



From the Principal's Desk
December 2013

“By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest”. - Confucius

Dear Parents,

Wintry December set in with a lot of promises – promises of students giving in their best for the Half- Yearly Examinations for the Senior School and promises of exhibiting their best talent for the PYP Indus Day. This month threw open a lot of opportunities for Reflection from our students in the crucial activities they were involved in.

PYP Indus Day, the biggest event of the Programme was held on 13th December, 2013. A spectacular array of cultures from different parts of the world were showcased on one platform through dance, drama and music.

The theme being ‘Moral Imagination’, each Grade presented the following epics:

- Early Years: The Great Race (Chinese)
- Grade 1: Two Ways to Count to Ten (African)
- Grade 2: In Search of the Thunderbird (Native American)
- Grade 3: Forty Thieves (Persian)
- Grade 4: A Tale of Courage and Devotion (Indian)
- Grade 5: The Road to Victory (Greek)

The entire event was a visual treat for the audience as they watched our fledglings perform their best. Shankar Mahadevan Academy was also a part of our show this year and the students were trained to sing songs based on the select epics. The students’ understanding of Moral Imagination and their take- away from the theme was evident from the videos that were shared.

Evaluating one’s performance is an essential ingredient for growth and our students from Grades 6 - 11 were involved in preparing for their Half- Yearly Examinations.



The National Genius Search Foundation, an exam conducted worldwide was held on Dec 7th. We had around 60 students who participated in this examination and obtained a wonderful exposure to the challenges of Science.

Our Grade XII consistently tested their Time Management Skills by completing the deadlines set for their Extended Essays. Regular feedback was given by each Extended Essay Supervisor to help them strengthen the quality of their essays. Balancing multiple tasks intelligently by prioritizing is another skill we emphasize with our students; and the Grade XII exhibited this by completing their applications and uploading them while working very closely with the Career Counseling Cell.

The Diploma students continued with the educational activities in the Remote Learning Center while the PYP and MSP worked on their Reading Programme at IICS and the Kalahalli Orphanage.

Experiential Leadership is an essential ingredient of our Leadership Curriculum and this proved worthy; when two of our Grade 11 students, Adhil Gafoor and Varun Rajamane participated in 'The Greening with Goethe conference', which took place in Bremen, Germany from 28 November to 2 December 2013. The project presented by them was based on "The role played by the regional language and literacy in raising environmental awareness among the residents of Kalahalli". Indian and German scientists along with the students analyzed the presentation and potential follow up ideas were discussed. The students also played a key role in formulating the mandate and vision for sustainable environmental solutions.

Upon their return, the students attended a press conference and the interviews were published in 5 leading newspapers. In order to sustain their project and take the project a notch higher, The Greening with Goethe team will be presenting the mandate and the vision statement to the Ministry for Environment in Karnataka. We are indeed proud of this team who have role modelled the Vision of the School.

Mufti Day is the most loved day for our students as they get to express their individuality based on the themes set. Students of MSP enjoyed the spirit of Christmas by dressing up in Christmas colours on Dec 7th while the PYP were all set for a relaxing holiday with holiday colors on Dec 17th.



Our Junior Chess Championship was held on 16th December- Our young chess masters from Grades 1- 3 took part enthusiastically. The environment was pulsing with energy while the students engaged in thinking and strategizing various moves to beat the opponents. Each student played 7 rounds getting hands on experience of a Blitz format. The winners are as follows:

Boys

1. Krish Kerkar 7/7 1st (Grade 2B)
2. Ritvik Nama 6/7 2nd (Grade 3A)
3. Agustya Singh 5/7 3th (Grade 3C)

Girls

1. Pooja 5.5/7 1st (Grade 3B)
2. Aadya Matthews 5/7 2nd (Grade 3B)
3. Gayatri Jain 5/7 3rd (Grade 3B)

Our students actively participated in the Inter School NGO athletic meet held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Saturday 30th November 2013. As always our students did us proud by winning 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. We also won the March Past trophy again. Please refer Appendix 1 for details:

One of our greatest strengths is to nurture leadership in our students; hence, our teachers are involved in a learning and discussion forum at the end of every term. The 9th Central Leadership Retreat was held from Dec 20th – 22nd the theme being 'The Meaning and Purpose of Life'. The will to choose your path and live a life that has benefitted others was analyzed and discussed from experiences of all present. Eminent motivational speakers Dr. Raghunathan from GMRV Foundation, Hyderabad spoke on Self Discovery and Mr. Nikhil Desai shared a few thoughts on Stress Management and measures to dissolve Stress were practiced during the session. We are confident that these new learning will be implemented and percolated down to our young eagles.



Wishing you a Happy New Year.

With Warm Regards,

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Appendix 1

Results of the Inter School NGO athletic meet held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium

Event	Category	Name	Place
50m	Boys 11-13 Yrs	Pavan	Silver
100m	Girl 11-13 Yrs	Roshni Sheikh	Gold
100m	Boys 14-16 Yrs	Fahad Khan	Silver
Long Jump	Boys 14-16 Yrs	Fahad Khan	Bronze
Long Jump	Girl 11-13 Yrs	Ashwini	Silver
Shot-put	Girls 14-16 Yrs	Asfiya	Bronze