



## **February 2018**

*“The separation of talent and skill- is one of the greatest misunderstood concepts for people who are trying to excel, who have dreams, who want to do things. Talent you have naturally. Skill is only developed by hours and hours of beating on your craft” – Will Smith (Excerpt from the book GRIT – Angela Duckworth)*

Dear Parents,

The month of February has been a memorable one for IELC as we celebrated Indus Day in style through a play entitled ‘The River Runs Through Us’. The Centre was abuzz with activity as the entire school worked together in a collaborative effort to bring this dream to life on stage. Students had many holistic development opportunities throughout the preparation and practice process with increased interactions amongst various sections and the entire school, gaining renewed appreciation for the arts. We believe the experience and process has been as valuable and enriching as the end product; in context of the holistic growth of children.

From the littlest ones in the Nursery all the way to Grade 1, each of the IELC students played their roles with so much energy, joy and enthusiasm on stage, making the entire performance truly spectacular. Indus day was a unique combination, showcasing student learning from the Leadership Curriculum based on the theme of Goal Setting, Design Thinking Process, Play Based Learning and self-reliance in young children alongside our annual celebration of the performing arts in a dynamic musical production.

This year as a part of our Indus Day program, 7 Indus Leadership talks (I Lead Talks) by our young students showcased their learning in various aspects.

Teachers stayed back every Wednesday to work on a community outreach project of teaching communication skills in English to Support staff. Teachers also taught them computer skills and soft skills. Two of our support staff members shared their journey of their learning. Other unique aspects of the show included a rendition of an invocation prayer song in Sanskrit by four students aged 4 - 6.

The special addition of Orchestra, which showcased one of our Centres of Excellence; music appreciation and keyboard training. The students played two classical pieces 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik- W.A Mozart' and 'Jesu, Joy of Man's desiring'. The entire play was emceed with remarkable clarity by the children themselves as they took the audience through the show. Each of our students featured in the performance in one or more roles from public speaking, to vibrant, energetic dance performances. The stellar performance was a testimony of their effort and dedication. It is rightly said by Paulo Coelho, "Only children believe that they are capable of everything".

Many thanks to the tireless efforts of our teachers who made this entire event such a success. Pictures will follow in the next edition of the newsletter. A link for the video and pictures will be shared with the parents for them to download.

### **Celebrating Holi**

Thinking globally and acting locally also means celebrating the festivals of the host country. We celebrated 'Holi', all students were eager to enjoy this festival of colors. We used organic colors keeping in mind safety and hygiene.



## **Farewell**

We also bid fair winds and following seas to a dear colleague Ms. Anusuya (Prep 2) who is relocating to Dubai. She will be leaving on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. She has been an integral part of IELC Whitefield since 2014. Her warmth and enthusiasm will be missed!!

## **News from the Classrooms:**

### **Nursery:**

Nursery began their new unit-"Community helpers" and their importance in our daily lives. Children had fun learning about doctors, dentist and chef. They made hospitals and restaurants using blocks and expanded their vocabulary about different tools used by doctors and chefs. Children learnt about dentists and the importance of brushing twice. Children used their cooking skills and pretended being chef. They had fun mixing different fruits and making fruit salad for an afternoon snack.



### **Prep 1:**

In the month of February, Prep 1 children have enjoyed their UOI on Playways very well. They have enthusiastically inquired into different types of play where they learnt about constructive play, dramatic play and games

with rules. They have now started inquiring into benefits of play by understanding how play is helping them get better. Indus Day was a platform to showcase their learning by displaying their reflections on play on their Leadership board. Children are continuing to benefit in many ways by exploring through this UOI.



### Prep 2:

It has been an exciting month for Prep 2. Children went on their field trip to Loyal World on Friday, 16th February. They explored the different food groups – vegetables, fruits, dairy, meat, cereals, grains and pulses. We discussed about all the nutrients that food gives us. From baby sharks to exotic fruits and vegetables, children had an exciting time.



## Grade 1

Every community is incomplete without the people inhabiting it and no community can function without us extending and taking help from each other. To understand how different roles people play and to appreciate the work they do for us, Grade 1 children visited the local Police Station and Post Office on 14th February, 2018. They inquired about how the police forces work day in and out to keep us safe and maintain law and order. Another equally interesting visit was going to the post office. The children were so excited to post their letters which they had written to their loved ones. It was indeed an enriching trip and our students came back with a thankful heart for all the people out there, whom we call as 'Community Helpers'.



### **Important dates in March**

March 4<sup>th</sup> , Sunday – IELC Indus Day

March 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Ugadi holiday

March 25<sup>th</sup>- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Spring Break

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tuesday – School reopens after Spring Break

Wishing you a colorful and fun filled spring break!

Warm regards and best wishes:



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