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From the Principal's Desk

*Skill is something you build by being fully engaged. It's an active thing, not a passive thing. You can learn a lot more in a lot less time simply by making your practice **highly targeted, and error-focused.***

Dear Parents,

After the refreshing Spring Break we returned on 2nd April, with renewed intent to step up the academic rigour. The Intensive revision for Grades 10 and 12 have commenced from 02nd April with additional support for our Boarders.

It was as usual heartening to see the parents of our students in Grades 10 and 12 for the PTM on 05th April, to discuss the results of the Mock Examination. With both the IGCSE and the IB Examinations scheduled to start in the first week of May, we wish our students the very best. The batches of 2014 have worked hard and we are sure that their results will bear testimony to the same.

April is a time when the students of Grade 12 are made to feel special through the farewell parties that are organized. The first of these was the party hosted by Grade 11 on 10th April. It was indeed a very colourful and fun filled together.

Principal, Mrs. Sarojini Rao, hosted a High Tea for the outgoing Grade 12 class of 2014 on 14th April. It was an evening filled with fun and frolic. It also helped to strengthen the bond between the teachers and students, and left everyone present with fond memories.

16th April was Graduation Day. It was indeed a proud moment for Sarayu R Acharya when she walked up to receive the Dr. Prannoy Roy Award, which recognizes a student's consistent performance in different fields. The Eagle Award, instituted in

2013, is also a Leadership Award. This year's recipient, Aishwarya Subramaniam has been recognized for the commitment and dedication she has displayed in various community service initiatives. An all-rounder, she used her talent to inspire not only the students in her house but also at the Indus International Community School. There were other special and subject awards that were given, the details of which are in **Appendix I**.

An in-house break-up party was organized for Grade 10 on 16th April , which was mainly to wish them for their exams. We look forward to having all our students back with us for the IB DP Programme.

At The Principals' Conference held on 22nd April important aspects (relevant to the functioning of Indus – Pune, Bangalore and Hyderabad) were discussed .

It has been a hectic month for the PYP as they prepared for the various grade-wise Leadership Summits on April 29th, 30th and May 1st. The year-long learning as part of the Leadership Curriculum culminated in the PYP Leadership Summit that lasted for three days. All grades across the Primary Years Programme participated and took pride in showcasing their journey of learning. This year, the focus was on creativity and innovation. There were ILEDs presented by each grade. Students thought of a problem that they felt needs their attention. They came up with a solution to the problem by making/creating an innovative project.

Ms. Ravinder Bhogal, a guest speaker spoke to students from grade 2 on the various aspects of cooking. This was in connection with the new unit of inquiry 'Field to Table'. Ms Ravinder is a resident of South East London and is an award-winning UK TV Chef.

The students of the MSP organized a 'Shoe Drive' in the month of April . They collected used shoes for our IICS students. There are many children in our Community School who are in need of shoes. Therefore drop boxes for the shoes were placed in the MSP and DP foyer. There was an extremely enthusiastic response from the students for this initiative.

A workshop conducted by The Art of Living was organized for the boarders. The workshop included students above the age of 13. Grade 10 and 12 were excluded. The 16 hour workshop was spread over four days, ie 10th to 13th April after school. It was indeed a great learning experience for the 90 students who attended the workshop.

A movie is always something that our boarders look forward to. On 19th April our students watched 'Main Tera Hero' a Bollywood action comedy, at the Phoenix Mall.

This outing was exciting as parts of the film were shot in our school and students could identify with the setting.

A total of 26 students from the Robotics Club of our school, participated in the South India Finals of the Robocup Junior Competition which was held at St. John's High School, Bangalore on 5th April 2014. Six schools with a total of 98 students participated in the competition. Two teams from our school have qualified for the National Level of the Robocup Junior Competition. Please refer **Appendix II** for the details.

In the Fourth Inter School Debate for Grades 6 to 8 held at the Canadian International School on 29th April, on the topic: "Has the United Nations Created a Better World?" Juhita Vijjali and Drisya Antose of Grade 8 were placed second overall and Drisya was selected the as The Best Debater.

The last Saturday in April was meaningfully spent as Teachers attended the Teacher Leadership Retreat. The day started with about an hour spent on the science and benefits of meditation. This was followed by a session on "Insights into Leadership" by our CEO, Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray, in which he stressed on the importance of reinventing oneself. This interesting session focused on training the mind to focus and reflect. The third session was conducted by me on 'Teaching Values in School'. The final presentation post lunch was by the three Heads of School, on "Creating Social, Political, and Environmental Awareness among our teachers".

We are happy to announce Columbia Business School's "Global Entrepreneurship course", from 16th to 20th June. Centered round Digital Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Branding and leadership, this one-week intensive, college-level course will expose our high school students to the theory and practice of entrepreneurship and innovation. This course allows participants to hone critical skills in research, creative decision-making, communication and negotiation, project management, financial analysis, and collaborative leadership.

Warm regards,



Mrs. Sarojini Rao
Principal

Appendix I

Grade 12 – Special and Subject Awards

Prannoy Roy Award – Sarayu Acharya

Eagle Award – Aishwarya Subramaniam

Valedictorian Award

1. Adarsh Suresh
2. Ujval Misra

Young achievers:

1. Aishwarya Subramaniam – Excellence in whole education
2. Akanksha Majumdar- Excellence in whole education
3. Bhadra Chembukave – Academics
4. Hemant Sethi – Academics
5. Ho Kim- Technology
6. Janik Gerlach- Sports (Swimming)
7. Kunal Athri- Sports (Swimming, Basketball)
8. Manjul Pahwa- Academics and MUN
9. Mohamed Aafee- Music
10. Nihans N- Technology
11. Raghav Sarogi- Academics and Contributions to Pegasus House.
12. Sharayu Acharya – Excellence in whole education
13. Simran Malhotra- Excellence in whole education
14. Siraphat- Art
15. Smaran Shantharaju- Sports (Football)
16. Suraj Iyer- Dramatics and Sports
17. Suruchi Devanhalli – Academics
18. Vandit Ladha- Sports (Football)
19. Diya Sakuja- Sports

Promising Eagles award

1. Aiyanna- Sports (Football)
2. Jaikiran- Sports (Football)

3. Shashank Nagaraju- contribution to MUN
4. Gita Miles- Music
5. Anjali Parmar- Contribution to Whole education
6. Inhye Park- Music and Art
7. Krish Tripathi- Sports
8. Riddhi Keralaia- Contribution to whole education
9. Nidhey - Contribution to whole education
10. Shamoun- Contribution to Community Service
11. Vinushrita- Contribution to Community Service
12. Yash Raj Shukla- Sports
13. Elsie- Sports

Subject Awards

	Subject	Awards
1	BIOLOGY HL	Adarsh Suresh, Arnav Malhotra
2	BIOLOGY SL	Smaran Shantaraju, Digveer Pratap Singh
3	BUS.& MAN. HL	Raghav Saraogi, Dharani Kalyana Raman
4	BUS.& MAN. SL	Agrim Pandey
5	CHEMISTRY HL	Adarsh Suresh, Bhadra Chembukave
6	CHEMISTRY SL	Sitara Ramesh
7	COMPUTER SC. HL	Ujjwal Misra
8	COMPUTER SC. SL	Vandit Ladha
9	ECONOMICS HL	Raghav Saraogi, Vandit Ladha, Digveer Pratap Singh
10	ECONOMICS SL	Layla Kuijper, Suraj Iyer
11	ENGLISH A1 HL	Suruchi Devanhalli, Medha Bhattacharya
12	ENGLISH A1 SL	Ujjwal Mishra, Sanath Malhotra
13	ENGLISH B HL	Marion Gwendoline Oreal, Siraphat Santidherakul
14	ENV. AND SOC. SL	Pranav Manoj Daryanani
15	FRENCH AB. SL	Layla Kuijper
16	FRENCH B HL	Roshni Hendrian
17	FRENCH B SL	Dharani Kalyana Raman
18	GEOGRAPHY HL	Layla Kuijper
19	German HL	Janik Geralch
19	GERMAN AB. SL	Raghav Saraogi
20	HINDI B HL	Digveer Pratap Singh
21	HINDI B SL	Manjul Pahwa, Agrim Pandey

22	HISTORY - HL	Medha Bhattacharya
23	HISTORY –SL	Suruchi Devanahalli
24	ITGS HL	Anush Gandra
25	ITGS SL	Pavan Kumar JR
26	MATH.STUDIES SL	Layla Kuijper
27	MATHEMATICS SL	Lionel Christian Osamba, Sriya Gukal
28	MATHEMATICS HL	Bhadra Chembukave, Manjul Pahwa
29	PHYSICS HL	Manjul Pahwa, Hemant Sethi
30	PHYSICS SL	Adarsh Suresh, Ujval Mishra
31	PSYCHOLOGY HL	Dipika Ashok Hotchand
32	PSYCHOLOGY SL	Riddhi Keralaia
33	SPANISH AB. SL	Virein Sudheer
34	SPANISH B SL	Sriya Gukal
36	VISUAL ARTS OPTION B HL	Yoo jin lee

Appendix II

Teams from Indus which qualified for the National Level Robocup Junior competition.

TEAM-1

1. Manoj R.M Grade-XI
2. Vinneth Gopal Grade-XI
3. Akashdeep Tyagi Grade-XI
4. Parthshah Grade-XI

TEAM-2

1. Theo Van Gyzel Grade-VI
2. Suvir Wadhwa Grade-VI
3. Krish N Sareen Grade-VI
4. Rahul Rao Grade-VI