



## SEPTEMBER 2016 Newsletter

*“Teaching, if it is to be done well, must be built on vision and commitment; learning, if it is to be meaningful, depends on imagination, risk taking, intention, and invention.” — William Ayer*

*Dear Parents,*

The month of August has been a foundational one at Indus Early Learning Centre as students and teachers focused on settling into classroom routines and establishing relationships within their community of learners. The students have adjusted to school well after the summer holidays and are all happily participating in the wide array of activities, projects and events that are a part of daily school life at IELC.

We had our first special assembly to celebrate the 69th Indian Independence Day on August 12th, where we gathered and shared the significance of the day followed by singing of the Indian national anthem. Students of Prep 1 and Prep 2 performed two songs, and Ms. Kirtana, our Shankar Mahadevan Academy Specialist beautifully rendered a patriotic song. We also discussed the colours of the flag and the significance of Independence Day.



## Independence Day Celebration at Indus International School Bangalore

Independence Day was celebrated at IISB on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 with aplomb and gaiety. Students of the senior school and the Indus Community School displayed their myriad talents and skills in a well conducted programme. All staff from the three Indus Early Learning Centres attended the event.



## Phonics and Reading Workshop for Parents



Indus Early Learning Centre RMV conducted its 1<sup>st</sup> **Parent Workshop on our approach to Phonics and Reading on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**. An interactive session was conducted by the Head of Centre, where parents were first introduced to the Language program and its finer nuances and later had the opportunity of experiencing and engaging in the learning stations, setup by each grade, displaying grade appropriate resources and engagements, while also highlighting the differentiated learning and teaching tools and strategies.

## Staff Development- POCSO Workshop



As part of the ongoing staff development and upgradation of both pedagogical as well as topics of child welfare, all staff members of Indus International School and IELC's attended a **workshop conducted by the organization SASHA on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at Indus International School**. The topic of discussion was the POCSO Act.

In accordance with the provision of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO), the act protects children from offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography. The Act was read and understood by all school staff to understand child-friendly mechanisms for reporting, recording of evidence, investigation and speedy trial of offence.

## Keeping Safe Week



As part of our endeavor to develop independence and self-management skills, particularly keeping safe, we conducted the **Keep Safe Week from 22<sup>nd</sup> August to 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**.

Students were introduced to various related topics through presentations, role play and puppet shows. The week culminated with a well-organized fire drill conducted in an orderly manner. Ms. Sreeja conducted a puppet show reinforcing the concept of keeping safe. Since children learn best through reinforcement, the class teachers will be discussing related topics during circle time which is conducted every morning and is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their thoughts and build an environment of trust, sharing and caring.

## Save the Dates

**2<sup>nd</sup> September, Friday** - Teacher's Day Celebrations

**5<sup>th</sup> September, Monday**- Ganesh Chaturthi HOLIDAY

**9<sup>th</sup> September, Friday**- Book Character Parade Day

**13<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday**-Bakrid / Onam HOLIDAY

**30<sup>th</sup> September, Friday**-PYP Inquiry Cycle Workshop for Parents



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