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

Albert Einstein

Dear Parents,

The month of January has seen our students readjusting back to school after the winter break and engaging with full enthusiasm in the daily happenings of life at the Early Learning Centre. Each day at IELC is an artistic blend of academic and co-curricular periods, resulting in an education experience which is holistic and caters to all domains of a child's development. In this month's issue of our Newsletter, we highlight special school events and experiences shared by our students, both in and out of the classroom and announce upcoming important dates to keep in mind for the month ahead.

Education World Preschool Awards



On 23rd January an Early Childhood Education Global Conference was held in Mumbai by Education World Magazine at which time the India Preschool Awards Ceremony was held. Ms Jacinth Portess and Ms Apoorva Saini (Head of Primary School at Indus International School) accepted the award for being ranked #1 on 5 out of 10 parameters of excellence on behalf of the entire team at IELC Whitefield.

‘ From Garbage to Garden’ - A Prep2 Action Project



In connection with the Prep 2 UOI Reduce Reuse and Recycle, we have started a project where the children make garden compost from the food waste generated at school. We invited an expert Ms Ithikka from an organization called "Daily dump", to explain to the children the process of making compost through a hands-on workshop. We have purchased two composters and students take turns to actively participate in composting. The compost will be used for our IELC school garden. The Prep2 children readily take turns to monitor what goes into the composters everyday during lunch time and have eagerly taught the younger children, and sometimes other teachers, what to drop in the composter.



Republic Day Celebrations with Indus Community School



On 26th January in celebration on India's 66th year as a Democratic Republic, Teachers of IELC Whitefield attended the flag hoisting ceremony at Indus International School. After the flag hoisting Teachers from all the Indus Schools in Bangalore cheered our Community School Students on as they participated in their annual Sports day. It was a pleasure to watch these students display their athletic talents with such enthusiasm and vigor.



Nursery Assembly



The Nursery children, after much practice and preparation enjoyed putting up their first Assembly which was well attended by parents and family members. The Assembly comprised of children acting out their learning from the Units of Inquiry; Sharing the planet- Our Natural World and students dressed up as farm animals, wild animals or sea creatures. After a question-answer session with all the IELC school students, Nursery children sang and danced rhythmically to 'Down in the Jungle', sung and recorded by the Nursery staff with the guidance of Ms Vini- our Music Teacher.

ICT Interactive Smart Board Training for Teachers



As a part of our ongoing commitment to excellence and professional development of Teachers, on 22nd Jan an ICT workshop was organized at the Koramangala IELC campus. Teachers were able to upgrade their skills by learning a multitude of new ways to enhance classes through the use of the Interactive Smart Board software.

Save the Date

12th March IELC Indus Day

We have had to reschedule our IELC Indus Day to **12th March** as the MLR convention centre (the auditorium where IELC annual day was held last year) was already booked for 13th March.

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting the event once again at the MLR convention centre near Decathlon. More details to follow.