



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'. 13th 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 3 November 2024

October Achievement Awards...

English: Areeb, Rayyan
Maths: Ariyan, Anaya
Bangla: Tazmeen, Suheera
Science: Abrar, Amara
EM: Tahfeez, Sabiha
Literature: Sarah, Mahir
Social Studies: Taharat, Aveen
ICT: Ajmain, Safer
Art: Mahveen, Daanish
Gym: Muhammad, Zaeem
Kindness Guardian: Falak, Ziyad

Happy Birthday to...

Ziyad for 18th, Mahir for 27th and Aveen for 29th of November!

Class News...

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to see our students balancing their term-end exam preparation with all the fun festivities in October! As we move forward, we would like to remind you about the PTM on 16th November, and individual time slots will be sent out soon. Meanwhile, rehearsals for our Annual Cultural Programme (ACP) have already begun, and we will notify you about the dates and times for dress and stage rehearsals shortly. Lastly, a big congratulations to our students for winning bronze, silver, and gold awards in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition- we are so proud of you!

Best wishes, **Class 3 Teachers**

November Projects...

ICT: Scratch: Changing weather

EM: Water Pollution

Bangla: Bangladesher Jatiyo Jinish

November Tests

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