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*"One of the most calming experiences for a child is concentration. Deep concentration can occur while digging in the sand, washing carrots, stringing beads, drawing with color pencils, doing a puzzle, or polishing a mirror; we never know when it will begin, but recognising it is necessary if we are to protect it."*

*-Susan Mayclin Stephenson*

Dear Parents,

September has been an active month, full of celebration and learning for our students. We hosted our first Inquiry Cycle to give parents a window into Indus's pedagogy of inquired based learning that underpins the Units of Inquiry. The Parent Volunteer Programme has also kicked off this month with parents coming in to lead reading and art engagements with the children.

Read on to catch a glimpse into the month of September...

Warm Regards,

Amrita Jaisingh

### School Assemblies at IELC Koramangala

An essential aspect of the IB inspired curriculum is the Transdisciplinary Skill of Communication. Presentation and public speaking skills are a vital element of learning at IELC K, leading to the development of a sense of collaboration, open mindedness and appreciation.

The assemblies represent one avenue through which this skill is encouraged and showcases the same to parents of the respective grades.

Assembly timetable for the academic year 2015-2016

29<sup>th</sup> October- Music Assembly

20<sup>th</sup> November- Prep One Assembly

22<sup>nd</sup> January- Second Language- Hindi and Spanish

11<sup>th</sup> February- Reception Assembly

7<sup>th</sup> April- Physical Education Assembly

14<sup>th</sup> May- Nursery Assembly

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## SPECIALIST CLASSES AT KORAMANGALA

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Class	Nursery	Reception	Prep One
2 <sup>nd</sup> Language	Tue/ Thur	Tue/ Wed	Wed/Thur
Music	Mon/Thur	Mon/Thur	Mon/Thur
PE	Thur/ Fri	Thur/ Fri	Thur/ Fri
Keyboards	-	-	Mon/Thur
SMA	Wed	Wed	Wed
Art	Fri	Mon	Mon/Wed/Fri

As part of a holistic education, specialist curricular areas aim to nurture the broad development of students and focuses on their intellectual, emotional, social, physical and creative potentials. There is an emphasis on life experience and learning beyond the confines of classroom environment to develop skills, knowledge and attitudes required to support academic achievement and success in life.

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### *Welcome Additions and upgrades at IELC Koramangala*

We welcome Ms Jyoti Khare as SEN teacher for all grade levels. She will be with IELC K for the duration of Ms Mini's maternity leave. She is available at school every Monday and works with English as a Second Language learners and assists our teachers with children who have special educational needs. Ms Jyoti comes with years of teaching experience in the early years and as a special educator. Her credentials include a Diploma in Specific Learning Disabilities and a Bachelor of Education. Ms Jyoti's experience will no doubt make this a positive and productive year for the children!

Ms Ami Diwan joins us as intern and twice a week assists Ms Nandita in the Reception classroom. She is pursuing the Cambridge Diploma in Teaching and Learning (CIDTL) at the Indus Training and Research Institute (ITARI - [www.itari.in](http://www.itari.in) ).

The outdoor play area has been covered in fine, filtered sand to provide a larger space for play. Children have taken a liking to the upgraded area and we observe more movement and play on the grounds. We look forward to making use of this area for PE sessions as well.

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## Reading Programme

The Parent led Reading Programme for Reception and Prep One started up this month.

While teachers plan and follow a structured Reading programme through the year and the small grouping allows for individual attention in developing fluent reading skills, the inclusion of parent led sessions are appreciated and enjoyed by the students.

A special thanks to the parents who have volunteered to participate in this programme.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2<sup>nd</sup> October, Friday-  
Gandhi Jayanti  
(School Closed)

17<sup>th</sup> October,  
Saturday - First Term  
3 Way Conference

21<sup>st</sup> October,  
Wednesday- Ayodhya  
Pooja (School Closed)

22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October,  
Thursday and Friday-  
Dussehra (School  
Closed)

29<sup>th</sup> October,  
Thursday- Music  
Assembly

30<sup>th</sup> October, Friday-  
Halloween

### Snapshots of the month!

Find us at IELC Koramangala on Facebook for more photographs of each event.

### Teacher's Day Celebrations 2015



## Inquiry Cycle Presentation 2015

Parents were introduced to the Inquiry Cycle and learnt how the students interact with this cycle through the Units of Inquiry. The school's focus on the development of communication and presentation skills showed through the students' presentation.



## Book Parade 2015

