



## NOVEMBER 2016 Newsletter

*“Authentic learning occurs best during the early years within the context of care giving, real life activities; as adults and children come together to form relationships.”*

*Gonzalez-Mena (2002)*

*Dear Parents,*

October heralded in a busy academic and interactive month for us at IELC RMV. It was packed with collaborative hands-on learning, school events and a fun-filled weekend event. Thank you, dear parents, for your presence and enthusiastic contribution towards your child’s journey of inquiry this month; your participation has made these events all the more memorable and meaningful for the children.

As the First Term of the academic year drew to a close and culminated in the first PTM (Parent Teacher Meeting) of the session, parents had the opportunity of interacting one-on-one with teachers and discussing areas of progress and concern. This was also a time to meet the specialist teachers and gain a greater understanding of the student’s experiences in these areas as well as the holistic learning environment of daily life at IELC.

We are also proud of ITARI for announcing a strategic alliance with the University of Bath, UK.

I would also like to wish you season’s greetings and a restful Autumn Break. When we return on 7<sup>th</sup> November, we have an exciting month packed with collaborative opportunities like the Master Chef - Parent and Child Activity and the Children’s Day Assembly.

## University of Bath, U.K signs MOU with Indus Training and Research Institute (ITARI)

The Indus Training and Research Institute (ITARI) and The University of Bath, UK announced a strategic alliance to offer dual certification postgraduate teacher training programs for teachers. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) was signed between Prof Jeff Thompson, CBE and one of the founders of International Baccalaureate Organization, Prof. Mary Hayden, Head, Dept. of Education, from University of Bath and Lt. General (Retired) Arjun Ray, PVSM, VSM, Chief Executive- Indus Training and Research Institute on **October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Taj Vivanta, M.G Road.**

Consistently ranked among the top 10 in UK universities league tables, The University of Bath has a strong Department of Education that focuses on applied research in Pedagogy with strong links internationally with universities, networks of researchers, international schools and International Baccalaureate Organization. It is among the Universities worldwide authorized by IBO to award the IBEC Certificate.

Specifically tailored for teachers seeking to advance their careers and gain global exposure, ITARI will offer Postgraduate level, Professional IB Teacher certification programme in International Education, exclusively customized to meet the requirements of International Baccalaureate Schools. The strategic tie-up with University of Bath, U. K will offer Masters in Education (M.A.) with the IB Educators Certificate (IBEC).



## Puppet Theatre Festival



The Puppet Theatre Festival was conducted on our campus on Saturday, 22nd October, 2016. As part of the enriching day, we conducted a Puppet Making Workshop which focused on using recycled material. The puppet making was conducted age-wise and children of all ages engaged in making puppets and using them in an interactive manner in the Puppet show conducted by our specialist, Ms. Jyoti. Ms. Jyothi Kunjoor from Kathalaya Puppeteers conducted two highly interactive puppet shows for the audiences.



Apart from the Puppet Making session and Puppet Show, a Parent Workshop on the benefits of Puppet Play was conducted by Ms. Nishita Israni. All the events ensured an educative and entertaining day for the entire family!



## Multicultural Day Celebration



Our special event for the month, **The Multicultural Day Celebration** generated much discussion and excitement. The students had an opportunity to engage in Diwali and Halloween crafts through the week.

The special assembly helped students understand the significance of Diwali and Halloween and we thank our parent volunteer, Mrs. Bulbul Satsangi for the wonderful presentation on the tradition of Diwali through a puppet show.



Following the assembly, the students presented a Diya dance, which they had been diligently practicing since the last fortnight. Lastly, we had a parade where the children enthusiastically displayed their costumes, followed by going for the much awaited 'Trick or Treat' walk to each other's classrooms.

## **New; from the Grades**

### **PREP 2**

The Prep 2 students have been deeply engaged in reading and have been decoding age appropriate books as part of their Reading program. They have also been working on their logical and reasoning skills and have started to explore the concept and basic terms of measurement. Their Unit of Inquiry, “Unity in Diversity’ has lent for much discussion and Inquiry. We would like to thank our parent volunteer Ms. Twinkle for sharing her perspectives of life in the US vis-à-vis the food, customs and celebrations.

### **PREP 1**

Prep students’ second Unit of Inquiry focused on the central idea, ‘We can express our ideas and feelings through Play.’ The children enjoyed learning about the components of play and the types of play. They also had a specialist Presentation by Ms. Shivani who spoke about the importance of play and taught an indoor game, Tumbling Monkeys to the Prep 1 students. She emphasized on the rules of the play and children eagerly waited for their turns and enjoyed playing it.

### **RECEPTION**

The students of Reception embarked on their second unit of Inquiry ‘Celebrations.’ We would like to thank our parent volunteers for further enriching the unit through their presentations. Mrs. Ranjeetha Gowda, made a presentation on the customs and preparations related to Diwali, while, Mrs. Aalia Arshi, made a presentation on the customs and traditions associated with the Eid celebration.

### **NURSERY**

The Nursery class continued exploring the foundational theme -Animal World. This theme was explored by the class through stories, crafts and a multitude of hands on activities. To explore the different festivals children of Nursery made lanterns and diyas and learnt more about the customs of Halloween and Diwali.

## Save the Dates

- 7<sup>th</sup> November, Monday** - School Reopens after Break
- 11<sup>th</sup> November, Friday** - Master Chef Day- Parent and Student Master Chef Event
- 14<sup>th</sup> November, Monday-** Children's Day Celebration
- 18<sup>th</sup> November, Friday-** PYP Colloquium at IISB ( Parent invited to attend event)
- 24<sup>th</sup> November, Thursday-** Math and Music Assembly
- 26<sup>th</sup> November, Saturday-** OPEN DAY at IELC RMV. School viewing for prospective Parents.

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