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From the Principal's Desk

"Your passport to realize your goal is to use the power within you to unlock your potential."

Dear Parents,

April is the time when we bid farewell to Grade 12. It is a much awaited moment for the young eagles who proudly don their gowns and toss their caps moving from graduants to graduates. At Indus as is customary, the Principal's High Tea was hosted on the DP lawns on 10th April 2017. It was an evening of fun and entertainment for the DP teachers along with the Principal, the Vice Principal and the Grade 12 students. The games brought in a spirit of togetherness that kept the sadness of parting at bay. As Principal, I conveyed my heartfelt wishes to the students as they prepare for the written component to complete their course. The Head Boy and the Head Girl expressed their gratitude for not only the farewell tea but also for all the support and encouragement in their journey to realize their dreams.

Graduation Ceremony: The most important event this month was the Graduation of our eleventh batch of IBDP students. Clad in green silken graduation robes our students walked in a solemn and graceful manner to the stage. This filled our hearts with memories of watching some of them grow right from Prep. Each has a natural tenacity and ability to handle life as it unfolds. Awards were given out to the 33 Young Achievers and it was heart-warming to hear our valedictorians, Nisha Bharat and Pallavi Menon share their experiences. Mrs. Raadha Kapai and Mr. Devanahalli shared their reflections as parents whose children were graduating after spending several years at Indus. In his address the CEO, General Ray stressed the importance of the ability to pursue excellence in life. In my address as Principal, I focused on accountability which allows for the willingness to make commitments and be responsible for one's own actions. Mrs. Aparna Achanta, the DP Coordinator, wished the batch of 2017 the very

best and declared them graduates. Our wish is for our young eagles to be liable in life and affect real change as leaders with the power to be creative and caring; to be engaged citizens.

PYP: The PYP Exhibition is a key event in the life of every PYP school and student. This year, students of Grade 5 explored the theme 'How we express ourselves'. The event was held on 21st April. They used the Design Thinking Process to inquire and express their understanding of the Central idea 'Our ability to think, experiment and solve problems allows us to innovate'. They not only demonstrated their investigation on global issues but also shared innovative solutions they came up with, to address the same. They spoke with clarity and were able to confidently explain their journey to the audience.

The PYP Leadership Summit held on 20th April, 2017 showcased our students' journey of Goal setting, Mindfulness' and Growth Mindset. Their effort in pursuit of the goals takes precedence over its achievement. They organized workshops, celebrated their achievements and discussed the challenges and effort involved to overcome them. Their journals displayed the steps taken to accomplish the goals along with their reflections. They proudly shared their journey with parents and received the much appreciated feedback with aplomb.

We had a parent, Mrs. Sonia Sanwalka (mother of Deven Sanwalka, Grade 4) who is experienced in the art of mindful breathing conduct a session for our students. Mrs. Sanwalka has conducted many sessions which helps people to focus on Mindful breathing. She guided the students of Grade 4 through the steps of Mindful Breathing and also helped them understand the science behind being mindful.

Our students in Prep 1 experienced the evolution of transportation systems through a ride in a bullock cart. They excitedly enjoyed the bumpy ride which helped them compare the old and new modes of transport.

IELC RMV Indus Day: Indus Early Learning Centre (IELC) RMV celebrated their second Annual Indus Day and their Leadership Exhibition on Friday, 21st April. Through their production 'Around the World in Two Hours' the students took the audiences on an armchair vacation to four countries. The play was a reflective representation of the deep respect for earth's resources and spirit of patriotism displayed by the travelling students. The I-Lead talks were fashioned on the TED talks format, which were motivational as well as inspirational. Each I-Lead was a testament to the future leaders whom we are so privileged to be nurturing.

IELC Koramangala Indus Day: On 29th April 2017, IELC Koramangala hosted their second Indus Day and Leadership Summit on home ground, at Indus International School Bangalore. The audience was treated to an impressive performance that explored an adaptation of 'The Jungle Book' where students questioned the perspective of characters in the story. The Leadership programme is a signature to Indus and has instilled a strong sense of self-awareness and curiosity in learning. Our students confidently showcased their public speaking and goal setting skills through dynamic and personal learning journeys and I-Lead talks, which are based on the TED talks model.

MSP & IGCSE: The Mid-Term Tests in the Senior School was held as per schedule a week after the school reopened after the Spring Break.

The HOS and Coordinators have worked with small groups of students from Grades 6 and 7, from April 24th till April 28th to explain aspects of the MYP assessments and clarify expectations for the next academic session.

The MYP Academic Conference was held on 11th April as the CEO, Principals, Heads of Schools and Coordinators of the MYP from the Bangalore, Pune and Hyderabad schools met to consider and decide the modus operandi of various curricular requirements for the weeks ahead this session.

On 27th April, students of Grade 8 attended an orientation on IGCSE which was led by the IGCSE Coordinators. Various aspects of IGCSE subjects were explained and clarity was provided on the selection of subjects.

Students of Grade 9 had a week long Leadership camp at the Indus School of Leadership, in two batches that were held from April 17th - 21st and 24th - 28th respectively. As always the experiential component in the camp has much to offer and students benefit from all the team building activities.

The students of Grade 9 hosted a farewell for Grade 10 on 18th April which included a special lunch and friendly sports matches. Grade 9 personalized the event with pictures of memorable moments. The entertainment lent an air that diffused the mixed feelings that are a part of farewell. We wish our Grade 10 students who started their Set 2 exams on 26th April, all the best. It is culmination of all their aspirations through the years and we are confident that they will put in their best efforts.

DP: Our Grade 12 students started their final IBDP exams on the 28th April. We wish them all the best for the exams, as they prepare to put in their best efforts for a key milestone in their academic lives.

In a bid to enhance academic rigour and make effective use of the expertise of experienced teachers, the Optimization Programme that has just been introduced in the senior school is benefitting the students. In addition to this, the Grade 11 students have been assigned mentors. The role of the mentor is to monitor the academic progress of the students entrusted in his or her care. Mentor-mentee meetings have begun and the students along with their mentors meet me to discuss their concerns. Support classes have been reorganized and the details have been shared with the students.

Placements: The Placement Cell hosted University visits that included the University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins, York University and Georgetown Qatar. They welcome a new member to the team - Mr. Vinil Kumar as Coordinator- Guidance and Placements. They are also working with late stragglers from Grade 12 applying to Canada, Hong Kong and other countries with deadlines that are rolling admissions.

Boarding: As a part of their adieu to their seniors, the Grade 11 boarders had two farewell cricket matches with the Grade 12 boarders on 9th April. Grade 11 won the first match and Grade 12 won the other.

On 14th April students were taken to Snow City. This was an enjoyable experience as students stretched their arms and legs Snow Rock Climbing, Snow Rafting, Toboggan rides and in the Fantasy Snow Castle. Protective gear of warm jackets, boots, gloves and hoods were provided at the venue to help the students acclimatize with the varying temperature.

The students celebrated Easter on April 16th with a special breakfast that was made to order. Easter eggs were distributed to all students. Students also visited the church for the Easter Service.

On 23rd April our students from Korea did what they enjoy doing. They cooked a sumptuous Korean meal for all the Koreans and invited others who wanted to join in.

On the 29th of April, our behavioral counsellors had a session on time management for all boarders where the students were addressed on how to manage time effectively so that the right time is spent on things which are important before the Final Assessment.

CAS: As the session draws to a close the pace of our CAS activities has slowed down. Pegasus have moved the house boards and the Sewing machines to the new room that has been allotted to them.

Phoenix has succeeded in getting the Sanitary napkin process certified.

Hercules has been collecting the waste papers and regularly soaking them. The Ammas continue to work on the paper production.

The Ammas have been given some time off by the Orion house to prepare for the test that will be conducted soon to know their progress from the training.

Sports: The Aquatics Meet held on 27th and 28th April was an opportunity for the PYP students to exhibit their prowess in swimming. Swimming not only builds endurance, muscle strength and cardiovascular fitness but also helps maintain a healthy weight, healthy heart and lungs. The sportsman spirit in each child was evident as our risk-takers participated in a range of events like the freestyle, breast stroke, back stroke and the relay through the day. The results are attached in Appendix 1.

In the recently concluded Goa Sports Carnival 2017, Season 10 held from 20th to 24th April 2017, our teams made it clear that they are a force to reckon with.

We emerged **champions** in the Under 12 Football tournament by beating Game of Goal, Pune (2-0) to clinch the trophy in a closely fought match. Andre Marques was adjudged the **Best Defender** of the tournament.

Our success in cricket has done us proud. In the Under 12 Category we won the toss and elected to bat first scoring 74 runs with a loss of 5 wickets in 12 overs. Chasing the score Choithram International School, Indore fell short of the target by just 3 runs scoring 71 in 12 overs for the loss of 8 wickets. What a close and exciting win to be ranked **Champions**. Deep Marwadi was declared the **Best Batsman**.

In the Under 14 Cricket finals, our team easily defeated St. Peter's School, Panchgani without losing a single wicket. Special mention must be made of the excellent bowling by Varun Venkatesh who captured 5 wickets for 8 runs in 3 overs. He was declared the **Best Bowler** while Monish Reddy was declared the **Best Batsman**.

The Finals of the Under 17 match was played against Goa FC, who won the toss and elected to bat first scoring 141/9 in 20 overs. Indus lost to some excellent bowling and emerged the **Runners Up**. The details are attached in Appendix 2.

We congratulate the Head of Department Mr. Pooviah who has steered the many sports teams at Indus to reach a point of excellence. We congratulate both the Cricket coaches, namely, Mr. Pradeep Kumar and Mr. Murugan for their effort to raise the level of cricket and be recognized in this tournament. They were declared the best coaches.

We are confident that there are more laurels that will be won in the sessions to come.

Regards,
Sarojini Rao
Principal

Appendix 1: Results of PYP Inter House Annual Swimming Meet 2016-2017
Held on 27th and 28th April 2017

Individual Championship Award

Sl No	Name	Grade	House	Category	Points
1	Ashwin Sundhararajan	1	Pegasus	Grade 1 Boys	30
2	Anita Susan Needham Cook	1	Hercules	Grade 1 Girls	23
3	Daksh Sawhney	2	Pegasus	Grade 2 Boys	40
4	Aanya Kholay	2	Hercules	Grade 2 Girls	35
5	Nicolas Patrick Needham Cook	3	Hercules	Grade 3 Boys	45
6	Manavi Varma	3	Pegasus	Grade 3 Girls	50
7	Desh Kartik Dasgupta	4	Orion	Grade 4 Boys	28
8	Capucine Lafont	4	Pegasus	Grade 4 Girls	50
9	Julian Gordon Needham Cook	5	Hercules	Grade 5 Boys	33
10	Katy Louise Howell	5	Orion	Grade 5 Girls	45

Overall Team Position

Sl No	House	Points	Position
1	Pegasus House	388	I
2	Orion House	218	II
3	Hercules House	213	III
4	Phoenix House	107	IV

Appendix 2: Goa Sports Festival Results:

FOOTBALL

Sl No	Category	Position
1	Under - 12	Champions

Indus International School, Bangalore beat Game of Goal, Pune (2-0) to clinch the Under-12 football trophy in a closely fought match. **Recognition Award:** **Andre Marque** of Grade 6 was adjudged the **Best Defender** of the tournament.

CRICKET

Sl No	Category	Position
1	Under – 12	Champions
2	Under – 14	Champions
3	Under – 17	Runner -Up

Under 12 Years: The final match in the Under 12 exhibited good cricket from both the team with trophy falling into the lap of Indus International School, Bangalore. Indus won the toss and elected to bat first scoring 74/5 in 12 overs. Chasing the score Choithram International School, Indore fall short of the target by 3 runs scoring 71/8 in 12 overs. **Recognition Award:** **Deep Marwadi** was adjudged the **Best Batsman** of the tournament.

Under 14 Years: A domineering no loss win against St. Peters School, Panchgani in the final sealed a thumping victory for Indus. St. Peters School, Panchgani batted first and were all-out for merely 37 runs in 12 overs, thanks to brilliant bowling performance by Varun Venkatesh bagging 5 wickets for 8 runs in 3 overs. **Recognition Award:** **Varun**

Venkatesh was adjudged the Best Bowler of the tournament. **Monish Reddy** was adjudged the Best Batsman of the tournament.

Under 17 Years: The final match in the Under 17 was played against Goa FC, who won the toss and elected to bat first scoring 141/9 in 20 overs. Chasing the score, Indus was all-out for 59 runs.

FOOTBALL TEAM LIST

SL NO	STUDENT NAME	GRADE
1	Aarav Upadyay	6
2	Andre Marques	6
3	Samyak Jain	6
4	Noah Oggi Van Vechgel	6
5	Martin Rachel	7
6	Toki Bokaer Wilkinson	6
7	Romain Dubi	7
8	Andre Rakesh Joshi	6
9	Rodrigue Morra	6
10	Wandrille Marie Yann Jean Demoulin	6
11	Malhar Vijay Yadav	6
12	Chaitanya Ajay Khandelwal	7
13	Keenan Krishna N K	6
14	Kanishk Guptha	6
15	Sahaat Poddar	6
16	Divit Sujan	7
17	Cesar Afonso Huret	6
18	Aditya Reddy	6
19	Aryan Chawla	6

SL.NO	STUDENT NAME	GRADE
1	Dev Veer Singh	6
2	Ritvik Elan	6
3	Aadiv Reki	6
4	Varun Venkatesh	7

CRICKET TEAM LIST

5	Arham Srisrimal	7
6	Vansh Motiani	7
7	Siddhant Agarwal	7
8	Monish Reddy	8
9	Krishi Koliwad	8
10	Avyaya Anasapurapu R	8
11	Luqman Hakim	8
12	Vishnu Karthik C	8
13	Deep Marwadi	8
14	Bilidale Karunesh Nihal	11
15	Rishi Vaneshwar	11
16	Hirak Shah	11
17	Karunesh Nischit	11
18	Anurag S A	11
19	Naman Bhartia	11
20	Aanjenya Gupta	11
21	Prem Kasundra	11
22	Shivang Keralia	11