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September 2015 Newsletter

“Don’t wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect!” –Unknown

Dear Parents,

The month of August was one of settling (back) in; teachers introduced the first unit of inquiry and our students got to know each other better, parents took part in comforting their children in their mostly new environments.

It is unfortunate that the drop off/pick up zone isn’t ready for use yet, we are looking at ways to manage the road condition and hope to reopen the back entrance soon. Meanwhile please do not stop/park in front of the front gate at ECC Road but use our allocated parking area a few meters down. This to avoid hindrance to our neighbors.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Linda Bruijnen

Parents Advisory Committee (PAC)

We are pleased to announce the following parents have accepted to be a Parent Representative of IELC: Ms. Tina Molz, Ms Maartje Jorritsma, Ms Christina Goudswaard, Ms Ami Doshi, Ms Jhili (Swagatika) Panda, Ms Supriya Pandey, Ms Aradhana Vohra and Mr Ganesh Rengaswamy.

Unfortunately Ms Supriya and Ms Aradhana did not meet the criteria of having completed at least five months in school but we appreciate their enthusiasm!

Having only 3 seats of Parents Members at the PAC, we kindly invite all parents to vote for maximum 3 of the listed candidates via the link emailed to all, when opening the link you will find short introductions of the candidates, a picture and the voting form. Per student one vote may be casted, parent(s) with more than 1 child at IELC may open the form repeatedly to cast the votes for all their children at IELC.

The top 3 will become Parent Member of PAC-IELC. Deadline for responses is **Friday 4th of September**. Thank you!



Specialists Timetables 2015-16

	Nursery	Reception	Prep 1	Prep 1/2	Prep 2	Grade 1
2 nd language	Mon	Mon	A:Mon B: Fri	Mon / Fri	Wed / Fri	Mon / Fri
Music	Mon / Tue	Mon / Thurs	Tue / Thurs	Wed / Fri	Wed / Fri	Wed / Fri
P.E.	Wed	A:Mon B:Wed	A: Mon / Tue B: Tue / Wed	Mon / Tue	Mon / Tue	Mon / Tue
Swim	Fri	A:Wed B:Fri	A: Thurs / Fri B: Wed/ Thurs	Wed / Thurs	Wed / Thurs	Wed / Thurs
Piano/Violin	-	-	-	Once a week 2.25-3pm		
SMA	-	-	Tue	Tue	Tue	Tue
Dutch	Tue 2.25-3pm					
ART	-	-	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri

This overview shows our **specialist teachers & volunteers timetables**. We believe that all our students deserve an engaging and balanced education that supports academic achievement and also develops the skills, knowledge and qualities needed to flourish in life.

Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE)

HEALTH: We all know mosquitoes can be a nuisance, but some can spread serious diseases (e.g. **Dengue fever**) when they bite. At IELC we regularly empty stagnant water from e.g. trash cans and flower pots to prevent the breeding. To prevent mosquito bites, we advise parents to ensure our students wear long pants and long sleeves and apply repellent to exposed skin. The only way to protect yourself and your family is to **avoid being bitten**.

SAFETY: One of the teacher committees in IELC is the **HSSE committee** who monitors hazards and follows up on prevention action points of HSSE. The committee members are Ms Chaitra, Ms Shruti and Ms. Asha. Please contact them directly if you notice any HSSE hazards in or around the school?

SECURITY: All our staff members are wearing IELC **ID cards** and students have their ID cards on their backpacks. Parents are requested to arrange ID cards for themselves as well as any family member picking up the student. Please contact Ms Shruti for more details.

ENVIRONMENT: With the help of our **housekeeping team**, we work hard to clean up any clutter and maintain our classrooms in an orderly manner.



ARTS as part of the curriculum

Arts are integral and very important to the Early Learning Program. They are a powerful mode of communication through which our students explore and construct a sense of self and develop an understanding of the world around them. The IB inspired program at IELC recognizes that not all learning can be supported solely through language, and that arts as a medium of inquiry also provide opportunities for learning, communication and expression. Learning about and through arts is fundamental to the development of the whole child, promoting creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving skills and social interactions.



Arts are identified as dance, drama, music and visual arts. Each of these arts is a significant discipline in its own right, but the transdisciplinary nature of arts gives them relevance throughout the curriculum. Our students are engaged in a range of performing arts (dance, drama, music) and visual arts experiences.

We are happy to announce that Ms Michelle Lee (Leela's mom, prep 2) has offered her volunteer services to assist our Prep 1, 2 and Grade 1 teachers in the field of visual arts. The term 'visual arts' is used to describe practices as 'art, craft and design'. ART teacher Michelle can be found at IELC once a week on Fridays.

'Hello parents of Prep 1, Prep2 and Grade 1, my name is Michelle Lee (my daughter, Leela George, is a student in Prep 2), and I'm a volunteer art teacher at IELC. I have been working with your children in the Friday art class for the past 2 weeks.

I have 14+ years of experience working as a graphic designer and art director in Los Angeles, New York and London. I also have a master's degree in fine art specializing in sculpture. In the 4 years I have been in India, I've been teaching art and craft to children of all backgrounds, age 2 to 16 years, developing creative minds in Bangalore. And recently, I joined IELC to enrich the development of visual creativity of young children.



I will be working closely with each and every one of your children and am looking forward to encouraging their creativity, inspiring young minds and, along the way, helping to foster an individual connection with art.'

Michelle Lee

Monthly Assemblies

Each month, a different grade hosts an All School Assembly for IELC. Because public speaking skills are valued at IELC, the school holds monthly assemblies, the purpose of which is to build a sense of community, foster a climate of kindness and recognize the achievement of students.

Each month the hosting grade invites their parents to attend their assemblies, the first assembly will be on **Friday, September 25th** by **Grade 1** sharing things that are important to them.

We look forward to welcoming the Grade 1 parents on Friday, **September 25th 9.15am - 9.45am.**

The assembly **time table** for the year 2015-16:

- Grade 1 – 25th September
- Prep 2 – 30th October
- Prep 1 & Prep 1/2 – 20th November
- Reception – 4th December
- Nursery – 29th January
- Dutch/Spanish/Hindi – 29th April

Jolly Phonics Workshop for Parents

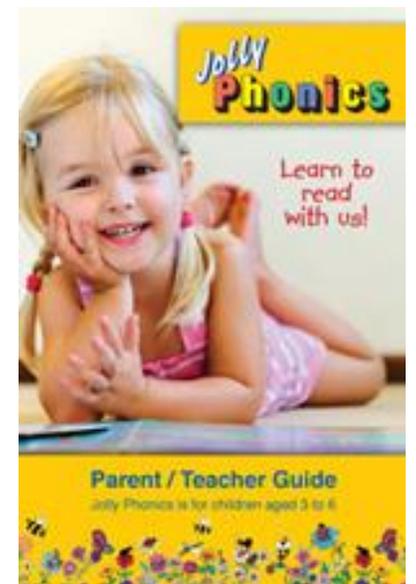
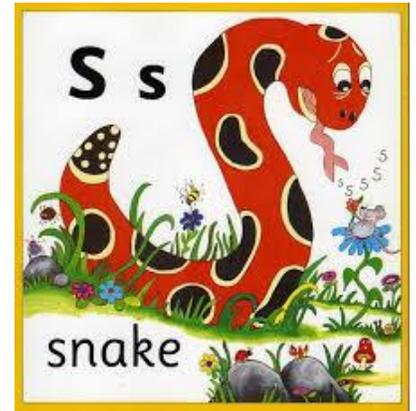
Jolly Phonics is a thorough foundation for reading and writing and we have successfully used this program in IELC since 2011. Jolly Phonics uses the synthetic phonics method of teaching the letter sounds in a way that is fun and multi-sensory. Our children learn how to use the letter sounds to read and write words.

At IELC we want to provide advice for our parents by organizing a Jolly Phonics workshop with our own experienced teachers as workshop trainers. During the workshop we will explain the principles behind Jolly Phonics so that your understanding of the teaching, and your ability to help your child, is much greater. We will introduce all the material we use in school and teach you the basics of Jolly Phonics.

Parental support is important to all children as they benefit from plenty of praise and encouragement whilst learning Jolly Phonics. Not all children find it easy to learn and blend sounds. Extra practice will lead to fluency in reading and help your child manage at school.

Any child will benefit greatly from a love of reading for pleasure. This can come from being read to. Once a child has begun to learn the letter sounds they will be able to pick them out in words. They should then move on to working out whole words through blending. Once there is fluency in reading, the most important skills for a child will be comprehension and the understanding of more words. This can be developed by asking a child questions about a story they have just read.

We hope to welcome all our parents and other interested parties to the Jolly Phonics workshop on **Saturday 26th September** from **9.30am – 12 noon** at IELC Whitefield. Kindly inform us of your attendance before 20th September so we can plan and prepare accordingly.



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday 4th September: Teacher's Day Celebrations

Thursday 17 & Friday 18th September: School closed

Friday 25th September: Monthly Assembly by Grade 1.

Saturday 26th September: Jolly Phonics workshop for parents.

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