

# GIGABYTE

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GIG International School,  
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## A Message From The Academic Team

Dear Parents,

As we come toward the end of the Academic year 2022- 2023, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the parent community for helping us achieve excellence in this journey of learning and nurturing despite the challenging nature of the pandemic. As the school grows, its vision is to establish a strong holistic learning community that prepares the students for a dynamic tomorrow.

We realise that learning beyond the four walls is just as essential as classroom learning. Our four quadrant learning framework focuses on developing Cognitive Skills, Attitude, Social Skills and a sense of Sustainability. To reinforce these futuristic life skills, we encourage our students to participate in non academic activities that shall help hone these skills

and cater to a holistic education. Our students represented and won in the various innovative and futuristic activities like that of the Design for Challenge Competition, the Commonwealth Essay Competition, the Sony Creative Science Toy Making Challenge, Sustainable Climate Action Project, Spell O Well, Singapore Athletics Field and Track events etc which were held on an international scale. Our students got an exposure to participate in events that had representation from students of International Schools from over 6 countries. It gives us great joy and pride in saying that our students won in each of these competitions with flying colours.

We at GIG International School strive to achieve the extra mile that helps students discover and reach their personal goals in life.

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## House Activity: Napkin Folding Workshop

Learning a new skill is always fun and what if your fellow students help you learning something new! The students of Sapphire House conducted a workshop for the fellow students on Napkin folding, table manners and etiquettes. The workshop was quite interesting and a new lesson for the students.



## Culture of Peace Assembly

*Peace is not the highest goal in life, it is the most fundamental requirement – Sadhguru*

The students at GIG International School manifested an inspiring assembly to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. The performers of class 3 strongly sent the message of peace through a powerful skit where grade 5 staged the traditional tai chi dance to instil the idea of inner peace. Here is a glimpse of the assembly conducted.



# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## Edible Garden Tour

Our school has been proactive in taking steps towards climate change and making the environment sustainable. We are an eco-school and under the SEC initiative towards climate actions, schools were invited to be a part of the Edible Garden Tour. Four of our teachers attended the workshop. Highlights of the workshop includes Vermicompost, Hydroponics, Micrograms and Sensory Garden. Our teachers had a new learning experience by participating in this workshop.



## Tamil Workshop

The students and staff members had an opportunity to interact once again with Mr. Chezhiyan Osai, on the topic of "How to write a good composition in Tamil" for the students. Mr. Chezhiyan brings with himself a plethora of knowledge of the subject and the students had been really invested in the session. Mr. Chezhiyan is also Advisory Panel Member for Foreign Investments at State Government of Tamilnadu. Here is the glimpse of the Tamil workshop.



# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## HINDI DIWAS CELEBRATION

Over the last few years, the Singapore Sangam along with The High Commission of India, Singapore and the World Hindi Secretariat, Mauritius celebrate the Hindi Diwas.

The students of GIG International school were also invited to participate in this esteemed event this year. Our students partook in Dress Up and Talk as well as in the Oral Speech Presentation competition.

It was truly a delightful opportunity for our young minds to interact with the esteemed members of the society and learn from the healthy competition.



## UNIVERSAL VALUES ASSEMBLY



At GIG international School, we truly believe that the students should have an exposure to various universal values and cultures to thrive in this dynamic world. Who better than Gandhi Ji to teach our students about these universal values.

The students commemorated Gandhi Jayanti on 2<sup>nd</sup> October by doing a special assembly where they performed various skits and spoke about his values.

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## CAMBRIDGE LOWER SECONDARY PARENTS MEET



GIG International School truly believes in working together with the parent community in tandem, hence, it is of the utmost importance to inform the parents about the CLSP assessments patterns, pedagogy, teaching methodologies and the classes in general. Our enthusiastic parent community participated in the meet to understand the nuances of the Cambridge Curriculum.

## A VISIT TO THE SCIENCE CENTRE



It is rightly said “The Science of today is the technology of tomorrow”. After months of pandemic it was time to take our students to the Science Centre where they witnessed how this saying comes true. They were a part of workshops like “Diversity of Cells”, “DNA Basics”, “A Jam making Session”, “Magnets” and “Life in a shell” where they were involved in learning different aspects of the subject and saw how Science truly came Alive.

They also enjoyed at the Mirror Maze, Typhoon Simulator and learnt about the different phobias that people might experience. Overall, it was an engaging experience where science transformed their minds and etched memories that would last for a lifetime.

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## NATIONAL UNITY DAY ASSEMBLY



“Even the weak become strong when united” and this was true yet again when the pandemic hit the world.

‘National Unity Day’ was celebrated as CLSP 8 and IGCSE 9 presented their assembly on this topic and helped their fellow students remember that this powerful tool should never be forgotten in everything we do.

The students presented a skit on how shortage of masks, vaccines and jobs was a problem during the pandemic and how staying United helped us sail through this difficult time. It helped us establish reassurance in mankind and gave us the strength to march onwards.

After the scintillating performance students danced to the tune of ‘Waving Flag’ with their handmade Unity Flags and filled the auditorium with so much of positivity.

Hoping that this assembly will be remembered by the students in their everyday doing and they firmly believe “Teamwork truly makes a dream work!”

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## FINANCIAL LITERACY EXPERT TALK



Students at GIGIS had an opportunity to attend an Expert Talk on Financial Literacy "Making friends with money". Ms Deepa, an independent Equity Analyst and Trader was invited to give a talk on financial literacy. Students gained their knowledge about money, as well as to have the set of financial skills to understand and apply to make the right financial decisions, big or small.

## HIQ QUIZ COMPETITION

The HIQ Quiz Competition was organized by GIS Smart Campus and is a coveted quiz competition in Singapore. Our students participated in the event and won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in the competition. Just one point away from achieving the first prize, our students demonstrated exuberance and resilience in the quiz.



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## FOOD FROM THE HEART DRIVE



We at GIG International School, Singapore, organized the Food from Heart Drive to promote Sharing is Caring among the Children. FFTH is an independent non-profit organisation with the key mission to feed the underprivileged. The donation drive was conducted in school from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

We encouraged students to participate in their capacities to collect groceries and essentials for the underprivileged in Singapore. This opportunity introduced and reinforced charitable values in the students. This was the second year that our school participated in this drive, and we saw great enthusiasm from the parent and student community alike.



# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## DIWALI CELEBRATIONS



At GIG International School, we celebrate the spirit of togetherness and cultural diversity in the form of festivals! Our students from various backgrounds and nationalities came together in ethnic clothes to celebrate the festival of light, Diwali!



## HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS



As we encourage multiculturalism and dynamism in the school, what better way than to celebrate Halloween! On 31<sup>st</sup> October, the corridors were filled with some spooky creatures walking amongst us. The students were excited to dress up like creepy crawly spooky creatures this day was enjoyed by the students!



# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## SONY CREATIVE SCIENCE AWARDS



GIG International school congratulates, Niraimathi of Class 2B for winning the Special Award under Junior WhizKid category and People's Choice Award in the Sony Creative Science Award by Singapore Science Centre. She competed against 100 over entries from MOE and International Schools and made the school proud by receiving two awards for her innovation.

In the Junior Whiz kid Category, participants were required to incorporate "TWIST & TURNS" as a functional component (not just as decorative) in their creation. Niraimathi used this opportunity to create an innovative toy called "Cube Maze". Her toy was placed in the Science Centre for exhibition, and Niraimathi had the chance to explain about her toy to participants, teachers, and parents from different schools in Singapore.

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## SONY CREATIVE SCIENCE BLUE RIBBON AWARD

We at GIG International School take great pride in the teacher community that we have nurtured over the past couple of years. With regular professional development seminars and conferences, we strive to achieve excellence through the teachers. And we are delighted to announce that four of our teachers Ms Prachita, Ms Swati, Ms Soniya and Ms Kaayathiri were awarded the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award by The Sony Creative Science Award.



Initiated in 2005, the Blue ribbon award acknowledges the unwavering commitment and involvement of the teachers in guiding and mentoring the students through their toy making journey. The hard work and resilience demonstrated by our teachers to guide the students is indeed noteworthy. We take a moment to thank all our teachers who take the extra mile each day to make sure the students are learning and growing to become successful citizens of tomorrow!

## DESIGN FOR CHALLENGE COMPETITION

We at GIG International School are indeed overwhelmed with joy to share with you all that our students emerged as winners in the prestigious Design For Challenge under the primary category. Our Students -Kathir, Udanthika, Gunathmika, Naina and Vrushank, along with our teacher Ms. Kaayathiri represented GIG International school in this prestigious competition.

Over 100 top MOE and International schools in Singapore participated in this challenge and the top 20 got shortlisted to present their project. We worked on the project "Water for Lives".



# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## QUEENS COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION

The queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest International School's writing competition, conducted by the Royal Society in partnership with the Cambridge University Press. Since 1883, it has been an important way to foster the voice of students and develop writing skills.

We at GIG International School have always encouraged students to write, and we strongly believe that writing skills can help foster the personality of an individual. It gives us great joy and immense pride in saying that as of today, we have had 3 students who won the Commonwealth Essay Competition in Gold category, 6 Silver category and 11 in the Bronze category. Our students brought home 20 awards in total in the Commonwealth Essay Competition 2022. Over 50% of GIGIS participants won this year, a phenomenal increase from the last academic year.

### GOLD CATEGORY



**Surya Karthik**



**Sualeha Siddiqui**



**Harshitha**

### SILVER CATEGORY



**Anurag Patil**



**Chinmay Kulkarni**



**Dhiyarina**

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



**Gunathmika**



**Ruzana**



**Prakhar Gautam**

## BRONZE CATEGORY



**Aadhya**



**Amelia**



**Chhavi**



**Gautham Ganesh**



**Khyati**



**Mohini**



**Sannidhi**



**Saimeghna**



**Pranay Ghosh**



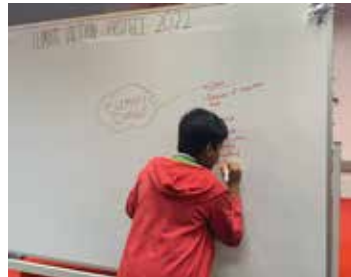
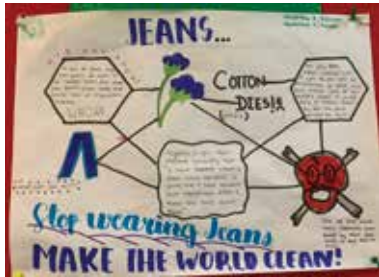
**Padmaja**



**Sutejh**

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## CLIMATE ACTION PROJECT



The Climate Action Project is a 6-Week project that enables teachers and students to collaborate on environmental topics. Over the course of the project, the students explore the cause and effect of climate change and take up steps to develop solutions and act.

The project unites teachers and students from 149 countries and offers an authentic collaborative learning space. The students of GIGIS chose a unique topic of 'Journey of The Jeans' as a part of the climate change project.

It is well known to the humankind that the fashion industry is valued at 2.5 trillion USD and is also responsible for 10% of humanity's carbon emissions, dries up water sources and is a reason for water pollution. Moreover, 85% of the textile go to dump each year and mostly made of non- biodegradable synthetic materials.

Hence, our students took up a micro cause of how a commodity like Jeans can affect the macro issue of Climate Change soon. Over the course of 6 Weeks, our students researched about the nuances of the topic, they recycled old Jeans into other commodities, pledged to be conscious with their buying behaviour, collaborated locally to spread awareness about the initiative and globally collaborated with schools in Southeast Asia to create an awareness about the Journey of a Jeans.

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## SINGAPORE SCHOOL GREEN AWARDS



Happy to share the good news that GIGIS has received the Kopsia Award for 2022 from the School Green Awards for Environmental Awareness and Sustainability, organised by Singapore Environment Council.

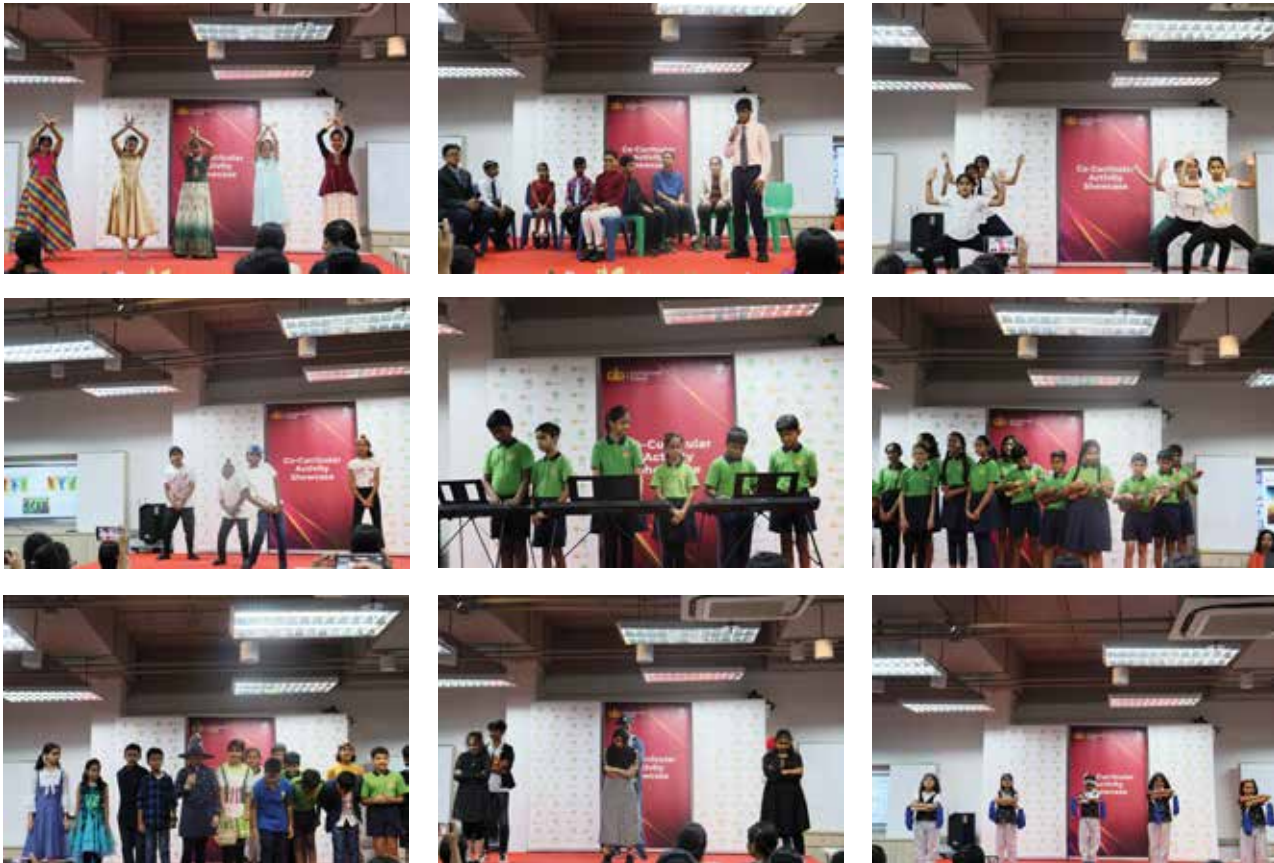
The School Green Awards (SGA) is a voluntary environmental programme which serves as a platform for students to develop and showcase their environmental efforts, through customised activities which will help them gain better understanding of the environment.

Every year, submissions come from preschools, primary schools, secondary schools, junior colleges, international schools, and schools for students with special needs.

We have received a much higher Award this year. Moving from the Ixora Award to the Kopsia Award is one notch higher than last year.

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## CO-CURRICULAR SHOWCASE



Co-curricular activities fuel a child's learning by stimulating creative thought, improving their social and organizational skills, developing their interests and talents, and offering them the chance to switch off and do something they really enjoy. We at GIG International School emphasize that students are involved in a Co-curricular Activity. We had a Co-Curricular showcase and students showed their talents by performing Yoga, Model United Nations, Singing and playing instruments, dancing, painting etc.



# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## 9<sup>TH</sup> KINDRED SPIRIT ATHLETIC MEET

Singapore Athletics is an organization with a rich history spanning over 60 years focusing on early athletes. On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2022, the organization conducted its 9<sup>th</sup> Kindred Spirit Athletic meet for Track and Field Events.

The event saw a footfall of over 800 athletes in various categories representing Singapore local School, International School and various Sports Clubs from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia.

It gives us utmost joy in sharing with you all that 7 of our students won in various track and field activities conducted in the 9<sup>th</sup> Kindred Spirit Athletic Meet hosted by the Singapore Athletics.

We take immense pride in saying that our students showed the utmost dedication, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Our 4Q framework focuses on developing the cognitive ability of the child. Cognitive skills are of the utmost importance as they impart in the children the ability to think, explore and understand as well as solve problems. We encourage students to take up Physical Education and to participate in various sporting activities to develop these skills.

We are proud of the achievements of our students and look forward to many more accolades in the future.

### GOLD CATEGORY



**Dhruvh Prakas**



**Layadharani  
Arun Janani**



**Jevesh Kesavan**



**Pranav Sastha  
Vignesh Kumar**

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## SILVER CATEGORY



Ayaan Mehta

## BRONZE CATEGORY



Manasvi Patil



Uttham P Kumar

## ART WORK:



Dhiyarina



Subhiksha



Nidhi



Suryansh

# STAR STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 2022

**Class 1A**  
Sai Sahasvi

**Class 2B**  
Ayaan Mehta

**Class 2C**  
Mohammed  
Nuaim Nabeel

**Class 2A**  
Advika Saini

**Class 3B**  
Naga Sanjana  
Nettalam

**Class 3C**  
Aditi Praveen

**Class 3A**  
Udantika

**Class 4B**  
Krishna

**Class 5A**  
Annaya  
Singht

**Class 4A**  
Eishnavi  
Dhiman

**Class 5B**  
Arayna Kummanda  
Monnappa

# STAR STUDENTS

OCTOBER 2022

**Class 1A**  
Najira Karthick

**Class 2B**  
Niraimathi Rajasekaran

**Class 2C**  
Mokshita Sai Bocha

**Class 2A**  
Lakshana Badri  
Narayanan

**Class 3B**  
Sathvik Domraju  
Venkata

**Class 3C**  
Uthkarsh Uppuluri

**Class 3A**  
Samarth  
Bhandary

**Class 4B**  
Aarush

**Class 5A**  
Jovitha Jaison

**Class 4A**  
Josinaka Naru

**Class 5B**  
Anna Abraham

# STAR STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 2022

**Class 1A**  
Lishitha Korada

**Class 2B**  
Johanna Jaison

**Class 2C**  
Ritwik Bisht

**Class 2A**  
Dhruv Eshwar Iyer

**Class 3B**  
Eva Pandey

**Class 3C**  
Meher Anand

**Class 3A**  
Vedagna Aitha

**Class 4B**  
Sai Darshana

**Class 5A**  
Lakshya Sudhan

**Class 4A**  
Anagha Patil

**Class 5B**  
Ansh Prasad