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**CIRCULAR**  
**'Basant Utsav'**

**07<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Dear Parent,

GLS is excited to invite you to the '**Basant Utsav**' celebration on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March** at the **Primary campus**. Basant Utsav is the '**celebration of spring**' in the month of March. The beautiful tradition of celebrating spring festival was initiated by Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, at Vishwabharati Shantiniketan, West Bengal, the University founded by him.

At GLS, sustainability is the way of life and Basant or Spring means new season, new life and new beginnings. Basant Utsav is about celebrating mother Earth and showing our gratitude towards her through music and dance.

Spring is considered to be the season of new beginnings as nature emerges from hibernation during winter. This season brings new life to flowering plants, trees and other vegetation. Spring is also the season that encourages new beginnings in our lives. So, join us to experience the positivity this season brings.

**Flow of the event:**

**Grades 2 to 5**

- **8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.:** Hindustani vocal, Tabla ensemble, Kathak and Bharatanatyam performances by select students of **Grades 2 & 3 and Grades 4 & 5** (location outdoor stage)
- **10.00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.:** Fun session with Malhaar Gurus on Tabla, dance and vocal music for parents and students (location: 4 different classrooms/studios which will be notified on arrival).
- **10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.:** Kite making workshop will be conducted for students & parents of **Grades 3 to 5** (location: auditorium). For participating in this workshop kindly make a payment of **AED 20** per family. Only one parent is permitted to accompany their child to the workshop. Parents and students can learn how to make a kite and at the end of the activity, they will take home a colourful kite and beautiful memories and a new traditional skill. Participation in the workshop is on a first come first serve basis as we have only **80 seats** available.

**Grades 6 & 7**

- **11:30 a.m. to 12 noon:** Hindustani vocal, Tabla ensemble, Kathak and Bharatanatyam performances by select students of **Grades 6 & 7** (location: auditorium)
- **12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.:** Parents and students can attend a fun session with Malhaar Gurus on Tabla, dance and vocal music (location: 4 different classrooms/studios which will be notified on arrival)
- **12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.:** Kite making workshop with students and parents (location: auditorium). For participating in this workshop kindly make a payment of **AED 20** per family. Only one parent is permitted to accompany their child to the workshop. Parents and students can learn how to make a kite and at the end of the activity, they will take home a colourful kite and beautiful memories and a new traditional skill. Participation in the workshop is on a first come first serve basis as we have only **30 seats** available.

**Please note that the payments should be done on or before Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 through the parent portal. The steps for payment for the 'Basant Utsav' are as appended. The link for payment will automatically close once the slots are full.**

Parents are invited to be a part of this spring festival.

Warm regards,



**Asha Alexander**  
**Principal**

**Executive Leader - Climate Change**

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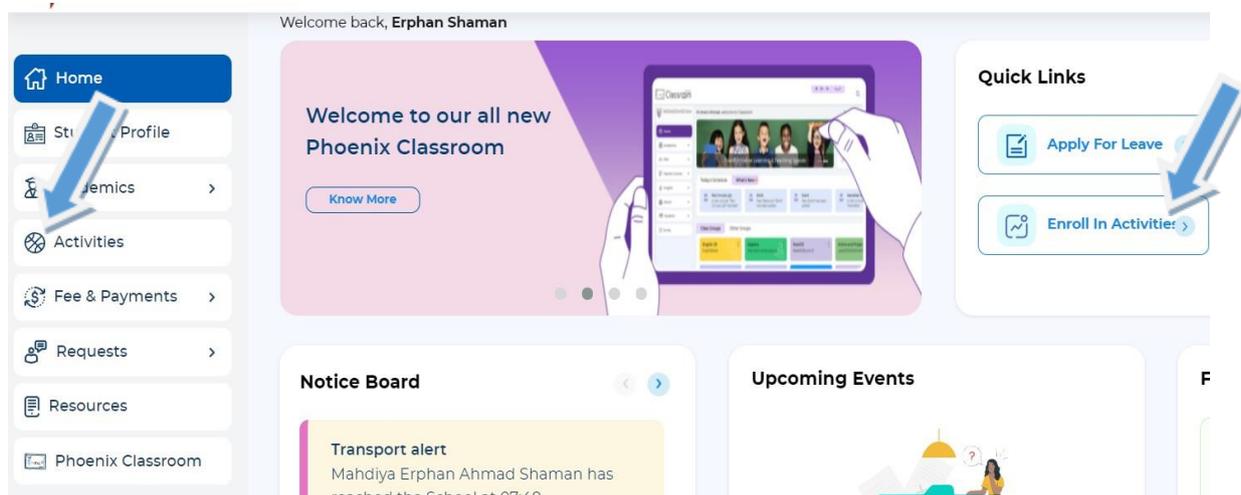
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## Steps for the payment pathway for 'BASANT UTSAV'

### How to register & pay for an activity online?

Step 1: Login to GEMS Parent Portal with parent login credentials ([Click here to Login](#)).

Step 2: Click **Enroll in Activities** under Quick Links or click on the **Activities** tab on the left Navigation menu.



Step 3: To register your ward, select the activity '**BASANT UTSAV**'.

Step 4: Select '**Request to Enroll**'

Step 5: Click '**Send Request**'

Step 6: To make a payment, click **Fee and Payments** -> **Fee Payment** on the left menu. The Fee Payment page is displayed. Click the **Activity Fee tab**. Observe the **Net Payable** amount that is displayed. Click **Proceed To Pay**.

