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November 2015 Newsletter

*“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think”
–Albert Einstein*

Dear Parent(s),

The month of October has flown by with seeing lots of parent participation; First PTM, Field Trips, Jolly Phonics Workshop and Guest Talks in the classroom. The team is welcoming you to assist in the Guided Reading program to start in November and is preparing celebrations of Diwali!

The parking situation at ECC Road during Drop and Pick up times is concerning, the back road is unfortunately not accessible yet, though it slowly dries up. To avoid disturbance for our neighbors we request you **not to park** in front of the main front gate, but drop your child and have the car move away from the gate. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Linda Bruijnen

Field trips

Our IB-inspired Curriculum is enriched through the inclusion of carefully planned field trips. First-hand experience can provide our students with information and a level of understanding that adds elements to their play, enriches vocabulary and enhances their overall learning. In October the UOI ‘How We Organise Ourselves’ led Prep 1 to visit the HAL Aerospace museum.

Here at IELC we believe our students learn quite a lot from the field trips. In particular, enriching field trips contribute to the development of our students and will make them possess more knowledge about art, have stronger critical-thinking skills, exhibit increased historical empathy, display higher levels of tolerance, and have a greater taste for consuming art and culture.

Without the valuable parental assistance we would not be able to organize this, so thank you for your continuous support and please inform the teacher(s) or the members of PAC if you have suggestions or would like to volunteer.

Prep 1 @ HAL Museum



Welcome and Goodbye

We are happy to announce Ms. Farah Saleem, Ms. Kreshi Anand and Ms. Shuchita Bagga have joined our team.

Ms. Farah Saleem started mid-October as class teacher of Prep 1A, Ms. Farah co teaches with Ms Lakshmikala and brings along international experiences as assistant teacher in Dubai. She has studied Psychology, Journalism and Literature.



Ms. Kreshi Anand started mid-October as class teacher of Nursery A, Ms. Kreshi co teaches with Ms Rosy and has several years of teaching experience in KG and Nursery (students of 2-4 years). Having a PG Diploma in HR and Nursery trained she is currently pursuing the Cambridge Diploma in Teaching and Learning (CIDTL) at Indus Training and Research Institute (ITARI).



In October we also welcomed **Ms. Shuchita Bagga** in her role as administration and admissions officer here at IELC, she comes with a lot of experience in the field of corporate training and owns a BA in Journalism as well as B-Ed in English and Psychology. Ms. Shuchita can be contacted by email: shuchita.bagga@indusearlyyears.com or phone: +919739200007.



Ms. Aishwaria Attavar (Reception B) has transferred to Indus Early Learning Centre Koramangala, we are happy she stays within the Indus community and wish her lots of success at Koramangala.

It is with a heavy heart that we announce **Ms. Vini Chishi** is leaving IELC and Bangalore due to personal circumstances. Ms. Vini has guided us and inspired us in the magical world of music. We will all miss her and wish her all the best!



Ms. Sruti Arthur will take over some of the music classes while we are looking out for a full time Music teacher to replace Ms Vini.

Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE)

HEALTH: Throughout your child's schooling, the centre will be arranging **head lice** inspections of students. The inspections of students will be conducted by the class assistants. Before any inspections are conducted, we explain the process to all students and emphasize to them that the presence of head lice does not mean that their hair is less clean or well-kept than anyone else's. The person conducting the inspections will check through each student's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present. In cases where head lice are found, the teacher will notify the respective parents.

Itch? Lice?



Please note that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced. www.stylecraze.com/articles/anti-lice-shampoos-available-in-india/



SAFETY: Please note that cars **cannot park** in front of our front main gate, please use the designated area for parking or in case of having a driver please ask him to move ASAP after dropping you and/or your children. Thank you!

SECURITY: In today's day and age, protecting our children is essential and at IELC we have CCTV camera's placed at several spots in order to keep your child as safe as possible. The monitoring of the cameras is done by Ms Shuchita and Ms Linda.



ENVIRONMENT: The physical environment of our school building and school grounds is a key factor in the overall health and safety of our students, staff, and visitors. Please notify us immediately if you notice any hazards.

Shankar Mahadevan Academy

Singing happens at Indus Early Learning Centre Whitefield with the support of Shankar Mahadevan Academy Vocal Classes!

The Shankar Mahadevan Academy (SMA) tied up with IELC to bring our students music and vocal training classes. These classes are offered on Tuesdays to Prep 1, Prep 2 and Grade 1.



www.shankarmahadevanacademy.com

The focus of this program is to help pupils form a basic understanding of sound and the different sources that produce sound. Students are introduced to the concepts of beat & rhythm, dynamics & expression, articulation and notation. Through the progression of this program, children will learn some elements of Indian music, such as the 7 swaras. Opportunity will be provided to experiment with a variety of musical instruments, music genres and regional songs. The Mission of SMA is Joy of Music:

- To spread the joy of music worldwide
- To offer an opportunity to learners to achieve internationally established standards of learning.
- To make learning music convenient, easy and fun
- To emphasize on exploring and composing music, while learners achieve excellence in skill to perform and teach music.

A taste of October!



Fire Fighting Demo



Prep 2 Assembly on Friendship



Prep 1 Field trip HAL museum



Jolly Phonics Workshop for Parents



Team building



Thank you and Bye Shruti!



Halloween Costume Parade



RAZ-KIDS

Raz-Kids, the online Comprehensive Leveled Reading Resource for Kids is now accessible for IELC prep 2 and grade 1 students & parents.

Raz-Kids is an award-winning teaching product that provides comprehensive leveled reading resources for students. With hundreds of eBooks offered at 27 different levels of reading difficulty, it's easy to put the right content in every student's hands.

Kids access their leveled text through an interactive learning portal designed to keep them motivated and engaged. Every eBook is available in online and mobile formats, and allows students to listen to, read at their own pace, and record themselves reading. Students then take a corresponding quiz complete with an extended answer response to test comprehension and determine future instruction needs. Once a child has read ten or more of the leveled eBooks and passed each of the corresponding quizzes, they advance on to the next reading level where they have access to lengthier and more difficult text.

- A Digital Library at the disposal of IELC's Prep 2 & Grade 1
- 800+ leveled eBooks for students to practice reading anytime, anywhere
- Corresponding quizzes that measure student comprehension
- Digital management and reporting tools to easily track individual and class-wide reading progress

We hope this online reading resource will help our Prep 2 and Grade 1 students enjoy their homework even more! To learn more please visit: www.raz-kids.com



Raz-Kids

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday **5th November**: PYP Annual Day @ IISB EY-Grade 2 (IELC parents invited)

Friday **6th November**: PYP Annual Day @ IISB Grade 3-5 (IELC parents invited)

Monday **9th** – Friday **13th November**: School Closed

Wednesday **25th November**: Family Day Outing Prep 1

Thursday **26th November**: Family Day Outing Prep 2 & Grade 1

Friday **27th November** : Prep 1 Assembly



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