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FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK



January was a vibrant and purposeful month in our school calendar, reflecting a thoughtful blend of academic focus, cultural learning, student well-being, and community engagement. The New Year began with the phased reopening of the school, setting a positive and disciplined tone for the term ahead.

Academically, January marked a crucial phase for our senior students with the commencement of the Common Examinations for Classes X and XII, along with assignment and project submissions across other grades. Portion completion and revision activities ensured continuity in learning, while inter-house competitions such as the Heritage Quiz, Rangoli, and Short Film Making provided platforms for creativity, collaboration, and cultural expression.

Strengthening the home school partnership remained a key focus, with Parent Interactive Meetings conducted across grade levels, encouraging meaningful dialogue and shared responsibility in student progress. The conduct of health check-ups further highlighted the school's commitment to the physical well-being of its students as an integral part of holistic education.

Cultural learning took centre stage with the celebration of Pongal, where students participated in engaging activities such as the Farm to Table initiative, helping them understand the values of gratitude, tradition, and respect for nature. The observance of Thiruvalluvar Day and Uzhavar Thirunal reinforced appreciation for language, literature, and agricultural heritage. Republic Day was commemorated with due importance, enabling students to understand the significance of the Indian Constitution and the ideals of democracy, equality, and responsible citizenship.

A significant milestone of the month was the Graduation Day for Class XII, celebrated with pride and dignity, marking the successful completion of an important academic journey. January concluded on an energetic note with the Annual Sports Meet, celebrating teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.

Overall, January truly reflected our school's commitment to nurturing confident, culturally rooted, and well-rounded learners.

WARM REGARDS,
PRINCIPAL

PBL INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP – BUILD, CREATE, LEARN

3rd of Jan, 2026



On Saturday, 03rd January 2026, an enriching and highly interactive workshop on PBL Worksheet Design – Build, Create, Learn was conducted for the teaching faculty from Kindergarten to Grade 2. The session was presented and led by our CEO ma'am, Ms. Aleyamma Mathew, whose insightful guidance and practical approach made the workshop both engaging and impactful. The workshop focused on strengthening teachers' understanding of Project-Based Learning (PBL) and its effective translation into well-structured, age-appropriate worksheets. CEO ma'am introduced key instructional strategies such as scaffolding, which supports learners through gradual progression, and the substitution table, which allows flexibility and differentiation to meet diverse learning needs across KG, Grade 1, and Grade 2. Clear, step-by-step guidance on preparing PBL worksheets was shared, ensuring alignment with learning objectives, student engagement, and skill development. Teachers were encouraged to design worksheets that promote curiosity, creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking, while keeping developmental appropriateness in mind for early learners. The session strongly emphasised moving beyond rote learning and creating meaningful, hands-on learning experiences through structured yet flexible activities. The workshop concluded with a collaborative activity in which teachers from each grade prepared a PBL worksheet based on the topic assigned to their respective grade levels. CEO ma'am personally reviewed each worksheet and thoughtfully shared her inputs, innovative ideas, and constructive feedback, guiding teachers on further refinement. Overall, the workshop served as a valuable professional learning experience, empowering KG to Grade 2 teachers with practical tools, clarity, and confidence to effectively implement PBL strategies in their classrooms, truly reflecting the essence of Build, Create, and Learn.



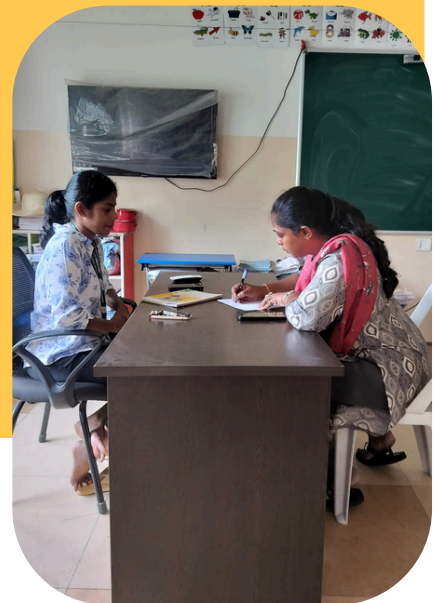
TRACKING THE PROGRESS

6th - 28th of Jan, 2026



The Parent Interactive Meeting for the month of January was successfully conducted for students from Grades 3 to 7, held grade-wise over scheduled days to ensure effective interaction and meaningful discussion. For each grade, the class strength was divided into two groups, with sessions conducted across two days to allow personalised attention for every student. During the meeting, class teachers discussed each student's academic progress, behavioural development, and overall performance,

with a clear comparison to observations shared during the previous interaction. Parents were provided with constructive and transparent feedback, highlighting areas of improvement as well as achievements. Genuine feedback and suggestions from the parents were noted and appreciated, strengthening the collaborative approach between home and school.



GCIS Shines at Times Now Education Summit 2026

9th of Jan, 2026



The Times Now Education Summit is a platform that brings together leading school owners, educators, and policymakers, making it a significant platform for networking and knowledge sharing. The Director Ms. Leema Jacob, CEO Ms. Aleyamma Matthew, and Senior Coordinator Ms. Gnana Sundari represented GCIS at the Times Now Education Summit 2026, held at Hyatt Regency, Chennai on January 9, 2026. The team received two prestigious awards: Top Preschool with School Integration and Top School CBSE Curriculum North West Zone, presented by Hon'ble Tamilachi Thangapandian, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha. This recognition celebrates the dedication and hard work of the entire GCIS staff team, who strive to provide a holistic education that goes beyond the classroom.



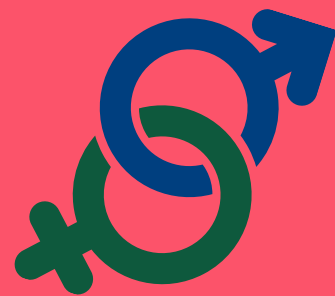
Capacity Building Programme on Gender Sensitivity

10th JAN
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Greenfield Chennai International School successfully conducted a Teachers' Workshop on the Capacity Building Programme (CBP) – Gender Sensitivity on Saturday, 10th January 2026. The session was thoughtfully designed to enhance teachers' understanding of gender-related issues in the educational context and to promote inclusive teaching practices. The workshop was led by two experienced resource persons, Mr. Vijimon Iyappan and Mrs. Maheshwari K., who engaged the GCIS faculty through interactive discussions and well-planned activities. With the support of specially designed handouts, teachers actively participated in individual and group-based activities, making the session highly engaging and practical.

Key topics covered during the programme included:

- Awareness on Gender
- Gender-Sensitive School Environment
- Gender-Sensitive Lesson Planning
- Gender-Sensitive Classroom Practices
- Gender-Sensitive Teaching Methodologies



Each topic was reinforced with meaningful activities aimed at enriching teachers' knowledge, sensitivity, and classroom application. The sessions encouraged reflection, discussion, and a deeper understanding of how educators can contribute to building a respectful and equitable learning environment. The resource persons delivered the sessions effectively, ensuring that the programme was insightful, learning-oriented, and impactful. The workshop proved to be a valuable experience for all participants, strengthening GCIS's commitment to fostering gender sensitivity and inclusive education.



One Road, Many Lives

21st of Jan, 2026



As part of the Road Safety Week, a road safety awareness programme was conducted on 12th January 2026 to educate students on responsible behaviour while using roads. The session aimed to instill safety consciousness among students and to encourage them to spread awareness within their families as well. The programme was led by officials from the Madhavaram Traffic Police Station. The invited speakers for the day were Mr S. Balaji Babu, Sub-Inspector of Police, and Mr S. Rajesh Kannan, Head Constable of Police. Both officers addressed the students and shared practical insights from their daily experiences in traffic management. During the interaction, students were educated on road safety rules, including the dangers of over-speeding, the importance of wearing helmets and seatbelts, and the severe consequences of drunk driving. The officers also emphasised the need to follow traffic signals, and the value of being punctual, explaining how planning travel time helps reduce stress and traffic congestion. The students recognised these officers from their daily routine duty of directing vehicles near the GCIS junction road, ensuring student safety during peak hours. The awareness session lasted for 30 minutes and was attended by students from Grades 6 to 8 and Grades 9 and 11. The Road Safety Awareness Programme was informative, engaging, and impactful, helping students understand their role as responsible road users



ART AND LITERARY FEST

12th & 13th of Jan, 2026



The second phase of our annual Art Literary and Cultural Fest was held on January 12th and 13th, 2026, across Grades 1 to 9 and 11. The event was a resounding success, showcasing the immense talent and creativity of our students. On January 12th, students participated in various individual competitions. Grades 1 and 2 showcased their talents in Solo Dance, Pot Painting, and Spin a Yarn. Grades 3-5 impressed the judges with their skills in Solo Dance, Paragraph Writing, and

Painting. Grades 6-9 and 11 displayed their creativity in Solo Dance, Painting, and Creative Writing. The next day, January 13th, saw students participating in more exciting events. Grades 1-5 participated in Bookmark Making, while Grades 6-9 and 11 showcased their design skills in Stamp Designing. The students let their imagination run wild and created some truly innovative designs. The fest was a wonderful opportunity for our students to express themselves, showcase their talents, and learn from one another. We are proud of all the participants and look forward to seeing their future endeavors.



INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS

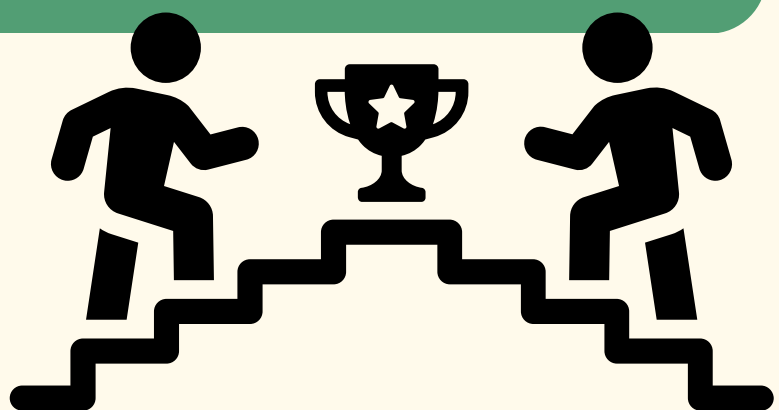
12th, 13th to 23rd of Jan, 2026



The students of GCIS showcased their creativity, teamwork, and knowledge in a series of Inter-house competitions held on January 12th and 13th, 2026. On January 12th, students from Grades 6–9 and 11 participated in the Short Film Competition, where they demonstrated their filmmaking skills and creativity. The competition was a huge success, with students producing some truly impressive films that showcased their talent and imagination. The next day, January 13th, saw the students participating in the Rangoli Competition as part of Pongal celebrations, where they created intricate and beautiful designs that reflected their artistic skills and attention to detail. The competition was fierce, with each house striving to outdo the others. In another exciting event, the Inter-House Heritage Quiz was held on January 23rd, 2026.



Students from different houses participated, showcasing their knowledge and understanding of their heritage. The competition was a great way to promote teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills among the students. The winners of the competitions were awarded, and the event concluded on a high note, with all participants displaying great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all the winners and participants!



PONGAL CELEB - FARM TO TABLE

13th of Jan, 2026

Our school GCIS celebrated Pongal with great joy and cultural spirit on 13th January 2026. The celebration began with a special assembly organized by the Tamil Department, showcasing the rich traditions and significance of the harvest festival.

The holistic assembly highlighted the significance of Pongal. Students expressed their talents through songs, kavithai vaasithal, and traditional dances. The program concluded with an inspiring message by the Principal Ms. Vidya Louis. Following the assembly, the campus was filled with excitement as students participated in various outdoor games and activities.



House-wise competitions were conducted, and students from grades I to VIII actively participated in the tug of war. A special tug of war event for teachers added fun and enthusiasm to the celebration. Pot breaking was organized for Grades IX & XI, while the office staff prepared Pongal, adding a traditional flavour to the event

The Kindergarten students joyfully took part in the celebration by making Pongal pot takeaways, giving them a hands-on cultural learning experience and making the festival even more special. The Pongal celebration was a wonderful blend of tradition, teamwork, and joy, leaving lasting memories for everyone involved.



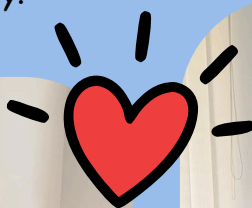


Caring for Young Lives: A Comprehensive Health Check-Up Drive

21st to 24th Jan, 2026

Greenfield Chennai International School successfully conducted its, **Term II Health Check-Up Programme from 21st January to 24th January**, reaffirming the school's strong commitment to the health, safety, and overall well-being of its pupils. The programme commenced with the Kindergarten section and progressed smoothly across the school, ensuring systematic and attentive care for every child.

The health check-up was carried out in collaboration with reputed medical partners, **Maxivision Eye Super Speciality Hospitals and Kumaran Hospitals**, whose experienced medical teams brought professionalism, efficiency, and compassion to the process. The presence of well-equipped medical units within the campus ensured a smooth, child-friendly, and reassuring environment throughout the programme. Each pupil underwent a thorough health assessment, including general physical examination and vision screening, enabling early identification of health concerns and reinforcing the importance of preventive healthcare. The process was conducted with great care and sensitivity, making children feel comfortable and at ease during the examinations. This initiative stands as a meaningful step towards nurturing healthy habits and promoting awareness about physical well being from an early age. Greenfield Chennai International School remains steadfast in its mission to provide a safe, supportive, and holistic learning environment where every child's health is prioritised with care and responsibility.



Times Education Icons Awards 2025-26

22/01/2026



GCIS Heads- The Director Ms. Leema Jacob, the CEO Ms. Aleyamma Mathew and the Principal Ms. Vidya Louis were honoured at the Times Education Icons Awards 2025-26, organised by Optimal Media Solutions, a division of The Times of India. The prestigious award ceremony was held on 22nd January 2026 at ITC Grand Chola, Chennai, in the presence of eminent educationists and distinguished dignitaries. At the event, Greenfield Chennai International School received multiple recognitions for its excellence in education. The school was conferred with a Special Recognition Award for “Excellence in Student Enrichment and Skill Development.” In addition, the school was also listed under “Excellent School - North Chennai,” acknowledging its consistent academic standards and holistic educational practices. Further, Woodstock Montessori (Unit of Greenfield Group) was recognised under the Excellent Preschool category, highlighting its strong foundation in early childhood education and child-centric learning approach. These recognitions reflect the institution’s commitment to quality education, innovation, and nurturing well-rounded learners, marking a proud milestone for the Greenfield family.



CLUB ACTIVITIES LEARNING BEYOND BOOKS

23rd of Jan, 2026



Club activities were conducted for students from Grade 3 to Grade 8, providing meaningful opportunities to explore interests beyond the classroom. Each club was allotted a one-hour session, encouraging hands-on learning, creativity, and skill development.



From the Spelling Club to the Future Scientist Club, the school focused on diverse areas of knowledge enhancement. Students strengthened language skills, explored environmental awareness through the Eco Club, expressed creativity and confidence in the Theatre Club, and developed curiosity and problem-solving abilities in the Future Scientist Club. These sessions promoted creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and practical skills, allowing students to learn through experience and exploration. The club activities successfully supported holistic development while making learning enjoyable and engaging.



FUN WITH CLAY – A CREATIVE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL PRIDE

23/01/2026

Our Kindergarten students at GCIS enjoyed a joyful and enriching learning experience during the “Fun with Clay” class activity held on 23rd January 2026. The activity was thoughtfully designed to blend creativity with meaningful learning, giving young learners an opportunity to explore national symbols through hands-on art. During the session, students enthusiastically used clay to create the Indian National Symbols with bright colours and eager little hands at work, the classroom was filled with excitement and imagination. Each child was encouraged to express his or her creativity freely while learning about the significance of these symbols and what they represent for our nation. Teachers guided the children throughout the activity, sharing simple stories and explanations about each national symbol. This interactive storytelling approach helped students connect emotionally with the symbols, making the learning experience both engaging and memorable. Through this process, children developed a basic understanding of patriotism, respect for national identity, and pride in their country. The activity also supported the development of fine motor skills, concentration, and confidence as students proudly showcased their clay creations. The day concluded with cheerful smiles and a colourful display of artwork, reflecting the enthusiasm and effort of every child. The Fun with Clay activity was a delightful blend of learning and enjoyment, leaving our young learners with lasting memories and a growing sense of national pride.





Graduation Ceremony 2026 @ GCIS

24th of Jan, 2026

The Graduation Ceremony of GCIS was held on January 24, 2026, at 4 pm in the school campus. Principal Ms. Vidya Louis welcomed the gathering, setting the tone for a memorable event. Chief Guest Commodore Vijayakumar graced the occasion, sharing valuable insights on career opportunities and pathways to success.



The highlight of the event was the conferral of certificates and mementos to the young graduates, marking a significant milestone in their academic journey. The students expressed their gratitude to the school by contributing books to the library, embodying the spirit of giving back. The students' melodious performance of Gratitude song and Graduation song added a touch of elegance to the event, leaving the audience mesmerized. Director Ms. Leema Jacob presented the Best Outgoing Student Awards to Varnika of XII A and Samrat Koshy George of XII B, recognizing their outstanding achievements. The event concluded with Vice Principal Mr. Ulagannal delivering a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, bringing the curtain down on a memorable Graduation Ceremony.



Republic Day: A Celebration of Unity and Values

26th of Jan, 2026

The morning of **26th January** dawned with pride and purpose as the school community gathered to commemorate **Republic Day**, a day that stands as a powerful reminder of India's democratic spirit and constitutional values. The celebration was graced by the esteemed presence of **our Director, Ms Leema Jacob, our CEO, Ms Aleyamma Mathew, and our Principal, Ms Vidya Louis**, whose participation lent both honour and inspiration to the occasion. The programme began with the solemn hoisting of the Indian National Flag by Ms Leema Jacob, a moment that resonated with unity, respect, and national pride. This was followed by a thoughtfully planned Republic Day special assembly that reflected the significance of the day through meaningful expression and youthful creativity.

The assembly opened with a reflection on the importance of Republic Day, reinforcing the ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. A melodious patriotic song set a reverent tone, followed by a compelling mime performance that conveyed powerful messages of responsibility and unity. The cultural segment unfolded through a series of captivating dance presentations. Graceful performances with lotus flowers symbolised hope and purity, while elegant movements with peacock feathers celebrated India's cultural splendour. Energetic sequences

featuring performers dressed as tigers highlighted strength and courage, and a striking portrayal of Indian women hockey players paid tribute to determination and national achievement.



The celebration concluded with an insightful address by Principal Ms Vidya Louis, who emphasised the importance of living the values enshrined in the Constitution. The programme ended on a high note, leaving the audience inspired and deeply connected to the spirit of the nation.



FAREWELL BIDDING ADIEU!

28th of Jan, 2026



The Jigardhanda Farewell on January 28, 2026, was a themed and memorable event! The Activity Hall was beautifully decorated, setting the tone for a special day. Grade XII students looked stunning in their stylish outfits and sarees. The Vice Principal Mr. Ulagannal and Ms. Nissi, Dept., of Economics shared some interesting and unforgettable moments they had experienced with the batch. Grade XI students did an amazing job hosting the event, taking care of every detail from arrangement of events, games and lunch. After a few fun-filled dance moves, the XII graders turned the moment sentimental and emotional

sharing their nostalgic moments.. The celebration included a delicious lunch, memento-giving, and plenty of photo ops, making it a day to cherish.



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Annual Sports Day 2026 – A Grand Celebration of Energy and Excellence

31st of Jan, 2026



Greenfield Chennai International School celebrated its Annual Sports Day 2026 with great enthusiasm and splendour on Saturday, 31st January 2026. The event was honoured by the presence of the Chief Guest Dr. V. Manjupriya, Founder and Director of SKB Vidyaashram, the Directors of GCIS Mr. George

Jacob and Ms. Leema Jacob, and CEO Ms. Aleyamma Mathew. The programme commenced with a welcome address by the Principal, Ms. Vidya Louisis, followed by the introduction of the Chief Guest by the Vice Principal, Mr. Ulagannal. The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest's inspiring and motivational address, encouraging students to pursue excellence both on and off the field. She also honoured the Individual Champions, applauding their dedication and sportsmanship.



Students participated with immense zeal in a wide array of events and drills, including obstacle races, pom-pom drill, fan drill, umbrella drill, dumbbell drill, Taekwondo display, parachute activity, sports skill demonstrations, aerobic dance, basketball activity, pyramid formation, and cloth formation drill. Each performance reflected

rigorous training and exceptional coordination. Rolling trophies were awarded to the four houses – Castor, Vega, Sirius, and Polaris – for their commendable performances across events and for the Best March Past. The highlight of the day was the announcement of the Overall Championship Trophy, proudly claimed by Vega House for the academic year 2026. The event was a vibrant showcase of students' physical prowess, teamwork, and discipline, witnessed and appreciated by parents, teachers, and distinguished guests. Parents lauded the dedicated efforts of the teachers, especially the Physical Education Department, for organising a memorable event. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Pre-Primary Coordinator Ms. Malathy, followed by the National Anthem, leaving parents and students with cherished memories of a joyful and successful Sports Day.

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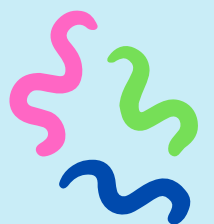
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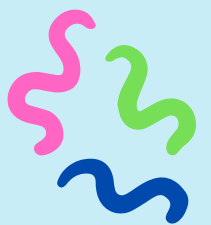
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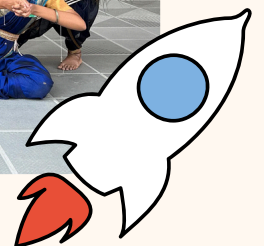


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Thank You!

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.

