

Newsletter

From our Principal

Creating Leaders of Tomorrow
Issue 120, Jan 2013

"The purpose of life is not merely to be happy. That will undoubtedly happen when what you do matters. So be productive, be useful by experiencing the joy of giving and make some difference that shows that you have lived."

Dear Parents,

Our attention in the very first month of 2013 was to take the Hercules House Vision forward through the **Habba – Santhasa**, the Joy of Giving on 26th January. Thank you to all the parents who joined us on this day.

For those of you who could not attend – the Habba was a Community Service project to nurture leadership skills by sensitizing students and make them aware of local needs, which in turn attune them to global issues. The Habba commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony to mark and honour Republic Day followed by spectacular dance performances by the students of IICS and local artists.

Indus emphasizes leadership through service. The Habba was indeed a conglomeration of culture, tradition, fun, games and food that represents the true spirit of all that is our state Karnataka . It was a kaleidoscope that celebrated the human spirit through music, dance and theatre. The purpose of hosting this habba was to showcase the communion between the equal opportunity school IICS and Indus International School, Bangalore. As the motto of our school encourages us to think global and act local an awareness of the local environment and participation in community events are pre requisites for becoming a global citizen. Our aim is to honour community, build character and encourage progress. The flavor of Karnataka that the local artists brought out through the passionate beating of the drums in "Dollu Kunita" and the Puppet Show will reverberate in our hearts and minds for days to come. We are indeed proud of the initiative that was spearheaded by Ms. Aparna Achanta, who through her tireless efforts made this a historic moment in our school calendar.

January also marked one of the most important events in Indus. The Investiture on 28th January saw the eleventh Student Council assume office. Each position carries with it specific responsibility. It is not a position of power but a position that facilitates action that is centered around the core values of our school. The Student Council assumed office after a thorough process. Students were nominated by the teachers, based on their display of leadership skills. Each nominated candidate prepared a speech to campaign for the elections and spoke confidently about why they are capable of the posts they contest for. This was followed by student elections. The chosen ones in the senior school were interviewed by a team of senior teachers and me. Four students were finally interviewed by the CEO, a team of senior teachers and me for the positions of the Head Boy and the Head Girl. We now look forward to Presentations that will be made early in February as our young leaders on their journey prepare to carry the House Visions forward in the next academic session. The details of the Student Council have already been sent to you.

The PYP organized the New Parents' Induction on 23rd January 2013. The parents were oriented with the IB Pedagogy through Interactive Centers by the teachers. They were taken through the process of Inquiry and shown how students consolidate their learning and display these new

understandings through their actions. This was followed by presentations by the Head of School and PYP Coordinator on the PYP Framework. The parents were then taken on a guided school tour by the student council.

The Open Forum on 11th January for the MSP afforded a platform to address concerns. It was a meaningful session and we thank all the parents who attended. The Head of School, Mrs. Sunalini Benjamin has mailed her presentation to all the parents of Grades 6 to 10, outlining the response to concerns raised. We value suggestions as always, as much as possible when we work together with the parents.

We are happy to share with you the acceptances received so far by the Graduating Class of 2013. In the US, our students have received offers from Babson College, Boston College, Boston University, University at Buffalo, Florida Institute of Technology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Florida International University (Honors college), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mercyhurst University, Penn State University, Providence University, Purdue University, Rider University, Rollins College, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburg, University of Rhode Island, University of Rochester, University of San Francisco, University of South Florida and University of Texas. In the UK, Grade 12 students have acceptances from City University - London, King's College - London, Kingston University, Royal Holloway - University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of Aberdeen - Scotland, University of Arts - London, University of Bangor - Wales, University of Bristol, University of Edinburgh, University of Exeter, University of Manchester, University of Oxford and University of Southampton. Queen's University and University of British Columbia from Canada have offered places to the class of 2013 in addition to Japan's Nagoya University. The scholarship raised by the Class of 2013 is a little over USD 1 million in total. As this is Mr. Benjamin's final week at Indus, he is sad to leave, but overwhelmed with all of the positive support and votes of well wishes from parents and students. He would like to extend a hearty thanks to all who have made his time here so rewarding, and looks forward to hearing of where all of the Indus students are going next year, as replies from universities roll in through February and March.

In our attempt to continue to strike a healthy balance between academics and activities, we had the tests in English and Mathematics for Grades 6 and above as soon we reopened school after the winter Break. Grades 10 and 12 have entered the revision phase as they prepare for the Mock Examination. The Academic Rigour has been stepped up with extra classes and Practice Tests. At the same time, the students of Grade 12 are also handing in their final submissions for the IB.

Our Swimming Team has excelled in the Greenwood High Inter School Swimming Meet on Jan 22nd with a haul of 20 gold, 8 silver and 10 bronze medals. Please refer **Annexure I** for details.

In the Chess Tournament on 25th and 26th Jan at Vyasa International School, Hebbal we were recognized as the Best supporting School. Please refer **Annexure II** for details.

The Boarders have had exciting weekends this month. On 12th Jan'13, the students were taken for a trek to the Aiyur forest which is situated on the border of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The Indus School of Leadership organized this trek with its instructors and staff from the boarding along with a total of 92 students. This terrain was handpicked for our children who thoroughly enjoyed the adventure.

The Lohri celebration on 13th Jan was organized on the campus where staff and students experienced the joy of the harvest festival. The dances, songs and the bonfire added to the spirit of festivity.

The evening of 14th Jan was quite colourful as our boarders engaged in Kite Flying. What was initially difficult to do was overcome as more and more kites were seen flying.

Indus has an Organic Farm and currently we are growing carrots, beetroot and garlic. Additional plots are being prepared and we see a lot of interest that has been generated by the Entrepreneurship Club. For the first time our boarders were initiated into the knowhow of the process. They spent close to 2 hours in the morning on 13th Jan learning about tilling, the drip-irrigation system, the biozyme injection and the making of vermicomposting.

Dressing and Grooming classes were conducted by Col Sathya Rao keeping in mind today's modern world where one's turn out and the clothes one needs to wear must match the occasion.

On 20th Jan'13 the boarders were taken to watch "Robinson and Crusoe" an 80 minute play, at the Rangashankara Auditorium. The play enacted how two individuals lost at sea coped with their situations and with sheer grit and determination made it back to their homelands. It was surely an enthralling performance which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

On 27th Jan the boarders went to Lal Bagh for the Annual Flower Show. This is organized by the Directorate of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka. The garden extends a lush green paradise with an area of 240 acres in the heart of the city. Nearly 673 genera and 1,854 species of plants are found in Lalbagh. Our students had an excellent opportunity to see some rare flowers of unimaginable sizes in different shades of beautiful colours.

62 students of Grade 8 attended the Leadership Camp at Yelagiri from 20th to 24th Jan. As always it was a time for bonding and understanding. The team building exercises will serve our students in good stead.

In a bid to continue with the Maths & Science Support, plus NTSE preparation, Grade 11 of the Orion House have been trained on training IICS students of Grade 7. Worksheets are being provided and students were engaged this week in revising the basics of Maths for Grade 5. Depending upon their responses and performance in surprise tests they will be segregated in two groups. IICS Grade 8 students will also be trained from February as per the plan.

The Pegasus House continues fostering Entrepreneurship through Candle Making which has gained a fast momentum. Hundreds of candles were manufactured and were on sale on 26th January 2013 during Santhasa. Pegasus raised Rs. 10000/- through this venture.

The students of Phoenix House have completed Science Lab Manuals for IICS Grades 6 to 8 and it is being reviewed by the Science Teachers accordingly. They are presently involved in finalizing Science Lab Manuals for IICS Grades 3 to 5. This is expected to get over by the first week of Feb.

The students of Grade 11 have been visiting our Remote Learning Centres at Tavakanahalli and are involved in providing academic support to students in various subjects like English, Mathematics and Science. Along with this our students are also involved in preparing worksheets for various topics for the students at the RLCs which could be used for various learning activities.

The Basic English Reading Program as stated earlier continues at the Kalahalli Orphanage. Reading, Understanding and Reproducing are three focus areas in this program. Worksheets are also being prepared and used during the Reading Program.

This is followed by an Experiential Games session to keep students engaged in different learning processes. A similar Reading Programme is in place at IICS for Grade 3.

In the MSP the projects on Carbon Footprint, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and Water Conservation had Role Plays as part of the CAS theme. These role plays were captured and are being edited as CAS videos. We should have them very soon.

Some of our Students were involved in creating some innovative items from waste items like bottles, paper, used paper mugs and other unwanted stationary items which showcased their creativity.

A Two Minutes silence was observed on January 30, Martyr's Day to salute and honour those who have laid down their lives.

The ACER Examination for Mathematics and English will be conducted on 12th and 13th Feb., respectively.

A 15 member team will participate in the SISMUN at Mumbai on 22nd and 23rd February.

As we prepare for the Leadership Summit and the Orchestra Evening, practices are in place. Thank you for all your support as we continue our journey to make a difference.

With Warm Regards,
Mrs. Sarojini Rao
Principal
Indus International School, Bangalore

Annexure I

RESULTS OF INDUS SWIMMING TEAM IN THE GREENWOOD HIGH INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING MEET-2012-13 HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2012.

SL NO	NAME	GRADE	AGE GP	EVENT	MEDAL
01	ZACH MICHAEL YACH	11	A	50 M BUTTERFLY STROKE 4x50 M FREESTYLE RELAY 4X50 M MEDLEY RELAY	GOLD GOLD GOLD
02	KUNAL ATHRI	11	A	4x50 M FREESTYLE RELAY 4X50 M MEDLEY RELAY 50 M BACKSTROKE 50 M FREESTYLE	GOLD GOLD SILVER BRONZE
03	ABHISHEK P A	10	A	4x50 M FREESTYLE RELAY 4X50 M MEDLEY RELAY 100 M FREESTYLE 50 M BACKSTROKE	GOLD GOLD SILVER BRONZE
04	JANIK GERLACH	11	A	4x50 M FREESTYLE RELAY 4X50 M MEDLEY RELAY 50 M FREESTYLE	GOLD GOLD SILVER
05	DIYA SAKHUJA	11	A	50 M BREASTSTROKE	SILVER
06	KAVYA AGARWAL	11	A	50 M FREESTYLE	BRONZE
07	GABRIELLA NINA YACH	09	B	100 M FREESTYLE 50 M BUTTERFLY STROKE	GOLD GOLD
08	CLAIRE SHIN	10	B	50 M BREASTSTROKE 50 M BACKSTROKE	GOLD GOLD

09	KRISHNAM DUGGAL	09	B	50 M FREESTYLE 4x50 M FREESTYLE RELAY 4X50 M MEDLEY RELAY	GOLD GOLD SILVER
10	CHAITANYA BALI	09	B	4x50 M FREESTYLE RELAY 50 M BACKSTROKE 4X50 M MEDLEY RELAY	GOLD GOLD SILVER
11	CRISTIAN	09	B	4x50 M FREESTYLE RELAY 4X50 M MEDLEY RELAY 50 M FREESTLYE	GOLD SILVER BRONZE
12	RAM DERSHAN	09	B	4x50 M FREESTYLE RELAY 4X50 M MEDLEY RELAY 50 M BREASTSTROKE	GOLD SILVER BRONZE
13	JOSHUA STYRDOM	07	C	50 M FREESTYLE 25 M BREASTSTROKE 25 M BUTTERFLY STROKE	GOLD GOLD GOLD
14	ARSHIA TAYAL	07	C	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY 50 M BUTTERFLY STROKE 25 M FREESTYLE	GOLD GOLD SILVER
15	SAMANTHA MARY ALEXANDER	07	C	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY 25 M BACKSTROKE	GOLD BRONZE
16	NEHA NIRANJAN	07	C	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	GOLD
17	DRISHYA ANTOSE	07	C	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	GOLD
18	ANISH KASIMSETTY	06	D	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY 4X25 M FREESTYLE RELAY	GOLD BRONZE
19	JOHN WILMOT	05	D	25 M FREESTYLE 4X25 M FREESTYLE RELAY	SILVER BRONZE
20	GOKUL GANESAN	05	D	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	GOLD
21	VINAY NARASIMHAN	05	D	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	GOLD
22	NARAYAN ROY	04	D	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	GOLD
23	EUJIN SHIN	05	D	4X25 M FREESTYLE RELAY 50 M BREASTSTROKE 50 M FREESTYLE	GOLD BRONZE BRONZE
24	SACHA EDAN UTTING	05	D	4X25 M FREESTYLE RELAY	GOLD
25	LENE STYRDOM	05	D	4X25 M FREESTYLE RELAY	GOLD
26	YOUNG YOU	05	D	4X25 M FREESTYLE RELAY	GOLD
27	SIDDARTH CHAKRAVARTHY	05	D	4X25 M FREESTYLE RELAY	BRONZE
28	SUVIR WADHWA	05	D	4X25 M FREESTYLE RELAY	BRONZE

29	ERIKA WEIMANN	05	E	25 M BREASTSTROKE 4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	GOLD GOLD
30	YUI TAKEMURA	04	E	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY 25 M BREASTSTROKE	GOLD SILVER
31	NIKHITA KISHAN	05	E	25 M BACKSTROKE	GOLD
32	PAULINE KLINK	03	E	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	GOLD
33	ANAIS SOPHIA UTTING	03	E	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	GOLD
34	AMAN SHARMA	03	E	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	BRONZE
35	KIRAN ANTOSE	04	E	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	BRONZE
36	RAJVIR WADHWA	03	E	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	BRONZE
37	CHARLES WILMOT	03	E	4X25 M MEDLEY RELAY	BRONZE

NUMBER OF MEDALS

GOLD - 20

SILVER - 08

BRONZE - 10

Annexure II

RESULTS OF THE CHESS EVENT ORGANISED BY VYASA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, HEBBAL

1. Ayaan Azhar scored 4 out of 8 and placed 17th in Under-8 category.
2. Ritvik Nama scored 7 out of 8 and placed 2nd
1. 3.Nanda Sri scored 4 out of 8 and placed 23rd in Under-10 Category.
2. 4.Advik Goel scored 5 out of 8 and placed 13th in Under-12 Category.
3. 5.Aaditya Samant scored 4 out 8 and placed 25th in Under-12 Category.
4. 6.Krithik scored 4 out 8 and placed 26th in Under-12 Category.
5. 7.Atharva scored 4 out of 8 and placed 27th in Under-12 Category.
6. 8.Syed Imad scored 4 out of 8 and placed 28th in Under-12 Category.
7. 9.Augustin scored 2.5 out of 8 and placed 57th in Under-12 Category.
8. 10 Aryaman scored 5 out of 7 and placed 7th in the Under-14 Category

Indus International School also won the Best Supporting School Award.