



June 2014

A vacation is an opportune time to journey into ourselves, for the aim of life is self-development. We are here in this journey of life to realize our nature and our potential perfectly.

Dear Parents,

A Newsletter at the end of an Academic Session is one that acknowledges time well-spent as plans made at the beginning of the session have been realized to support our belief in whole education. It has also been a time for us to reflect, review and plan ahead to make the year ahead exciting with well-planned schedules both on the academic and co-curricular fronts to ensure that the Indus Experience is a truly engaging and meaningful one.

The month started on June 3rd with the election of a new Chairperson at the helm of affairs in the PAC. Mrs. Medha Bhide, as already communicated to you, has taken over from Mrs. Nipa Mehta who will assist her as the Co-chairperson. We look forward to your support through the PAC as we partner together in the shaping of our children.

The Senior School completed their Final Examination and the results have been published online. The Grade 9 PTM on 14th June was well-attended. We thank all the parents who attended and appreciated the weeklong special classes that were undertaken for Grades 9 and 11 after the rest of the school was closed. The rigorous pace will be continued as they return a week early.

Claremont McKenna College, part of the 5 Claremont Consortium of Universities visited us on Thursday June 4th. It was a small delegation of three Student Affairs staff members who were sent to India to learn more about the lives of our Indian students.

Our school was fortunate to host them. They interacted with our students to understand their mental make-up.

Students across PYP participated in numerous age-appropriate activities as they celebrated Literacy Day on June 2nd. Renowned authors, storytellers and illustrators like Ms. Arthi Anand, Ms. Vijaylakshmi Nagaraj, Ms. Asha Nehemiah, Ms. Vidya Mani, Ms. Roopa Pai, Ms. Jane De Suza and Mr. Shyam Madavan actively engaged the students in various interactive sessions.

June 4th marked the PYP Awards Day. Each student was presented with a certificate of achievement by their teachers to celebrate their individuality. Parent volunteers who provided support consistently throughout the year were also presented certificates for their contributions.

The PYP on June 5th had a Shiamak Dawar Assembly. There was a constant display of energy through vibrant music as the students who had taken this as a club option performed some of the routines they had learned. The trainers also engaged all the students with a small interactive session at the end and taught them a series of aerobic moves.

June 5th also saw the release of the PYP Magazine, *The Fledgling*. This is the largest volume to date with contributions from students, teachers and parents. The magazine encompasses all that has taken place in PYP this year. The central idea for the magazine is 'Celebrating Diversity'. Its pages contain multiple examples of diversity in the PYP, as well as other articles, stories and poems which not only make interesting reading but also underscore creativity and critical thinking.

The PYP had a hectic week as June 6th showcased the Student Led Conference (SLC). As the name implies, the SLC is an opportunity for students to share their learning journey with their parents. The SLC is an invaluable opportunity for student to review their year, and reflect on and share their strengths, challenges, areas of growth and their most significant learning experiences. What a triumphant way to end the academic session!

The Eleventh Central Leadership Retreat from 16th to 18th June was a time for selected teachers from all three Indus Schools to reflect and share their ideas on self-development and the importance of a higher purpose in life. We were fortunate to have two important speakers. The first, Ambassador Nazareth who brought out the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi. His influence on world leaders through his belief in non-violence was made meaningful through the interactive session. We also were

fortunate to have Mr. John Devaraj, an engineer turned artist and sculptor. A true leader, Mr. Devaraj supports the cause of street children. We are happy to support him and his efforts.

The Retreat ended at lunchtime and thereafter till the 20th, the Core Team and the Principals of the three schools engaged in the 20th Principals' Conference to plan the way ahead.

As we await our IBDP Results which come in on 5th July we wish you a wonderful time with family as you create cherished memories that will last a long time.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarojini Rao', written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Mrs. Sarojini Rao
Principal