

Gurukul Public School

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Half Yearly Exams in First Academic Session under CBSE

CBSE affiliation for High School has begun from this academic year at Gurukul. Half yearly exams were held from October 24 to November 5 according to the CBSE curriculum.



Invitations to a world of revelations

An upcoming parent-teacher meeting turned into a colourful festival at the school campus when students were asked to prepare attractive invitation cards for their parents. Every student from all classes came up with an invitation card that was utterly charming in its art and design. These handcrafted invitation cards showed the students' creativity as well as aesthetic sense of colour, symmetry, and imagination. While some cards had colourful drawings on them, others had flowers and ribbons and skilfully cut patterns pasted to them. Some cards carried the traditional images of Ganesha and ceremonial scenes that are part of this region's folk art, while some cards displayed a keener awareness of lines, forms, and juxtapositions. The enthusiasm with which the children approached the task of making the cards was another highlight of the activity. The joy of expression and the stimulus to their creativity that this simple exercise provided makes it a lesson for the teachers as well: that there are skills innate to children, waiting only for an opportunity to reveal themselves.



WELCOME!

New Academic Coordinator



Dr Richa Tripathi is our new Academic Coordinator who has come from Lucknow to help with the academic work at the school. Dr Tripathi has a PhD in Environmental History from Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, where she did her thesis on British Forest Policies in Awadh.

Work in progress Picturesque Playground

Anthill Creations is preparing a playground for children where the swings, slides, and ladders will all be built from scrap tyres! This innovative “playscape” has been developed by Anthill Creations and has been put in place in several schools of the country.

We are very grateful to all our supporters for donating towards this project.



ARTISTRY: Class 5 students guided by their Art teacher came up, literally, with the world’s tallest animal etched on their fingers. The “giraffe adaptation” caught the eye of everyone and posed for many photographs.

New Bus



A brand new minibus has been added to Gurukul’s fleet! It is proving to be quite useful for students who live in interior rural areas where a larger bus cannot go.

Top Priority: Reading and Writing

Lack of proficiency in reading and writing, especially in the English language, hampers the student’s ability to comprehend, retain, and express concepts in every subject. Identifying this as the main concern and challenge at our school, where children often come from backgrounds with no formal education or even literacy, we have decided to make special efforts to improve the students’ reading and writing abilities. In every class, students are now asked to read aloud the text, write down several words that occur in the text, and pronounce these words properly. The meaning of all difficult words is explained separately. We have set monthly targets to track the students’ progress and we expect them to show marked improvement every month and with every class that they

progress to. Language skills are fundamental to learning, and so we have set out to make the fundamentals strong!

Thank You

Through this newsletter I would like to thank all my supporters and mentors for believing in me and trusting me. None of this would have been possible without your generous support for the cause. Your support has enabled the children and their families too who are very much part of the Gurukul story now. They are thankful to each one of you for doing it for their children which they themselves weren't able to do because of their life circumstances. I have children of landless labourers, widows, beggars, blind parents etc studying at school and it all because you believed that we together can make a difference to the lives of these kids.