

April 2016 | From the Principal's Desk

The cause of making the school a place to draw each child's inner potential, unites us all.

Dear Parents,

When farewell rounds begin, it is a reminder of how close we are to the end of the academic session. As our young eagles are now perched on an important branch, we wish them the very best for their final examination.

Au revoir Grade 12:

The traditional Principal's High Tea was hosted for the graduating batch of Grade 12 students in the DP lawns on 12th April 2016. This evening will be remembered in years to come as an evening of mixed feelings. It was a time when the students, their teachers, the Vice Principal and myself spent some quality relaxing time together while Ms. Manpreet Kaur kept us all engaged in a few creative games. The evening ended on a note of gratitude as Ami Mehta and Neha Srinivas expressed their heartfelt feelings.

As is customary, Grade 11 bid farewell to their seniors on the 13th of April. This was a well thought of afternoon as each Grade 12 student was spoken about not only with a sense of humor, but also with a sense of tribute.

The highlight of bidding adieu was marked by the solemn graduation ceremony on the 15th of April. Undoubtedly our tenth batch will remember our CEO's emphatic line "You can take the Indian out of India, but you cannot take India out of an Indian". The Principal highlighted the importance of developing an international mind and the pre-requisites for it, as this would be the way to go to realize oneself and unlock one's potential. It was an evening of celebrating accomplishment and recognizing meritorious students and special awards were given out. Emotions ran high as the Valedictorians and Young Achievers reflected about their school life and how their alma mater, Indus, has played a role in molding and building their personalities. The Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award was presented to **Ami Mehta** and the Indus Eagle Award to **Neha Srinivas**. The Valedictorians for this year are **Mahesh Bhide** and **Samiksha Choudhury**. The sanctity of the evening was felt by all when the lights were dimmed and the young eagles lit candles and took the pledge to uphold the values imbibed at Indus. The ceremony ended on a colorful note as the night sky shimmered and reverberated with the fire cracker display.

Club Day: Clubs at our school are an integral part of whole education where students are exposed to learning beyond the classroom. All the 19 clubs have been designed keeping in mind the interest of the students in various spheres like Photography, Designing, Robotics, Aeromodelling, Film Making, MUN, Drama, Vedic Math among many. The club periods which were spread over the year strived to transform our budding enthusiasts into experts in their chosen fields, the proof of which was displayed on the Club Display Day on 25th of April, 2016.

The day in its entirety was a celebration of the holistic education that the school believes in imparting to its pupils. On this day, members of the various clubs and faculty in-charge displayed their achievements and the competencies that they have gained. It was a showcase of the students' public speaking prowess, performing arts, analytical skills and culinary expertise.

The highlight of the day was the inter house debate competition which tested the participants' ability in persuasive communication and knowledge of current affairs. All the eight participants enthusiastically demonstrated their profound knowledge about the chosen topics and defended their opinions with equal zeal. Later in the day, we had eight nominated students from across the MSP-IGCSE-DP Public speaking group who shared their well-rounded opinions on topics which offered scope for debate.

In the second session, we had the rest of our in-house clubs and outsourced clubs presenting their end-of-the-year products in the form of displays, live performances and working models. The Science clubs- Robotics, Aeromodelling, Nanotechnology and Genomics presented working models and experiments which were conducted during the course of the year. The student representatives of the clubs were thorough with the content and explained it well to all the visitors. The Art, Photography, Designing and Film making clubs displayed the creative outcomes of their journey in a very interesting way which was both commendable and thought-provoking at the same time. The Drama club presented a street play which was conceptualized and executed by the students themselves. Based on the theme of bullying, the students vowed to fight together against this social evil in all forms. MUN club was not far behind and had a long list of awards and accomplishments that they shared with all those present.

The Vedic Mathematics club showcased their learning through a quiz that had the audience spellbound. As always, the dancers had the audience agog through their rhythmic movements. No sooner did the sale of yummy snacks start, than the items were over in less than an hour. This brought on a feeling of success to the students in the enterprise and culinary club. The highlight of the day was the release of the Annual School Magazine and the Class Magazines in the MSP.

PAC Meeting: The PAC meeting on 26th April was the final one for this year as we officially bid farewell to Mrs. Medha Bhide, the Chairperson and Mrs. Nipa Mehta, the Co-Chairperson. We are indeed grateful for their invaluable time and contribution to the PAC and the support extended to the school. It was also time to bid farewell to two other senior members namely Mrs. Prabha Srinivas and Mrs. Veena Prahlad. We officially welcomed Dr. Anju Agadi as the new Chairperson and Mrs. Raadha Kapai as the new Co-Chairperson. We are thankful to each member who was present during this meeting and appreciate everyone's inputs to work as partners in our journey.

PYP:

PYP Leadership Summit: As part of the Leadership Curriculum, the PYP students from the early Years to grade 4 worked consciously towards developing a Growth Mindset. All students had identified a specific goal to work on in an area that they found challenging - ranging from reading, writing, mathematics, art, drama, dance, sport etc. They pursued their goals with a systematic and dedicated approach. The culminating Leadership Summit on 19th and 20th April, was a testament to their commitment and actual change in mindset. Students took the visitors through their individual journeys which they had recorded in their written logs via reflections, plans, photographs and audio-visual files. The enthusiasm with which they shared their efforts and successes was palpable. In their reflective comments, students acknowledged that growth mindset is about taking risks, not giving up easily and could be applied to succeed in every endeavor of life.

It was a pleasure to observe how our young students performed during the Indus Days at IELC Koramangala on April 23rd and IELC RMV on April 29th. It was combined with their Leadership Summit as well, where they displayed how they have incorporated the idea of growth mindset into the activities that they have been involved in, with a lot of support and encouragement from their teachers and parents.

Grade 5 PYP Exhibition: On 21st April, grade 5 presented their PYP Exhibition to parents, students and teachers. The PYP Exhibition is a culmination of the holistic journey undertaken by the PYP students to showcase the skills gained over the years, and apply them in a unit led by themselves. This year the central theme was 'Migration'. They looked into various aspects like, the plight of migrating construction workers, government migration policies, the impact of migration on identity, migration for education etc. Students expressed their ideas and experiences through original creations via dance, drama, music, visual art and the gallery walk.

Grade 3 field trip: In connection with the unit of inquiry 'How We Express Ourselves,' grade 3 visited the radio station "Radio One", on 25th April. The objective of the field trip was to add meaning and enhance student understanding of the influence and persuasion of the media. Students were excited as this was an opportunity for them to experience how a radio station works.

Mufti Day: On 22nd April, PYP students reflected on the changes that Earth is going through, due to human activities. They dressed up as creatures of the Earth and came in costumes which depicted the causes that are impacting Earth. Some of them used recycled material to create parts of their costume. Students reflected on the importance of Earth Day and what they can do to save it.

MSP & IGCSE:

April in the senior school focused on academic rigor with the mid-term tests, support classes and syllabus completion. Grade 9 students bid farewell to their grade 10 seniors in a fun filled party, before they got ready for their exams.

The oral examination and practical examinations were conducted for the IGCSE June 2016 series examination. The grade 10 IGCSE board examinations began on 26th April. We wish our batch of 2015-16 the very best with their Set 2 examinations.

The midterm tests were successfully administered between April 11th and 15th respectively, following which the reports were successfully published on SIMS on 23rd April.

The grade 8 afterschool support classes continue to be conducted from Monday to Friday in Chemistry, Biology, Math, Physics and English. These classes are offered at two levels.

We are proud to announce that we have launched our first TED session on 27th April. TED promises to help students believe passionately that ideas have the power to change attitudes, lives, and ultimately, the world. This underlying philosophy which is the driving force behind all of TED's endeavors is certain to whet the curiosity of our students.

The professional development for this month in the MSP and IGCSE focused on reviewing curriculum and unit planners for the next session through brainstorming sessions and department wise collaboration.

There was also a workshop conducted for all teachers on how to work with students with different learning needs as well as tackling behavioral concerns in the classroom.

DP:

The II Midterm tests for grade XI were administered between 11th and 15th April. The reports for these tests were successfully published on 23rd April.

PLACEMENTS:

In April, the placements team have been involved in conducting the Pre-IB workshops as specified by the DP team. There has also been some university visits to the school in April like George Washington, Syracuse, Boston University, Chicago U and Johns Hopkins.

CAS:

The focus of the houses was mainly on setting up a vegetable garden, a mobile library, completion of making quilts and first aid boxes. These projects have helped the students to become sensitive to the needs of the community and to come up with solutions for them.

SPORTS:

The **PYP Aquatics Meet** was held on April 28th for students from Prep 2 to Grade 3, and on April 29th for students of Grades 4 and 5. Swimming is a valuable life skill and involves fun with water based activities that builds confidence while helping with physical development and flexibility. Our eagles in the water captivated our attention as they swam with such élan and panache. House spirits ran high and the keenness that was evident needs special applause. The results of the aquatic meet are attached in Appendix 1.

Another feather in the cap this month was when our students won the Winner trophy in football and cricket in the Goa Sports Carnival. The carnival was organized by the All India Youth Sports Federation and International School Sports Association from the 23rd to the 26th of April in Benaulim, Goa. Aditya E of grade 11 was recognized as the best batsman in cricket and Ghalib Al Halim of grade 9 was recognized as the best player of the tournament. The participants list is attached in Appendix 2.

The 3rd intra school annual chess championship was conducted on the 23rd April for the PYP, MSP and DP students. It was conducted in the Blitz (Lighting) Format which is a 10-10 minute chess game. The results are attached in Appendix 3.

BOARDING:

Students went on a day trip to Bannerghatta National Park which also has a drive-in safari. The students went for a nature walk, where they were fortunate to view different birds and reptiles in their habitat. This trip was well enjoyed by all the students and was the last outing for boarders this academic session as moving forward, the focus will be academics till the end of this session.

As we move into May we wish all our students appearing for the final examination the very best.

Regards,
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Appendix 1: RESULTS OF PYP INTER HOUSE SWIMMING MEET 2015-2016

Individual Championship Award

Sl No	Name	Grade	House	Category	Points
1	Daksh Sawhney	1	Pegasus	Grade 1 Boys	16 Points
2	Willow Janner	1	Pegasus	Grade 1 Girls	20 Points
3	Yogesh Chintamani	2	Phoenix	Grade 2 Boys	15 Points
4	Manavi Varma	2	Pegasus	Grade 2 Girls	15 Points
5	Neebir Bora Natarajan	3	Pegasus	Grade 3 Boys	19 Points
6	Aadhya Bobby	3	Pegasus	Grade 3 Girls	13 Points
7	Julian Needham Cook	4	Hercules	Grade 4 Boys	23 Points
8	Radha Nambisan	4	Pegasus	Grade 4 Girls	19 Points
9	Shristuti Srirapu	4	Orion	Grade 4 Girls	19 Points
10	Toki Wilkinson	5	Hercules	Grade 5 Boys	21 Points
11	Afreena Allahoudine	5	Orion	Grade 5 Girls	20 Points

Overall Team Position

Sl No	House	Points	Position
1	Pegasus	187	I
2	Orion	108	II
3	Phoenix	100	II
4	Hercules	90	III

Appendix 2: GOA SPORTS CARNIVAL

UNDER-17 FOOTBALL TEAM STUDENT LIST

SL. NO	NAME	GRADE
1	Rohan Deb Roy	11
2	Nischal Kishan Jain	11
3	Pemmasani Venkat Prajyesh	11
4	Shrikritt Poddar	9
5	Skanda Srinivas	11
6	Ghalib Al Halim	9
7	Bhuvras Ajay Doshi	9
8	Rohit Narasimhan	11
9	Akash H Gowda	11

UNDER-17 CRICKET TEAM STUDENT LIST

SL.NO	NAME	Grade
1.	Varun Venkatesh	6
2.	Ayan Sapru	6
3.	Arham Srisrimal	6
4.	Siddhant Agarwal	6
5.	Vishal Ramnani	6
6.	Chaitanya Ajay Khandelwal	6
7.	Deep Devanbhai Marwadi	7
8.	Monish Reddy Yerram Reddy	7
9.	Rebhanth Amin	7
10.	Ashwin Tantia	9
11.	Avi Suri	9
12.	Pranav Byakod	9
13.	Vedaang Prasad	11
14.	Vinay Easwaran	11
15.	Deekshit NJ	11
16.	Aditya N Elayavalli	11
17.	Govind Kumar Gupta	11
18.	Abhishek Ravi Patil	11
19.	Karan Ravishankar Athri	11
20.	Vedaang Prasad	11

Appendix 3: 3RD INTRA SCHOOL ANNUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Names	Points	Grade
Arjun Mahajan	8	11
Krish Kerkar	7.5	4
Aaryaman Kakar	7.5	10

Under 18 Players:

Names	Points	Grade
Jai Surekha	7	11
Vidit Shetty	6	11
Aahan Aggarwal	6	11

Under 16 Players:

Names	Points	Grade
Abhishek Kumar	6	11
Zarif Mamun	6	8
Hirak Shah	6	10

Under 14 Players:

Names	Points	Grade
Rohan Rao	6	8
Akhil.S	5.5	7
Amal Deepak	5.5	7

Under 12 Players:

Names	Points	Grade
Ryoya Ogino	7	6
Agustya Singh	6	5
Gabriel	5	4

Under 10 Players:

Names	Points	Grade
Aniketh Kalagara	6	4
Young Jun Kim	6	4
Kanishk S	5.5	2