

Greenwood High International School



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Greetings! Welcome to the session 2016-17. This new academic year begins with the exciting start of the International Primary Years Program, which is an integrated programme based on the international curriculum. Now, the Greenwood High International Curriculum provides a complete education for tomorrow's global citizen – from grade 1 to grade 12.

The first quarter of this new school year has been eventful, and this newsletter will give you a report of the IPYP, MSP, IGCSE and IB events.

August 2, Homecoming 2016

Greenwood High successfully organized its 2nd reunion, Homecoming on Tuesday, 2nd August 2016. The event was a filled with laughter, memories and nostalgic trips with lot of surprises for our Alumni who had travelled from different parts of the world to be a part of it. The event started with Mr D'Mello's speech, welcoming the Alumni to the school where they have spent the foundation years of their lives and how throughout the year, teachers and staff look forward for this evening to know all their students are doing well in life. Some of the Alumni members shared their thoughts on the stage, reminiscing fondly of their school days. The highlight of the event was a performance by Drums Events India which had everyone tapping their feet while trying to sing the African songs with the beats of the drum.

August 15, India's Independence Day

Greenwood High celebrated Indian Independence with a tightly knit patriotic program to pay their respects to the leaders of the Indian Independence movement. The songs, dances and presentations were themed to portray the

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significance of being free. The Chief Guest, Mr. Sandeep Periwal, addressed the students and spoke to them of the role they could play in continuing to make India and the world a better place.

The theme of freedom was aptly reflected in the 12A assembly where Pavan Chitta and Siddharth Pandiya rapped about what it meant to be free to a present day teenager and a World War II veteran.

September 6, Teachers' Day

September 6th 2016 was celebrated as Teacher's Day, instead of the previously planned September 2nd, September 5th being closed due to Ganesh Chaturthi, as we had to make-up for many missed school days due to Karnataka Bandh. The students presented a very beautiful cultural programme for the teachers, and gave the teachers flowers and hand-made cards. The teachers, in turn, incorporated classes throughout the day because no one wanted the students to miss further classes. The day closed with an address by Mrs Niru Agarwal, Director and Trustee, Greenwood High for the teachers as well as a short film on teachers.

Going Green -- Environment

September 20, Sowing Ceremony

The Environment and Gardening Club held their Sowing Ceremony in the Greenwood High Kitchen Garden on September 20th. The rectangular beds in the garden were made ready, with the help of Mr. Muniraj and his team, and the MSP students, loosened the soil and applied fertilizers. Finally, both teachers and

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students sowed seeds. The enriching earthy experience, with advice from the teachers, was a wonderful experience for the MSP students. They have begun to reap the benefits of what they sowed, for on October 25, the students sold the first lot of what they had sown – dhaniya patta or coriander leaves. Now, the young gardeners eagerly await their next harvest. Our little ones in IPYP saw videos about how they can make an effort to save our green planet.

Sports

September 20-22,

BIS Inter-school Basketball

Greenwood High participated in the inter-school junior boys and girls, and senior boys, football and basketball tournaments held in Bangalore International School (BIS).

The Greenwood High Junior Girls Basketball team was declared the winner, and proudly brought home the championship trophy. Reshma Ramesh of grade 9 received the Best Player Award in the Junior Girls Basketball tournament.

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The Greenwood High Junior Boys Basketball team secured the 2nd position in the tournament.



BIS Inter-school Football Tournament

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The Greenwood High Junior Girls Football team also came second in their category.

Chess Tournament

Prachi Dayal won First prize in girls under 10 category at the 9th Monthly Chess Tournament conducted by Bangalore North Chess Forum (BNCf). She was 3rd overall in her category.



October 6, Culmination of the theme- Identity

Students of grade 1, 2 and 3 conducted a special assembly and show cased their learning of the theme 'Identity' through dance and movement. Grade 1 demonstrated the importance of sense organs in the form of a presentation. Grade 2 danced to the song 'Mile Sur Mera Tumhar' to reinforce the concept of 'Unity in Diversity'. Grade 3 presented a short skit depicting the different religions that we embrace in our country. The event ended with everyone swaying to the song 'Heal the World'.

Music

October 18, Indian Percussion and Rhythm Workshop

The workshop was conducted by Sri Amrit N, a renowned Khanjira artist. Sri Amrit showed the students four instruments – Mrindangam, Khanjira, Ghatam and Morching and they learnt the construction of these instruments, their playing

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techniques with different strokes and how to tune the instruments. He demonstrated these concepts practically by playing live improvisations on these instruments. His short performances on each of the instruments were very impressive. Then he taught the students different rhythmic cycles (talas) and how to play those cycles using our hands. The quiz and the overall learning experience had the students tapping out their own rhythm.

Travel

October 19-23, MSP North India Trip

An excited group of almost 240 students and 24 teachers left for Delhi on Oct19. Despite the delays and small inconveniences, the enthusiastic bunch travelled from Delhi to Agra, Jaipur and Bharatpur. They were amazed by the Taj Mahal, speechless at the wonders of the mahals of Jaipur, and the historical monuments of Delhi. However, the highlight of the trip was the trip to Keoladeo National Park in Bhartapur where students saw painted storks, blue jays, owls, kingfisher, migratory and common cranes, cormorants, monitor lizards and a variety of flora and fauna in their natural habitats. The students and teachers came back exhausted but enriched. A study tour of this kind made the field of art, history and culture and its connection to education more real for the students.

Broadening their horizons, with Wah Taj!

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Field Trip

October 27, IPYP Field Trip- The Martin Farm

Students of Grade 4 along with their teachers went to visit 'The Martin Farm'. This trip, offered students a fun outdoor experience while being able to get close to various farm animals and learn about manmade habitat. It was a zero litter zone and they learnt about animal behavior. They saw pond and garden habitat and how the eco system works.



October 27, XAVAGE Business Fest 2016

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The students of Greenwood High performed very well in the Xavage, the Business Fest held in TISB. Greenwood High teams secured 1st position in Crisis Management, 2nd position in the special event XAVAGISE, 3rd position in the Mock Stock Exchange, and 4th position in the TISB Idea Challenge. The students came back not only elated with the victories, but also more confident in their concepts of business management and in their dreams of managing businesses.

October 24 – 28, IPYP Profile Week Celebration

Students of IPYP celebrated the profile week and were made aware of IB learner profiles through activities conducted during the week.

October 28, Synt.hacks Hackathon

The first hackathon held exclusively for the students was Greenwood High, organized by three grade 12 enthusiastic students – Guru Sarjith Senthil, Sathvik Biradavolu, and Rahul Raju Alluri, was an incredible success. The competition was tough as only 32 students from grades 6 through 12, with excellent computing and designing skills qualified. They designed their own application on the topic 'Improving Health'.

October 28, Festival Celebrations

As the festive season approaches the IPYP students were made aware of the significance of these festivals. Students came dressed in traditional Indian clothes and Halloween costumes to celebrate Deepawali and Halloween. They watched

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presentations on these festivals and wrote positive messages that were displayed for everyone to read.

As you can see, the 1st quarter has been a very busy time, and now everyone is ready to take a well deserved Diwali break. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Diwali, as well as a fun Halloween, we look forward to all the upcoming events in the 2nd quarter.