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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Parents and Students,

As we welcome September, I take a moment to reflect on the remarkable spirit our school community has demonstrated throughout August. Guided by our shared vision to educate, empower, and excel, we've thrived as a collective, showcasing the true essence of teamwork and camaraderie.

With exams on the horizon, I encourage students to strive for excellence, pushing beyond perceived limitations. Remember, it's not just about the grades; it's about the learning journey, the growth, and the development of skills that will stay with you for a lifetime.

Let's draw inspiration from our past achievements, born out of courage, dedication, and hard work. Every challenge we've faced has been met with resilience, and each milestone achieved is a testament to our collective efforts. Together, let's make this academic year unforgettable, filled with achievements, growth, and memories to cherish. I wish everyone the very best for your exams. Let's excel, let's grow, and let's make our school proud!

REGARDS
EDITORIAL TEAM

SNAPSHOTS OF HISTORY - GCIS @ ARCHIVAL EXHIBIT

1st of Sep, 2025



We're thrilled to announce that 50 students from Grade 6 to 12 who exemplified the school's values, discipline, positive attitude and commitment to personal growth were selected to attend the 'Made of Chennai' Archival Photo Exhibit, a visual tribute to the city's iconic moments. On September 1, 2025, the students visited the Hindu Archive gallery, where they explored a stunning collection of photographs dating back to 1925. The interactive session that followed was engaging, offering a captivating glimpse into Chennai's rich history. The students found the experience highly informative and enriching, with the archive providing a treasure trove of knowledge for historians, researchers, and anyone interested in exploring the past. We commend the students for their outstanding behavior and enthusiasm. This visit not only enhanced their understanding of Chennai's heritage but also instilled a sense of pride and appreciation for the city's cultural legacy. We're proud of our students and look forward to more such enriching experiences!





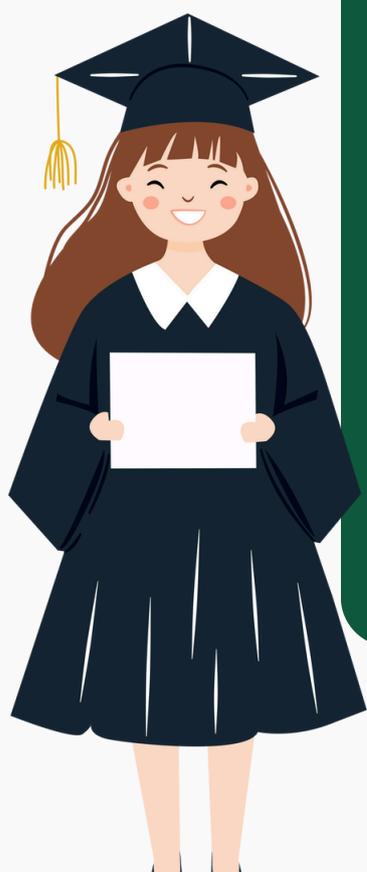
Global Ed Fair Brings Top Universities to GCIS

1st of Sep, 2025



The International Council for Alternative Education (ICAE) organized a Global Ed Fair at GCIS on September 1st, 2025. The event provided a platform for students to

explore higher education opportunities from top universities worldwide, including Trinity College, Dublin, Ashoka University, University of Ulster, GD Goenka University, Arcadia University, Bennett University, KS Education, Amity University, Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, Indian School of Business and Finance, and Vidyashilp University. Students interacted with university representatives, gaining first-hand insights into courses and programs. They explored undergraduate and postgraduate programs, discovering opportunities that suit their interests and career goals. The event also enabled students to discover scholarship opportunities and make informed career decisions, taking a significant step towards their dream careers.



PTM TALKS

1st to 15th of Sep, 2025

The Parent Interactive Meetings (PTMs) for Grade VI to IX and Grade XI were conducted across different dates in the month, creating a meaningful space for dialogue between parents and teachers. These sessions served as a platform to discuss not only the children's academic progress but also their behavioural and social development. Parents were engaged in insightful discussions about learning milestones, classroom participation, and ways to support holistic growth at home. The PTMs also provided opportunities to strengthen the school-parent partnership, ensuring that the collective goal of nurturing confident, curious, and disciplined learners was emphasized.



PBL - Innovation Meets Impact

3rd of Sep, 2025

On 3rd September 2025, the classrooms of Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 came alive with creativity and curiosity as the school hosted its much-awaited Project-Based Learning (PBL) showcase. With the theme "Innovation Meets Impact", the event offered a vibrant platform where young learners transformed their ideas into reality and proudly presented their projects to parents, teachers, and peers. The classrooms, beautifully decorated for the occasion, became hubs of imagination and exploration. Students enthusiastically displayed their projects, demonstrating not only their knowledge but also



their ability to think critically, experiment, and innovate. From hands-on experiments to role-play, models, and creative costumes, the children depicted concepts with clarity and confidence. Their hard work and passion reflected the depth of their learning and left everyone deeply impressed. Kindergarten students also joined the celebration, showcasing age-appropriate projects

that highlighted their early steps into inquiry-based learning. The effort and enthusiasm of even the youngest participants added charm and freshness to the showcase. Parents, who visited the classrooms, were filled with admiration and delight as they witnessed the confidence and creativity of their children. They were pleasantly surprised by the way complex ideas were presented so effectively through engaging and interactive displays. The event was not just about projects it was about teamwork, imagination, and the joy of discovery. Teachers guided the children with dedication, ensuring that every child had the opportunity to explore, question, and create. Their tireless efforts in planning and execution made the day a resounding success. The "Innovation Meets Impact" showcase proved that project-based learning is more than an academic activity; it is a celebration of creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. It was a day filled with learning, laughter, and unforgettable moments, leaving students, teachers, and parents inspired and proud.





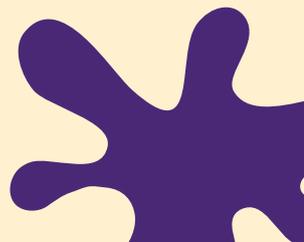
Petals of Culture: Onam in Full Bloom

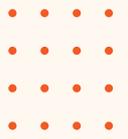
3rd of Sep, 2025



Onam 2025 – A Festive Celebration at GCIS The spirit of tradition and togetherness filled the air as Greenfield Chennai International School celebrated Onam with vibrant enthusiasm during the school prayer assembly. The programme beautifully captured the essence of Kerala's most cherished festival,

reminding everyone of its cultural richness and values of unity. The highlight of the celebration was a special skit titled "The Return of Mahabali", which brought to life the legendary tale of King Mahabali's annual visit to his people. The performance not only showcased students' acting talents but also conveyed the deeper message of harmony and equality that Onam represents. Following the skit, the stage came alive with a graceful Onam dance performance, where students mesmerised the audience with traditional steps and captivating expressions. Adding to the festive charm, students dressed in authentic Kerala attire, radiating the joy of the occasion and reflecting the cultural vibrance of the state. The assembly concluded with applause and cheer, leaving the GCIS community with a heartfelt reminder of how festivals bind us together in celebration, respect, and love for tradition.





CHEERS AND CELEBRATION

4th of Sep, 2025



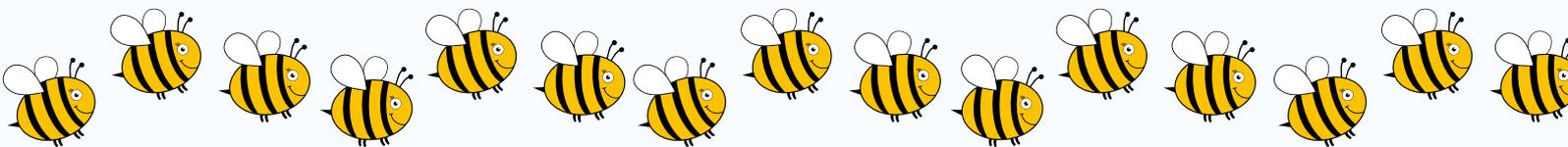
On September 4, the school came together to celebrate Teachers' Day with warmth, admiration, and joy. The event was organized by the Student Council, with the teachers and students of Grades 1-12 as the enthusiastic audience to the wonderful performances. The celebration began with a unique ramp walk, where students dressed up as different members of the staff. This creative act reminded us of the deep influence teachers have made on young minds and how closely students observe and value their mentors. It was followed by a soulful song dedicated to teachers, performed by the school band, and a lively freestyle dance that kept the spirit of the program vibrant throughout. The heartfelt efforts of the students left the teachers truly overwhelmed, fulfilling the aim of making them feel cherished and appreciated. The program concluded with a vote of thanks, offering gratitude to the Lord for His guidance and to the school management for their support.



Spell Bee Buzzz....

8th
SEP 2025

On September 8, 2025, GCIS hosted a SpellBee competition for students across grades 1-9. The event aimed to enhance vocabulary, spelling skills, and linguistic abilities in a fun and competitive environment. Students participated enthusiastically, showcasing their language proficiency and creativity. The competition was conducted in accordance with national-level SpellBee standards, where students were tested on their spelling, pronunciation, and vocabulary skills. The SpellBee competition is an excellent opportunity for students to develop their language skills, build confidence, and compete with peers. GCIS congratulates all participants on their efforts and encourages them to continue improving their linguistic abilities.



TALES OF OUR LITTLE STARS

A JOURNEY THROUGH STORY TELLING

9th of Sep, 2025

Stories are magical; they have the power to spark imagination, open doors to unseen worlds, and transport us beyond the boundaries of reality. To celebrate this power of imagination, a vibrant storytelling competition was organized for the UKG students of GCIS on 09th September 2024. The event was nothing short of enchanting. Each little storyteller stepped onto the stage with confidence, bringing their chosen characters to life with delightful narratives. From the jungle king's roar to the fat little piggys, the stories unfolded with charm, creativity, and boundless enthusiasm. What made the experience even more



mesmerizing was the way the children used colorful props, expressive actions, and lively voice modulations to capture the essence of their characters. Their innocent yet powerful expressions kept the audience completely engaged and transported everyone into a world of imagination. This competition was more than just a platform to narrate stories—it became a window for children to showcase their budding creativity, linguistic flair, and confidence in public speaking. The event highlighted how storytelling nurtures not only language development but also emotional expression and self-confidence in young learners.

The class echoed with laughter, applause, and admiration as our tiny tots turned into storytellers par excellence. It was indeed a day to cherish—a celebration of imagination, creativity, and the magic that only children can create through their tales. Truly, the event will remain etched as one of the most memorable performances of the session.



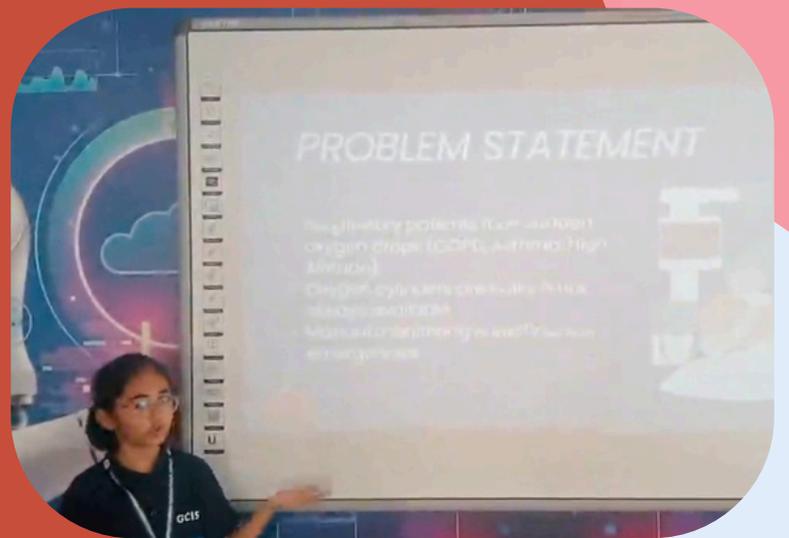
Innovation and Research Competitions

9th & 14th of Sep, 2025

September was a month of innovation and achievement for our school as our students took part in two prestigious competitions that celebrate creativity and scientific thinking. Our school registered for the Young Scientists Environmental (YES) Contest in the Junior Level on 9th September 2025, with two enthusiastic teams from

Grade 8. This contest provided students with a platform to explore and present sustainable solutions to pressing environmental challenges, fostering responsibility towards nature while sharpening scientific thinking. Alongside this, was the INSPIRE Awards – MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) scheme, a flagship programme of the Department of

Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. From our school, five young innovators Sara Zaina (Grade 6), S Levin Pio (Grade 8), Pavithran B (Grade 8), Azan Abdullah (Grade 8), and Albie Joseph (Grade 9) participated with their unique project ideas and have been nominated for their innovation on the 14th of September 2025. Wishing them all success.





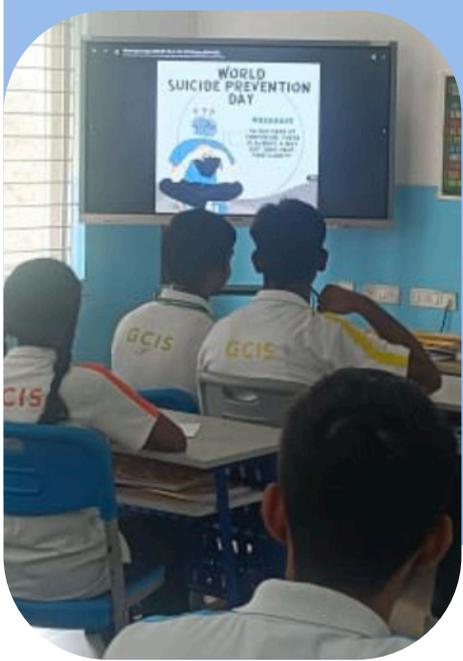
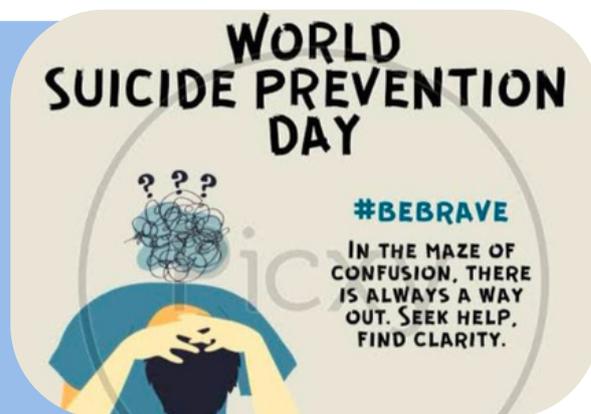
LET'S TALK - GCIS observes suicide prevention week

10th of Sep, 2025

In recognition of World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, 2025, with the theme "Changing the Narrative on Suicide" and the call to action "Start the Conversation," GCIS observed Suicide Prevention Week from September 10–16, 2025. As part of the "Let's Talk" campaign initiated

by the Directorate General of Health Services, GCIS students participated in various activities aimed at promoting mental health and well-being. These included: Watching motivational videos to inspire positivity and resilience; Preparing posters to raise awareness about suicide prevention and Taking a pledge against suicidal initiatives, demonstrating their commitment to supporting one another. The objective of these activities was to provide students with a platform to openly discuss their fears, concerns, and troublesome matters with teachers and peers. By fostering

a supportive environment, GCIS aimed to encourage students to prioritize their mental health and seek help when needed. Through these initiatives, GCIS demonstrated its commitment to promoting mental health awareness and supporting the well-being of its students. By engaging in open conversations and activities, students were empowered to take charge of their mental health and develop strategies to cope with challenges.



RHYTHM AND RHYMES

10th to 11th of Sep, 2025



Our Kindergarten corridors came alive with melody and joy during the Rhythm and Rhymes Competition organized for Pre-KG, and LKG children. The event was a delightful blend of creativity, rhythm, and confidence, showcasing the budding talents of our young learners. For LKG, the competition was held on 10th September with the theme "Fruits." Children enthusiastically stepped onto the stage carrying colorful props and recited rhymes that were both cheerful and expressive. Their energetic performances highlighted their growing command over language and presentation skills. The following day, on 11th September, Pre-KG children charmed the audience with the theme "Animals." Dressed adorably and holding imaginative props, they recited animal rhymes with innocence and excitement, leaving everyone captivated. What made the event truly special was the wholehearted participation almost every child contributed with zeal. Their bright smiles, confident voices, and animated expressions filled the atmosphere with vibrancy. The competition not only celebrated rhythm and rhyme but also nurtured self-expression, stage confidence, and joy of learning. It was indeed an energetic and memorable day where our little stars proved that learning can be fun, lively, and full of wonder.

HINDI DIWAS

12th of Sep, 2025



Commemorating the National Hindi Day observed on the 14th of September annually, on September 12, 2025, at GCIS, the spirit of Hindi Diwas was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The Hindi Department organized a Special Assembly, where students from grades 6–8 showcased their linguistic skills and cultural talent. Thought-provoking speeches highlighted the significance of Hindi Diwas, emphasizing the importance of promoting and preserving the Hindi language. A captivating dance performance added a vibrant touch to the celebration, demonstrating the students' understanding of the language and its cultural relevance. The event focused on the importance of Hindi Diwas in promoting linguistic diversity and cultural heritage. Congratulations to all participants for making this event a success! The Hindi Department's efforts in organizing this event are truly commendable.



PTA- PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEET

13th of Sep, 2025



The PTA meeting for the academic year 2025-26 was held on September 13, 2025 chaired by the Director Ms. Leema Jacob and the CEO Ms. Aleyamma Mathew. The meeting commenced with an introduction of PTA members, school administrators, and faculty,

fostering a sense of community and cooperation among all stakeholders. The objectives of the PTA were discussed, emphasizing the importance of collaboration between parents and teachers in supporting students' academic and personal growth. A brief overview of Term 1 was presented, highlighting key events, assessments, and expectations. The role of PTA in promoting discipline and encouraging students to maintain a neat and tidy appearance was discussed, with suggestions for joint initiatives. Various activities and initiatives that the PTA can undertake to support the school and students were brainstormed, including events, workshops, and volunteer opportunities. Parents raised several important points, including ways to enhance student engagement, improve communication channels, and support students' mental health. The meeting concluded with a note of gratitude to all participants for their active engagement and commitment to the school community.



Moves of Mastery: Young Chess Talents at Dinamalar Pattam Tournament

13th of Sep, 2025

Greenfield Chennai International School proudly showcased its intellectual prowess at the Dinamalar Pattam Inter-School Chess Tournament, held on Saturday, 13th September 2025 at the sprawling VIT Chennai Campus (Chennai – 600127). This prestigious championship, jointly organised by Dinamalar

and VIT, drew an extraordinary 2,400 participants from schools across Tamil Nadu, making it one of the largest inter-school chess events of the year. Representing GCIS, a contingent of 16 talented students competed across four age-group categories Under-9, Under-11, Under-13, and Under-15. Over the course of seven intense and highly competitive rounds, our budding chess players demonstrated not only their strategic acumen and analytical thinking but also resilience, discipline, and sportsmanship under pressure. Our students performed remarkably, with six players advancing to the seventh round, a significant achievement in such a challenging field. A special highlight of the tournament was the stellar performance of Master Johan Blessit B (Grade 3), who secured an impressive 13th rank overall in the Under-9 category, marking a moment of pride for the entire GCIS community. The event was a true celebration of mental agility and sportsmanship, and GCIS students demonstrated both skill and perseverance throughout, making the school proud.



TEACHERS TOOK THE TURF

16th Sep
2025



On 16th September, the school turf turned into a stage of energy and excitement as our teachers stepped into the spirit of sports with a friendly throwball competition. Held after school hours at 3:45 PM, the event saw two enthusiastic teams of teachers, led by Ms. Kiruthika and Ms. Nivetha, facing off in a match that was as thrilling as it was memorable.

In the weeks leading up to the game, the teachers put in dedicated practice sessions, staying back after school to sharpen their skills and build team spirit. Their enthusiasm on the turf reflected not only their love for the game but also their willingness to embrace fun, fitness, and camaraderie beyond the classroom. The winning team was awarded gift vouchers worth ₹25,000 by Sportszen, celebrating their spirited performance and effort.



Custodian Meet - Together Towards Triumph

20th of Sep, 2025

On Saturday, 20th September 2025, Greenfield Chennai International School hosted a Custodian Meeting for the parents and students of Grade 10 and Grade 12 students, focusing on board exam readiness and collaborative support. The session began with an inspiring address by CEO Ms. Alyemma Mathew, who welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance of parental involvement in students' academic journey. She also briefed everyone about the latest CBSE circulars on student attendance and the Maths Basic and Standard question paper pattern released by the Board. Following her address, subject teachers presented detailed updates on the completion of syllabus portions and explained the board examination paper pattern for both theory and internal assessments. They also outlined the revision schedules planned after the syllabus completion to strengthen students' preparedness. Teachers further offered practical tips and proven strategies to help students approach their board exams confidently. Parents and students were advised on time management, smart study techniques, and question-paper handling skills. The meeting concluded with a motivational message from the teachers and leadership, instilling confidence and determination in students as they gear up for their upcoming board examinations.



PAPERS TO PERFORM EXAM TIME

17th & 29th of Sep, 2025



The first major academic assessments of the year, the Summative Assessment, Mid Term and Half-Yearly Examinations, across all the grades were conducted from 17th to 29th September 2025. The Exam Cell had ensured that question papers were set and thoroughly reviewed at the beginning of the month. Seating arrangements were carefully organized, and all preparations were completed well in advance, which contributed to the smooth conduct of the examinations. Students were assessed in both scholastic and co-scholastic subjects, allowing for a comprehensive evaluation of their academic knowledge as well as their skills, creativity and overall development. The exams were conducted smoothly, with students diligently attempting their papers.



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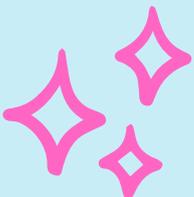
Bhavishya
VIII - B



Garrick
IV - D



Sri Dhanya
VIII - B



STUDENTS' CORNER

Sanjana. O
X - B



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STUDENTS' CORNER

DEAR NOSTALGIA

Dear Nostalgia,
Why must you kill me?
You leave me in tears, whenever you hit me.
Not physically
But mentally.
You always bring memories bittersweet
But they are not concrete
If they were a melody
No doubt I would write a parody.

– GAURI JOSHI
IX – B

WHERE LIFE LIVES

School is a world where dreams take flight
Filled with knowledge, pure and bright
Books and laughter, hand in hand,
A place where curious minds expand.

It's where we learn and play
Building memories everyday
From first bell's ring to final call,
School is the best place of all.

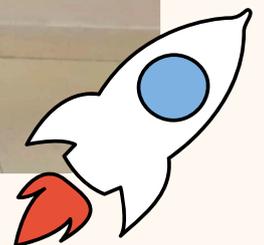
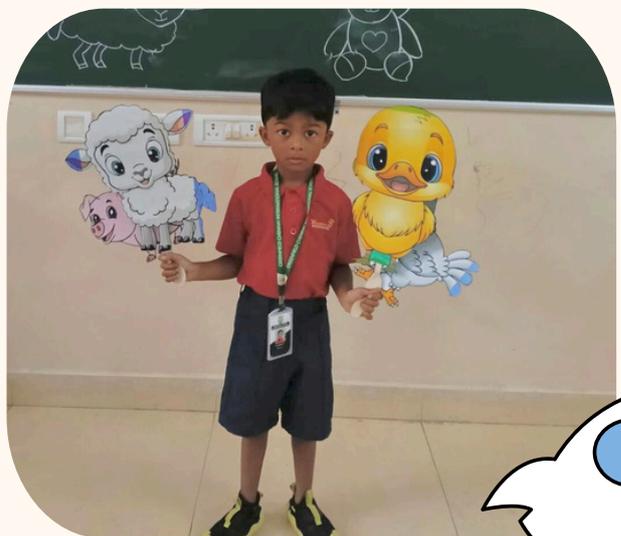
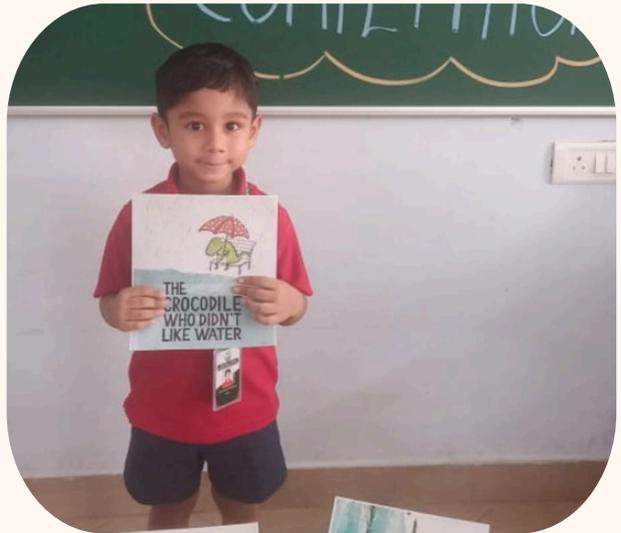
From playful breaks to lesson deep
Whispered plans that friends all keep
Everyday is a brand new start,
School leaves footprints on the heart.

And when the years have flown away,
We'll still recall each golden day,
For in this place, we learned the rule
Life feels brighter after school.

– SABARISH. R.P.
XI – B



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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
Greenfield Chennai International School.

