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Message from Head of Centre

'It is vital that when educating our children's brains, we do not neglect to educate their hearts.'

-Dalai Lama

Dear Parent,

The major focus for the month of February was the children's preparation for Indus day apart from moving forward with their academics. Our Nursery students concluded their unit on 'Farm Animals' and celebrated by dressing up as their favorite farm animals. They spoke about what animal they represented, what their young ones were called, the sounds they made, the kinds of shelter they dwelled in and the type of food they ate. They also spoke and explained their responsibility towards other animals. They sang farmyard rhymes and even showcased their art work in which they made rabbits and ducks using paper cups.





Reception completed their unit on the central idea of *'The Earth's natural cycles influence the activity of living things'* which coincides with the transdisciplinary theme *'How the world works'*. The students spoke about the three lines of inquiry, all the different seasons with details of the food we eat and the type of clothing we wear, and even the adverse effects that various weather patterns can have. They concluded the celebration with a group dance depicting the spring season. They indulged in craftwork involving mittens and monkey caps – a collection of which will be displayed during the *'Come & See'* session at the end of the term.

The completion of another unit was marked by the PP1 students, with the central idea *'Stories can engage their audience and communicate meaning'*. The children went on a field trip to the main campus library where they each read books of different kinds, and the teachers also read to the students. We invited a story-telling expert who engaged the students for an hour using cut-outs on flannel boards to narrate fiction and non-fiction stories. The children are now able to create their own stories and communicate with ease.



Grade 1 students concluded their second-last unit of the year, on 'Understanding the properties of light determines how people use it'. As part of this, they visited the main campus to observe the solar panels that are set up as a source of energy to help them understand their functioning and applications. They also visited the physics laboratory where they explored the various lab resources and performed some simple experiments related to light energy. The students were well-guided by our teachers at the main campus.





As you are aware, the school has initiated a parent advisory committee to enhance and streamline parental involvement and to serve as a link between the school and the wider parent community. We now plan to meet once again on the 10th of March to elect the chairperson of this committee.

We now eagerly look forward to Indus Day and all the fun and celebration it entails. The children are working very hard to bring forth their best effort and performances to you. We encourage you all to participate in making this event a grand success.

Important dates

10th March - PAC meeting

13th March - Holi (Holiday)

29th March - Ugadi (Holiday)

Sincerely

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