



## OCTOBER 2016 Newsletter

*“All children start their school careers with sparkling imaginations, fertile minds, and a willingness to take risks with what they think.”*

*— Ken Robinson*

*Dear Parents,*

As envisioned, September has been a month filled with learning that sparks the spirit of inquiry and nurtures the creativity of our students, teachers and parents alike! In spite of the numerous unexpected days of school closure due to the bandh, the month was packed with special events such as Teacher’s Day Celebration, Book Character Parade, Inquiry Cycle Presentation and parent volunteer visits that have supported our Unit of Inquiry. September also marks the beginning of festivities and celebrations and as an organization that believes in developing international-mindedness, this month has offered innumerable opportunities to appreciate traditions followed by the families of our students and staff alike. Involving the parents and each and every member of our staff is a wonderful way, we believe, that helps students appreciate different perspectives and develop healthy attitudes of tolerance and respect.

I look forward to your presence during our enriching event, The Puppet Theatre Festival on Saturday, October 22nd, an engaging and stimulating literary event. Our specialist from Kathalaya Storytellers will be conducting a puppet show. We will also be hosting an exciting puppet making workshop which will focus on using recycled material to create puppets. We will be sharing techniques to manipulate them in a fun and exciting manner by making the puppets talk with sounds and voice modulations and make them come alive with stories. A parent workshop on ‘Enhancing Communication, Social and Emotional Skills through Puppet Play’ will ensure the family has a wonderful and educative Saturday morning!

Please do feel free to pass the word around and invite your friends for this event.

## Book Character Parade

Our Special event for the month, The Book Character Parade was held with much enthusiasm and excitement, this event coincided with International Literacy Day. Students came dressed up as their favourite characters and shared their books. There was a special storytelling and puppet show session and a parade. The parade gave the students the opportunity of displaying their costumes and books to the audience. This event helped nurture a love for reading and an awareness of the different books and characters, thereby promoting literacy across the grades. Children were presented a participation certificate, thus making the event a memorable one for them!



## Teachers' Day Celebrations at IELC RMV

Each year India celebrates September 5th, the birthday of Dr. Radhakrishna as Teachers' Day. Students of IELC RMV displayed their appreciative attitudes by collaboratively making cards for their teachers and teaching assistants and presenting the same to them during a special assembly held to celebrate the occasion. Prep 2 students presented a special song and Ms. Kavitha introduced student to the philosophy behind celebrating this special day.

*It was indeed a proud moment for Indus International School as we have been ranked the No. 1 International Day Boarding School nationally for the fifth consecutive year.*



## Staff Development -First Aid Workshop



As part of the ongoing staff development and upgradation of both pedagogical as well as topics of child welfare, all staff members of IELC's attended a **First Aid Workshop** conducted at **Colombia Asia Hospital, Hebbal** on **10<sup>th</sup> September 2016** .

## Inquiry Cycle Workshop



Indus Early Learning Centre RMV conducted its **Inquiry Cycle Presentation** on **30th September, Friday**.

The Head of Centre introduced parents to the philosophy and pedagogy of the Kathy Short Inquiry Cycle. This workshop provided parents an insightful perspective about the Early Years Program and Inquiry as a stance in education.

The parents then moved to the respective classrooms, where the grade teachers presented a Power Point on the process of Inquiry for their unit and were supported wholeheartedly by the students who were very keen to share their learning.





## **New; from the Grades**

### **PREP 2- Our Actions and Emotions Impact Our Well-being**

The month of September saw the students of Prep 2 engaged deeply and connecting with each other in a reflective manner as they delved deeper into their Unit of Inquiry. The various engagements ensured they made enduring connections and correlations between their emotions and reactions and these helped them understand inter and intra personal relationships better.

**Friendship breakers and fixers**



### **PREP 1**

Prep students' first Unit of Inquiry this session focused on the central idea 'Everybody belongs to a Family'. In this unit, students explored the central idea through numerous inter and transdisciplinary engagements and an experiential field trip to Heritage Supermarket.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and staff who took the time to share interesting facts about their traditions and enrich the children and broaden their perspectives: Ms. Priscilla, Ms. Nishita and Ms. Sophie.

**Visit to Heritage Supermarket**



## RECEPTION

Students of Reception had a well-rounded and settled month as they formed bonds with their classmates and teachers and explored their likes and dislikes. The month gave them ample opportunities to engage in a multitude of activities and engagements and discover for themselves where their interest lie! This was a well-defined objective of their unit of Inquiry- Marvelous Me

### **Unlocking our Creative Side!**



## NURSERY

It's a delight to see the Nursery class well-settled and students exploring, observing and learning from each and every interaction and engagement. The class delved deeper into their foundational theme – 'All about Me' through songs, stories, learning stations and roleplays. This helped them internalize their ideas and perceptions and reinforce the value-based education. They now know where to use the magic words – Sorry, please and thank you! A great step towards being caring and sensitive.

### **Learning and Exploring!**



## Save the Dates

- 7<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday-** Reports emailed to parents
- 10<sup>th</sup> October, Monday-** Ayudha Pooja HOLIDAY
- 11<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday-** Dusshera HOLIDAY
- 14<sup>th</sup> Friday October-** 1st Term-3 Way Conference.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday October-** Puppet Theatre Festival (Enrichment Marketing Event at IELC RMV)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Friday October-** Multicultural Day Celebrations
- 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday, October-** Autumn Break until 6<sup>th</sup> November
- 7<sup>th</sup> Monday, November -** School Reopens after Break



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