

C.G.S. Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

When NASA selects astronauts, they "reject people with pure histories of success and instead select people who had significant failures and bounced back from them". The reason is that NASA wants people who are not afraid to struggle, and who will not be defeated by the struggle but empowered by it.

This attitude is a core element of what Stanford Professor Carol Dweck calls the "growth mindset," which stands in stark contrast to the fixed mindset. Children, even the smartest of them with the fixed mindset, "want to make sure they succeed, and don't want to expose their deficiencies" by experiencing struggle. But what I wish for your children is the growth mindset, "that they don't just seek challenge, they thrive in it."

Although, we at CGS are all deeply committed to supporting your children in their success, their greatest success will come in those times when they have to work through a struggle rather than resisting it. They should seek challenges and find their struggle. They should seek the harder class, seek the more difficult project or seek the more demanding community service programme.

They should not live their lives avoiding risks and refusing to accept challenges but seek in their schooling and in their lives - self-knowledge and accomplishment. Then only will they be most successful in their goals and then only will they find themselves flourishing with the greatest sense of fulfillment.

Congratulations to the winners and success to all those continuing to struggle!

Mahine Khan



CGS at Model UN (MUN) Conference in Doon School

L to R: Antu, Mubashshira, Ayman, Mahin, Fahim, Raidah, Zia Sir, Tanjur, Aiman.

CGS is now an active participant in Model UN (MUN) programmes across the region. In 2010 / 2011 CGS teams went to 3 MUN conferences (Chandigar, Korea and Doon) plus a peace summit in Delhi. These conferences make students aware of global issues and enable them to network with school communities across the world. Several more invitations have been extended to us and over the academic year. Unfortunately parents were nervous to send their children to Aitchison College in Lahore in late October due to the political turmoil.

VISIT TO USS DEFENDER

7 class 12 students visited the USS Defender, which is a 'Mine Sweeper', detecting and removing under sea mines. Pictured below L to R is Sunny, Asaad, Nibras, Samin, USS personnel, Rabib, Rifaiyat and Tauqeer.

UPPER AWARDS 2010/11

The Upper School Awards ceremony for 2010/11 was held in late September. Milon Community Support Network received a check for Taka 2,68,365/-, collected during the Charity Carnival in April.



UN AWARENESS DAY

CGS will be celebrating a 'UN Day' on 24th October to promote awareness of the organisation.



CIE DHAKA TRAINING

CIE will be holding teacher training for 'O' Level Bengali and Computing and 'A' Level Business Studies and Maths in late October. CGS will be sending a team from Upper School and CGSD to attend.



RS International October Conference

The Annual International RS Conference is at Wellington College, in the UK. The CGS team includes, Sunny, Rifayat, Mehereen, Nabeela, Tasfia, all from class 12. RS Rep, Zia Mohiuddin, Head Mahine Khan and Director Shereen Ispahani will also be accompanying the group. The conference theme is 'Reaching Beyond Our Limits', over 90 RS schools will attend and the opening ceremony will be graced by Queen Elizabeth II.

ADDENDUM: 2011 RESULTS

We apologise to the following students whose 'O' level results were reported lower as one session of exams was missed out: Zahid got 9 A's instead of 8, Mubashshira and Sagar got 10 A's instead of 9, Yusa got 11 A's instead of 9, Mashrur got 11 A's instead of 10. Our averages just went up!

Children are special...

BE OF VALUE TO SOCIETY...

'Try not to become a man of success but a man of value.'

Albert Einstein

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DATE

Durga Puja Holidays	5-8.10.11
CIE Training in Dhaka	21/22.10.11
Wellington School Conference	18-23.10.11
Mufti Day, Halloween theme	31.10.2011