



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

GMS has a history of building upon past success while addressing needs that emerge. We are excited to build on the progress and innovations of the last Action Plan and to consider what are the most important ways we can further improve opportunities for our students in the years to come. We are strengthening key practices to better meet the needs of students and achieve our vision:

- Deepen our students' focus on our learning aspirations
- Promote consistency of high-quality teaching in every classroom to support the learning needs of each student
- Increase coaching and feedback for teachers on their professional practice, including through the development of teacher leadership and coaching opportunities
- Deepen our focus on social-emotional learning and wellness
- Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and ensure every student feels valued and included
- Strengthen our school culture and school community based on our shared core values
- Upgrade our campus to be more environmentally sustainable and improve learning environments and opportunities
- Enrich our students' international and cross-cultural perspectives here in UAE and the region
- Continue to explore and design innovative programmes to meet student needs and interests as well as the GMS strategic direction

We know that to be prepared for the future, our students must master not only the content knowledge of the subjects they learn but, more importantly, develop the thinking and learning skills that are vital to their future success. We have identified seven key learning aspirations that we wish to focus on: *character, critical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration, cultural competence and content knowledge*. Our goal is for both our curricular and co-curricular programmes to provide students with the opportunity to gain expertise in these learning aspirations and demonstrate them in authentic performance opportunities.

We invite members of our parent community to write in to us and send forward suggestions around school improvement. Afterall, we owe it to our children!



We are delighted to share absolutely wonderful news. Our CBSE Grade 10 Board Examination School Topper, **Syed Zidane Imran Mushtaq** has received his re-evaluation marks for Social Studies. His marks have gone up from 90% to 96% putting his overall percentage at 99%.

This makes Zidane the GEMS Topper and places him 3rd in the UAE.

English - 99%

French - 100%

Mathematics (Standard) - 100%

Science - 100%

Social Studies - 96%

Many congratulations, Zidane! We are extremely proud of you. It is your single-minded determination and focus that has helped you accomplish so much. Our prayers, blessings and good wishes will always be with you as you strive to achieve your goals.

Warmest congratulations to our Grade 10 faculty. You are simply THE BEST!.

We are very excited about 'Libre Tutor' developed by Syed Zidane of Grade 11. Zidane says: At Libre Tutor, we provide a place for passionate academics and teachers of GMS to share ideas, insights and engaging conversation. Through quality posts and fruitful discussions, our platform brings people together and strengthens the world of education. Explore our categories and threads, and start contributing to the chatter.

We encourage our students and teachers to use this brilliant platform to engage and communicate!

FEEL THE SPIRIT OF GMS!

MODHESH SING ALONG



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GMS Primary School choir is breaking the internet!

Over the summer, our Primary School choir was invited by the production company, The Fridge Entertainment, Middle East to sing the jingle, an original song for Modesh and Dana, the very popular mascots of Modesh World. The soundtrack was released on YouTube on August 18, 2022 and in just 18 days, the performance has gone viral with over **2 million views!**

The students were trained by our incomparable Music Teacher, Mr. Mervin Joel. Lending their melodious voices to the soundtrack were :

- Chris Sebastian (Grade 3)
- Aadidev Padincharethil (Grade 3)
- Reana Susan Roshan (Grade 3)
- Kaushiki Biswas (Grade 3)
- Akhil Sreekumar (Grade 4)
- Serena Sibi Mathews (Grade 4)
- Christina Mary Rajan (Grade 5)
- Rafan Sameer (Grade 5)

TWS INTERSCHOOL CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL SEASON 2 -2022



The students of GMS participated for the TWS Inter School Creative Arts Festival Season 2 , 2022. It was a platform given to students to explore the vast depts in creative arts.

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| 1. Short Story– Sarena Sibi Mathew -3rd place | 3. Poetry– Iffat Hanni-2nd place |
| 2. Animation –Mumuksha Baitharu and Joel Lal –2nd place | 4. Art– Aryadev Ajish and Sirya Jishnu -1st place |

WAXING ELOQUENT



Elocution (prose) and recitation is one of the academic activities that gives students creative room to express what they feel, effectively. To create opportunities to empower students to develop their intellectual capabilities, The Millennium School, hosted 'Waxing Eloquent'– The Annual Inter-School English Elocution Competition for Boys.

The competition was conducted on 16th June, 2022. It was a wonderful opportunity for students of GMS to compete with students across schools to showcase their oratorical skills. Our students made us proud by making a mark for themselves in each of the categories.

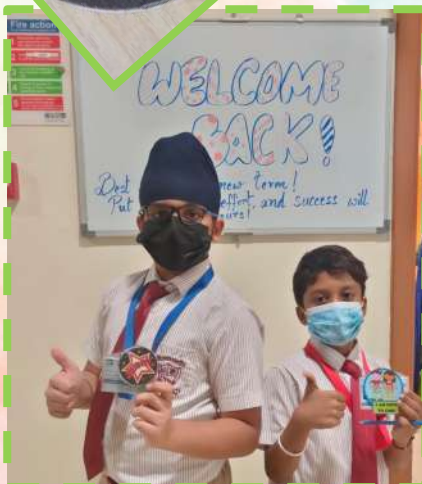
AGNIVESH WARRIER DILEEP of Grade -4

ZION SAMBHAV RODRICKS of Grade -7

ALFRED MUTHUPACKAL SHAJU Grade -9

MRIDHUL SHARMA Grade -12

OUR SCHOOL IS BEST, BETTER THAN THE REST!



29th August, GMS welcomed and opened their doors to yet another fantastic term. Children were greeted by happy teachers and a positive learning environment. New students were paired with a 'Buddy' to help them settle and get comfortable with school work.

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



Happy
Teachers Day

"The true teachers are those who help us think for ourselves"



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TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION -BY OUR HEADGIRL KHADIJA



Teacher's Day is celebrated on the 5th of September to honour the most outstanding role models; the teachers! The students of GMS put together a grand show full of fantastic dances, music, skits and poetry for the unmatched troop of teachers we have here at GEMS

Millennium School Sharjah! After the welcome address and prayer, the show started with a nostalgic dance by the primary kids that gave us a grand start to the event. Then there was a fantasy skit by the secondary students that included all the heroes the student look up to in the present days, like Spiderman, Cinderella and Dora! It also

contained the inspiring stories of our head leaders, pillars of our school, Ms. Teresa Varman, Ms. Sujatha Balasubramanian and Ms. Madhulika Varma. It showcased stills from their childhood to their beautiful journey where they position themselves now. Next, we had the show-stopping classical dancers from 8th and 9th grade, who blew us away! It was followed by a heart-touching poem and a very relatable skit about school expectations and reality that I thoroughly enjoyed. Then we relished the school choir when they sang a melodious song. Then came everyone's favourite part; the Alumni and primary students video. It was truly great to recount the experiences we had, with the students who graduated and to await the experiences with the young ones! After thanking all the students who worked behind the scenes to make this dream a reality, the principal spoke for all of us when she said that the show was nothing short of spectacular .



A SPECIAL TRIBUTE FROM RIDA ZAHID- SHAYARI

Teacher Ho, Yeh Kehna Kaafi Nahi

Mein shayar toh nahi, Magar~Arz kiya hai,

Ke teacher ho yeh kehna kaafi nahi, Teacher ho yeh kehna kaafi na-
hi, Humare heroes ho,

Humare—exams mein fail hone se bachane wale covi-shield,

Humare—problems ke therapists aur advisor free...Par bhuliye mat,

Aap woh villain bhi ho jiske classroom mein aane se, Ruh kya classroom bhi bhee-
tar hi bheetar kaap jaati hai.

Doubts, guides, textbooks, byju's, exam papers, wagherah bane nahi

Jo aapke dimaag ke encyclopedia se suljhe nahi,

Bane hi nahi, jo aaye meidaan mein aapke dedicated teaching se takar lene.

Teacher ho yeh kehna kaafi nahi, Teacher ho yeh kehna kaafi nahi,

Shakhs aap ho woh jo din bhar khade hume padhate ho,

Shakhs aap ho woh jo ghanton ke liye na paani peete ho, ya araam se beth te ho, Par shakhs aap hi ho

jis se humne jo seekha woh seekha hai,

Aur shakhs aap hi ho jinke wajah se hum aaj laayak bane hai

Jaante hai hum aapki sukoon wali raat ki neend jo jaati hai lesson plans banate banate

Jaante hai hum aapki kharkharaash jo aati hai, hume samhalte samhalte.

Teacher ho yeh kehna kaafi nahi,

Ha ma'am dikhte hai hume aapke bade laal question marks ke chhaape, Ek aur din rukh jaate mam,
complete karlete Ha sir puchlete hai hum bohot doubts,

Ha guru ji, bhul gaye the, hum test ke liye padhna,

Par kitni baar bole guru ji, "Mummy ko call naa karna",

Par aap bhi na bhuliye guru ji,

Board work, competitions, observations,

Yeh sab ke kaamon mein, hum hi hai aapke saathi, aapke comrades!

Teacher ho yeh kehna kaafi nahi,

Aap woh pedh ho, jisne hum phoolon ko khilaya hai,

Aap woh shakhs ho jisne hum kabootaron ko udne ki aashayein di hai, par diye

Guru, ustad, therapist, pillar—sab ho aap humare, Isiliye aapko teacher
bulana kaafi nahi.



CELEBRATION WITH A DIFFERENCE!



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On September 8, 2022 (Thursday), GEMS Millennium School Sharjah organized a celebratory feast on the occasion of Teachers' Day and Onam celebrations. A grand luncheon of the traditional Sadhya was arranged for all teachers. It was followed by cultural performances. With teachers beautifully clad in their ethnic and traditional outfits. The program started with the senior most and the new teachers of the GMS family lighting the Lamp of Knowledge. Highlight of which was the traditional Thiruvadhira dance performed by the teachers from Kindergarten to Grade 12, it was an overwhelming sight to see. The celebration was followed by a Bollywood classical dance performance by Malhaar in collaboration with GMS teachers, a flash mob of solo and group songs, a musical fusion of classical singing and percussions performed by Malhaar and a Mix Masala dance performance by teachers on trending numbers. Truly a wonderful and memorable event the GMS!



The Great Indian Film Festival, or TGIFF for short, is a touring film festival that aims to bring global filmmakers & cultures together on a single platform for the global exchange of short format cinema. "**Rising Stars Film Festival**" is a TGIFF initiative where they set out to find raw talent of young filmmakers. The young creators were encouraged to tell stories that had, at their core,

relevant issues and themes that impacted their world today & provided a direction to their voice and effort. The selected top 30 entries were to be screened at the Paramount Cinemas, Dubai on the 10th & 11th of September 2022. The five best films were to be included in the lineup for **The Great Indian Film Festival, TGIFF 2023**.

It makes us very happy to announce that the team that won this proud privilege from our school was a group of Grade 12 boys who made a movie called "**X**" (Ten). The movie was written and directed by **VISHNUNAND PILLAI**, who won the award of **Best Director** for the same. The cast comprised TRISHMAN SINGH BASOOR, NOEL JOSEPH VARGHESE, ARJUN RAJKUMAR and MOHAMMED SHABBIR NALWALA and received raving reviews! The film "**X**" (Ten) is based on the **Science Fiction Genre** of **time travel and time dilation**, in which a group of friends get trapped in a time loop. Will they ever get out of this paradox or will they be stuck forever?

GEMS AWARENESS DAY, 2022



WELCOME TO THE GEMS FAMILY!

Our founder Mr. Sunny Varkey, welcomed 1,800 new teachers from around the world into the GEMS family with a truly inspirational speech at our annual induction event, GEMS Awareness Day 2022 held at The Atlantis Dubai.

ACCELERATING INTO THE FUTURE

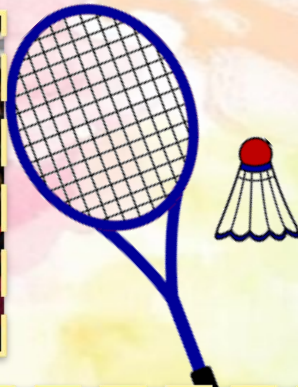


Onsite careers advice session from iXperience!

iXperience is an experiential education company that offers bootcamp courses combined with internships to university students, both online and abroad. They aim to upskill and improve students career prospects, and help them build a global network of likeminded students and professionals.

GMS was one of the few selected schools that had the opportunity to meet with the team. What a wonderful and enlightening day it was for our students of Senior School !!!!

9TH GMS INTER SCHOOL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT



9th GMS Inter School Badminton tournament for the academic year 2021-2022 was held from June 16 to June 20, 2022. The tournament was conducted for boys and girls in singles and doubles. 465 students (245 boys and 220 girls) from 40 schools across UAE competed in the tournament.

GEMS Our Own English High School, Dubai was awarded Overall Champion in girls category with 74 points

Delhi Private School, Sharjah was awarded Overall Champion in the boys category with 69 points.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



Students of Grade 3 and 4 showcased their exceptional decision-making tactics and deliberation skills in the GMS Junior Chess Championship. This event was conducted on June 15, 2022. 89 students competed in the championship .

GMS QUEST



GMS organized the first ever Interschool 'GMS QUEST' for students of Grades 9 to 12. An Inter-School Competition that is designed to test general knowledge, time-management and observational skills of a student.

CLIMATE ACTION PROJECT



We were proud to be a part of the '2021 Climate Action Project' involving more than 2.5 million students participating from across 145 countries, to take action for the planet. The project's main goal was to change students' behavior and societies' mindset. Our school met the criteria, we were recognized as a School of Excellence and were honoured as 2021-2022 'Honorary School of Excellence.' Congratulations to the team!

COUNSELORS CORNER!

Let's make it personal and let's honestly reflect... Let's start with just one (but major for us) aspect of the internet- social media.

Social media offers several avenues of interactions through social networks (such as Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram etc.). As per the Adobe 2013 Mobile Consumer Survey (2013) social media is the # 1 mobile activity today. A study by Suliveres (2014) has shown that face to face interactions are becoming less important, and a more common method of interpersonal communication especially amongst the youth. Teenagers are one of the most prolific users (Ahn, 2011). In fact, another research study by (Newham, 2012) mentioned that even during face to face interactions, people frequently check for updates (on social media), interrupting the communication.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU? KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR -Here are some warning signs you might be heading towards an addiction to or a dependency on the internet:

In terms of time, if you find yourself

- unable to limit the amount of time spent on the internet
- sneaking online when an adult isn't watching
- lying about the amount of time you spend
- staying up all night at times, doing something on the web

In terms of emotions, you find yourself

- Getting easily agitated when interrupted
- Getting annoyed when access to the Web is denied
- Becoming moody, irritable, and/or depressed when offline for a couple of days or even hours

In terms of social life, you find yourself

- Checking social media accounts frequently throughout the day
- Preferring online interactions over in person time with friends and family
- Sacrificing school work or house chores, for being on the internet
- Losing interest in the activities you previously enjoyed

If you have answered yes to any of the above and believe you need some help, contact your GMS counselors for support and guidance.

