

October 2018 NEWSLETTER

“You can’t have a better tomorrow if you’re still thinking about yesterday.”

Charles F Kettering

Dear Parent,

The children held their teachers in great respect in the month of September which marked the celebration of ‘Teachers day’. A special assembly was held by the students that took their teachers by surprise. They composed poems and recited them, gave special value to the significance of the day by speaking about Dr. S Radha Krishnan and his contribution as a remarkable teacher, sang some wonderful songs, gave a bounty to each teacher in recognition of their worth, with high regard. Some of them came up with a flash of fond remembrance of the teachers who taught them in the past and some spoke words of thankfulness spontaneously and earnestly from the bottom of their heart. This was indeed a day to express appreciation and gratitude to the entire teacher community.





The second unit of inquiry drew to a close in PP2, grade one and two. The students of these grades once again demonstrated their learning and experiences through the inquiry cycle. Students of grade one modelled some experiments that helped them make inferences of properties and uses of materials, relating to the central idea... 'materials behave in certain ways, which determine how people use them'. We also had one of our parents volunteering to be a guest speaker to get the students going further into the topic.



Grade two students made conclusions by presenting facts about different products going through a process of change, explained the inquiry cycle and various activities involved in each stage.



PP2 students enacted the responsible behaviour one needs to display in public places, exhibited the action by pledging not to litter public places and also following a queue .One of our grandparents from PP2 addressed the children, spoke about her small garden and gave away a Tulsi plant to the school, prepared a power point presentation showcasing the usefulness, care, and our dependence on plants. They visited a plant nursery to observe how plants are nurtured and further came up with reflections. As this was all a part of the unit on plants sustaining life on earth and playing a role in people's lives.



While delving into the unit on developing relationships with people, students of PP1 toured around the nearby gated communities and super market to understand the relationship they can have with some new people they see in day to day life, held a couple of parent involvement sessions like story telling focussing on the value of friendship, ways to make new friends, how to develop a better relationship with a friend and types of relationships within a close and outer circle of friends.

In connection with the topic on 'Transport', Nursery children went on a road trip to observe the vehicles on the road, made observations of the traffic police and also visited the nearby railway station. They concluded the lessons with a 'show and tell' activity by having the children talk about their favourite vehicle, in few words. The teachers displayed models of different means of transport and the children identified details like the traffic lights and its colours. An outdoor activity with the use of parachute was done with the parents.



We reinforced the importance of 'Gender sensitization', in the assembly as well as the classroom by sharing videos, narrating stories to raise awareness of safe and unsafe touch. Students of Reception conducted a home survey and figured out the five safe adults whom they should approach in case of help, and pasted their pictures depicting them as the five fingers of the palm

They also visited a home whose residents lived in a joint family, interacted with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. The children sang a song for grandma grandpa in the family. This helped them connect with the topic on family relationships shaping their identity.

At Indus, arts comprises of visual art and creative arts such as music, dance and drama. It develops innovative thinking and creative use of technologies, and in doing so, prepare students to participate fully in this multifaceted world. Students are all set to showcase their learning of these components of arts. We are delighted to celebrate our 'Creative Arts' day on 4th and 5th of October. Preparations are underway and we eagerly look forward to your presence and encouragement.

We thank you for being present for the first parent teacher meeting held on 29th September, thus marking the close of term one.

Looking forward to another eventful term.

Important dates

1st October – Term 2 begins

2nd October – Gandhi Jayanthi (Holiday)

4th & 5th October - Creative Arts Day (respective date and timing will be informed)

13th to 21st October – Dussera Break (school remains closed)

Sincerely,

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