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FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK


Dear Parents and Students,

With February here, we are nearing the end of another eventful academic year. Board exams have commenced, and final exams for other grades are also approaching. Most school events for Grades 1 and above have concluded.

Students, stay focused on your preparation while enjoying the final moments of the year. Parents, your support continues to be invaluable.

Let's make the most of this time and gear up to finish this academic year on a high note, celebrating learning, growth, and achievements!!!

REGARDS
SANDHYA PRADEEP
PRINCIPAL





Annual Sports Meet

01st of Feb, 2025



The GCIS Annual Sports Meet was held on February 1, 2025 at the school grounds, amidst a great gusto. The event brought together students, teachers, and parents for a day of thrilling competitions, showcasing the school's sporting talent. In the presence of the school's esteemed Directors, CEO, and Principal, the Chief Guest, Dr. S.P. Shivakumar, Director of Kumaran Hospitals Pvt. Ltd., declared the meet open. He emphasized the importance of sports in developing teamwork, highlighting its role in fostering unity and cooperation. The Guest of Honour, Mr. Thanigai Prabhu, former cricketer and strength and conditioning professional, shared valuable insights on the significance of discipline and character in sports. The meet featured a swill of events, including the March Past, track events, relay races and impressive drills. Students from different houses competed fiercely, displaying remarkable skill, determination, and sportsmanship. The closing ceremony witnessed the Prize distribution. The Overall Trophy was bagged by Polaris House, which scored the highest points.



Adios Amigo

3rd of Feb, 2025

GRADUATE



The school's auditorium was filled with a mix of emotions – happiness, nostalgia, and excitement – as the Grade XI students organized a farewell party for their beloved Grade XII counterparts. The auditorium was decorated with balloons, streamers, and personalized banners, creating a warm and festive atmosphere. The event gained momentum with speeches, songs, and dances. The highlight was the awarding ceremony and the photo booth for clicking photos.

The event, meticulously planned and executed, resounded the strong bond between the two batches. The senior students were visibly touched by the thoughtful gestures and the grand lunch provided by their juniors.



HEALTH CHECK WELLNESS MATTERS

4TH - 7TH FEB, 2025



GCIS organised a comprehensive health checkup in the campus from 4th to 7th of February. As a part of this initiative, dentists from “Apollo Dental Clinic” conducted oral hygiene assessments for the students from KG to Grade XII. The session was open to the parents as well. It was an eye-opening experience, reinforcing the importance of maintaining good health.



MOM AND ME 5th of Feb, 2025



GCIS witnessed the commencement of the MOM and Me program in UKG from 5th February 2025, where each mother got a special day to join the classroom and engage with her child's peers. The activity allowed mothers to actively participate in fun and educational classroom activities, making learning a shared experience. Moms brought their own creativity into the classroom, from storytelling sessions to organizing simple art and craft activities. This program created a wonderful sense of community, allowing moms to witness their children's growth firsthand while contributing to a dynamic and interactive learning experience.



07th of Feb, 2025



The kindergarten children of GCIS had an enchanting experience during the Kiddies Royal Makeover event conducted on 7th February, 2025. Our little ones were transformed into regal princes and princesses, ready for a day of imaginative play and fun. The classroom was filled with excitement as the kids arrived in glittering gowns, miniature crowns, and dashing royal suits. Teachers guided the students through various activities, including designing their own royal sashes and participating in a “Royal Parade” where each child got a chance to walk the ramp. The kids also enjoyed storytelling sessions where they explored the adventures of princes and princesses from faraway lands.

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GCIS STUDENTS OUTSHINE



Our children from the foundational stage participated in various competitions at Asan memorial school, Chennai, on 7th February, 2025, where they showcased their talents in rhymes, colouring and storytelling. They performed brilliantly, impressing everyone with their enthusiasm and creativity. Aganvee Varun Kumar from LKG won 3rd prize in Rhymes competition and Dhishaan from UKG won 3rd prize in Colouring competitions, displaying their confidence and artistic skills. A big congratulations to all the winners!

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS

08th of Feb, 2025

A workshop on Dyslexia was conducted on February 8th, 2025 at GCIS by Ms. Lakshmi from Madras Dyslexic Association. The session aimed to raise awareness about dyslexia, a common learning difficulty affecting reading, writing, and spelling skills. The workshop was attended by our teachers with all eagerness to understand the challenges faced by dyslexic children and how to support them effectively. The session began with an introduction to dyslexia,

explaining its neurological basis and how it affects children differently. The facilitator highlighted the key signs of dyslexia, such as difficulty in recognizing letters, slow reading, trouble with spelling, and challenges in understanding written text. Real-life examples and case studies were shared to help participants recognize these signs in children at an early stage. Overall, the workshop was highly informative and provided valuable insights into recognizing and assisting dyslexic children.





Pariksha Pe Charcha

10th of Feb, 2025



Pariksha Pe Charcha which has been conceptualized by our Prime Minister Mr.Narendra Modi took place on the 10th of February 2025 at 11am wherein students, parents and teachers interacted with him on various topics related to life and exams. This year's event was special, as it

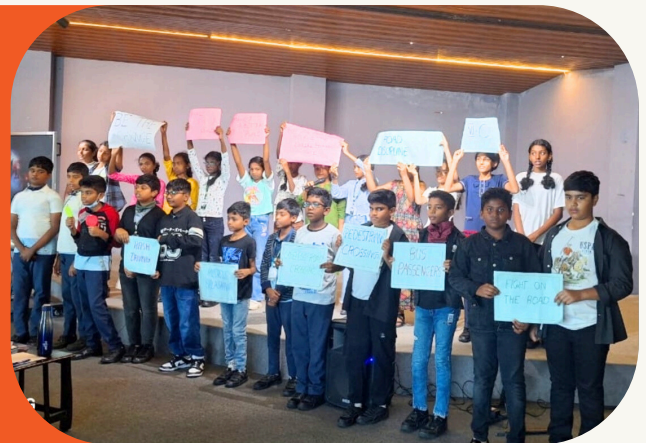
marked a fresh and livelier format, with eight episodes covering different aspects of stress-free exams. The event aimed to create a stress-free atmosphere for youngsters, as part of the larger movement - 'Exam Warriors' - led by Prime Minister Modi. At GCIS, our students were fortunate enough to witness this spectacular event, which not only provided valuable insights on exam preparation and stress management but also offered a unique opportunity for young minds to interact with the Prime Minister.



Skit Competition

11th of Feb, 2025

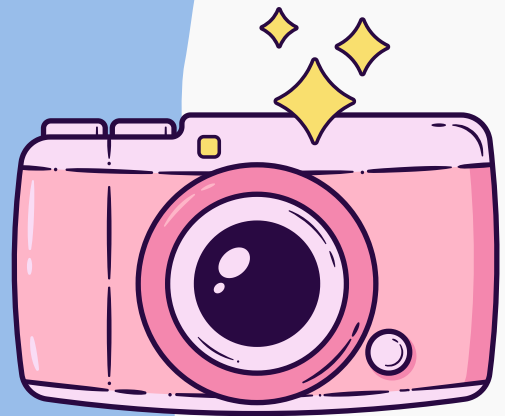
The skit competition for grades VI to VIII was conducted on the 11th of February 2025 at GCIS on the topic "You Are the Change". It was a resounding success as our young thespians took to the stage with enthusiasm and passion, showcasing their talents and creativity. The event aimed to inspire students to become agents of positive change in their communities. The skits tackled various social issues, such as bullying, environmental conservation, and kindness. The judges were impressed by the students' confidence, teamwork, and thought-provoking messages. This event reinforced the importance of empowering our youth to drive positive change and create a brighter future.



Annual Photo Shoot Capturing Memories

14th of Feb, 2025

It was that special time of the year when students captured memories to cherish for a lifetime. On the 14th of February, we had an annual photo shoot where students posed for a group photo alongside their teachers and the heads of the institution. Though a cherished tradition, it is always a delight to see students present their best selves, sharing moments of joy with their friends at school.



14th Feb
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Challenge your Knowledge

On February 14, GCIS hosted an exciting interclass quiz competition, showcasing the intellectual prowess of the students. After a rigorous preliminary round in each class, the top two contenders from each class advanced to the final competition. Classes 3C, 4C, and 5B emerged as the proud winners, demonstrating their exceptional knowledge and quick thinking. Competitions are prioritized to provide our students with platforms to grow, learn, and develop essential skills.

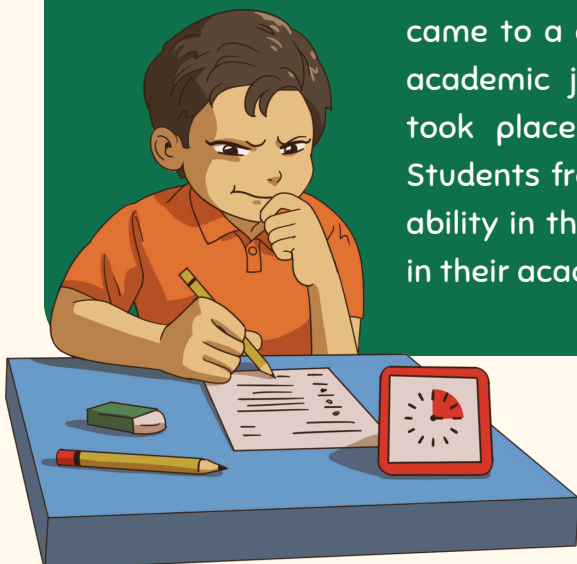


Year End Examination Grade IX & XI

17th to 26th of Feb, 2025



The Year-End Examination for Grades IX and XI at GCIS came to a close, marking a significant milestone in the academic journey of the students. The examinations took place from the 17th to the 26th of February. Students from both grades demonstrated their best of ability in the subjects. They geared up for the next step in their academic career.



Nature trails

On 17th February, 2025, our Kindergarten students embarked on a delightful nature trail around the school campus. As a part of our experiential learning program, the children had the opportunity to explore and observe the natural environment around them. They were thrilled to spot vibrant flowers, hear the chirping of birds, and observe insects up close.

The walk was filled with curious questions and joyful discoveries, as students eagerly pointed out interesting plants and creatures. This nature trail encouraged the young minds to appreciate the beauty of nature and sparked their interest in the environment, proving it to be a fun-filled morning for everyone involved.



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Picnic

19th to 21st of Feb, 2025

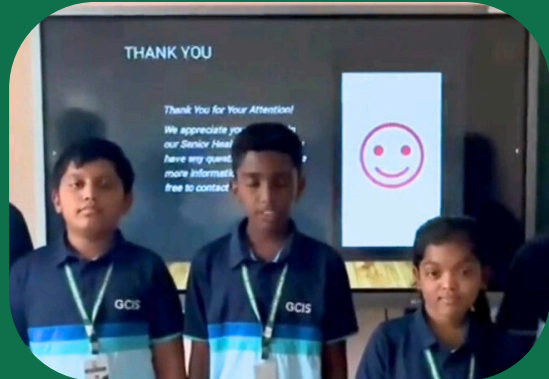
The KG picnic to Anna Tower Park was an event that the children had been eagerly anticipating, and it turned out to be everything they hoped for and more! The park's open spaces gave the little ones plenty of room to run and play, as they participated in a series of exciting games. From the thrilling Pass the Ball game to the adventurous Simon Says, each activity was met with cheers and enthusiasm. Happy children headed home with stories of their wonderful day at the park.



GCIS enters SIC'S Prestigious E-pitching round

18th - 19th of Feb, 2025

We are proud to announce that our school has made a remarkable impact in the School Innovation Council (SIC) 2024-2025, an initiative by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell at AICTE. This prestigious platform empowers young minds to think innovatively, tackle real-world challenges, and develop pioneering ideas. In the SIC Innovation Contest, our students demonstrated exceptional creativity, submitting an impressive array of innovative solutions.



Out of 1,20,000 idea submissions from schools across India, four teams from our school were selected to progress to the next round, marking a significant achievement. The selected teams participated in Round 2 of the competition, which included an online e-pitching session on February 18 and 19. Conducted by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell at AICTE, this stage provided students with the opportunity to present their ideas to experts, receive valuable feedback, and further their innovation journey. We congratulate our students on their outstanding achievement and wish them continued success in the competition.



A Journey Through Pages

21/02/2025 & 22/02/2025

A Book Fair was conducted on 21st and 22nd of February at GCIS. It was a wonderful opportunity to encourage a love of reading in our children while supporting our school. This year's event proved to be bigger and better than ever, with a wide range of books for every age group and interest. From picture books for our youngest readers to the latest in young adult fiction and non-fiction, there was something for everyone. Our selection included popular titles, classics, and even some hard-to-find gems!



EXPO - A Showcase of Creativity & Innovation - 22/02/2025

This month, GCIS was abuzz with excitement as we hosted our annual Expo. This eagerly anticipated event provided a platform for students from Grades 3 to 8 to showcase their talents, creativity, and knowledge. With the unifying theme of "Life on Earth," students across grades demonstrated their understanding of the concept through innovative and interactive displays, incorporating various subjects. This approach helped bridge the gap between classroom lessons and real-life applications.

Through captivating skits, role-plays, songs, and display models, students explained complex concepts to parents and visitors. The Expo highlighted the importance of collaboration between parents, teachers, and students and it was a resounding success.





National 'Letter to an Elder' day

26th of Feb, 2025

As a part of the National 'Letter to an Elder Day' program, our students at GCIS participated in a heartwarming initiative on February 26th. The students wrote heartfelt letters to their grandparents, sharing stories, memories, and gratitude. This program aimed to bridge the gap between generations and foster a deeper understanding and appreciation between children and their elderly relatives. The students' letters were filled with love, respect, and admiration for their grandparents, showcasing the importance of intergenerational relationships.



Staff Meeting

27th of Feb, 2025

A staff meeting was held on 27th February at GCIS in the school auditorium, attended by all teachers. The meeting was chaired by the Principal Mrs. Sandhya Pradeep and focused on the key academics. The meeting began with a review of recent school activities, followed by a discussion on student performance and upcoming examinations.



LET'S HEAR FROM TEACHERS

AMAZING FACTS ABOUT THE FAMOUS MONUMENTS IN INDIA

India is home to many incredible historical monuments that showcase its rich heritage and architectural brilliance. These monuments, built by different dynasties and rulers, have fascinating facts that make them unique. Let's explore...

FACT 1:

Taj Mahal – Changing Colours The Taj Mahal appears to change colour throughout the day pinkish in the morning, dazzling white at noon, and golden at night due to the reflection of sunlight and moonlight on its white marble.

FACT 2:

Qutub Minar – Tallest Brick Minaret The Qutub Minar in Delhi is the world's tallest brick minaret, standing at 72.5 meters (237.8 feet). It was built by Qutb-ud-din Aibak in 1193 and completed by Iltutmish.

FACT 3:

Hampi – The Forgotten Empire Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was once the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire. It had markets where diamonds were freely traded on the streets!

FACT 4:

Charminar – Secret Tunnel Legend Charminar in Hyderabad is believed to have a secret underground tunnel leading to Golconda Fort, used by royal families to escape during emergencies.

FACT 5:

Konark Sun Temple – Engineering Marvel The Konark Sun Temple in Odisha was built in the form of a massive chariot with 24 intricately carved wheels, each functioning as a sundial to tell time accurately.

FACT 6:

Meenakshi Temple – Musical Pillars The Meenakshi Temple in Tamil Nadu has musical pillars that produce different musical notes when tapped!

FACT 7:

Mysore Palace – Grand Illumination The Mysore Palace lights up with nearly 100,000 bulbs on special occasions, creating a breathtaking visual treat.

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HISTORIC DOLPHIN TAGGING IN ASSAM

India has achieved a significant milestone in wildlife conservation with the first ever satellite tagging of a Ganges River Dolphin (*Platanista gangetica*) in Assam. This is a collaborative effort conducted by MOEFCC in partnership with the Wildlife Institute of India, Assam Forest Department and Aaranayak. The Objective of Tagging is to gather critical data on habitat needs, seasonal migratory patterns, and range of the species. Advanced Technology in Tagging Lightweight satellite tags compatible with Argos systems are used. Declared as India's National Aquatic Animal, these dolphins are apex predators and serve as umbrella species for river ecosystems. Nearly blind, they rely on echolocation for navigation and feeding. Ecological impact of protecting river dolphins for aquatic biodiversity and human livelihoods has become essential. In Future, the tagging initiative will be extended to other states within the dolphin's range.

Mrs. S. Akshya
Social Science Department

STUDENTS' CORNER

POEM

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ओ मेरे प्यारे भगवान,
आपने की है सबकी रक्षा
आपने चाहा है सबका भला।
नहीं किया है किसी की इच्छा को इनकार
इसलिए आप हैं एक चमत्कार।
आप हैं हमारे रक्षक
हम हैं आपके सेवक।
हमेशा ही आप करते भक्तों का भला
जैसे टल जाए बुरी बला।

S. Divya
IX – B

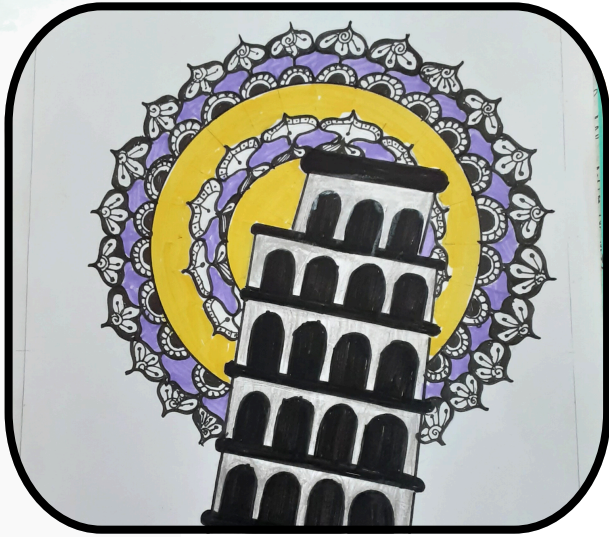
A PAWN IN THE ENDGAME

On the wind-swept sidewalks of Manhattan, Chekhov went for a stroll. He worked in a secret company known as FIB. He walked into a library which located the headquarters exactly 7 floors underneath the building. The librarian Anita had always noticed Chekhov going into the storage with no access or keys and never came back out. This time she couldn't resist the temptation of following him, even though she was aware of the consequences. He was always referred to as shady because of his demeanor and the large beige coat, hat and black glasses paired with his reddish-purple gloves. Anita went into the storage room and waited until she saw Chekhov strategically using the frame of spectacles to quietly open the door. He walked up to an empty wall and muttered some Russian words. The wall flipped and revealed a tunnel and he sped off into it. Anita managed to outrun the automatic closing wall. Chekhov made his way past the ID stalls and entered the Director's room. Money always seemed to be a hard topic to talk about with him. Chekhov knew this but still wanted to get a raise. He made it straight to the Director that he wanted more as his missions had not been easy. The Director as usual didn't show interest in the conversation. In a fit of anger, Chekhov threw the cup of coffee on his face. The security rushed, but Chekhov tackled them well. As he was rushing, he crashed into a figure. It was Anita. With no time left for inquiry, he pulled her along with him into a satin-black Ferrari and sped off into the sunset. Chekhov then reluctantly led her to the waiting jet. He explained that the Director had a secret connection with another investigation agency. He mentioned that there was a code cracker, a term used in detective agencies for people tracking an agency's information. Chekhov took out his laptop and destroyed it, not leaving a trace of evidence behind. The next morning, he noticed that in the fireplace that he used to destroy the laptop, the pieces of laptop were missing. He grew suspicious. He enquired everyone about the matter and found Anita unusually quiet. The next morning, Chekhov and his friends realized that Anita was not seen for a long time. He rushed to her room and found a broken window. He looked outside and saw a boat rapidly approaching the shore. He also saw Anita running towards the boat. He didn't fail to notice the semi-melted pieces of laptop. As Chekhov connected the dots, he wondered whether the code-cracker was really Anita herself. For the first time in his profession he closed his eyes and started praying, "Is this my fate?"

Aashna

IV – C

STUDENTS' CORNER



Shreedhanya
VII - C



Veeresh
VII - C



Sarveshwaran
IX - A



STUDENTS' CORNER

Sarveshwaran
IX - A



Harshad Vinayak
VII - C

Gallery



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Thank You!

Stay tuned for more exciting updates, achievements, and milestones of GCIS in the coming months. We look forward to sharing our students' continued progress and accomplishments with you. Together, let's continue to strive for excellence and empower our students to reach their full potential.

Warm Regards,
Editorial team
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