

#### **G.D. GOENKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

RAIPUR (C.G.)

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HIGHER. STRONGER. BRIGHTER.



From academic achievements to noteworthy accomplishments in extracurricular pursuits, January bore witness to the unwavering dedication and talent of our students. Their commendable efforts have not only set a precedent for the year but have also underscored the ethos of G.D. Goenka International School.

Our esteemed faculty, the backbone of our institution, continued to inspire and guide our students with unparalleled commitment. The academic endeavors, research pursuits, and mentorship provided by our faculty have played a pivotal role in shaping the intellectual landscape of our school.

The depth and significance of the events that unfolded were truly remarkable. Our commitment to excellence in education and holistic development was reflected in the quality rather than the quantity of our engagements.



## <u>HUMAN TRAFFICKING DAY</u>

#### Grade V

In a commendable display of leadership and empathy, the Grade 5 students at G.D. Goenka International School, Raipur, orchestrated a morning assembly dedicated to addressing the pressing issue of human trafficking on National Human Trafficking Day. The assembly served as a platform for our young minds to express their concerns and share valuable insights with their peers.

Commencing with a collective pledge to stand against human trafficking, the Grade 5 students took the stage with confidence and sincerity. The focal point of their presentations was the imparting of knowledge about the grave implications of human trafficking on individuals and communities. The students spoke passionately, shedding light on the importance of awareness and action to combat this societal menace.

The Grade 5 assembly was a platform for the students to share practical methods for staying vigilant and proactive steps to take if one suspects instances of human trafficking. Their engagement in discussions around such a critical societal concern demonstrated a level of maturity and awareness beyond their years.

Beyond the academic curriculum, the Grade 5 initiative exemplified our school's commitment to nurturing responsible global citizens. It showcased the potential impact of holistic education that goes beyond textbooks, encouraging students to actively engage with issues that affect humanity.













## KITE MAKING WORKSHOP

#### Middle Section

At G.D. Goenka International School, Raipur, fostering creativity is not just a goal but a vibrant reality. Recently, the Middle Section students embarked on an exciting journey of artistic exploration through a kite-making workshop facilitated by our esteemed Art teacher, Mr. Dhiren Robert.

With colorful papers, strings, and a sprinkle of imagination, the students transformed into budding artisans, each kite a canvas for their artistic expression. Amidst laughter and friendly banter, they meticulously designed and assembled their kites, infusing them with vibrant hues and unique patterns.

What truly made this workshop special was the sense of camaraderie that permeated the air. As students worked side by side, they shared ideas, offered encouragement, and celebrated each other's achievements. It was a testament to the power of collaboration in nurturing creativity and building lasting friendships.

Mr. Dhiren Robert's passion for art was contagious, as he guided the students with patience and expertise. His unwavering support and encouragement instilled confidence in the young artisans, empowering them to unleash their creative potential. Under Mr. Robert's guidance, our young learners dove into the intricate world of kite crafting with boundless enthusiasm. The workshop was not just about learning; it was a celebration of creativity, collaboration, and sheer joy.





























## TIME MANAGEMENT

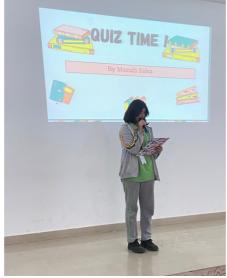
#### **Grade IX**

Grade IX students took the stage during their assembly to address a topic that resonates deeply with every student: Time Management. In an engaging and insightful session, our young speakers emphasized the paramount importance of effective time management in a student's life. They shared personal anecdotes and practical tips, demonstrating how mastering this skill can significantly enhance academic performance and overall well-being.

During the assembly, students highlighted several key facts about time management that left a lasting impact on their peers. They emphasized that time is a precious resource, and learning to allocate it wisely is crucial for achieving academic goals while maintaining a balanced lifestyle. By setting realistic goals, prioritizing tasks, and avoiding procrastination, students can maximize productivity and reduce stress levels.

Moreover, our Grade IX speakers emphasized the long-term benefits of cultivating good time management habits. They underscored that these skills are not only essential for academic success but also invaluable in professional and personal spheres. Whether it's meeting project deadlines, balancing extracurricular activities, or maintaining healthy relationships, effective time management lays the foundation for a fulfilling and successful life.









## SÉRÉNITÉ PARTAGÉE

Sérénité Partagée, where we celebrated the beauty of diversity and the universal desire for peace and harmony. The theme for this year's event, "Shared Serenity," served as a poignant reminder that despite our diverse backgrounds and cultures, we all aspire for the same sense of tranquility and unity, both within ourselves and in the world around us.

The evening was a mesmerizing showcase of cultural performances that transcended boundaries and brought together students from all walks of life. From vibrant dances to melodious musical renditions, each performance was a testament to the richness and diversity of our school community. Through their heartfelt presentations, our students beautifully conveyed the message that amidst our differences, we share a common longing for peace, understanding, and acceptance.

The theme of "Shared Serenity" was ingeniously woven into every aspect of the event, from the mesmerizing stage decorations to the carefully curated performances that represented various cultures and traditions. Through the power of music, dance, and drama, our students eloquently expressed the universal values of love, compassion, and unity, leaving a profound impact on the audience.

One of the highlights of the evening was the collaborative performances that showcased the beauty of cultural fusion and integration. Students from different backgrounds came together to create mesmerizing displays of unity, demonstrating that when we embrace diversity and celebrate our differences, we pave the way for a more harmonious and inclusive society.

In conclusion, Sérénité Partagée, Annual Function 2023, was not just a celebration of cultural diversity, but also a powerful reminder of the common threads that bind us together as human beings. As we continue on our journey towards creating a more peaceful and inclusive world, let us cherish the moments of unity and solidarity that events like these inspire, and strive to build a future where shared serenity prevails for all.



## **AAVIRBHAV**

Aavirbhaav, performed by our tiny champs at Sérénité Paratigée, Annual Function 2023, holds significant importance in welcoming guests with its enchanting melody and rich cultural heritage. This soul-stirring rendition, believed to be composed by the revered Swami Haridas, carries with it a profound mythological significance that adds an extra layer of reverence to the performance. According to ancient lore, Swami Haridas's rendition of Aavirbhaav was so divine and captivating that it is said to have invoked the presence of Lord Krishna himself, who descended to earth in the form of an idol. This sacred idol, imbued with the divine essence of Lord Krishna, still stands as a revered symbol of devotion in the holy city of Mathura.

As our young students took to the stage to perform Aavirbhaav, they not only showcased their talent and dedication but also paid homage to the rich cultural heritage of our country. Their heartfelt rendition of this timeless composition served as a heartfelt welcome to our esteemed guests, setting the tone for an evening filled with joy, unity, and celebration.

Through their performance, our tiny champs not only entertained but also enlightened, offering a glimpse into the spiritual and musical legacy that continues to resonate through the ages. As they sang with innocence and enthusiasm, they carried forward the tradition of Aavirbhaav, reminding us of the enduring power of music to transcend boundaries and unite hearts.





## **BESEECHING SOLICITATION**

Beseeching Solicitation was a theme set, with kids dressed as Birds and Animals, to welcome the residents of the Jungle to express themselves through dance and motion. The primary students, adorned in colorful costumes resembling the vibrant flora and fauna of the jungle, brought the stage to life with their energetic performances. From graceful bird dances to playful animal movements, each presentation was a delightful portrayal of the natural world.

With infectious enthusiasm and boundless creativity, our young performers captivated the audience with their endearing portrayals of jungle creatures. Through their expressive gestures and animated expressions, they transported the spectators into the heart of the jungle, where every movement told a story of harmony and coexistence.



























## COGNIZANCE

Cognizance was a performance made to remind us all of the dreams that we once saw with the utmost inquisitiveness and excitement. Sending out a message to the stars in the everwidening Galaxy, that our dreams are nothing less than a star that shines. The Primary Students, with their boundless energy and infectious enthusiasm, took to the stage to portray this message through their captivating performance. Their innocent yet profound portrayal of chasing dreams resonated deeply with the audience, reminding us all of the importance of nurturing and cherishing the aspirations of our youngest learners.

As they danced and sang with unrestrained joy, the Primary Students transported us to a realm where imagination knows no bounds and possibilities are endless. Through their creative expressions and heartfelt performances, they ignited a spark of inspiration in the hearts of everyone present, encouraging us to never lose sight of our dreams, no matter how big or small.















### ETHNIC JERUSAREMA

Ethnic Jerusarema represented the natives of deep Africa and how they celebrated joy, prosperity, and serenity. With our young champs on the stage, the performance made every face smile, as the primary students brought the vibrant energy and spirit of the African continent to life. Through their rhythmic movements and infectious enthusiasm, they captivated the audience and transported them to the heart of Africa, where the beat of the drums echoed the pulse of life itself.

As the primary students gracefully moved to the rhythm of the music, their joyous expressions illuminated the stage, spreading a sense of warmth and unity throughout the auditorium. It was truly a sight to behold as our young performers seamlessly blended traditional African dance steps with their own unique flair, showcasing not only their talent but also their deep respect and appreciation for the diverse cultures of the world.





## **ELOQUENT RECITAL**

Eloquent Recital, performed by Dikshant Upadhyay of Grade V, mesmerized the audience with his rendition based on Raag Vrindabani Sarang. Raag Vrindabani Sarang, a Kafi thaat raga, holds deep roots in classical Indian music. Legend has it that this enchanting melody was created by the revered Swami Haridas, a saint and musician of the sixteenth century.

The significance of Raag Vrindabani Sarang extends beyond its musical intricacies, as it is intricately tied to mythology and spirituality. According to ancient tales, Swami Haridas's rendition of this raga was so divine and soul-stirring that it is believed to have summoned Lord Krishna himself to earth. It is said that the mesmerizing notes of Raag Vrindabani Sarang had the power to evoke the presence of the divine, and Lord Krishna manifested in the form of an idol, which can still be revered in the sacred city of Mathura.

In Dikshant's captivating performance, the essence of Raag Vrindabani Sarang came to life, as he skillfully navigated through its intricate nuances and evoked the timeless spirit of devotion and transcendence.





## SUPREME REVERENCE

Supreme Reverence was a performance put up by Middle Section Students of the school who portrayed Samudra Manthan, a significant event in Indian mythology. The mesmerizing enactment depicted the stirring tale of the churning of the ocean of milk by the Devas (celestial beings) and Asuras (demons) to obtain the elixir of immortality, showcasing the eternal struggle between good and evil.

In addition to the captivating portrayal by the Middle Section Students, the Annual Function, Sérénité Partagée, also featured enchanting performances by our talented Primary Students. With boundless enthusiasm and infectious energy, our youngest performers transported the audience on a magical journey through various cultures and traditions.

From lively folk dances to charming theatrical presentations, the Primary Students captivated hearts and minds with their endearing performances. Each act was a testament to the creativity and dedication of our young talents, who fearlessly embraced the stage and shared their cultural heritage with pride and joy.





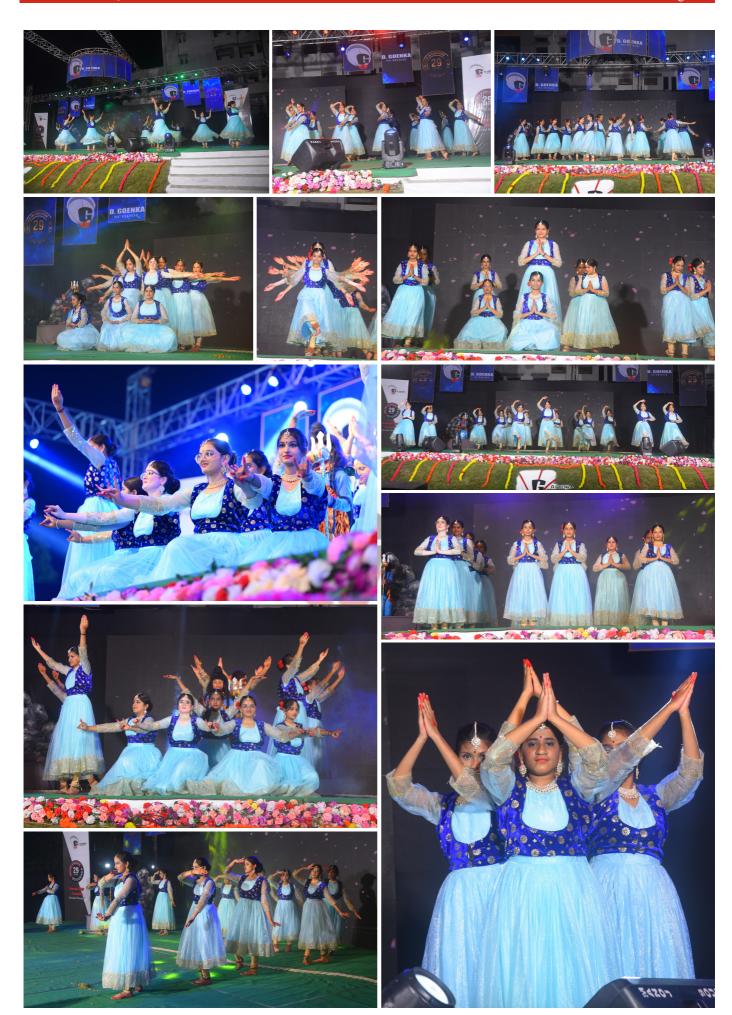








































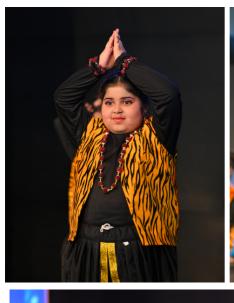
































#### JARABE TAPATIO

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#### EXUBERENT HARMONIOUS VIGOUR

Exuberent Harmonious Vigour was a performance where the female students of G.D. Goenka International School, Raipur showcased how Zumba and Yoga can be fun while helping one stay fit. Their energetic and synchronized movements captivated the audience, demonstrating the joy and benefits of these physical activities. The primary students, with their infectious enthusiasm, infused the stage with vibrant energy, inspiring everyone to embrace a healthy and active lifestyle.

In addition to promoting physical well-being, the performance also highlighted the importance of mental and emotional health. Through graceful yoga poses and upbeat Zumba routines, the students conveyed a powerful message about the holistic nature of fitness, emphasizing the need to nurture both the body and the mind.

Moreover, the performance was a testament to the inclusive and supportive environment fostered at our school, where students of all abilities are encouraged to participate and excel. The primary students' confidence and camaraderie onstage exemplified the spirit of teamwork and cooperation that defines our school community.































#### **MELODIOUS DITTIES**

Melodious Ditties, a violin performance by Sanvika Santoshwar of Grade VI, was enough to captivate everyone's attention. The smooth notes took everyone by the sheer serenity of the bow and the strings. As Sanvika gracefully wielded her violin, her passion for music shone through each delicate movement. The audience was spellbound, enveloped in a sense of tranquility as the enchanting melody filled the air.

Sanvika's mastery of the violin was truly remarkable, showcasing not only her technical prowess but also her deep emotional connection to the music. With every stroke of the bow, she transported the listeners to a realm of pure musical bliss, where worries melted away, and hearts were stirred with profound emotion.

Her performance was a testament to the power of music to transcend barriers and unite people from all walks of life. In that moment, as the notes danced and swirled, it didn't matter where we came from or what language we spoke – we were all connected by the universal language of music.

Sanvika's talent left an indelible impression on all who were fortunate enough to witness her performance. It served as a reminder of the importance of nurturing artistic expression and providing platforms for young talents to flourish. As we applauded her performance, we were not just celebrating her skill, but also the boundless potential that lies within each and every student at G.D. Goenka International School, Raipur.



#### ETHEREAL PRESENCE

Ethereal Presence was a mesmerizing chorus performance that captivated the audience with its youthful energy and infectious enthusiasm. As the primary students of G.D. Goenka International School, Raipur, took to the stage, they embarked on a musical journey that transcended boundaries and inspired all who witnessed their rendition of 'Believer' by Imagine Dragons.

With their angelic voices harmonizing in perfect unity, the students breathed new life into the empowering lyrics of the song, infusing it with a sense of hope, determination, and resilience. Their heartfelt performance not only showcased their exceptional musical talents but also served as a powerful reminder of the unwavering spirit and tenacity that resides within each and every one of us.

As they sang their hearts out, the primary students exuded confidence and poise, leaving a lasting impression on everyone in the audience. Their performance was a shining example of the incredible potential that lies within our young minds and serves as a beacon of hope for a brighter and more harmonious future.





#### **MYSTIC NUANCE**

Mystic Nuance was a mesmerizing performance presented by the senior girls of G.D. Goenka International School, capturing the essence and beauty of the Sufi culture. With graceful movements and soulful expressions, the dancers transported the audience into a realm of spiritual transcendence, where the mystical melodies of Sufi music intertwined with the fluidity of their movements, creating an atmosphere of profound serenity and enchantment.

The ethereal beauty of Mystic Nuance resonated deeply with the audience, transcending barriers of language and culture to touch the hearts of all who witnessed it. With each graceful gesture and haunting melody, the dancers conveyed the universal message of love, tolerance, and spiritual awakening, leaving a profound impression on the minds and souls of those present.

Mystic Nuance served as a poignant reminder of the power of art to transcend boundaries and unite humanity in a shared appreciation of beauty, spirituality, and inner peace.



























#### PARASOLIC PIROUTTE

"Parasolic Pirouette" transported the audience on a captivating journey to the heart of China, where the students immersed themselves in the rich tapestry of Chinese culture. Adorned in traditional attire, they gracefully twirled vibrant umbrellas, each hue symbolizing a different facet of China's cultural mosaic. With every pirouette and twirl, the dancers exuded an infectious energy, embodying the joy and exuberance inherent in Chinese celebrations.

The performance not only showcased the artistry and precision of Chinese dance but also offered a glimpse into the cultural significance of the parasol dance. Rooted in centuries-old traditions, this graceful dance form is often performed during festive occasions and symbolizes good fortune, happiness, and unity. Through their elegant movements and synchronicity, the students honored this tradition with reverence and authenticity, capturing the essence of Chinese heritage with finesse.





#### **SUBTLE EMANATION**

Subtle Emanation served as an umbrella under which the talented singers of G.D. Goenka International School, Raipur, showcased their vocal prowess in awe-inspiring solo performances that captivated the entire school community. Each singer, with their unique style and interpretation, breathed life into the melodies, transporting the audience on a journey of emotions and musical excellence.

From soulful ballads to upbeat pop hits, the repertoire of songs presented during Subtle Emanation was as diverse as the voices that brought them to life. With each note, the singers infused the auditorium with an atmosphere of passion, skill, and sheer artistry, leaving an indelible mark on everyone present.

In conclusion, Subtle Emanation was a testament to the remarkable talent and dedication of our student singers, as well as a celebration of the power of music to unite, inspire, and uplift.













#### RHYTHMIC TROUPE

The Rhythmic Troupe captivated the audience with their electrifying performance, showcasing the incredible talent of our school band. With their skillful musicianship and infectious energy, they brought to life a medley of hit songs from diverse corners of the globe. From lively Latin beats to soulful melodies from Asia, the repertoire spanned across continents, uniting the audience in a celebration of musical diversity.

As the rhythmic beats reverberated through the auditorium, the audience couldn't help but be swept away by the pulsating rhythm and infectious melodies. Heads bobbed, feet tapped, and hands clapped in unison, as the music transcended language barriers and cultural divides, connecting hearts and souls in a shared moment of pure joy and exhilaration.

As the final notes of their performance faded away, the audience erupted into thunderous applause, expressing their appreciation for the talent and dedication of the Rhythmic Troupe.





#### INTEGRATED COHESION

Integrated Cohesion captivated the audience with its vibrant energy and synchronized movements, showcasing the exceptional talent and dedication of our primary students at G.D. Goenka International School, Raipur. The performance was a mesmerizing display of precision and teamwork as the students seamlessly blended intricate drill formations with graceful choreography.

As the rhythmic beats echoed through the auditorium, the students, adorned in dazzling costumes, moved in perfect harmony, each step executed with finesse and confidence. The colorful flags and curtains added an enchanting visual element to the performance, creating a kaleidoscope of hues that danced in rhythm with the music.

Beyond the spectacle, Integrated Cohesion embodied the spirit of unity and collaboration, as students worked tirelessly together to master each step and formation. Through their dedication and hard work, they not only showcased their individual talents but also demonstrated the power of teamwork in achieving shared goals.















#### ZESTY SPIRIT

As the function came towards an end, a Zesty Spirit took over the ground and the stage, infusing the atmosphere with an electrifying energy that resonated with every attendee. Amidst the fading echoes of cultural performances and heartfelt speeches, a palpable sense of anticipation filled the air, signaling the climax of the evening's festivities.

Suddenly, a spectacle unfolded before our eyes, captivating the audience with its enchanting allure. A magnificent dragon, brought to life by the deft hands of our talented students, emerged from the shadows, its scales shimmering in the soft glow of the stage lights.

The dragon's journey was not merely a spectacle but a symbol of unity and collective spirit that transcended cultural boundaries and brought us together as one cohesive community. It encapsulated the essence of Sérénité Partagée, serving as a powerful reminder of the transformative power of art, music, and creativity in bridging divides and fostering connections.









#### DFFFNSIVF SPIRIT

Defensive Strikes was a defensive performance, performed by the young karate champions of G.D. Goenka International School, Raipur. The stage came alive with a flurry of swift movements and disciplined techniques as our talented students showcased their mastery of self-defense. With unwavering focus and precision, they demonstrated a range of defensive maneuvers, from blocking incoming attacks to evading strikes with agility and grace.

Beyond the physical prowess demonstrated on stage, Defensive Strikes also served as a powerful reminder of the importance of self-defense and personal safety. Through their performance, our students highlighted the value of being prepared and vigilant in today's world, empowering their peers with knowledge and confidence to protect themselves when needed.

The dedication and passion of our young karate champions shone brightly, inspiring us all to strive for excellence and never back down in the face of challenges. With their unwavering determination and indomitable spirit, they truly embodied the essence of Defensive Strikes and left us all feeling empowered and uplifted.





#### DENOUNMENT - THE FINALE

Denouement served as the grand finale for Sérénité Partagée, Annual Function 2023, marking the culmination of an evening filled with cultural splendor and heartfelt performances. As the echoes of the last performance faded away, the stage was bathed in a soft glow, setting the scene for a truly unforgettable moment.

In a touching tribute to Shivji, the revered deity symbolizing auspicious beginnings and divine grace, students gathered together to offer their prayers and gratitude. With reverence and devotion, they honored the timeless traditions and spiritual heritage that enrich our lives and unite us as a community.

But the evening was far from over. As the strains of the last melody lingered in the air, a sense of anticipation filled the hearts of all present. And then, with a collective sense of pride and unity, all of the students stepped forward to sing the Goenkan anthem, their voices blending harmoniously in a stirring tribute to our school's ethos and values.











## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents We're excited to share that G.D. Goenka has introduced significant improvements, making positive strides in the various aspects. We consider positive changes as indicators of growth and progress. We are expanding our team by recruiting educators from various regions across the country. This strategic approach aims to bring in diverse perspectives and experiences, enriching the educational environment. These diverse faculties are dedicated to providing our students with a well-rounded and high-quality education, contributing to their overall academic development and success. Our team has a good balance of experience, with junior coordinators familiar with International Boards, having



years of experience dealing with tiny tots, and senior coordinators seasoned in the CBSE curriculum almost for two decades, having expertise in managing teenagers well. This diverse expertise can contribute to a well-rounded educational approach. We are thrilled to share that these positive changes wouldn't have been possible without your support. Together, we've achieved many accomplishments.

We made remarkable progress in the infrastructure to enhance the overall learning environment. We've set up a dedicated play area for kindergarten kids and expansive grounds for higher-grade students, enhancing their recreational spaces. Installation of well-equipped laboratories for Physics, Biology, Chemistry, and robotics to make learning live and easy for students. Student-led donations not only contribute to a good cause but also cultivate a sense of community and empathy among them. Revamping the mess menu, ensuring a diverse range of nutrition while offering a delightful treat to the taste buds.

As we bid adieu to the first month of the year, it is with great pride and joy that I reflect upon the myriad achievements and memorable moments that have graced our halls at G.D. Goenka International School, Raipur. From academic triumphs to cultural celebrations, January has been a month filled with growth, learning, and camaraderie.

One of the highlights of the following newsletter is undoubtedly our much-anticipated annual function, Sérénité Partagée, Annual Function 2023. Under the theme of "Shared Serenity," our students showcased the rich tapestry of cultures that form the fabric of our school community. Through mesmerizing performances and thought-provoking displays, they beautifully illustrated the universal desire for peace, harmony, and understanding. Sérénité Partagée was not just an event; it was a celebration of unity in diversity and a testament to the values that define us as a school.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your child.

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