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March 2015 Newsletter

“Education is an arena of hope and struggle - hope for a better world, and the struggle to enact and achieve it. We come to believe that we can become makers of history, not merely the passive objects of the great human drama.”

- Bill Ayers

Dear Parents,

In preparation for our upcoming Annual Day on 12th March, the Performing Arts have been given extra importance this month, alongside our regular classes, as the children practice for their stage performances. The older students of Prep1 and Prep2 have had the opportunity to be trained in multiple roles for the event such as; drama, dance, singing, instrumentation and public speaking. Our Indus philosophy of whole education highlights the multiple benefits found at each stage of this journey, from working together in a team towards a common goal, to a hands on authentic experience with the arts; we believe the process has been as important as the final product. We look forward to celebrating the fruition of our combined efforts together with you during Indus Day this month.

‘The Storywallahs’ - An Interactive Parent Workshop



On 13th February, IELC Whitefield hosted an interactive parenting workshop facilitated by Mr Ameen Haque of ‘Storywallahs.’ Mr Ameen shared extremely helpful information related to effective storytelling techniques. Some of the topics presented included;

- * How to narrate and enact a story
- * The voice of a storyteller
- * The body language of a storyteller
- * Stories and their connection to the acquisition of language.

IELC Book Drive - Reception's Visit to 'Building Blocks'

We thank all the families of IELC for your participation and contribution toward our Book Drive for 'Building Blocks' - a nearby preschool run by an NGO for children from economically challenged backgrounds. 150 beautiful, educational books were donated in total towards their school library.

In connection with their Unit of Inquiry "School", children from the Reception classes were able to experience visiting another Preschool and interacting with children of their age. We sang songs, played together and participated in an interactive session with students and teachers from the school. Reception students distributed books, snacks and toys with joy and enthusiasm. It was a wonderful learning experience for our children!



Parent Volunteers in Reception



Thank you to all the Reception Parents who volunteered towards enhancing and enriching this month's activities:

Story sessions by Ms Christina, (Sophia's Mother) and Ms Molie and Lula (Grandmother & cousin of Daisy)

Art and Craft activity by Ms Ramneek (Samrit's Mother)

Valentine's Day Art activities by Ms Elissa Fischer (Ella's Mother) and Ms Hima (Vivien's Mother)

Parents who accompanied Reception class on their Field Trip to Building Blocks: Ms Shoko (Sayuri's Mother), Ms Shewta (Rohan's Mother) & Ms Ruma (Priyanka's Mother)

Nursery's Field Trip to Martin's Farm



On February 17th, Nursery children participated in their first School Field Trip to 'Martins Farm' off Sarjapur Road. The children enjoyed the experience of riding in the school bus along with their friends, Teachers and many parents. Once they reached 'Martin's Farm' the children had fun watching, feeding and communicating with the ducks, pigs, cows, horses, baby tortoises and goats. Children also thoroughly enjoyed snacking and playing together on the swings, see-saws, jungle gym and slides. We were fortunate to have a good number of family members join us for the visit. Thank you dear Nursery parents for your co-operation and support.

Save the Date

12th March
25th March
28th March
2nd April
13th April

IELC Indus Day
2nd Term Reports Online
2nd Term Parent Teacher Meeting
Spring Break Begins
School Reopens after Spring Break

