Compassion, after all, is a universal language that transcends cultural differences. Let the pages of our magazine serve as a platform for your voices to harmonize in a symphony of empathy, reminding us all of the collective strength we possess when we come together with open hearts. As we bid farewell to the current year and eagerly await the dawn of a new one, let's use this opportunity to extend our wishes for a future filled with hope and happiness. Despite the challenges we may face, the power of unity and resilience should guide us towards brighter tomorrows. May the year ahead be a canvas waiting to be painted with the colors of your dreams, achievements, and shared moments of compassion. Let us step into the New Year with the promise to embrace the spirit of Christmas throughout the seasons—spreading warmth, love, and understanding. Wishing you all a festive season filled with joy, and a New Year that unfolds like a beautifully crafted story, written with the ink of your aspirations and dreams.

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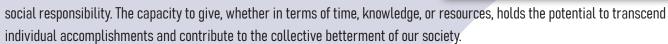
ADDING VALUE TO LIFE

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Readers,

As we approach the conclusion of yet another year, let's have a reflection on the profound values that epitomize the essence of our educational journey. In the scholarly pursuit of knowledge and personal growth, it is imperative that we take a moment to delve into the virtues of giving and gratitude.

Our academic institution, a crucible of intellectual exploration, not only fosters the development of erudition but also endeavors to instill in each of you a sense of



The act of giving is not solely confined to material offerings; it encompasses the imparting of wisdom, mentorship, and empathy. As emerging scholars, you wield the power to inspire and uplift those around you through the generous sharing of your intellectual pursuits and insights. In doing so, you contribute to the creation of a harmonious academic community, fostering an environment where the collective pursuit of knowledge flourishes.

Simultaneously, let us not overlook the significance of gratitude—a quality that serves as a compass guiding us through the intricate pathways of personal and academic achievements. Gratitude acknowledges the contributions of those who have paved the way for our academic endeavors, from dedicated educators to supportive peers and benevolent mentors.

In our relentless pursuit of excellence, it is paramount to pause and express gratitude for the privileges bestowed upon us—the privilege of education, the privilege of intellectual exploration, and the privilege of being part of a vibrant academic community. Gratitude, when cultivated earnestly, serves as a source of resilience during challenging times and fosters a profound sense of contentment amidst our scholarly pursuits.

As we stand at the threshold of a new chapter, I encourage each of you to reflect on the values of giving and gratitude. Let them serve as guiding principles, shaping not only your academic journey but also your character as responsible citizens and compassionate individuals.

May the knowledge you acquire here be a catalyst for positive change, and may your scholarly pursuits be infused with the spirit of giving and gratitude. Together, let us continue to uphold the noble ideals that distinguish our academic community. Wishing you all continued success and fulfillment in your academic endeavors.

I am happy because i'm grateful. I choose to be grateful. That gratitude allows me to be happy.

Best Wishes

Swati Joshi





Indian Idol

NEERAJ CHOPRA JAVELIN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST

Neeraj Chopra, the epitome of athletic prowess, soared to prominence as an Indian javelin thrower. Born on December 24, 1997, in Khandra, Panipat, his journey is a testament to unwavering determination and raw talent. From a small town in Haryana to the grand stages of international athletics, Neeraj's meteoric rise began with an unyielding passion for javelin throwing. His innate ability to harness power and precision catapulted him into the limelight.

In 2018, Neeraj etched his name in history by clinching Gold at the Commonwealth Games with a staggering throw, capturing the hearts of a nation. However, his defining moment came at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, where he not only secured a historic gold but also set a new national record.

Beyond his remarkable achievements, Neeraj personifies resilience, embodying the spirit of overcoming challenges. His journey reflects his family's unwavering support and modest background. Hailing from a small agricultural community in Khandra, Panipat, Neeraj's parents – Dalbir Singh and Saroj Devi – played a pivotal role in nurturing his athletic dreams despite their modest means.

Amidst the fields of Haryana, Neeraj Chopra held onto his roots, cherishing his mother tongue and cultural heritage. His love for Hindi and Haryanvi, evident in interviews and social media, reflects a sense of pride in his origins. This cultural connection not only serves as a source of personal strength but also resonates with many who find inspiration



in his dedication to preserving his linguistic identity.

As Neeraj's javelin sailed through the Tokyo skies, it carried with it not just the dreams of a young athlete but the hopes and aspirations of a community that witnessed the triumph of talent, hard work, and familial bonds. Neeraj Chopra stands not just as a javelin champion but as a symbol of indomitable

will and the limitless potential that resides within those who dare to chase their dreams.







Live a life full of humility, gratitude, intellectual curiosity, and never stop learning.

THE SCHOOL HEADLINES

JOYFUL HARMONY-HAPPINESS GALA

The Annual Function held at Ganga International School was a magnificent celebration resonating with the theme of "Joyful Harmony- Happiness Gala". The event conducted on 23rd Dec.2023 served as a poignant reminder of the school's commitment to fostering not only academic brilliance but also holistic development among its students. We were honoured to welcome back an esteemed alumnus Ms. Nagma Khan, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate as the Chief Guest. Her presence illuminated the stage inspiring the students and igniting a sense of pride in our institution's legacy. The day commenced with an enchanting Ganesh Vandana invoking the blessings for a prosperous start. This was followed by a soulful welcome song that set the tone for the day. The Umbrella Dance mesmerized the audience with its artistic representation. A compelling Hindi Skit showcased real life scenarios, urging students to strike a balance between academics and mental well being. It emphasized of different aspects of well being enabling the audience to connect with the diverse dimension of this crucial educational policy NEP. Fashion Show





mesmerized the audience as the little models elegantly paraded the runway embodying the five elements of nature. The Grand Finale was a culmination of diverse talents, displaying artistic expression that left the audience enthralled and inspired. The folk dance







Always have an attitude of gratitude.













of Maharashtra "Gondal" was a feast to the eyes. Each performance echoed a powerful message that academic achievements must harmonize with emotional and physical well being. The fabulous event projected the realization of the vision of Holistic Education by the founder Chairman, Honourable Rajya Sabha member Dr. Sushil Gupta, and implemented under the able guidance of the Chairman Mr. Bharat Gupta. The Director Col. Ashok Kaul in his inimitable way recognized the efforts which motivated and inspired them. The Annual Function





meticulously planned and inspired by the zealous Principal Ms. Swati Joshi was a grand success. The Function concluded as a testament to our commitment at Ganga International School towards shaping well rounded individuals who not only excel academically but also embody the values of well being and empathy.







We learned about gratitude and humility - that so many people had a hand in our success.



RADIANT RHYTHMS: GIS ANNUAL CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA

A grand cultural spectacle, "Symphony of Radiance -Ganga's Cultural Kaleidoscope' was held on December 24, 2023, left an indelible mark on attendees. IPS Mr. Shashank Kumar Sawan, Superintendent of Police and GIS alumnus, graced the event as Chief Guest, his motivational words resonating deeply with students, combining the prestige of law enforcement with the nostalgia of school days. The cultural journey opened with a mesmerizing Ganesh Vandana, creating a spiritually charged ambience. Holistic well-being took the spotlight in a captivating Yoga segment, aligning mind, body, and spirit. Zumba took center stage, infusing the air with pulsating energy and rhythm, keeping the audience grooving to the beats. The Street Play brought to light the need for reforms in the education system, prompting thoughtful contemplation on the evolving educational landscape. A thought-provoking skit explored



















the theme of Positive Change in the era of artificial intelligence and social media influence, entertaining while inspiring reflection on contemporary norms. The Manipuri Dance and a powerful Women Empowerment performance added cultural depth. The Grand Finale, a visual feast of diverse talents, left everyone spellbound. The entire



event reflected the vision of Holistic Education championed by founder Chairman Dr. Sushil Gupta, implemented under Chairman Mr. Bharat Gupta's guidance. Director Col. Ashok Kaul lauded collective efforts, motivating the GIS team, while Principal Ms. Swati Joshi's meticulous planning and zealous inspiration ensured the Annual Function's resounding success. GIS reaffirmed its commitment to shaping empathetic, well-rounded individuals.













Gratitude is riches. Complaint is poverty.

KOREAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Ganga International School, Hiran Kudna proudly hosted a Korean delegation on Dec 19, 2023, for a vibrant two-days cultural exchange.

The GIS Principal, Ms. Swati Joshi, warmly welcomed the Korean guests, exchanging tokens of love and honour. Class observations, lively conversations, and a collaborative eco project ensued, followed by a delightful multicultural brunch. In the afternoon, the delegation explored the Qutub Minar and enjoyed a mesmerizing national heritage. Traditional dances, soulful choir performances, and a grand finale merging Korean and Indian dance forms set the stage for a lively DJ session and sumptuous dinner.

A serene start with yoga and meditation introduced









I think gratitude is a big thing. It puts you in a place where you're humble.







the Korean delegation to Indian spiritual practices. After a nourishing breakfast, a lively tap dancing cultural program ensued. The day peaked with a heartfelt MOU signing ceremony and an emotional farewell featuring a symbolic tree plantation. The School Mentor, Mr. Sushil Gupta, Chairman Mr. Bharat Gupta, and Director Colonel Ashok Kaul, lauded GIS for a successful cultural exchange, strengthening bonds and fostering lasting friendships.











When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in.

Contributed by: Neel Mani Boro 10-B



OUTINGS AND EXCURSIONS

A Delightful Rendezvous with Fun and Laughter

The Pre-Primary students recently embarked on a whimsical adventure to Funderland. As the children explored the various rides and attractions, their eyes lit up with pure joy. We celebrate the success of a school picnic that brought smiles, laughter, and a touch of magic to our nursery students.

Here's to the enchanting memories created – a testament to the joy of childhood, friendship, and the simple pleasures that make these early school adventures so special.









BOARDERS' DAY OUT

Everyone craves a change of routine, to break the monotony and get refreshed. The boarders were thrilled to have an exciting outing, with the teachers and house parents. They first watched a fun filled movie with popcorns and colas, then they visited a stupendous mall all decked up with Christmas decorations. The boarders enjoyed the choicest lunch and went on a shopping spree. They came back refreshed, to tackle their academic challenges.







Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.



AN UNFORGETTABLE BLEND OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

A Day of Thrills and Laughter: Students of Grade IV & V embark on an Adventure Picnic to the Aapno Ghar, Gurugram on 29th December 2023. In a break from the routine, students recently traded classrooms for roller coasters as they embarked on a thrilling adventure picnic to a local rides park. The day promised excitement, laughter, and the perfect opportunity for students to bond outside the confines of textbooks and exams. The rides park, nestled in the heart of nature, provided a picturesque backdrop for the students' day of escapades. The sun was shining, the air was filled with the scent of popcorn and cotton candy, and the excited chatter of students set the tone for an unforgettable experience. From towering roller coasters to dizzying spin rides, the adventure park offered a variety of heart-pounding experiences. Students eagerly lined up for the most daring rides, conquering fears and sharing screams that echoed through the park. In addition to the rides, the picnic featured team-building activities that encouraged collaboration and camaraderie among the students. Whether it was navigating a ropes course or archery, the activities fostered a sense of unity and strengthened the bonds between classmates. Laughter echoed through the park as students reveled in the joy of carefree moments. Friends shared inside jokes, captured candid snapshots, and created a treasure trove of memories that would be revisited for years to come. The carefree atmosphere allowed students to temporarily escape the pressures of academic life and revel in the joy of the present. As the day concluded, tired but elated students left the adventure park with a newfound appreciation for each other and a pocketful of cherished memories. The adventure picnic successfully blended the thrill of rides, the joy of laughter, and the warmth of friendship, creating an experience that transcended the ordinary and became a highlight of the academic year







When eating fruit, remember the one who planted the tree.

JOYFUL JINGLES AND FESTIVE FUN: A MERRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR TINY TOTS OF PRIMARY DEPT.

The air was filled with laughter, twinkling lights, and the sweet scent of gingerbread as our community came together to celebrate a magical Christmas with our little ones. The Christmas festivities for kids this year were nothing short of enchanting, creating memories that will last a lifetime. The department corridor was transformed into a winter wonderland, adorned with vibrant decorations, sparkling ornaments, and a towering Christmas tree that captured the children's wide-eyed wonder. The ambiance resonated with the spirit of Christmas, creating the perfect setting for joy and merriment. From cookie decoration to Santa's storytelling sessions, the day was brimming with delightful activities. Kids eagerly participated in crafting their own ornaments, showcasing their creativity and spreading the festive cheer. The games, brought out the competitive spirit and camaraderie among the young revelers. The highlight of the celebration was, of course, the much-anticipated arrival of Santa Claus. With rosy cheeks and a hearty laugh, Santa greeted each child personally, spreading warmth and joy. The little ones eagerly shared their wish lists, and in return, received toffees making their faces light up with pure happiness. The stage was alive with vibrant performances by talented young dancers and singers. The Christmas carols echoed through the venue, creating a festive atmosphere that had kids tapping their feet to the rhythmic tunes, it added an extra layer of enchantment to the festivities. No Christmas celebration is complete without delicious treats, and our event was no exception. The kids indulged in festive snacks, and a delightful assortment of holiday-themed desserts. The sweet aromas filled the air, creating an irresistible temptation for everyone present. As the day came to a close, the joyous echoes of laughter and the twinkling lights painted a picture of a Christmas celebration that will be etched in the hearts of our little ones. Students came together to create an enchanting experience, reminding us all of the magic and wonder that Christmas brings to children, fostering a sense of love, unity, and joy. Here's to many more festive celebrations that continue to spark the imagination and create cherished memories for our beloved kids.















SONY BBC EARTH 'FEEL ALIVE HOURS CAMPAIGN'

Our world is a unique and mesmerizing place. Exploring the world enables us to open our minds and hearts. An interactive, informative session was conducted by SONY BBC EARTH under "FEEL ALIVE HOURS CAMPAIGN. It was a unique activity designed to empower the kids of Middle School about the world around them. The Interactive AV Session was conducted by Emcee Abhinav Kumar. He has been seen in TVCs and short films and has conducted many workshops with India's best anchors. Mr. Abhinav hosted several activities and quizzes, taught about Bonsai cultivation and care, and showed







videos to the students related to marine habitat, and the concept of physics. The content developed awareness, understanding, and action among the youth. The students won exciting prizes and were guided to participate in INTERSCHOOL ONLINE QUIZ COMPETITION, too. The session was enthralling and informational and helped in creating empowered individuals of the future. The activity was specifically designed to help students appreciate the world we live in.

VINIT DABAS GRABS GOLD AT CBSE NATIONAL GAMES.

Vinit Dabas, a Class XII student at Ganga International School, Hiran Kudna, secured a Gold medal in the CBSE National Taekwondo Championship.

His achievements were celebrated in a special morning assembly, where he was honoured with flowers, a shawl, and a cash prize by the Principal, Ms. Swati Joshi. Vinit's mother was also acknowledged for her support, emphasizing the crucial role parents play.

The assembly concluded with a call to continue inspiring each other for greater achievements. The school's leadership, including the Chairman and Director, congratulated Vinit and wished him success in future endeavours.









He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has. Contributed by: Simoni Singh 10-B

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VIBRANT ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET

Ganga International School, Hiran Kudna, hosted its muchanticipated Inter-Ganga Athletic Meet for Primary students on December 12, 2023. The event brought together participants from all branches of Ganga Group of Schools in a spectacular display of athleticism and teamwork. The day was filled with excitement, thrills, spirit, and cheer! The event showcased a diverse range of races, including the hurdle race, 100m race, pyramid race, etc. Winners were honoured with certificates and medals, celebrating their exceptional performances and dedication. The Athletic Meet was a moment of pride for the GIS family. The School Director, Colonel Ashok Kaul felicitated the winners with certificates and medals, recognizing their outstanding achievements. The School Management Team, including School mentor Mr. Sushil Gupta, Chairman Mr. Bharat Gupta, Director Mr. Ashok Kaul, and Principal Ms. Swati Joshi,congratulated all the participants for their enthusiastic and remarkable performances.

OVERALL RESULT OF THE COMPETITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST POSITION- GIS, HIRAN KUDNA

SECOND POSITION- GIS, SAWDA

THIRD POSITION- GIS, SECTOR 9 BAHADURGARH & GIS, KABLANA

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS FOR MAKING THIS DAY A MEMORABLE AND SPIRITED CELEBRATION OF ATHLETICISM!









The heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time.

SPOTLIGHT ON ART









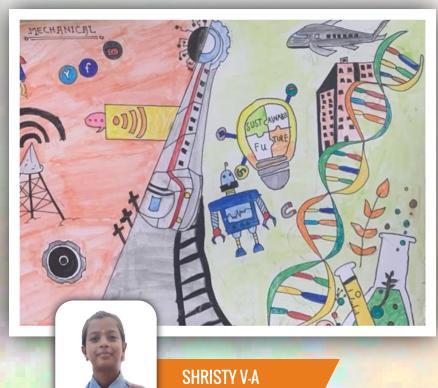


It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.





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TEJAL SHARMA IX-A



Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Contributed by: Faique Kaleem 10-B

EXPRESSIONS

MOTHER

Mother, Mother, Mother

Mother, Mother, Mother

You've loved me like no other,

Forever and ever.

First,it was the warmth of your

protective womb,

Then,the safety of your arms.

Protecting me from every doom,

Your loving presence always felt.

I am happy with what you have moulded

me into,

Hope you are too.

Thankyou so much for everything.



SIDDHANI SINGH VI-B

MY DADDY, MD

Whenever Daddy signs his name,

He always writes MD

So people always know

That he belongs to me.

For MD means "My Daddy"

Or something just the same,

And that is why he always puts

Those letters in his name.

Some letters in his name are small

But these are not,you see

He always makes them big like that

Because he's proud of me.



IPSHITA BHARTI VI-B

WINTER MAGIC

The street cars are, Like frosted cakes All covered up With cold snowflakes With its fine-white veil. Bathing the trees and countryside. The longest winters, Is the one that has settled in your eyes, Stealing your voice of sweetest chants, See it in the early eves In the glowing sunset where shadows of the naked trees Rattle in the biting air. Snow is like a bandaid It covers up Earth's wounds While they sit ,those wounds can heal Until life is ready to resume And hops about with great delight To find the scattered crumbs How glad he seems to get to eat! A piece of cake or bread,

Sense a shiver on your skin, See how pretty nature is. When she ushers winter in

Let the frost rest on your face.



Rajnandani Sonkar IX-C

Wear gratitude like a cloak, and it will feed every corner of your life.



EXPRESSIONS

ज्ञान की प्यास



उन दिनों महादेव शोविंद शनडे हाई कोर्ट के जज थे। उन्हें भाषाएँ शिखने का बड़ा शौक था। अपने इस शौक के कारण उन्होंने अनेक भाषाएँ सीख ली थीं किंतु बँगला भाषा अभी तक नहीं शीख पाए थे। अंत में उन्हें एक उपाय शूझा। उन्होंने एक बंगाली नाई से हजामत बनवानी शुरू कर दी। नाई जितनी देश तक उनकी हजामत बनाता, वे उससे बँगला भाषा शिखते २हते। रानडे की पत्नी को यह बुश लगा। उन्होंने अपने पति शे कहा, आप हाई कोर्ट के जज होकर एक नाई शे भाषा शिखते हैं। कोई देखेगा तो क्या इज्जत २ह जाएगी! आपको बँगला शीखनी ही है तो किशी

विद्वान से शीखिए। शनडे ने हँसते हुए उत्तर दिया, मैं तो ज्ञान का प्याशा हूँ। मुझे जातिपाँत शे क्या लेना-देना? यह उत्तर शुन पत्नी फिर कुछ न बोलीं। ज्ञान ऊँच-नीच की किशी पिटारी में बंद नहीं रहता। अच्छा शीखने को जिससे भी मिले अवश्य शीखें।



शोफी चकमा आठवीं (ब)

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कुछ कर जाऊँ इस देश के लिए



आसमान पाताल एक कर ढूँगा आपके लिए॥

आपने देखाभाल की है मेरी।

हर इच्छा पूरी की है मेरी॥

दिये मुझे इतने शारे खिलौने।

वो हाथी,वो घोड़े,वो छोटे से बौने ॥

आपने मुझे कशया है मजा।

पर शलत काम करने की दी है शजा।

पढ़ो, लिखों और करों ये जतन।

बन जाये खुशियों का चमन ये प्याश वतन॥

कशी नहीं तोडूँगा उनका ये स्वप्न।

हमेशा निभाऊंगा ये प्यार का बन्धन ॥

मन करता है मर जाऊँ, या कूछ कर जाऊँ, देश हमारा अपंग हो रहा, बैसाखी बन जाऊँ। लिए तिरंगा हाँशों में , माथे पर तिलक सजाऊँ , गाँव गाँव और शहर शहर में, जाके अलख ज्ञाऊँ।

अंधों गूँगों बहरों को, बिन धुन की बीन सुनाऊँ, अधमरो बेशुन्हों को, मैं कच्ची नींद ऊठाऊँ। द्रुपक रहा है सत्य अब देखों, मजहब की दिवारों में पनप रहा असत्य अब देखों,

जाति पाति बटवाशें में। मतलब की दुनियाँ है शारी, चमचों का समूह है भारी , सब्र खड़ा है यहाँ निहत्था, सच को बेबस पाऊँ।

मन करता है मर जाऊँ, या क्रुछ कर जाऊँ, देश हमारा अपंग हो रहा, बैसाखी बन जाऊँ।



यिशका शर्मा दसवीं (अ)

मेरे माता-पिता



अपनी गोद में खिलाया है मुझे। पढ़ाया लिखाया है मुझे ॥ बहुत सताया है मैंने आपको। कृपया आप माफ कर दो मुझको ॥ बहुत प्या२ किया है मुझे। ईमानदारी का पाठ पढ़ाया है मुझे ॥ आपने क्या कुछ नहीं किया मेरे लिए।



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