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"The very essence of leadership is its purpose. And the purpose of leadership is to accomplish a task. That is what leadership does ... and what it does is more important than what it is or how it works."

– Colonel Dandridge M Malone

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Indus International School and a warm welcome to another edition of the newsletter.

It feels really great to communicate and keep you abreast through the medium of the newsletter. It's an absolute experience of joy and a sense of accomplishment as we move together towards helping our dear children become leaders of tomorrow. Your assistance from the home front, and ours from the school, will gel together to create in our students the right dose of curiosity and confidence. "All of the great leaders had one characteristic in common: it was the willingness to confront unequivocally the major anxiety of their people in their time. This, and not much else, is the essence of leadership," said John Kenneth Galbraith, the US economist in his article 'The Age of Uncertainty.' The faculty at Indus has been working ambitiously towards creating that willingness to confront unequivocally the major anxiety of our school community.

Indus Day has been the focus last month. All our students and teachers had been gearing up towards this event. Practices had been going on with incessant activity while we did our best to ensure that classes were not disrupted. The practice sessions were very exciting indeed and this year the event was more thrilling as the Middle School and the Secondary School made it an inter house competitive event. The grand finale for the PYP was held on 27 April, 2007 and for Grades 6 and above on 28 April, 2007. The chief guests, Mrs Padmini Ravi and Mr Ramesh Ramanathan, both felt that the children were quite confident and thoroughly enjoyed the programme. The PYP presented various items. The event began with the invocation dance by students of Grades 2 to 5. Prep 1 presented a spectrum of colours through their song, Colour Pencils. Prep 2 had internationalism as their theme and exhibited the national dresses and flags of various countries. Grade 1 presented 'The lady who swallowed the fly' while grade 2 got the

audience tapping to a gypsy dance. Grades 3, 4 and 5 staged certain scenes of 'Oliver' and 'Annie' and the twain did meet at the Indus amphitheatre. The drama was accompanied by the choir. The students also presented an instrumental item and the day ended with a very emotional and touching finale as the students of the PYP sang 'You raise me up.' The chief guest spoke about taking time to spend with children. The teachers demonstrated their skill at dancing through a dance performance and also set an example to the students as 'risk takers.' It was amazing to see them on their toes through their event. On the second day Grades 6 to 12 presented an array of dance, drama and music and it was extremely competitive. Phoenix house emerged winners and they rightfully merited it. The teachers presented a Hindi classic number and believe me, it was absolutely mind blowing to hear our nightingales in action. Mr Ramesh Ramanathan, the chief guest and Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray, the CEO and the Principal spoke on the occasion. "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do," said Eleanor Roosevelt. Well this is exactly what took place at Indus International School on Indus Day. Our students, many of whom thought that they couldn't do certain things, did just that and that's where true joy lies - in seeing our students do just what seemed impossible to them. How amazing and close to our hearts these experiences are.

On Indus Day we also had the Science and Art exhibition. The Science Exhibition was inaugurated by Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray, the CEO of the Indus Trust. The students exhibited their art work which was also on sale. The proceeds of the sale went towards the community service component of the school. The students made various working models, class wise, as a part of the Science exhibition. It was thrilling to see students explain how their models work and what they represent, with fortitude and mettle. The results of the Science and Art Exhibitions were as follows:

Art Exhibition

- Grade 6** - Angkhana Jane
- Grade 7** - Jin Gyeong
- Grade 8** - Han Ji Hye
- Grade 9** - Tania Kapoor
- Grade 11** - Clement Imsong

Science Exhibition

- Grade 6** - Agni Bhattacharya
- Grade 7** - Manesha Tarachand and Shefali Dhar
- Grade 8** - Harshita Teppala and Swati Nandwani
- Grade 9** - Aditya Lingaraju, Drishya M, Aditya Tejas
- Grade 11** - Shruthi Janardhan , Rachana K

Besides this, there was a great deal happening in the Primary Year Programme at Indus. On 11 April, 2007, Grade 1 had their ESL assembly where the students, who managed English with great difficulty when they entered the portals of Indus, now, presented

'Little Red Hen.' Ms Pavan Deep of the Hindi department organized a very exciting Hindi Assembly as well for the PYP students. As a part of CAS, Grade 1 conducted a sports day for the students of a school in Billapura village. We also celebrated book day on 23 April, 2007, to commemorate the birthday of Shakespeare. As a part of their Unit, the PYP also conducted a workshop for all students on 'Our Body.' This programme was extended to Grades 6 to 12.

During the month our students have proved in more than one way that they are true leaders in that they have accomplished a great task – the task of planning and presenting their programmes in the true spirit of competition. We are proud that our Eagles are true leaders as they do not go where the path may lead but where there is no path and then leave a trail.

As I sign off I would like to wish all our Grade 10 and 12 students the very best even as they do their IGCSE and IB DP examinations. We are sure that each of them will make us proud.

With warm Regards,

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