



# GIS NEWSLETTER

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## PYP Exhibition 2021

Despite the challenges associated with COVID-19, students and staff of GIS still embarked on the PYP Exhibition journey, this year. Over the past 7 weeks, students in Grade 6 explored the Transdisciplinary Theme of “How We Express Ourselves” by conducting inquiries into the ways people use different forms of self-expression to cause social change. Due to current social distancing restrictions, the results of their time, dedication and resilience will be published on GIS’s Facebook page as a virtual PYP Exhibition tomorrow, May 26, 2021.

## Help our dream come true!

If anyone is wondering whether dreams come true... yes, they do! I have been dreaming about having an open MYP Art Exhibition somewhere in town so that everyone can admire the amazing art created by our talented MYP students.

Normally we would organize an exhibition at GIS but this has not been possible due to Covid.

I have just been offered the month of June for an art exhibition at Kaffka and I have proudly accepted this offer on behalf of our students in order to hold the most amazing GIS MYP Art Exhibition there. This exhibition will feature artwork created by both our current MYP Visual Art students and our graduates.

The exhibition will be open to all! This is great news. Anyone can visit this exhibition at Kaffka during their opening hours. Enjoying art and a good coffee at the same time might be a wonderful way to relax.

Unfortunately, we will not be holding any official opening due to the pandemic restrictions.

However, it will be possible to buy the artwork. The prices indicated will be “asking prices” but we will happily accept bigger donations. The money earned will be shared between an art-related charity and some extra art supplies for the MYP Visual Art students.

**The MYP Art Exhibition starts June 4, 2021 at Kaffka Café downtown Gjøvik.**

**We need your help NOW!** If you happen to have any **picture frames** from size A5 up that you do not need, I would be grateful if you could send them to school with your child **this week**. A lot of artwork has already been framed but many more pieces will need framing next week.

## Differentiation in IB Schools

*“If a child can’t learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn” – Ignacio Estrada*

**So how do we challenge students who need to be challenged and support students who need extra support in the same class?**

The way we do this is through **Differentiation**. This is a way of teaching that helps students with diverse academic needs and learning styles to master the same challenging academic content. It means designing engaging activities that are based on student needs, rather than a 'one size fits all' approach to teaching and learning.

**Differentiation** is ongoing and planned for. Teachers include the use of classroom strategies that respond to the strengths, needs and knowledge of individual learners.

Throughout the course of the learning day, teachers observe students, conduct formative assessments and all this daily data gathering helps them to meet their students' needs. Teachers use formative assessment to guarantee understanding.

Formative assessments can be:

- a) Diagnostic in nature;
- b) Pre-assessment at the start of a new unit or teaching of new content;
- c) Group-based initial instruction;
- d) Progress monitoring;
- e) Corrective instruction;
- f) Feedback;
- g) A second, parallel formative assessment.

Teachers can **differentiate** through:

- 1) content—what a student needs to learn or how the student will gain access to the knowledge, ideas, and skills;
- 2) process—how the student will come to master and "own" the knowledge, ideas, and skills;
- 3) product—how the student will summatively show what he/she has learned and how he/she can apply their learning.

This means that not all students will do exactly the same tasks or same assessments at the same time, as we all learn differently. If the goal is for them to show their understanding, there might be different routes that can be taken to achieve that goal. Because we differentiate learning at GIS, it's not always possible to compare your child to other children in the class. Each child is unique. Each child learns differently.

Cindy van den Heuvel  
Primary Principal

## Grade 10 Graduation

Grade 10 students, MYP teachers, Parents and Board members will formally graduate at a dinner at 37 Eatery, from 6:00pm-8:30pm, on June 14th. Each student can bring up to two guests. Together, we can just fill this restaurant and observe the social distancing requirements.

If you are the parent of one of these wonderful young people, please rsvp me the number of guests by June 10<sup>th</sup> at [annie.termaat@gjovikis.no](mailto:annie.termaat@gjovikis.no).

Annie Termaat  
Secondary Principal

## Scholastic Book Club

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who ordered from our Scholastic Book Club. We are delighted to let you know that thanks to your support we earned 19 new books for the school. Please look out for our next Book Club to order great books in the new school year.

Happy reading,

Mrs Rasen

## SFO next academic year

Attached to this newsletter is an application form for a place in SFO next academic year. Please note that places will be guaranteed for all students in Grades 1-4 if the

application is returned to Mr Thoresen at [leif.olav.thoresen@gjovikis.no](mailto:leif.olav.thoresen@gjovikis.no) by 15 June 2021. All applicants will receive a confirmation email by the end of June 2021.

## YoungCoderz online summer club

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we are conducting an online summer camp this time.

We will be doing this in the evenings so that we can accommodate more students who would be participating in other sports activities during the day.

The camp will happen in Zoom for 1.5 hours everyday for 5 days starting 21st June (Week 25) 17.00 to 18.30.

The students will be doing game programming using technologies like Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Machine Learning and Makecode Arcade to name a few.

For more information and registration <https://www.youngcoderz.com/onlinesummercamp>

Note: We will be taking students in a batch of 8 on a first come first serve basis. If we get more interest, we will do another batch the following week starting from 28th June.

Please drop us an email if you have any questions.

Thanks & Regards,  
YoungCoderz Team

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## Accommodation for GIS staff

We are currently looking for accommodation for a new member of GIS staff and his family. Please contact Mr Armanski at [adam.armanski@gjovikis.no](mailto:adam.armanski@gjovikis.no) if you are aware of 3- and 4- bedroom house for rent available as of 1 July 2021 or sooner.

## Wanted: supply staff

We are always keen to hear from people who can substitute for absent teachers and teaching assistants. This work can be day to day or for longer periods of time. If you know of a suitable person for this role, please encourage them to send their CV to [employment@gjovikis.no](mailto:employment@gjovikis.no)

## Contact details

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