

Newsletter

From our Principal

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"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

Dear Parents,

The First Term has ended with December featuring three major highlights being the Half Yearly Examination, the Sports Day for the Senior School and the Indus Day for the PYP.

December has been a hectic month as much has happened before we closed on 15th. The Half Yearly Examination ended on 7th and the papers were marked, returned and discussed as scheduled on 14th and 15th December. With a little delay due to some technical aspects, the Reports have been uploaded on the 17th.

Students in Grade 6 upward have been given work to do during the Holidays. As is customary there will be tests in English and Mathematics on the opening day, that is, 7th Jan., 2013.

Students in Grade 12 have been busy working and submitting their Internals and Extended Essays. Extra classes are being conducted to complete the portions by 15 Jan. Practice tests will commence from 9th Jan. and will conclude on 30th Jan. The vacation will help them prepare for these tests.

The PYP Students from Prep 1 to Grade 5 showcased *Belief Systems from Around the World* on Indus Day, 7th December. The arts, a powerful vehicle for expressing one's perspectives, were used creatively and effectively in conveying diverse thoughts and opinions. A complex theme, PYP successfully showcased belief systems with authentic and different aspects from all over the globe, be it Nigeria, Korea, Ethiopia, India, or Russia. From human values, to valuing the harvest, stories of misinterpretations, togetherness and sincerity, beliefs from different cultures about universal beginnings, PYP projected the view that all it takes to make a difference in the world, is one person. There were vibrant dances, beautifully inventive costumes, key songs to punctuate the message and confident and convincing portrayals by our budding actors. Narrators timed their voices to the second with actors, giving a seamless performance. The innovative use of puppetry was beautifully managed by students.

The performances were interspersed with candid interviews with our young students on their thoughts and understandings around Indus Day, origins of the universe and the nature and impact of beliefs. The maturity displayed in these Grades 2-5 student responses, opened the minds of the audience to a higher realm of understanding and construction of meaning. The African drummer duo added pizzazz to the welcome and punctuated the evening with their incredible beats.

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together. " This was evinced in everything that we saw on Sports Day. Be it the Heats, the March Past, the Yoga, the Karate, the Equestrian Display or the races and relays, the verve and House Spirit ran high. The Chief Guest, Mr. Syed Kirmani, the once ace wicket keeper of the Indian Cricket Team and a Padma Shree Recipient complimented the students for their sporting prowess and insisted that each student gives off his/her best to realize a goal that has been set. Phoenix House emerged winners with 220 points,

having scored an untouchable lead of 30 Points. We thank all parents who were present. It is always encouraging to hear you applaud and cheer the students.

Five students from the MSP participated in the 2nd International Traditional Wushu Championship 2012 and have won 2 Gold and 2 Bronze medals. This event was held at the Singapore Republic Polytechnic on 1st and 2nd December 2012, and was organized by the Singapore Wushu and Lion Dance Federation. Please refer Appendix I for details.

The Counseling Department has been working hard in the last few months to assist students with their college applications. Students have submitted many applications before the winter break began. We've received our first few acceptance letters, with students admitted to King's College, University Arts London: Central Saint Martin's, London College Communication, Chelsea Camberwell and Wimbeldon, London College of Fashion, and Babson College. Students are excited to be interviewing for Nagoya, Oxford, Cornell, and many more in the coming days. We look forward to receiving positive decisions from a number of schools, coming over the break and throughout January.

2012 marked the year of Biology in the Mallya Aditi International School. To celebrate this, the school organized a Bio Fest on 13th Dec., in which students from 10 schools participated. 9 students from Grade 11 and 3 from Grade 9 from our school took part in this fest. Arnav Malhotra secured the 3rd prize in Bio Mun, while Simran Malhotra and Sanat Malhotra were awarded the 2nd prize in Ace Ventura, a treasure hunt. The Grade 9 students were given a recognition certificate in model making.

A 16 Member Indus MUN Delegation participated in the EMUN 2012 hosted by the Ecole Mondiale World School, Mumbai, from 14th to 16th Dec. It was an important learning experience as our students were pitted against stiff competition. This has made them reflect on the strategies that they have to work on to fortify themselves for the competitions ahead.

The First Alumni Meet was held on 15th and 16th December. The 15th evening bears an important significance as it marks a beginning of a life time association with the alma mater. We expect this association to grow and become more engaged and involved in what Indus does and believes in. Important decisions were made on 16th Dec. The meeting was chaired by Col.Sathya Rao. The main point of discussion was the Byelaws for the Indus International School Alumni Association (IISAA). The Faculty Advisor would be Mrs. Meenakshi Myer. The following members were nominated by the raising of hands, as IISAA office bearers, for the next two years-2012-2014.

President: Pratik Mantri
Secretary: Sunny Kothari
Treasurer: Abishek Maroli

They will form the Executive Committee, while the rest of the members of IISAA will constitute the General Body. The society will be registered with the Government of Karnataka at the earliest.

As we face a new year, let us realize that what lies ahead in 2013 largely depends on what we take with us into 2013. Here's wishing each one of you a glorious 2013, that rewards all your future endeavours with success.

With Warm Regards,
Mrs. Sarojini Rao
Principal
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Appendix I

Results of the 2nd International Traditional Wushu Championship 2012

Sl.No	Name	Grade	Category	Result
1.	Luca Amrit Khalsa	6- C	Under -12 years (Male)	Gold
2.	Aditya Shankara Hoskere	6- A	Under-12 years (Male)	Bronze
3.	Prajwal Y.S	6- A	Under-12 years (Male)	Bronze
4.	Holly Simpson	7- B	Under- 12 years (Female)	Gold
5.	Jamie Simpson	9- D	Under- 14 years (Male)	-----