



January 2015

From the Principal's Desk

*"Our commitment to excellence is not a skill. It stems from our attitude."*

Dear Parents,

Commencing the new term after a relaxing and rejuvenating winter break, our commitment was to step up the academic rigour. With a tight revision schedule and a recovery time table, we smoothly and successfully moved into the Half Yearly Examination in the senior school as planned and are now getting ready with our feedback during PTM on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Launch of new Indus Early Learning Centres:** As communicated earlier, two new Indus Early Learning Centres have opened at Koramangala and RMV 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage, for children aged 2-6 years. In our endeavour to emphasize on whole – education and preparing leaders of tomorrow, this new initiative is on its way to success. We are sure many of our young eagles will benefit immensely.

**IGCSE Results:** Our belief in whole education but not at the cost of academics is evident in the excellent IGCSE results of the set 1 subjects held during the November Session. A good percentage of students have secured As and A\*s. This was the first batch of the Fast Track Course and we gratefully acknowledge your support and trust in our initiative. The Grade 10 students who just completed the set 1 subjects are also our first batch to undergo the Pre IBDP Course. The Pre IB is a focused, academically rigorous Programme covering a range of IB subjects, designed to help our students reach the required entry level for their IB Diploma at Indus. It is aimed at improving student work habits and general academic performance through enhanced applicative, analytical and research skills, all of which are indispensable for success in IB. Through this course we will ensure to bridge the gap in content

knowledge and skills and thus help students from the IGCSE join the Diploma Programme to have a smooth transition into the new course. The Pre IB course aims at developing an overall 'Sense of the Diploma Programme' in the new batch of DP students. This will also give them a head start to the course and help them understand what awaits them in the next two years.

**Placement Cell** at Indus has been extremely busy with the Grade 12 applications to the universities in the UK. With the expertise of Mr. Bill York alongside Ms Ann Wenger, the students have had time for guidance and advice.

**PYP Parent Induction:** We thank the parents who attended the New Parent Induction session held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The purpose of this session was to give a clearer perspective about the IB PYP Curriculum framework. They participated in interactive sessions which showcased the learning process that takes place in the PYP.

**Robotics:** PYP students from Grades 2 to 5 actively took part in the Junior Frist Lego League competition (Jr. FLL) on 18<sup>th</sup> January. It is an annual international robotics competition organised by India STEM Foundation, for children aged between 9 and 16 and aims at promoting interest in technology and the spirit of innovation in students.

**PYP Leadership Camp:** The Grade 4 students went on an overnight leadership camp, to 'Olde Bangalore' on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, accompanied by their teachers and four trainers from the Indus School of Leadership (ISL). The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves while they participated in activities that build communication, risk-taking and team-building competencies. They reflected on their learning and made connections with their personal experiences. Students had a good time and were also able to overcome the fear of staying overnight without their parents.

At the moment the students in the PYP are enjoying their rehearsal sessions preparing for Indus Day.

**Leadership Curriculum in MSP:** The second workshop in the Leadership Curriculum series was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January for Grades 6-8. The theme of the workshop was 'Developing Your Emotional Quotient'. The students had a platform to discuss what emotional intelligence is and

how to enhance it. Like La Tzu's words, "He who knows others is wise; He who knows himself is enlightened", the students were given a lot of opportunities to know themselves better. The workshop concluded with a discussion on how when an individual knows himself and chooses his emotions wisely, he is prepared to give the best of himself to society.

**Sports:** Several PYP students took part in tennis and soccer competitions organized by Head Start School.

The Indus Athletic Team (MSP) participated in the Head Start Inter School Athletic Meet held at the St. John's Sports Complex grounds on 22nd January 2015. The details are given in **Appendix 1**.

Our Indus International Community School Basketball Team took part for the first time in the Basketball tournament which was held at the National College Ground, Basavanagudi on 7<sup>th</sup> January. It was organized by the City Jump Ball Club. Jayanthkumar got the Promising Player Award for this match. Col. V. N. Sathya Rao distributed the playing kit to our IICS team.

**Republic Day** began on a solemn note when our CEO hoisted the national flag. Thereafter it was a colourful event as our students watched and applauded in admiration, our IICS students compete in their various events on their Sports Day.

IICS Sports Meet 2015 was an expression of empowerment in the aspect of health, education and gender equality. The participants learnt to trust in self and understood the importance of success and failure. The chief guest, CEO, Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray declared the II Annual Sports Meet 2015 open. The March Past by the four houses named after the four rivers of Karnataka – the Tungabhadra (Green), the Krishna (Blue), the Arakavathi (Yellow), the Kaveri (Red) headed by their house captains and the School Head Boy, Hemanth marked a befitting opening.

The free hand drill and the pom pom props that added great frolic to the symphony wave was performed by Grades 3, 4 & 5. The 30-students yoga display showcased body control and flexibility which also demonstrated the experience of the comfort of the mind, body and soul.

The track events for both the juniors and senior boys followed by the closing ceremony marked the end of the spectacular event.

**Annual Sports Day:** January also saw the students in the senior school gear up through the Heats and March Past practices for the Sports Day on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Our Chief Guest, Mrs. Mekhala Subedar, a four time National Women's Open Champion in squash declared the meet open. After representing India for 14 years, Ms Subedar now coaches beginners as well as advanced level players. Mrs. Subedar has been the national coach for the Indian squash teams that represented the country at the Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, China; the British Junior Open, Sheffield and the Asian Championship, Iran. Spirits ran high and healthy competition prevailed. Please see **Appendix 2** for details.

**Boarding:** 140 boarders watched a one man performance at the Jagriti theatre entitled The King's Player. Dressed as an Elizabethan clown, Tref Gare walked, tumbled, fell and even sang along a fine line between stand-up comedy and theatre. Using mime, impersonations and some very low budget hand puppets, the King's Player recounted the humorous and woeful account of his royal appearance.

The boarders had another experience with theatre on the 31<sup>st</sup> with Ranji David and his team of players who presented a shadow theatre performance "The Nuisance of Hamlet". This adaptation of William Shakespeare's story was set in Bangalore and revolved around aspirations and dreams, bullying, and substance abuse. The play moved in and out of Hamlet and real life stories in an interactive format which enabled the students to reflect on possible solutions and suggestions on how these real life situations could have been handled.

As we step into February we will strive to make each student's life a meaningful learning experience that will serve them in good stead in the years to come.

Warm regards,

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## Appendix 1

### Head Start Inter School Athletic Meet

EVENT	NAME	GRADE	MEDAL
SHOT-PUT U-13 GIRLS	Teva Marine Prangere	6	Silver
SHOT-PUT U-16 GIRLS	Shagun.V.K	9	Bronze
100m BOYS U-13	Aryan Chaudhry	7	Bronze

## Appendix 2

### Annual Sports Day Results

#### March Past Points

POSITION	HOUSE	POINTS
I	Pegasus	42
II	Orion	40
II	Hercules	40
III	Phoenix	38

#### Total House Points (Overall Trophy)

POSITION	HOUSE	POINTS
I	Hercules	239
II	Orion	237
III	Phoenix	218
IV	Pegasus	172