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*Message from the Head of Centre's Desk:*

**“Creativity is the key to success in the future, and primary education is where teachers can bring creativity in children at that level.”**

**A. P. J. Abdul kalam**



Dear Parent,

Greetings from Indus!

The beginning of the academic year is always the most exciting period in the young students' life. June has been a month that saw the students and teachers settling into the new campus and the school routine with eagerness and excitement. The students love their new surroundings and are looking forward to a great year of learning. This past month has mainly been about ensuring all the children are comfortable, are making new friends and familiarising themselves with their new teachers. It has also been about managing the anxiety of separation among the nursery students.

The senior grades have begun their academic schedules with assessments having been conducted to assess the child's prior knowledge on concepts relating to Language and Mathematical Development.

Children need imagination to grow, create, think, and play. One way to teach children how to think creatively through imagination is performing arts. Among all the performing arts, Theatre is a unique, immersive learning experience for audiences of any age. Theatre is the single most valuable place where kids can explore the endless possibilities of their imaginations and what they can do. It has been an influential factor in many people's lives. Through theatre, creativity can flourish and means of self-expression can be developed.

Towards this end, Indus International Primary School, Jubilee Hills is proud to host the Hyderabad Children's Theatre Festival's ancillary activity: Gillo Theatre Repertory's performance of "Chidiya, Udd".

"Chidiya, Udd" is first of its kind, non-verbal play, exclusively for kids below five years. It explores the unusual friendship between a bird and a child. It premiered at

VISIONI 2018 International festival for early years in Bologna, Italy and will be staged for the first time in Hyderabad at our campus.

It has been scripted and directed by Shaili Sathyu with the collaboration of Valeria Frabetti (La Baracca -Testoni Ragazzi) facilitated by ASSITEJ (International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People) INDIA. She has directed and produced more than 15 plays for different age groups. Since 2003, she has conducted theatre workshops for children and teachers across India. She is a recipient of the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar from the Sangeet Natak Akademi and the 'Young Turk of Theatre in Mumbai' award from Rage Productions. Currently, she is the Honorary Secretary of ASSITEJ India chapter.

Please find below the details of the play:

**CHIDIYA, UDD!** - A play about curiosity and friendship

Non-verbal

30 minutes + 15 minutes play time for children

For ages 1 - 5 years

Script & Direction - Shaili Sathyu with the collaboration of Valeria Frabetti (La Baracca - Testoni Ragazzi) facilitated by ASSITEJ INDIA

Music - Mehrdad Pakbaz (Iran)

Set installation - Abir Patwardhan

Choreography support - Hamsa Moily

Performed by Barkha Fatnani, Dhanesh Gopalakrishnan

The play will be staged on the 3rd of August, 2018 at the Jubilee Hills Campus. The show timings are 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Donor passes will be available for Rs. 350/-. Interested parents are requested to please contact the respective home room teachers for donor passes.

Looking forward to a wonderful school year! Should there be any clarifications, please feel free to get in touch with me.

*Thanks and have a great day.*

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