UNCHARTED TERRAIN

The only thing **stronger** than fear is **HOPE**



the Principal's

Resilience, the bedrock of a victorious life;

From the very beginning, our endeavor has been to cultivate this virtue of resilience in our children. Life is a series of progression-from one change to the next. The ones who carry the mindset to adapt to the change; to embrace it; to thrive in it; are the ones who create new paths.

The past two months have been of incredible change. As Homo sapiens, we thought we could freely rule the world. But we forgot that our species is just one of the inhabitants of this planet Earth. We have to learn to share our planet with all other life forms and not exploit it for our selfish needs.

It has dawned upon us that we were living a life of excess. But we need to consume in moderation. Mother Nature has started to heal itself. We too will have to heal ourselves of greed, resentment, anger, hatred, intolerance. Let us come of this lock-down with a New Me, one who cares, cherishes, accommodates, loves, shares, respects, and is wise.

Go on a voyage of self discovery. Who knows what treasures you'll find hidden inside! Year 2020 could well turn out to be the most enriching year of your life, if you decide to make it so. Be the one who turns adversity into a propeller for growth, and soar into the skies of possibilities.

My dear Goenkans, we have always created our own path, with eyes fixed on the future. Aren't we going to toss all obstacles away – and run, towards a hope filled future?

ANURADHA HANDA Principal



G D GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

SECTOR 48, GURUGRAM



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EVERY HOUSE A SCHOOL, EVERY TEACHER A MENTOR!

BEING FUTURE READY

The current pandemic brought us all under a lock-down, just as we were to start the new session. Classes for Secondary and Senior Secondary students had already commenced by this time. For the remaining students, we ensured there is no disruption in learning. Changing gears immediately, we launched the online teaching-learning process for our students.

The futuristic vision of the school proved providential in current times. Students received digital induction and academic modules comprising multi-modal study material. This was followed by Zoom sessions through which students got engaged in 'virtual classes'. While the Junior and Middle Wing got introduced to teachers, subjects and work formats, Senior Wing progressed with their academics.

PHASE o

JUMPSTART TO NEW ACADEMIC SESSION

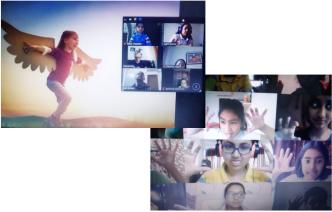
For all new admission for session 2020-2021, the school held a 'Virtual Parent Orientation'. Having shared all the written material like features, guidelines, Zoom classes were launched, with a virtual tour of each wing, followed by introductions by each teacher. A Welcome assembly by the teachers made all the students feel cherished and together they formulated class rules. In all, it was 'real-time session beginning'. By the first week of April, classes for grade XI too had started..

PHASE 1

EXPLORING THE RESOURCES

Looking at the limitations that zoom was posing, our leadership team started working behind the scenes to explore various teaching-learning portals available that would offer maximum, best, and easy-to-use resources to the students and teachers. And so, the school switched to Google Suite, as a best available platform.







G Suite



























PHASE 2

EXTENSIVE TEACHER TRAINING

The teachers were given rigorous training and hands-on online practice of each and every app/module/tool/application for 6 continuous days by a seasoned Google professional. Wanting to leave no stone unturned or rather no online tool unexplored, teachers connected with one another in small groups to become digital-savvy teachers and acquire mastery over G-Suite. These in-house trainings ensured optimal use of the plethora of digital tools that are available in G-Suite.

PHASE 3

LAUNCHING G SUITE

There was a step-wise introduction to the new module and parents were informed of the same, followed by creating a unique G Suite id for each student, then giving parents a virtual tour of the Google classroom, creating an ethical code of conduct for the students and the parents regarding the use of the G Suite platform and sharing the same with all stakeholders.

PHASE 4

SETTING UP THE CLASSROOM

All teachers including the academic, sports and activity teachers started with setting up their classrooms. Now, each class has created its own digital library including self created Ebooks and other resource material.

Timely submission of students' work is ensured, followed by prompt feedback by the teachers.

Sangeet for All and School Cinema classes and film shows are being streamed.

Flagship programs of the school like Value and Visual Arts Program; I Discover Me Program, ECVS (Ecology, Culture, Values & Skills) have also been initiated.

Career counseling sessions are being held regularly.







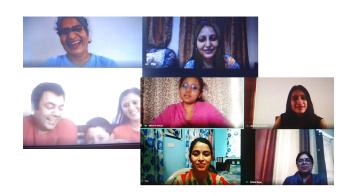


PARENT GOOGLE MEET

sharing our journey

Following the successful implementation and commencement of G Suite, it was time to appraise the parents about the new initiative. Parent Google Meet was held with all the parents, class-wise in which the parents were given an insight of the various aspects of G Suite and its applications.

One on One Google meet were also organised in order to make personal connect with the parent and for better understanding of each child.



FACULTY TRAINING

SIX DAY G-SUITE TRAINING

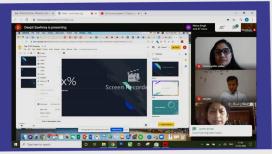
Looking ahead and preparing for it today is the culture of GDGPS Sector 48. With an understanding that a comprehensive platform is required to fulfil the highly complex and dynamic teaching learning process, the school procured the Google Suite domain soon after the lock-down.

G Suite being a highly evolved module, it was important that the teaching faculty develops an in-depth understanding of the entire module, both from the perspective of the teacher and the student. Employing the services of a seasoned Google professional having expertise of the domain, the school organised special training for its teachers before switching to G Suite.

Teachers went through a week long extensive training of the module. The training sessions were conducted in the evenings on working days, after the teachers completed their zoom classes, and all off days and weekends during the day, for the core team of teachers. This core team then went on to train the entire faculty in small groups. Together the team held practice and training sessions to gain mastery over the module. Teachers started using various applications available to create priceless resources for all to use

The implementation of G Suite is being done with a long term vision in mind. The school shall continue to use the module and its exclusive features well into the session, after the school reopens.





'An Educator's Guide to Delivering Virtual Lessons'

Resource Person: Mr. Satyendra Arora (Technology Integrator at Yew Chung International School of Beijing, Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert Awardee)

An informative webinar was conducted by Mr Satyendra Arora to equip educators all across the globe with a hands-on guide to effectively deliver virtual lessons in the times of lockdown.

He provided information about various E-Learning platforms and tools to create digital classrooms. The information provided about techniques of managing virtual classrooms and assessments for the students was very critical in asynchronous teaching learning environment.

Artificial Intelligence and Data Analysis

Mr. Manvender Singh (Chief Data Science Mentor) INSAID conducted a workshop on Importance of DATA SCIENCE in today's world. He suggested that the theory and practical knowledge of AI are like the two sides of a coin and need to be managed in a judicious manner especially at school level.

He explained why Data Scientist is considered the best job profile and how the demand is going to shoot to 400%. He did talk about the safety concerns with AI as it has been with every invention, be it fire or electricity. There are dangers involved with the advent of AI but with the advancement in technology happening at an exponential pace in the recent times, we need to be well equipped to meet the challenges. Also he briefed about the various courses that INSAID is offering.



E Training – Numpy Language

Mr. Naveen Gupta, PGT Computer Science, St. Mark's School and co-author of the NCERT Computer Science book, conducted an online four hours hands on workshop on CLASS XII Topic "Python Numpy".

The workshop covered topics such as installation and use of various modules such as Matplotlib and Numpy. Operations on trigonometric functions and logarithmic functions were covered using math an umpy module. Also, trigonometric and logarithmic graphs using numpy was covered. In this hands-on course, the entire team of 103 teachers gained experience on Numpy programming and its features.

Capacity Building Programme - Classroom Management

A workshop on capacity building programme on classroom management and developing a growth mindset was held that saw 130 participants attending the online workshop.

The resource person emphasized on how the mindset of a person plays an important role in personality development. Audio of an interview with Carol Dewek, the author of the book 'Growth Mindset' was played. Moderated by Salman Khan of the Khan Academy, the author in the interview highlighted the importance of growth mindset in today's times.





Webinar on Economics

Lockdown actually means unlocking the doors to new horizons of collaborative learning through webinars. One such interesting Webinar on Economics was hosted by Score to Success. This was a platform for authors, Commerce professionals and renowned educators to join hands together to illuminate young minds. Mr. Naveen Sadhu, a seasoned PGT teacher with more than 22 years of teaching experience was the key speaker. Ms. Asha Yadav, PGT – Economics represented our school.

Intellectual deliberations and debate ensued on CBSE curriculum with the focus on the subject of Economics. The webinar delegates put forward practical suggestions for teaching the subject and designing the paper for the students.

CBSE Workshop

A happy mind is a receptive mind. For children to learn and imbibe what is being taught at school, creating a happy learning environment in class is an absolute must. To enable our teachers hone this skill even further, a CBSE workshop on HOW TO CREATE HAPPY CLASSROOMS, was conducted by Ms. Charu Maini, Principal, DAV School.

She emphasised the need of a stress free environment for students to be able to learn without any hindrances. She also shared the importance of a teacher having a stress free environment, to be able to impart education freely. Teachers were encouraged to cultivate a high quotient of emotional intelligence, both for the sake of the students under their care and for their own well being.



FUTURE READINESS

I DISCOVER ME

When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

While the above mentioned quote may seem cliched, it is indeed true for GDGPS, Sector 48. The word 'pandemic' did not create panic here. Foresighted and well prepared, the school went online by 23 March. We conducted not just online academic classes , but also had co-curricular programmes such as the much acclaimed I Discover Me (IDM) programme.

The valued IDM programme was conducted most effectively through the school's G Suite platform. Students, being home-bound, were encouraged to spend time in discovering themselves and their true passion. Soon after the steps for creating a dream board were shared, students created their own dream wall.

Students were also introduced to STEM careers and a link to the resource website was shared so that they could immerse themselves fully into careers that attracted them. In this way, they not only got a taste of career research, but also got a headstart in career research skills.











The school also organised a webinar by renowned career counsellor, Mr Abhishek Gupta, for students of grades IX to XII. He guided students on ways to effectively utilize their time during the lock-down period and apprised them of several online courses available through various virtual platforms. It was well received by students and parents as many families are grappling with anxiety amidst the ambiguity of coming days. It was heartening to learn about online courses and admission processes.

The cherry on the cake was when the alumni of the 2019-20 batch came forward to share their lockdown experiences with their juniors. These youngsters, although struggling with uncertainty themselves, brought smiles and positivity to their juniors. This Session by the school alumni was really appreciated by both students and parents where the senior students of the 2019 batch shared their experiences and guided the juniors on how to spend time productively in enhancing their skills and building a portfolio.

The IDM sessions are not just a platform for students to discover their passions and talents, but also an opportunity to meet people of diverse backgrounds and careers. This helps students who are at the threshold of senior school to follow their passion and choose careers wisely.





ACCOLADES

MELANGE 2020 - ANNUAL LITERARY GALA

"Creativity does not wait for a perfect moment; it fashions its own perfect moments."

GDGPS, Sector -48 believes that students must be provided with a platform to exhibit their immaculate talent, hone their capabilities and explore their vision. With this vision in mind, the school took the opportunity to enable students participate in the Online Annual Literary Gala-Melange 2020, an Inter-school series of events, hosted by DAV Public School, Sector -14, Gurugram.

Khanak Yadav of Class V went on to secure the FIRST Position in Poetry Presentation while Aarav Jindal of Class VII bagged the Encouragement Prize in the category of Entertaining Comics @Lock Down Learning. It was indeed a learning experience for students to test the waters of online competition and they not only earned goodwill but also secured another feather in the hat of GDGPS, Sector 48, Gurugram.



show me the glint of light

on broken glass."



BLOG WRITING - BLESSING IN DISGUISE

"Even though the danger is real, we can count our blessings and overcome the threat."

A blog writing competition was organised by the G D Goenka School of Humanities and Social Sciences under the aegis of G D Goenka University, Gurugram on the theme "Covid 19-Blessing in Disguise". Entries were invited from school and college students. The participants had to share their point of view about how they had gained from the present situation. two students from our school, **Om Kapoor** of class X and **Seerat Jaitly** of class VII were amongst the top three bloggers.

Seerat Jaitly, expressed herself lyrically with a poem about the positive impact of the lockdown on the environment. She calls the lockdown a 'blessing' as now she can play board games with her grandparents, and her busy father has all the time in the world for her. She learnt new skills of baking and playing the guitar from her mother and elder sister respectively. Om Kapoor, the other winner from GDGPS Sec 48, wrote a poem about the lockdown situation. He writes about how people are complaining about being stuck at home but he does not agree with them. He feels that this is the time to hone old skills and learn new ones. So what if he cannot order a pizza, he can learn to make a great pizza at home! Through these evocative poems, Seerat and Om have shown us how every cloud has a silver lining.





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VIRTUAL ROUND-TABLE MEET

In a webinar moderated by renowned counselor Mr Abhishek Gupta, Principal Ms Anuradha Handa, as one of the key speakers, shared her insights on emotional and mental issues faced by children during these extraordinary times; how one must change the way we respond to the crisis and as parents, how one can provide the much needed emotional support to our children. She stressed on the need to engage younger kids in various activities and giving enough space to older children.

It is rightly said that great ideas circulate through discussions and pave the path for progress. They are the mark of a living, evolving society. Principal Ms. Anuradha Handa has always been the one to provide ideas which are relatable and plausible. Being the one to lead by example, she was invited to be part of the panel discussion organised by Amity University on bridging the gap between Schools and Universities. The discussion emphasized the need to make children aware of the various options available after school so that the transition from school to graduate colleges is smooth.





SESSION BY THE EDUCATION MINISTER

WEBINARS

DR. ROMA KUMAR

We at G D Goenka Public School always feel, that to be amenable and open to new ideas, a child should be happy and carefree. Thus at our school, we provide a conducive environment so that the children can grow up to be healthy and mature individuals both in body and mind.

To address the issue of Emotional and Psychological well-being during these prodigious times, G D Goenka Public School, Sec 48 organised a webinar with **Dr. Roma Kumar,** leading psychologist at Max Hospital. Imparting courage and confidence, Dr. Roma shared that when we make a Choice to give our life a Chance to bring about a Change, we can win over any adversity.

During the Q & A session, the school counselors covered all areas that parents & children are facing due to the lock-down and how best to expend the pent-up energy of children.

The session was a huge success with an attendance of close to 1900!







CYBER SAFETY & SOCIAL MEDIA ETHICS MR. RAKSHIT TANDON

The current events confronting the global community have transformed human interactions in unusual ways. All communications are happening through the medium of technology, resulting in an increase in screen time. This has impacted children the most, with physical discomfort being one of the impacts. However, more worrisome is the sudden unrestricted exposure to the perils of cyber world. This needs to be tackled.

An interactive webinar with Mr. Rakshit Tandon was held. Panelists comprising of Principal, Counselor, Students and Parents asked pertinent questions that helped the over 500 participants get a better perspective on cyber safety and ethics. As a school, we have always held an ethical code of conduct as an absolute must while navigating the cyber world. Its need in the current scenario cannot be emphasized enough.





WEBINARS BY UPLEARN ACADEMY

The need today is for reliable and positive ideas. With this objective in mind G D Goenka UpLearn Academy has been organising a series of webinars with renowned people from different walks of life. The webinar with Dr. Naresh Trehan, Chairman and Managing Director Medanta, emphasized that the solution to the current problem of Covid- 19 lies with the people themselves. Dr. Sameer Parlkh, renowned psychiatrist, conducted a session on 'Coping with uncertainty. Kitty Kalra, celebrity fitness expert, highlighted the various exercises one can do to keep fit in the absence of a well equipped gym. Sister Shivani, a well renowned spiritual guide, reinforced to tap into our positive energy for sustenance during these uncertain times. Lovneet Batra, famous clinical nutritionist, delved on how to prepare simple yet nutritious meals at times when we need to build our immunity and stay healthy.

PARENT APPRECIATION Wind beneath our wings

From Nidhi sethi • nidhimsethi@gmail.com

Class3B GDGPS • class3bgdgps@gmail.com

Date 4 May 2020, 8:27 AM

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Thank you so much for such a quick and prompt response,really appreciate it.

Please accept a small token of appreciation and love from all the parents for you and all the teachers who are handling the situation and kids with so much of love and

We or kids have never felt that this is virtual class that they are attending to , it feels as good as they are physically present with the teachers and teachers handle the kids with all the endurance.

Kids so actively participate in all the class discussions and do the work as they would have done in the class.

Thank you for putting all the effort and hard work to bring out the best in our kids.

Cheers

Regards



Namita Mallik Yesterday

to me v

Hello.

This is to applaud all the teachers through out the school for bringing up so many ways to tackle with the current pandemic situation. It is extremely appreciated how the teachers and Principal Mam are trying their best to make kids and parents comfortable along with new teaching strategies. Today's session was one of such help to we parents.

Special mention of thanks to Shivani Sinha Mam for her patience and calm attitude towards my kid and making him comfortable during the classes. He is new to Indian school and syllabus but he still waits for Shivani mam's class.

Me and my husband are also thankful to all subject teachers for their efforts and patience.

Regards,

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Dear Sunita Mam, Greetings.

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Maths could not be so fun the way you are teaching, numbers have become so friendly that Krishnav loves his maths class.

Thank u so much for all your effort n hard work.

ARJUN JAI

I am attaching his work to check and please let me know any correction needs to be done.

Hello ma'a

I am sending you this mail jus to say thank you. Thank you for your tremendous effort in teaching our kids. It's really a great opportunity to have u as our kid's class teacher - his mentor. Your patience, calmness, jolly and amiable nature has already made you a favourite teacher in Arjuns heart. We are really

lucky. Thanks again. Regards. Mita.

our kids and your home beautifully.

Even the art and sport teachers are gearing up to keep engage in new way of learning. And it all goes smoothly only because of the dedication of upper management too. Respected Principal Ma'am, Shalini Ma'am and all curricular designer team, and backend team doing all their best to make our kids school at home.

Our kids look forward daily for the classes and actively participating in it. They dance, sing, exercise in their four walls.

'Tough times never last but tough people do.'

So do our kids and us. And they reach their second home "School" soon which they are missing the most. In mean time Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.

Here is a little tribute to all of you from our little Goenkans and their Moms who being caught up whole day came up with this idea to make this reach you.



Parmod Garg 9:00 AM

to me ~



Dear Teacher I (Parmod Garg) really appreciate all your efforts . Y all are really working very hard . I can see even how you all are managing everything very well. Three cheers for all of you . HIP HIP HURREYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY

Kindly check my acknowledgement. Once again thank you very much .

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PFA Aaray's home tasks.

Also wanted to take a moment to acknowledg efforts you are making to make online classes fun and engaging. It's not easy to capture attention of young children like they are, for s a long span. You are always so energetic, fur and yet firm with children. More power to you

Inbox Creating A Balanced sc...

Respected Srishti Ma'am,

Thanks a lot for your reassuring words and understanding our concerns so well. We have complete trust over the expertise of GDGPS teachers working under your able leadership and the vision of school management, who are dedicated towards the holistic development of our kids. We would whole-heartedly extend our suppoto the school in order to ensure smooth implementation of the digital learning process which has been so thoughtfully planned by all of you.

Thanks again for sharing the information regarding the plan of action for the coming weeks.

We feel blessed to be a part of sucl a loving and caring Goenkan family whose first priority is the welfare of our kids!!!

Looking forward to a happy, healthy safe and bright future for all!!!

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Regards, Dr. Preeti Rai Tilak.



Re: Teacher's Observation Indox

Respected Ma'am

Have submitted the form.

Would like to add that we are extremely thankful to you and to the entire staff of GDGPS ,activity teachers, Arunima Ma'am for making these classroom sessions so interesting.

We know it involves a lot of planning, hardwork, time to ensure that all the classes are a success..

It was amazing that the school reopened the session from 23rd March itself without any delays and the teachers have really ensured that all the concepts are clear to the kids.

Both my kids Akshaj Sharma and Sureena Sharma (class 6) are every morning excited to get ready and sit for their online classes and I believe that proves how well the online sessions are being

Thank you so very much



Our sincere gratitude and thanks to School and teachers for adapting to change so quickly . Today's PTM was absolutely precise and to the point; we loved it.It was a learning for us too mainly to check the TO DO list which is a nice tracker for parent and kid.

We know how tough is the situation for teachers who need to adjust many things to render this service. We can only share our gratitude, thanks and wishes for helping our child. Supreme is always great and may Divine keep is all good.

Every change is for good and is a learning experience too and let's all keep learning together. We are grateful to you for this great profession and also for the efforts compromising your comforts for the well being of our child.

A big salute and wishes from us for the entire team.

Thanks and regards Padmakumar Nair & Seema



ease share the PPT of Kids. I like to show it to lyraa. She would be very happy to see it.

MYRAA GARG 4:00 PM

hank you mam, really appreciate your efforts. I an understand how much it takes to work rom home and that too with so much creativity and enthusiasm.

Myraa loves you and the way you teach, she just loves and smiles after the class. You have a beautiful smile that makes my kid happy. She just keeps on thinking about the craft and art ideas to show you and get your appreciation.

We really appreciate all the efforts of you, Shilp Mam and Shristi Mam to make this happen.

Thanks and All the best for keeping it that way with a big smile on your face.

Karuna Garg

Greetings

The online class is a new concept but the teachers are doing a fantastic job, The teachers are working really hard to create a atmosphere where children are enjoying online classes like as there regular classes

The class teacher is really cooperative, affectionate and understanding,

Dea

Thank you for the PTM discussions. We really appreciate the efforts of the teaching staff and the school to ensure continuity of children's education. Knowing well that to finalise these digit tools, and then implementing them is n an easy task. It is commendable on the teachers part too, to put in efforts and master these tools and impart learning through them in such a short time fram The hard work reflects and silently spe for itself.

A Big Thanks to you all.

Kind regards Meeta & Anil Kant (p/o GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL | SECTOR 48 GURUGRAM

We must say, you have lived up to the expectation. Rather, we were benefited with the different techniques used by the teachers on simplifying the process.

In PTM, although for short time, we could share all our thoughts with you. We have received very useful inputs from you as well.

Lastly, personal thanks to you Aparna ma'am for making the kid's life enjoyable and attractive.

One suggestion, we should have frequent meeting like this, may only be with the class teacher, for any feedback from both ways.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

haitali Banerjee / Rajib Banerjee

TAARUSH SHARMA 9:32 AM Thanks to all the teachers in scheduling

these sessions, its a great medium of teacher-student engagement and the studies atleast continue even in these times -Sanjeev Sharma parent of Rahul

ARUSH JAIN 9 32 AM It a seasaw change and I think both teachers and students adapted this change

KEEWAH HUSAIN 932 AM Very good effort. Please keep it up!

Thank you so much sir for the enthral session today. It was an enriching experience which has given us insight into the teaching methods being used. Once again thanks to school managen for switching to Gsuite and keeping the safety of our children first and foremos Thanks a lot once again sir for being a wonderful teacher

VISIONARY APPROACH

The visionary approach to provide quality education for the holistic well being of children, stems from the school management and leadership, percolating down to every member of the goenkan family. We understand the need to keep children constructively engaged at home, ensuring that they do not fall out of rhythm.

And for this, their teachers come knocking every morning, enabling our children to follow a proper routine. They study together with the rest of their classmate. They sing, dance, act, do yoga, and follow health and fitness regimes. Teachers- their guardian angels, give children the best advice, they listen to them, they provide answers and, they CARE.

The current times that our children are going through shall leave a deep impression on their lives. Each one will be affected by it differently. What we are ensuring is that children remember this time to be an enriching and exciting experience that taught them to respond to change and thrive in it!



