



**December 2014**

**From the Principal's Desk**

*People are like dynamite. The power is on the inside, but nothing happens until the fuse is lit.*

Dear Parents,

December has been a colourful and festive month, primarily because we could ignite and showcase the creative talent of our students and end the First Term on a note of achievement.

Our students choreographed a dance, rehearsed tirelessly to be in the musical or Hindi play, improvised pieces of music with peers and had the opportunity to imagine, wonder, create, and learn. This is a result of our belief in the importance of exposing young children to a variety of instruments, choral arrangements, styles of music and public speaking to enhance their educational experience and foster their academic, social, and emotional growth. This year we proudly celebrated our 3rd evening of the performing arts on the 18<sup>th</sup> Dec and each year we are growing bigger and better. Two reasons for this growth, firstly is because the theory of music has been made compulsory from grades 3 upwards and students are encouraged to appear for music exams in violin, flute and piano and are certified by the ABRSM under the auspices of the Royal Schools of Music. Secondly, in partnership with the Shankar Mahadevan Academy music classes are made compulsory till grade 7. More than 600 students across grades 6 to 9 and 11 showcased their talents. It is noteworthy that students from the Indus Community School have also been nurtured and trained at par with our students and were part of the performing arts.

It was heartening to welcome the Grade 10 students after the short break that they had at the end of their IGCSE Set 1. They were also able to go in two batches to Yelagiri to

enjoy and participate in the Leadership Camp. Many of them Grade 10 appeared for the SAT Diagnostic test and the results have been mailed to the respective parents.

Despite the hectic practice schedule for the concert, Grade 9 completed the monthly test.

As part of our CAS initiative, on Dec 9, 2014 we had a meeting with the Panchayat President and ward members of Kalahalli village on Waste disposal to take our project ahead. It is our intent to keep Kalahalli litter free. In the Middle school, Grades 6, 7 and 8 continued the Reading Programme with the Community School. This has made a sizeable difference in their writing and spelling skills.

CAS Projects are underway. Grade 6 is working on a World Map Mural, while the Grade 7 students are involved in the process of making cloth bags. Grade 8 understands that bullying can be brought under control if students themselves spread awareness. As such they are working on a skit and this will be showcased shortly.

The PYP Sports Day on 5<sup>th</sup> December, as always is a much awaited event. The day began with an equestrian show by the Grades 4 and 5 students. The spirit of competition ran high as all students took part in all the athletic events during the Sports Heats, while the chosen finalists demonstrated their physical prowess in the field on Sports Day. Early years had events like obstacle, team and fun races. Music, applause and encouraging cheers filled the air when our children engaged in a Yoga display or a drill or in field and track events. We are thankful to our parents for coming in large numbers to encourage the students and also taking part in the parent events. Please refer **Appendix I** for details.

In the Intra School Chess Tournament, our young chess masters from Grades 1 to 5 participated in a Blitz format game held for 3 categories- Under 7, Under 9 and Under 11. Each student played 5 games and the final results were declared based on the number of games won by each student.

In our Newsletter last month we missed out Rithvik Elan of Grade 4 from the list of students who were part of the Indus team that won the chess tournament. With 4.5 points, he beat a couple of 9th graders.

Our little ones from the Reception, Prep1, Prep2, Grades 1, 2 and 3 attended a leadership camp held in the IICS grounds. The objective of the camp was to provide the children with opportunities for shared experiences in team building, solving problems,

experiencing nature, outdoor learning and fun. Staff from the Indus School of Leadership assisted the teachers in facilitating the activities and games for the students.

The Under-17 Indus Cricket Team was placed third and the Under-14 team was placed 1st in the Shimoga Cricket Tournament. The cricket tournament was a quadrangular event. We won 6 out of 8 games in the U-14 and 4 out of 8 games in the U-17. Rajvir Wadhwa of Grade 5 won many accolades - "Man of the match", "Man of the series" and "Best all-rounder". The details are in **Appendix II**.

The Under 14 Football Team competed in the Greenwood High Inter School Football Tournament on 15th and 16th of this month and won the champions Rolling trophy. Dilsher Ahluwalia was awarded the top scorer of the tournament. The names of the students are attached in **Appendix III**.

The college Placement Cell has been working extended hours to get all the Year 12 applications due by Jan 1<sup>st</sup> done on time. With them have been the teachers in the Diploma Programme writing recommendation letters.

The term ended with the 13<sup>th</sup> Leadership Retreat for teachers on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The three day session focused on the primary role of a teacher to unlock his/her potential to be able to unlock student potential. We realize that the purpose of education defines the role of the teacher. As such self-development is essential for Professional development. It is important that we do not measure ourselves by what we have achieved but consider what we could have achieved given the ability. Our guest speaker Mr. Ramji Raghavan, the founder chairman of the Agasthya International Foundation, spoke about the importance of the inward journey to be a creative leader who through his/her life leaves a legacy that continues to make a difference.

The winter break holds an air of festivity and the New Year that awaits us is filled with promises to fulfill. It is with a heartfelt commitment that we will continue to aim high and with you as partners we will. We wish you the peace and joy of the season. May 2015 be a blessed one!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Sarojini Rao

Principal

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## Appendix I

### PYP ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2014-2015 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD

GRADE	NAME	HOUSE	POINTS
1 BOYS	Yogesh Chintamani	Phoenix	20
1 GIRLS	Abigail Strul	Pegasus	11
2 BOYS	Ciaran Bailie	Orion	16
2 GIRLS	Aishani Arul	Orion	15
3 BOYS	Sunny Zerfowski	Hercules	18
3 GIRLS	Diya Madhusoodan	Phoenix	10
4 BOYS	Dev Veer Singh	Hercules	20
4 GIRLS	Maya De Laet	Phoenix	15
5 BOYS	Uddalak Mishra	Hercules	20
5 GIRLS	Keerthana Kamanakannan	Phoenix	14

### OVERALL HOUSE POINTS

POSITION	HOUSE	POINTS
I PLACE	HERCULES	163
II PLACE	PHOENIX	152
III PLACE	PEGASUS	108
IV PLACE	ORION	101

## Appendix II

### CRICKET TOURNAMENT ORGANIZED BY SHIMOGA CRICKET ACADEMY

#### U- 14 BOYS – WINNERS

Sl.No	Name	Grade
1.	Rajvir Wadhwa	5
2.	Deep Devan Marwadi	6
3.	Shivraj Singh	6
4.	Anuj Rao Pahuja	7
5.	Nischit.K	7
6.	Ritesh Jatin Kolli	7
7.	Akarsh Reddy	7
8.	Suvir Wadhwa	7
9.	Tirth Dharmesh Jivani	7
10.	Meet Dilip Sadhwani	8
11.	Ashwin Tantia	8
12.	Pranav Byakod	8

Rajvir Wadhwa (Grade 5) – Best All Rounder, Man of the series and Man of the Match

Shivraj Singh (Grade 6) – Man of the Match

Anuj Rao Pahuja (Grade 7) – Best Batsmen

#### Shimoga Cricket Tournament-U 17 Boys – Third Place

Sl.No	Name	Grade
1.	B K Nihal	9
2.	Aaryaman Kakar	9
3.	Rishi Vaneshwar	9
4.	Aditya E.	10
5.	Vinay Easwaran	10
6.	Sabel Jayeswal	10
7.	Manav Srivatsan	10
8.	Chaitanya Bali	11
9.	Kaustubh Kamlesh Gadhia	11
10.	Vikram Aditya Bairathi	11

11.	Aashray Talwar	11
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Chaitanya Bali (Grade 11) – Man of the series and Best All rounder

Kaustubh Kamlesh Gadhia (11) – Best Batsmen

Aashray Talwar (11) – Man of the Match

Vikram Aditya Bairathi (11) – Best Bowler

### Appendix III

#### **FOOTBALL TEAM FOR GREENWOOD HIGH TOURNAMENT**

#### **UNDER -14 - WINNERS**

Sl. No	NAMES	Grade
1	Ghalib Alhalim	8
2	Shriktt Poddar	8
3	Paz Sangma	8
4	Mihir Roy Choudhury	8
5	Roshan Anand	9
6	Dilsher Ahluwalia	9
7	Woo Hyun Lee	9
8	Parkhyun Jae	9

**Dilsher Ahluwalia** (Grade 9) - awarded the top scorer