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Kathak Workshop with Ms Renu Sharma

The Global Indian Cultural Centre, Queenstown organized a Motivational Kathak Workshop on 26th July, 2008. The two-hour workshop was conducted by Mrs. Renu Sharma, a senior disciple of Kathak Maestro, Padma Vibhushan Pt. Birju Maharaj

The aim of this workshop was

- To connect with Indian culture through Indian classical dance.
- To appreciate the grace and beauty of Kathak
- To learn discipline of the body, mind & soul
- To learn to use body language for self expression
- To learn to analyze physical co-ordination skills
- To learn mental agility through complex compositions
- To help growth through creative expression
- To develop an awareness of the self, through dance



GICC Kathak students with
Ms Irene and Ms Renu

Conducted in three parts, the first part of the workshop focussed on the history of Indian classical dance and Kathak. The students were shown short clips of performances by renowned Kathak dancers. The second session covered practical aspects of this beautiful dance form-use of space and dynamics of Dance, Hasta Mudras & Hastakas (basic movements) and other important aspects like clarity of footwork & pirouette techniques.

In the last session, the participants were taught to dance to a composition by Pt Birju Maharaj.

In the words of Ms Irene Manuel, the Kathak Teacher at Global Indian Cultural Centre, "The girls were able to learn and understand, even the juniors who have been learning for just 6 months. It showed that the girls are slowly but steadily grasping the basics of Kathak. I was particularly pleased to see that my students were able to stand on their own before a person who has immense knowledge of Kathak. They were eager to learn and they managed to pick up quite fast, whatever Renuji was trying to teach them. They also got a chance to see how Kathak is performed on stage, when Renuji showed them a video of her students' performance. They even watched Pandit Birju Maharaj teaching a class. All in all, it was a good experience for the students."

A French workshop



Baking workshop in progress

The senior students of French who have successfully passed Delf A1 last year are now preparing for DELF A2, the second level for the European Linguistic examination set by the EEC. For this they must be able to face many real life situations in French and this also involves, opening a French recipe book and cook fabulous French food.

So the group decided to put to the test their Linguistic skills and experiment with LES MEDELEINES, the favorite French baked snack.

Even Starbucks and Delifrance sell them in Singapore.

From the cricketing world



Cricket teams of GICC QT and Australian International School with their coaches



Match in progress

As a part of ongoing GICC cricket training, a friendly match is organised every month. These students are trained every Saturday by the cricket coach Manbir Singh. He uses latest techniques to improve the cricketing skills of the students in batting as well as bowling.

In Sept, the QT GICC students played a match with Australian International School in the Queenstown campus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Navrathri performances at various temples*
- *GICC Annual Day 1 Nov 2008*

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