



# CGS Dhaka Newsletter

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Dear Students and Parents,

As the temperatures begin to drop with the ongoing November rain, we are wrapping up our Autumn Term and preparing to start the Winter Term. Thank you, parents, for your continued support throughout the term regarding your child's attendance and participation in all school events, including make-up days. I kindly request all parents to participate in the Autumn Term Parent-Teacher Meeting. Your involvement is crucial in your child's learning journey, as it helps you stay informed about their progress and identify any areas that may need our attention.

Class 10 students have done an excellent job coordinating and executing the second phase of the Flood Donation Drive. It's during times like these that we take pride in seeing our students grow in empathy and integrity. We also appreciate the generous donations from our parents.

The Annual Cultural Program is scheduled for the end of November, and all students have been thoughtfully assigned to roles that suit them best. Participation is mandatory, as this is not just an event or a performance but a chance for children to recognize their strengths and step outside their comfort zones to perform at their best. These activities, alongside academics, contribute significantly to the holistic learning journey of each CGSD alumnus.

To conclude, I'd like to highlight the value that we will focus on in November is 'Kindness'. 13<sup>th</sup> November is World Kindness Day and it is a great opportunity to remind students of the importance to show kindness in numerous ways to our family and friends, to our community and particularly to those in less privileged positions in our lives. Our wonderful students, guided by teachers have put up a wonderful mural, pictured below to remind ourselves of the need to always be kind.

Warm Regards,  
Ridwana Ali



## 55 ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY WINNERS

Initiated in 1883 The Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools. 34,939 entries from 54 countries were received this year. CGSD had a record breaking 55 winners, with 16 Bronze, 31 Silver and 8 Gold awardees. Congratulations to the winners pictured above!

## TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATED

5th October is World Teacher's Day and our students came dressed as their favourite teacher. A group from Elementary school pictured below with their teacher.



## STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS

Annual Student Body Elections were held recently. Elected students are pictured below.



## FAVOURITE CHARACTER

Our youngest students dressed as their favourite story-book character, pictured below.



## ABINTA ART COMPETITION

The Annual Abinta Kabir Art Competition, 'The Little Artist,' now in its sixth year was held recently at CGSD, winners pictured below.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	DATE
Make-up day / Autumn Colours Mufti	2.11.2024
Winter Term Commences	10.11.2024
Autumn Term PTM	16.11.2024
Make-up day / ACP Rehearsal	23.11.2024
Annual Cultural Programme (ACP)	30.11.2024



## Class Notes: Class 4 November 2024

### October Achievement Awards...

**English:** Ayana, Juwayria  
**Maths:** Joyita, Mebsan  
**Bangla:** Ashmira , Idrak  
**Science:** Orhan, Zikra  
**EM:** Sreejita, Pariwish  
**Literature:** Zuwairiyah, Rayyan  
**Social Studies:** Zuhayr, Zaara  
**Art:** Manha, Zaara  
**Gym:** Nameer, Nuwaira  
**ICT:** Saffat, Tahmid  
**Kindness Guardian:** Joyita, Zikra

### Happy Birthday to...

Rayyan for the 13th of November!

### Congratulations to 'The Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition' winners...

**Gold:** Norlene

**Silver:** Rayyan, Sreejita

**Bronze:** Amirah, Ashmira, Idrak, Mebsan, Saffat, Tahmid, Zaara

### Class News...

Dear Parents,

Subject-specific revision classes for the Autumn Term exam began right after the Puja Holidays, and exams will conclude by the first week of November. We look forward to seeing you at the PTM on 16th November. Rehearsals for the Annual Cultural Programme are already underway, and we will share the schedule for dress and stage rehearsals soon. We are confident our students will deliver a spectacular performance this year and excel in their Autumn Term exams.

Best wishes, **Class 4 Teachers**

### November Projects...

**ICT:** Bangladesh Cyber Threat Landscape 2022

**EM:** Air Pollution

### November Tests

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>Bangla AT Exam-</i>	7 <i>Science AT Exam-</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>ICT</i>	14	15	16
17 <i>Literature</i>	18	19 <i>Social Studies</i>	20	21 <i>Bangla</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>Math</i>	26 <i>Science</i>	27	28 <i>English</i>	29	30

### The Keynote Speakers

**Ana María Pacheco** on the topic “Push your limits, move your world”. She is an engineer, athlete. She has donated hundreds of bicycles to a far end community school students in La Guajira to commute to school. In La Guajira literally no roads exist and it’s like a flat desert.

**Nicolás de Francisco** founder “El Poder De La X”. he marks a X on the streets and neighbourhoods in Bogota to alert the government to fix things which the government has been ignoring and thus has been arrested many times.



**Mariana Santamaría**, Founder & Director of Poderosas, on the topic “Talking about what nobody wants to talk about”. PODEROSAS is a nationwide ONG movement championing comprehensive sexual education to defend and promote sexual and reproductive health rights

**Mauricio Cárdenas** (Colombian economist and politician) on the topic “Colombia: progress unsettled”



The Round Square International Conference is an annual event run by, and for, students aged 16-18. It moves around the world with students from different schools hosting each time. In September 2023, delegates came together at Brookhouse School in Nairobi, Kenya around the theme of “The New Africa”, considering the many ways in which Africa has evolved and is defining its position in the 21st Century.

This year, in September 2024, student delegates headed to Colombia in South America for the 56th Round Square International Conference, hosted by Colegio Anglo Colombiano, Colegio Gran Bretaña, Colegio Los Nogales, Gimnasio Campestre, and The English School. This year’s Conference Theme, “Blooming from the Past”, was an invitation to explore how we can build a better future by starting from an understanding, and acceptance, of the past.

Three teams were sent from Bangladesh. CGS NC sent 3 students, CGS Dhaka sent 5 students while CGS sent 12 students. 4 adult chaperones accompanied the teams.



Students were warmly hosted by local families in the city. Pictured left.

A cultural evening saw our delegates in traditional Bangladeshi outfits (below) performing for the delegates.



**Juanita Goebertus Estrada**  
 Founder & CEO

*"From the opportunities of peace to the challenges of state."*



Juanita Goebertus has become a prominent figure in Colombia, recognised not only for her legal expertise but also for her unwavering commitment to human rights advocacy, peacebuilding, and environmental sustainability.

A cum laude graduate in law and political science from the Universidad de los Andes, Goebertus holds a master's degree in law from Harvard University, where she was a Fulbright Scholar.

Estrada's commitment to justice, peace, and the environment has left a lasting impact on Colombia's legal, political, and academic landscapes, making her a pivotal figure in the ongoing pursuit of social justice and human rights in Colombia.

**The Activities**

Local Gastronomy Workshop: arepas boyacenses or feijoa sweets.

Hiking

Scavenger hunt

Local dance workshop on Carranga, Boyaca's most popular music genre

Local crafts workshop: make felt from wool and learn its use and history

Construction of Chicken Sheds: Visited the homes of small local farmers to assist in the construction of chicken sheds, using a traditional technique called Babareque.



Manoa Park, a highline park

La Morenita Goat Farm - Soil restoration activity and to learn about the role goats can have in ground restoration.

Ceramic and bell making Workshop



**The Numbers**

- ◇ 5 host schools
- ◇ 48 Baraza groups
- ◇ 70+ hours of sunshine
- ◇ 90 student organisers and baraza leaders
- ◇ 180 chicken shed panels constructed to make sheds for six families
- ◇ 240 matachines masks to ward off bad energy
- ◇ 570 homestays enjoying the wonderful hospitality of the people of Bogotá
- ◇ 800+ trees planted
- ◇ 904 delegates



Official school tie exchanges are part of the tradition at Round Square International Conferences.

CGS students seen here exchanging ties with new friends they made during the conference!



*A day in the beautiful city of Istanbul during a long transfer kicked off a very special conference experience.*



The Round Square International Conference ended with a post conference tour down the Amazon river!