



## Indus Early Learning Centre Koramangala, Bangalore

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**“The more unpredictable the environment, the more important a seemingly unnecessary breadth and depth of knowledge becomes.” –**

**Ian Leslie**

Back from the holidays and into a roller coaster of learning, celebrations, awards and professional development, both students and staff at IELC Koramanagala have had a busy month indeed!

The newsletter provides tidbits of news and clips of the happenings at school.



### Mark your calendars!

11<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday-  
Reception Class Assembly

27<sup>th</sup> February, Saturday- Second  
Term 3WC (3 way conference)

## Professional development opportunities at IELC Koramangala

Effective professional development is vital to the success of the school and for teacher satisfaction; Indus offers ongoing rich learning opportunities through the year, based on best practices in the world of education and the needs of the teachers. Back from a restful winter vacation, our team at Koramangala was geared up for professional development sessions at school!

The team engaged in interactive workshops this month- *Differentiated Instruction in the Early Years* led by Ms Amrita Jaisingh and *Positive behavior reinforcement in the classroom* led by Ms Jyoti Khare.

A few members of IELC Koramangala also attended the Asian International College Professional Workshop Series and the Early Childhood

Education Global Conference 2016 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.



### Spanish at IELC Koramangala

*Learning a second language, like Spanish during childhood can bring substantial self-improvement, especially because they will be able to learn an old and extremely appreciated language.*

*Elementary aged children are sponges when it comes to learning. Essentially, children can absorb any language easily when compared to adults. It has been proven that children are quicker to learn new subject matter than adults as their brains are still accepting information at a rapid pace as it develops.*

*Spanish language is largely spread in the world, occupying an important place and being spoken by over 400 million people from all over the world. Learning Spanish as a second or third language will provide children the opportunity to build a better career in the future, as many jobs available in the job market require speaking at least two languages, among which Spanish is one of them.*

*Ms Nancy Sabillon (Spanish Teacher, IELCs)*

## IELC Whitefield Award

Indus is pleased to announce that Indus Early Learning Centre, Whitefield stood No 1 in the Education World preschool rankings 2015 for Bangalore, under the pre-primaries of K- 12 schools.

Our heartiest congratulations to the team at Whitefield!

## 100 Days in School!

On the 20<sup>th</sup> January, Wednesday, the students and teachers of Reception and Prep One classes celebrated 100 days of learning at school. The day was marked by participation in fun learning engagements; and reflection by students on their growth and friendships over the past six months!



## Learner Profile and International Mindedness

To be internationally minded learners with global perspective, we educators believe that children must cultivate a certain set of skills, attitudes and behaviors. These have been encapsulated into a set of attributes called the Learner Profile. The profile defines a broad range of human capabilities that go beyond academic success.

The Learner Profile represents 10 attributes valued by our school. These guide students to become deep thinkers; full of curiosity about the world they live in and capable of articulating their ideas and communicate their thinking.

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

High aims and ideals, but the challenge is: how can we make this vision come alive? Our next newsletter will give you a window into how the Indus curriculum and core values do this and how parents can bring the learners profile home with the children!



## To Note:

- **Ms Winny Pinto** joins Indus International School as Coordinator for the IELCs. Ms Winny brings to Indus diverse experience in education spanning 15 years and joins us from Babies Inc, Casa Montessori International, Singapore
- **Ms Meera Vishal** joins IELC Koramangala as teacher intern for Prep One class. She is currently attempting the Cambridge International Diploma for Teaching and Learning, ITARI. She brings with her a bank of knowledge in visual arts, having worked in architecture and interior designing, prior to taking up teaching.
- **Mr Valentine**, PE specialist, leaves his post at IELC Koramangala

### *Parent Volunteers at IELC Koramangala*

*Nursery class was delighted to welcome Karis's dad and granddad to model the basics of gardening and caring for plants. Mr Adam, thank you for a thoroughly enjoyable and educative lesson in gardening!*



Wish you a happy February!

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