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***Message from the Principal's Desk:***

*“Creativity is an area in which younger people have a tremendous advantage, since they have an endearing habit of always questioning past wisdom and authority.” ~ Bill Hewlett*



*Dear Parent,*

*As I read the educational journals published by various universities across the world, a common discussion is about the drastic drop of a child's creativity between the ages of 5 to 10 years. Children are born curious and question almost everything they see. They are constantly learning and exploring their surroundings. We witness our students in the early years' classrooms building unique models out of legos, cars that cut through the force of the wind to race ahead, houses with strong foundations and even tall skyscrapers. Then why are the educational institutions world across worried about the slow demise of creativity?*

*At the annual retreat with our CEO General Arjun Ray, he laid great emphasis on fuelling curiosity at a young age being the pathway to great innovations. Innovation is a core competency to being a remarkable leader and a visionary. And as we observe, creativity is the tool used for great innovations across all fields. Hence it would be fair to deduce that **developing curiosity leads to building innovators, creators, leaders and legacies.***

*The teachers at Indus have been constantly researching on stimulating curiosity amongst the students by creating an environment or providing open ended situations that lead the students to explore, understand the situations and deriving their own inferences. Our S.T.E.A.M. Lab has proved to be a great incubator for students to explore different scenarios, examine the situation and create machinery/tools to solve the problem. Students are now manipulating the tools used to explore the different outcomes from a given setting.*

*Another tool that the teachers have been using is Design Thinking. The 5 step process not only encourages students to find a solution to a given problem and also evaluate the impact of the solution.*

*Creativity comes naturally to children provided we give them the necessary space to explore or question. We as stakeholders in their future must ensure that we help them find the solution to most of their questions. While their curiosity will lead them to their own creativity and learning, it is the responsibility of the teachers and the parents to provide them with the environment to do so. A few things that you may do as a parent are:*

- *Spend some time daily to ask them about their day*
- *Do not reject their question right away. Guide them how to find an answer if you are not sure*
- *Expose them to situations/circumstances they have never faced before*
- *Consult them in situations and give them the responsibility of some tasks as simple as buying groceries from the market*

*I am also proud to inform you that a team of Indus faculty were given the opportunity last month to experience and learn about the Finnish Education System which is considered to be the best in the world today. The essence of their system is on relishing childhood and giving children the time to explore and inquire the world around them. Being a part of the team, I was fortunate to be trained by the best professors from the University of Jyväskylä and I look forward to implementing these practices at Indus Jubilee Hills.*

### **Important Dates**

*2<sup>nd</sup> September – Bakrid Holiday*

*8<sup>th</sup> September – PAC Meeting*

*18<sup>th</sup> September – Reports go online*

*20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September – Kiddies Meet Football Match*

*22<sup>nd</sup> September – PTM*

*23<sup>rd</sup> September – 8<sup>th</sup> October – Dasara Holidays*

*School reopens on 9<sup>th</sup> October*

*Yours Sincerely,*

*Nuwaira Pasha*