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Message from the Principal's Desk:

"It's sort of a mental attitude about critical thinking and curiosity. It's about the mindset of looking at the world in a playful and curious and creative way." ~ Adam Savage



Dear Parent,

We have successfully completed term one of this academic year. The Parent-Teacher Meet went wonderfully well as the parents and the teachers collaborated to improve the learning of each student in school. While the students are enjoying their Dussera break, some teachers and I discuss the steps forward for a well-rounded learning experience for our students this year.

*Recalling General Arjun Ray's address, we pondered over **Critical Thinking being a way of thinking in the 21st Century**. Critical Thinking is no more a luxury or the asset of the top level management. A well informed and analysed decision made at every step contributes to the process of creation.*

Critical Thinking is the ability of a student to objectively analyse and evaluate the given situation to make a well informed decision. While it sounds like an art, it is primarily a habit that must be instilled in our students at an early age for them to excel in the choices they make in life. Businessmen such as Richard Brandson and Elon Musk have often encouraged their employees to learn the art of creative problem solving. These business tycoons are well known for inventing beyond human imagination and are the future of tomorrow.

Hence, it is extremely important for our teachers to make critical thinking a part of their curriculum.

Adam Savage brilliantly put it when he said that Critical Thinking is a mental attitude which is looking at the world in a playful, curious and creative way. This solved our problem about how to instil this habit in our students. By making the process enjoyable and playful for them. Exploring and learning through experimentation is one of the key pillars of pedagogy at the International Baccalaureate and deeply rooted in Indus's way of teaching.

*Our efforts with the implementation of **Mindfulness and Design Thinking** is already helping us take steps forward in this direction. While mindfulness helps our students be focussed and objective, design thinking has provided them with a mental process to reach towards a creative solution.*

I would urge you to discuss more about Design Thinking with our teachers and help us build an environment for our students in school and at home to make critical thinking a way of life.

Important Dates

9th October – School Reopens

19th and 20th October – Diwali Holidays

25th, 26th, 27th October – Leadership Camp

Yours Sincerely,

Nuwaira Pasha