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December 2015 Newsletter

“I never ‘teach’ my pupils. I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn.”

Albert Einstein

Dear Parents,

The wet, rainy month of November offered us an added opportunity to promote a literacy rich environment as students spent lots of time in the library and deeply immersed in reading. Students were also introduced to the Raz-kids website and parents had the wonderful opportunity of attending the Jolly Phonics and RAZ-kids Workshop.

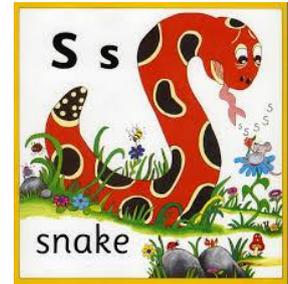
This workshop was aimed at promoting literacy and a love of books and reading, while helping parents become equipped to navigate the website and offer support to children through parental involvement. Looking forward to the month ahead which promises to be filled with the joy of the Christmas season.

Deepavali Special Assembly

Deepavali, the festival of lights and one that espouses the triumph of good over evil offered many learning engagements and opportunities for our students. Our special assembly held on 6th November saw our parent volunteer Ms. Bulbul give a short talk explaining the significance and importance of the festival and introduce the main characters of the Ramayana. The teachers and Ms. Nishita conducted a puppet show dramatizing the Ramayana and one that ensured full audience participation as it relied on the street play style of narration. The students presented a Dandiya dance performance which was choreographed by Ms. Ritu. Mr. Ramesh, our parent kindly sponsored the firecrackers. The firework display was an excellent opportunity to discuss the aspect of safety while handling firecrackers and our responsibility to the environment by limiting bursting of crackers.



Jolly Phonics is a systematic synthetic phonics programme designed to teach children to read and write. Children learn the 42 letter sounds of the English language, rather than the alphabet. They are then taken through the stages of blending and segmenting words to develop reading and writing skills. Jolly Phonics is a scheme which comes under the Synthetic phonics method.



On Saturday, November 21st, Saturday parents were invited for a workshop introducing them to the Jolly Phonics program and RAZ-Kids Website. This workshop was conducted by Ms. Sasha Kwan, PYP Teacher at Indus International School, Bangalore and an experienced Jolly Phonics Workshop expert.



Prep Field Trip to Cubbon Park

The students of Prep, as part of their Unit of Inquiry, 'Transportation' visited Cubbon Park, where they walked around the Park, visited the Aquarium, rode the Toy Train and enjoyed discovering the Jawahar Bal Bhavan Garden.

The objective of the trip was to facilitate an opportunity for experiential learning and an opportunity to observe and experience the myriad attractions of Cubbon Park. Field trips also nurture in children the values of sharing, respect, caring and the benefits of spending quality time together.



Parent Volunteerism Endeavours

November saw active participation by our parents and we thank our volunteers for coming forth and partnering with us to enhance the learning and spirit of inquiry of our students. We thank: **Ms. Bulbul Satsangi for her contribution to our Deepavali Assembly**, **Mr. Ramesh for sponsoring the Firecrackers**, **Mr. Yasir Khan for his presentation on 'Land Transportation' in Prep**. **Ms. Vinitara for her engagement in Reception on 'Healthy Eating'**, **Mr Pavel for his presentation on Hannukah** and **Mr. Subhasis for the great idea of having a 'Thanksgiving Tea-Party' and explaining the concept of gratitude and sharing.**



Healthy Eating Craft



Thanksgiving Tea Party

Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease (HFMD)

During the month of November we had a case of Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease (HFMD) reported at IELC RMV. Please read the information below about the disease and help us to keep the virus at bay. We deep clean our classrooms and toys on an ongoing basis to keep the surroundings clean and hygienic.

What are the symptoms of HFMD?

This illness generally is mild. Symptoms include tiny blisters in the mouth and on the fingers, palms of hands, buttocks, and soles of the feet. Common cold signs and symptoms with fever, sore throat, runny nose, and cough may also be present. The sores can last from 7 to 10 days.

How is HFMD spread?

The virus is spread through coughing and sneezing, through the fluid from blisters on the hands and feet, or through contact with the infected person's stools. We ask that if you notice any symptoms, to please keep your child at home until recovery, and to please inform your child's teacher.

How is HFMD diagnosed and treated?

A doctor can identify HFMD by the symptoms reported and the appearance and location of the blisters. No specific treatment is available. Symptoms may be treated to provide relief from fever or pain from the mouth blisters. A person is considered contagious during the first stages of illness and could pass the virus in their stool for several months.

How do you control the spread?

Preventative measures include making sure adults and children wash hands frequently and thoroughly both at home and in school. Teach children to cover their noses and mouths with a tissue or their arm when coughing or sneezing. When using a tissue, wash hands well afterwards. Dispose of tissues after each use. Consult your doctor if you or any member of your family has symptoms of this disease.



Sports Day Practice Sessions

Students have been enthusiastically and actively practicing for Sports Day. They are getting better with each practice and keenly looking forward to participating on the D-day. Sports help children learn a lot more than physical agility and build stamina, it is vital for their physical, social, emotional growth by building resilience and learning team work, cooperation and playing by the rules!



⌘ Save the Date ⌘

5th December - Eureka Science Festival

11th December- Annual Sports Day

15th December- Western Music Assembly

16th December- Christmas Party and Prep Unit of Inquiry Assembly

17th December to 4th January- Winter Vacations

Sincerely,
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Head of Centre, IELC RMV

We're happy to announce that IELC RMV is on Facebook. Please do view the page and post your likes. www.facebook.com/IELCRMV