



## October 2013

From the Principal's Desk.....

*You must not only aim right, but draw the bow with all your might on your journey to greatness. Get a hold of infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour.*

Dear Parents,

The month of October witnessed a healthy blend of academic activity; inter school events and a tight schedule where our talented students engaged in after school rehearsal for music and drama.

In the senior section, the I Midterm Test Results were published and the answer scripts were distributed to the students with specific feedback for improvement. With the Fast Track in place, an initiative instituted is the additional academic support, after school from 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2013 for students of Grade 8. Support will continue to be provided to students who have scored below 50% in Math, Physics, Chemistry and English. These support classes will focus on clarifying doubts on the selected topic and taking them through the topic; engaging students in written work based on the topic/unit and a discussion on written work and feedback to students.

As part of our Wellness Curriculum, the students of Grades 6-8 were counselled on why and how to stand up against bullying. The Counsellor conducted interactive sessions for the students. The awareness created will certainly help.

Two teachers have been appointed in the MSP. They are Ms Nandini Ramesh who will teach General Science and Chemistry for Grades 6C, 7A and 7B and Ms Roshini Thomas who will teach History for Grades 6B and 7A and Geography for 6A, 6B and 7A.

An Inquiry Workshop was conducted in PYP on October 04, 2013. There were two sessions that were conducted post lunch in the PYP classrooms. The grade teachers made presentations for parents, taking them through the different components of the Inquiry Cycle with samples of assessments, learning engagements for each stage, how inquiry takes place and, what it looks like at the specific grade level. At the end of the presentation, the children shared reflections and guided their parents through the Inquiry Cycle in connection with the first Unit of Inquiry.

Students from Grades 3 to 8 have appeared for the International Benchmark Test in Science. The skills assessed include observing and measuring, interpreting data, inferring, predicting, drawing conclusions, reasoning and problem solving. The test is a recognition of student performance. It highlights skills, strengths and weaknesses and provides a scaled score to measure the progress of students over time.

The PSAT was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

The PYP had their first 3 Way Conference (3WC) on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013. It involved the parent, teacher and child in reviewing progress and planning future academic and personal goals.

The students of Grade 8 and two batches of Grade 11 attended the ISL Camp at Yellagiri, Tamilnadu and participated in various outbound activities that will help them develop their leadership skills and overcome their challenges.

It was indeed an hour of good learning on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2013 when Dr Ramesh Kumar, the Chief Scientist at the National Institute of Oceanography spoke to the students of his experiences from his trip to Antarctica - "Journey to the Icy Continent". He also spoke of the educational and career opportunities that are available especially for girls in this field.

Atharva Barve of Grade 5 has appeared in the list of FIDE rating. (The Fédération Internationale des Échecs) This is the organization that governs international chess competitions. At monthly intervals, FIDE publishes ratings of the best international chess players, as well as a ranking of the top 100 active players. Atharva is the first Indus student to have this rating and we are sure that he will continue to win many more tournaments to upgrade his rating. We compliment, Mr. Rohan, our Chess Teacher, who has been instrumental in guiding Atharva to perform extremely well.

Sixteen students of the MUN Club of our school participated in the prestigious Ivy League Model United Nations Conference (ILMUNC) at Delhi, from 10 to 13 October. The ILMUNC was held in India for the first time this year and had student delegates from schools across the country participating in the event. Amidst tough competition, our students performed commendable as can be seen in the following awards:

1. Outstanding Delegates: Vatsal Jayaswal (Grade 11) and Ami Mehta (Grade 10)
2. Honorable Mention: Mahesh Bhide (Grade 9)
3. Special Mention: Manjul Pahwa (Grade 12), Shashank Nagraja (Grade 12), Arnav Malhotra(Grade 12) and Adam Towers (Grade 9).

A Team of students from the MSP participated in the IJMUN on 25<sup>th</sup> October at Indus School, Hyderabad. The results are;

1. Verbal commendation : Ishita and Juhita
2. Best position paper : Aryaman and Abhijna
3. Honorable commendation : Sonakshi and Rachita

With more MUNs in the months to come, we look forward to scaling greater heights!

Kush Maini of Grade 8 has been awarded the “Best Karter of the Year” in the 10<sup>th</sup> JK Tyre – FMSCI Rotax Max National Karting Championships in New Delhi. He finished second in the final race. Our heartiest congratulations to Kush and we wish him the very best. Akash Gowda from Grade 9 has won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the National Rotax Max Karting Championship Round 5 held at New Delhi. He was also placed second in the National Championship which concluded on Sunday. We wish him well as he continues to race.

The Boarders celebrated Diwali on 26<sup>th</sup> despite the initial rain, the students gathered behind the Sports Complex to feast their eyes to a colourful display of fireworks. This dispelled the dampness around and filled every heart with the joy and splendor that Diwali affords. The entertainment that followed added to the mood of celebration as our boys and girls danced with gay abandon.

The weekend activities in the Boarding have included movies and plays. On 5<sup>th</sup> October the boarders from Grades 4 to 8 watched a movie entitled "Dunston Checks in". This delightful family film with a talented cast, reveals the bond between a young boy and an ape. The students enjoyed this touching film.

On 6<sup>th</sup> October the students from Grades 9 to 12 went for a play at the Jagriti auditorium entitled Ms. Meena by Rashmi Ruth Devadasan. The essential lure of cinema and its promise of untold prosperity exerts a fatal attraction on an entire village and leads them into moral and ethical compromise. The play is not entirely serious however, but uses a combination of laughter and pathos to seduce the viewer much as cinema does. In the process, the distinction between the real and the reel becomes tenuous and both serve to lead the story to its inevitable end.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October'13 students from Grades 6 to 11 were taken for an outing in Whitefield to watch a movie on Ron Howard's 'Rush', an intense and thrilling film. "To be a champion, it's more than just being quick. It is understanding and delivering the whole picture". This is the key message conveyed as based on a true story.

The Canadian International School hosted a Green Conference on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct., in which of our students participated. We are proud that our students have emerged winners in all the events that we participated. Please refer **Appendix I** for details.

Since the result of the Jase Cup Horse Riding Event was omitted last month, the same is given in **Appendix II**.

As part of the MSP CAS initiative Grades 6 and 7 made word cards for children of IICS. These are simple cards that display the written word. This helps to present, practice and recycle vocabulary.

Grades 6 and 7 have continued the Buddy reading as it helps the IICS children develop a love of reading story books and text books in English. By reaching out to these students, our IISB students also give themselves an opportunity to learn about others – giving back, taking actions and equipping themselves with new social, leadership, presentation skills and bridging the literacy divide.

The IISB students helped IICS students in Grade 1 to explore MS paint and parts of the computer. As a result a growing knowledge and competence in working with shapes using MS Paint has emerged.

In the Diploma Programme, the four houses continue to work on their tasks.

The film making group of the Phoenix House has written the story for the IICS film and are working on the script. The I-led group has made a lesson plan to be implemented with the Grade 9 IICS students after school hours on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The Art and Photography group has drawn up a budget and had come with some new ideas for fund-raising.

The students of the Pegasus House continue to foster entrepreneurship through Candle Making.

It has been an eventful month for the Hercules House. Preparation for the Science Exhibition has started. Students have been involved in collecting sponsorships and were able to collect funds for the event. The Planning team has come up with a set of experiments wherein the IICS students have been divided into groups and have been trained with the experiments.

For the Math Olympiad, the IISB students have prepared level wise worksheets and have given them to the IICS students as assignments. Grade 11 students have been coaching them.

Students of Grades 11 and 12 from the Orion House have helped the IICS children in collecting articles for the Magazine. The collected articles were exported into a digital format. The first Newsletter was released.

The Dental Checkup was organized by the Sustainability Team to impart good oral care information to the IICS Students through a free dental camp. This leadership initiative on the 27<sup>th</sup> September, saw a team of practitioners from Oxford Dental College at the IICS, who did a checkup for 300 students.

Grade XII students visited our Remote Learning Centre on Sep 25, 2013 and provided academic support to students in Numeracy. The Numeracy Program is also in progress at the Kalahalli Orphanage. Each IISB student of Grade 11 is paired with 3 students of the Kalahalli Orphanage. Grade 11 Students are providing support in Mathematics. On October 9, 2013 the students of IISB helped the students of IICS in setting their Leadership Goals. It will help the IICS students recognize their specific strengths and target areas to both improve and further develop. Setting and achieving goals also gives students a sense of ownership and pride over their work.

On October 16, 2013 the Study Skills Workshop was organized by the Academic Captains –Vishal Muddaraj and Suruchi Devanahalli. The Grade XII attended a Film Making Presentation by Ms. Maya Girish. The students were briefed on the stages of Film Making that comprise Story board, Characters and Casting, Focus techniques, Camera Shots, Conversation and so on.

The Parent Teacher Meeting was well spent in interaction and feedback. We thank all who were able to attend. We value your feedback too as we continue to make a difference.

The Eagle Cup, the Inter School Indus Sports Fest is now scheduled on 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November. The teams will engage in Football, Basketball and Swimming.

The IB coordinator with a few students of Canadian International School visited our school on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, to promote the Terry Fox Run which they are hosting on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November at their campus. The Terry Fox Run is non- competitive charity event which they are hosting for the Terry fox foundation. A short 4 minute video about this event to promote it, had all our students agog. We expect a number of students to support this venture. Sign up forms have been given for the same.

A group of students from Grades 8 to 12 took part in the Science Festival AAROHAN at Amrita School of Engineering, Bangalore on 29 & 30 Oct 2013. Our MSP students Adam Towers of Gd 9, Arjun Mishra of Gd 9 and Nike of Grade 10 secured the second place in the Science Quiz. The DP students took part in 'Aashubhashan' (A symposium on Math, Science and technology). The 3 member team comprising of Manjul Pahwa, Agrim Pandey and Vatsal Jaiyaswal bagged the 2nd prize.

Our students who appeared for the Bharatha Natyam Examination from Ravindra Bharathi University have once again scored well. 14 students have secured distinction. Our congratulations to all of them. Please refer **Appendix III** for the results.

A special feature this month was the Theory of Knowledge Camp for the Grade 12 students during which time, teachers and students engaged in discussion, research and understanding the requirements of the Essay. The time well spent will certainly help our students in the writing process.

It has been a hectic month for the Placement Cell as they met the 15<sup>th</sup> October deadlines for Early Decision/ Action of US & UK Universities , to help our Grade 12 students. They also hosted about 35 universities from the USA till date and at the end of the month 3 prestigious Canadian universities. **Appendix IV** has the list.

In the Gopalan International School Badminton Doubles Tournament, Boys Vishal Pathi of Grade 10 and Vamsi Mohan of Grade 11 secured the third place. In the Tennis Doubles for Girls we bagged the silver. Bhavani RR of Grade 10 and Nandini Mayar of Grade 11 were Runners Up. In the girls Individual Event Bhavani RR emerged as the Semifinalist. In the Boys Event, Suraj Santoki of Grade 10 was the Semifinalist.

Our Educational Trip to South Africa which commences on 6<sup>th</sup> November will be an exciting and memorable learning experience.

On this exciting note, we move into the Diwali Break. May the festival of lights be the harbinger of joy and prosperity. As the atmosphere is filled with the spirit of mirth and love, here's hoping this festival of beauty brings your way, bright sparkles of contentment, that stay with you through the days ahead. We wish you a safe and bright Diwali.

Regards,

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

**Mrs. Sarojini Rao**  
**Principal**



## APPENDIX I

### RESULTS OF THE GREEN CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Name of the students</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Result</b>
Solar Car Race	1.Mohil Duki	11	<b>I Place</b>
	2.Abhishek Patre	11	
	3.Afif Awad	11	
The Best out of waste	1. Abhav Malhotra	10	<b>I Place</b>
	2. Aditya Pantham	10	
	3. Taanvi Malhotra	10	
	4. Tanisha Singh	10	
Environmental Presentation	1. Neha Srinivas	10	<b>I Place</b>
	2. Nikhila Linganur	10	
	3. Abishant	10	
	4. Aditya Shekhar	10	
Green Walk	1. Neha Srinivas	10	<b>3 Place</b>
	2. Tanya Bhasin	10	
	3. Alina Klink	10	
	4. Manisha Nallamotu	10	
	5. Seoung Su	10	
	6. Nicholas Schade	10	
	7. Noopur Kabra	10	

## **APPENDIX II**

### **JASE CUP - HORSE RIDING RESULT 2013 – 14**

Sl No	NAME	GRADE	MODEL	NAME OF EVENTS
1	Eashan Aagadi	10 A	Gold	Boys & girls open hack ride
2	Jorson Olson	6 A	Gold	Hack ride junior boys & girls
3	Aryamaan Agarwal	9 A	Silver	Hack ride senior boys open
4	Aryaman Gulathi	12	Gold	Dressage test senior boys open
5	Rahul Kumar	5 C	Silver	Junior boys hack ride open
6	Fisharb Khan (IICS)	9	Bronze	Open boys & girls senior jumping
7	Balaji B.G (IICS)	9	Bronze	Hack ride senior boys
8	Pranav Prabhu	5 D	Bronze	Junior boys hack ride open
9	Pratul Amineni	5 B	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Open boys & girls hack ride

### APPENDIX III

#### BHARATHA NATYAM DANCE RESULTS

<b>Student</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Result</b>
1. Gayoung Kim	2	84
2. Varshini	2	76
3. Deekshit Gowda	3	74
4. R. Sathviga Sri	3	73
5. Akhil Sagarán Kasturi	3	82
6. Y.S. Thanu Shree Reddy	3	84
7. Ahika Chawla	3	83
8. Anagha Nair	3	74
9. Tanvi Nanda	3	67
10. Shyama Mavadia	4	75
11. Shivangi	4	66
12. Tanya Reddy	4	65
13. Ria .Yechreddy	4	84
14. Dharika .V	4	76
15. Snigdha Prakash	4	81
16. Nikita Kishan	4	75
17. Pooja N Patel	5	74
18. T. Siri Varshitha	5	81

19. Avina Bansal	5	84
20. Pooja Partha	2	80
21. Young Eun You	5	82
22. Amita Dang	5	65
23. Diya Anil Kumar	5	83
24. Vanalika Shanmuga Sundaram	5	70
25. Rachitha Vinod	5	73
26. Clarisse	6	76
27. Prarthana	6	74
28. Anagha	6	75
29. Yojana	6	84
30. Sujala	4	81
31. Reva	5	73
32. Ananya Srinivasan	6	74
33. Manya Iyer	6	70
34. Kirtana Elan	6	68
35. Tarang Mittal	7	72
36. Sharlin	6	72
37. Janani Jagan	7	75
38. Drisya Antose	7	99/150
39. Vedha	7	74

40. Chandana	7	74
41. Girija	7	76
42. Chethana	6	70
43. Aimy	4	80
44. Jasmine Van	4	74

**APPENDIX IV**

**UNIVERSITY VISITS IN OCTOBER 2013:**

Macalester College	Iowa State University of Science and Technology
Wesleyan University	State University of New York at Geneseo
Mercyhurst University	Florida Institute of Technology
Dickinson	Loyola University Chicago
Union	Stevens Institute of Technology
Wheaton and Franklin	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Marshall	George Mason University
Ohio State University	Indiana University - Bloomington
University of Wisconsin, Madison	Loyola Marymount University
Rice University	Columbus State University
Vanderbilt University	University of Alberta
St. Joseph's College, New York	The University of British Columbia
American University (Washington, DC)	Simon Fraser University
University of Chicago	Hult International Business School
Columbia University	North Carolina State University
Emerson College	Fordham University
La Salle University	Ithaca College
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Florida International University
Elon University	California State University, Fullerton