

GIGABYTE

GIG International School, Singapore
Monthly E-Newsletter

July-August 2021



From the Principal's desk

Dear Friends,

You may be interested in my first impressions - and they are that I am delighted to have joined a team of committed cooperative and polite staff who are working with such happy, highly motivated, and enthusiastic students!

We all know that parents want their children to be successful and happy, and that for children the latter arises from making friends and participating in engaging activities not only within and but also outside formal lessons - i.e., via the range of extra - curricular provision that can encompass calendar festivities, creative expression and sporting and other competitive events.

It is with that in mind that we will soon introduce the time-honoured feature of nearly all Commonwealth -based international schools - the House System, whereby students join a particular House, designated by a colour, emblem, and identity. Each school chooses its own theme, and our students will be able to elect ours by ballot from themes that have already been discussed and agreed in each class.

The House system promotes a sense of collective spirit and team endeavour, enables children to make friends outside their class and year group, and fully develops individual leadership skills. It can teach how to lose gracefully - as that is sure to happen in life from time to time as we all know - and so can therefore also show how to bounce back quickly as well! Further, it demonstrates how positive behaviour is acknowledged and rewarded through the awarding of House Points for effort and exemplary conduct, which of course brings its own kudos. And it enables students to compete in areas where they may not initially feel able and so identify potential skills or aptitudes that can lead to future competitiveness in intra- and inter-school events: indeed, such accomplishments can often strongly augment university and employment applications as well.

Robin Hamilton, Principal



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UNIVERSAL VALUES AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

GIG's proprietary 4Q framework focuses on honing social and cognitive skills, creating value systems that enable the students to become global citizens. The learning activities planned in the month of July focused on making the children globally aware, enhancing cultural diversity, and promoting harmony. Here is a glimpse of the class activity conducted



SONY CREATIVE SCIENCE AWARDS

As per the quote by Albert Einstein "Creativity is intelligence having fun"; GIG International school organised the Young Creators Toy exhibition on 16th July 2021 as a part of the Sony Creative Science Award. SCSA is Singapore's largest national toy-making competition for primary school students, jointly organised by the Science Centre Singapore and the Sony Group of Companies in Singapore, with the support of the Ministry of Education.

Enthusiastic creators from classes 1-5 were proud to display their toys. They were eager to answer the questions put forward by the judges. They explained the scientific principles that went into making their creative toys.

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RACIAL HARMONY DAY

Racial Harmony day is celebrated in Singapore on 21st July every year. This day in Singapore, celebrates its success as a racially harmonious and secular nation, which mainly consists of Chinese, Malay, Indians as well as Eurasian that are citizens of the country. GIGIS organised a range of cross-cultural activities to commemorate Racial Harmony Day. Students watched a presentation on Racial Harmony and they also dressed up in their traditional attires. They wished their friends from different parts of the country and the world. At GIGIS we strongly believe that unity and harmony



WWF COLLABORATION

GIG International School is proud to announce the Certification with the World Wildlife Fund as an Eco School. The World Wildlife Fund Eco-Schools is a fundamental initiative which encourages young people to engage with the environment by allowing them the opportunity to actively protect it. It starts in the classroom; it expands to the school and eventually fosters change in the community at large. As an Eco School, we are committed to motivate our students, involve communities, connect towards nurturing and caring for the environment.



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GIG YOUNG ACHIEVER

Our student, Pranay Ghosh of Class 3 B completed over 23 km in the OCBC organised, Straits Times Ride. The event was organised from the 15th of May to 4th of July. Pranay covered over 23 km in three rides, riding through the PNC connectors.



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SUBJECT SHOWCASE

GIG International School aims at a 4Q learning framework that focuses on a 4 -dimensional approach to teaching-learning practices.

Just as everyone has a unique fingerprint, every student has an individual learning style. Chances are, not all students grasp a subject in the same way or share the same level of ability. Every student is unique and so is the way they work.

As educators we all believe that every child is special, unique, and different from another. Differentiation is the instruction that helps students with diverse academic needs and learning styles master the same challenging academic content. It means providing interrelated activities that are based on student needs for the purpose of ensuring that all students have a similar grasp over a skill or idea. It allows learners the ability to demonstrate learning in a variety of ways.

The assessment task in this Class 4 plan allowed for multiple entry points, interests, backgrounds, real world connection, preferred learning style and ability.



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Learners created a model on the Respiratory System and presented it, where they showcased comprehension and social skills. Learners differentiated between respiration and breathing, and then did a presentation which also showcased their communication skills. Learners connected all life processes with the human body organ system and presented it, where they displayed their critical thinking skills.

Learners were challenged to question or deepen their thinking. Inquiry-based learning is centred around students' interests and questions. Engagement is high and students are motivated to explore, problem-solve, and use critical thinking as they work through the inquiry process.

NATIONAL DAY



While our young learners moved to Home-based learning, Singapore's 56th birthday was celebrated with extra zeal.

In the ITE Class, Students of Grade 2 learnt how to draw a Singapore Flag in Tux paint. Drawing a perfect crescent moon using their free hand on the computer screen could have been a challenge, hence, the children adopted a method where they learnt to draw two circles, one in white colour and another in red colour, overlapping each other. This resulted in a sharp edged, perfect crescent moon of the Singapore flag to appear on their screens. For the kids, it was like magic and their faces immediately brightened in astonishment and happiness of having achieved something that they strived for. This resulted into a memorable Singapore National Day for the children.

In the Art Class, the students recreated the story of Singapore, and created beautiful pictures of the landmarks around the nation.

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LANGUAGE WEEK

We at GIG truly believe in multiculturalism and diversity and what better way than linguistic diversity among our student community. Over the month of August, we celebrated the beauty of languages with a range of activities, games and competitions. A glimpse of the same is as follows.

French Language Week

Language week has been a great opportunity to celebrate French culture in our class.

The students have learnt cultural facts about France: the flag, the Eiffel Tower, a symbol of the country: the rooster, the motto "Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité", the national anthem "La Marseillaise", the typical food: le pain, les croissants, le fromage.

Following this presentation, the students have prepared a poster showing their best representation of French culture.



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Hindi Language Week



This was a part of Language Week celebration, to celebrate the glory of Hindi language which is widely spoken by over 366 million speakers worldwide. The language is not just restricted to India but is also widely spoken in nations like Mauritius, Fiji, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago. We at GIG, celebrated the Hindi language week by hosting a Fancy Dress competition, singing competition and poster making competition.

Tamil Language Week

Though Tamil is one of the oldest languages of our civilization, we never fail to introduce new and unique methods to learn this beautiful language. During the



language week, our teachers asked children to research about old folk lore and stories with morals and present them to the class. This was followed by a poster making, quiz and a speech about the importance of the language.

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SINGAPORE BOOK OF RECORDS

GIG International School, Singapore created the **Largest National Flag** using recycled paper cranes. The cranes have always been a strong symbol of success and good fortune. To wish Singapore prosperity on its 56th birthday, the students at GIG International School created the largest National Flag measuring 2.4 m by 4.4 m.

On 24th August, the chief representative from the Singapore Book of Records, Mr Ong, presented our principal, Mr Hamilton with the certificate of achievement. This moment marked our official entry to the Singapore book of records.



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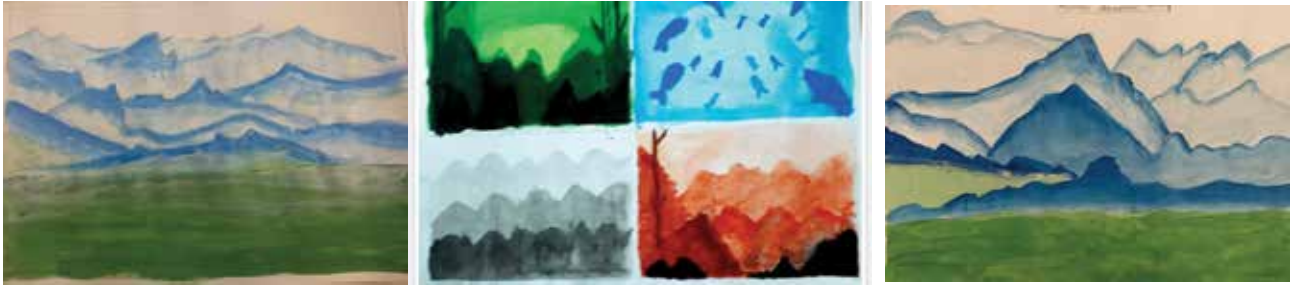
EXPERT TALK

On the 26th of August 2021, we organised the second session of the Expert Talk series with Dr. Baskaran Mani, a Senior Consultant and Deputy Director, glaucoma services in Ankara Nethralaya, Chennai, formerly a Clinician Scientist at Singapore Eye Research Institute/Singapore National Eye Centre.

The interactive session included a discussion of maintaining eye health. Our students learned about the anatomy of the eye and addressed their queries on eye care. Our Principal expressed gratitude for the insightful discussion along with sharing a few of his concerns on eye health.



ART FEATURE



STAR STUDENTS

JULY

Class 1A
Advika Saini

Class 2A
Zoia Vasheva

Class 2B
Rushaan
Ahmed

Class 2C
Peehu Mallik

Class 3A
Gunathmika
Sri Sai Snigda
Velamur

Class 3B
Poorvi Taware

Class 3C
Akshara
Seenivasagaperumal
Abirami

Class 4B
Gunavardhan
Yatirajula

Class 4A
Aanya Singh

Class 5A
Mithun Rajganesh

Class 5B
Favian Joseph

STAR STUDENTS

AUGUST

Class 1A
Soham Thakur

Class 2A
Ryan Anoob Issac

Class 2B
Sachi Taneja

Class 2C
Katelyn

Class 3A
Surya Kartik

Class 3B
Krishna Kumar
Tripathi

Class 3C
Neria Kalwani

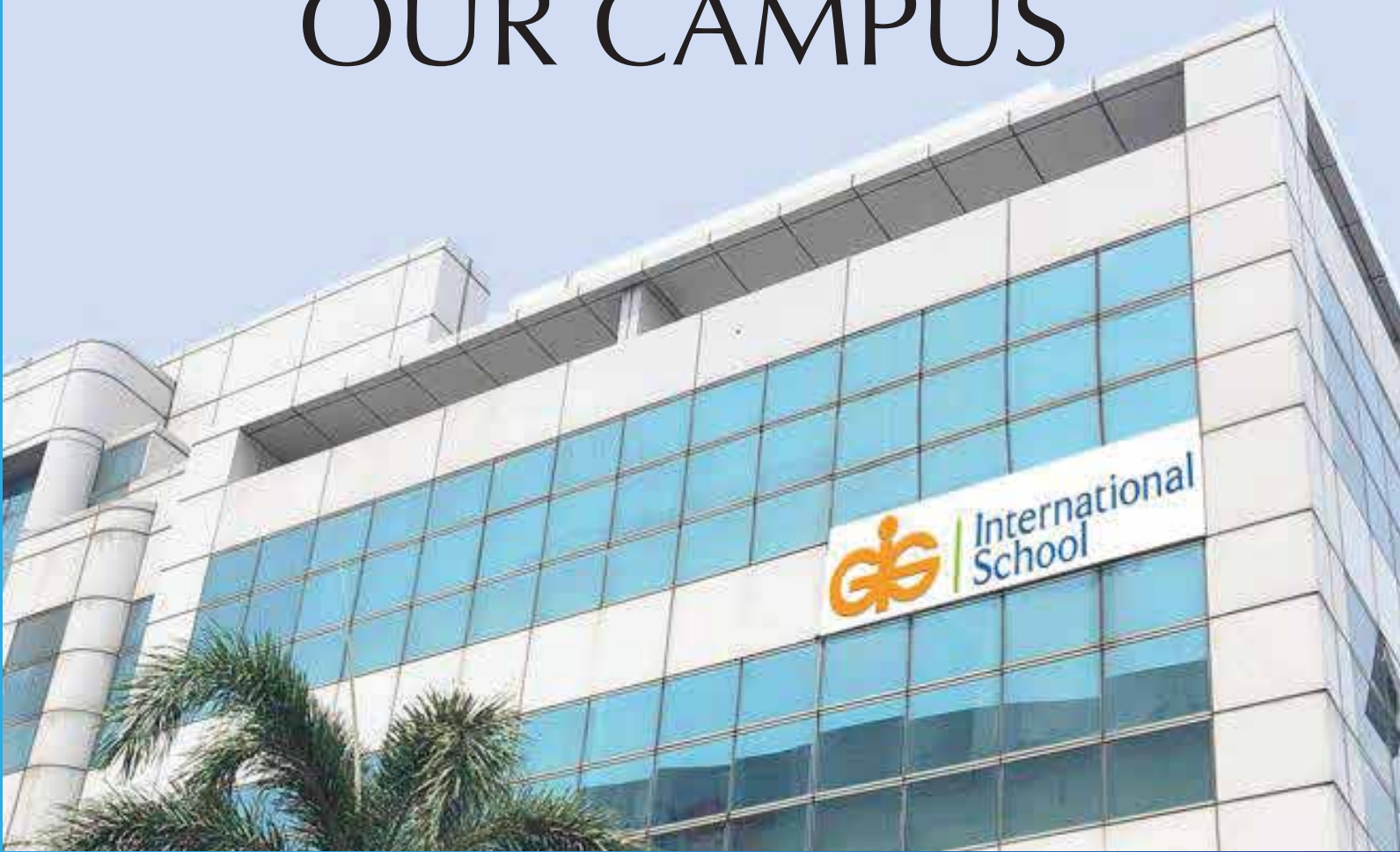
Class 4B
Isabella Mathew

Class 4A
Mysha Imran

Class 5A
Risha Mishra

Class 5B
Pavki Mittal

TAKE A TOUR OF OUR CAMPUS



GIG International School, Singapore houses digitally equipped, air-conditioned classrooms, and world-class learning spaces to support an array of sports and extra-curricular activities. Come, see for yourself!

Call us to book a campus tour or for queries and suggestions

Admissions open - classes 1-8
(School approved for classes 1-10)

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