



From the Principal's Desk
October 2014, Newsletter

Whole education promotes talent, creative ability and above all both manual and technical skills. It awakens natural curiosity that makes one a lifelong learner.

Dear Parents,

Despite the number of holidays in October, at Indus it was a month that was truly hectic. As you read this newsletter you will clearly see how action packed the month has been.

The month began with an **Academic Honesty Workshop** for our Grade 11 students so that they clearly understand the nuances that constitute Plagiarism and the serious repercussions that result from it.

The **Midterm Test** results went online on 10th October and following closely was the Parent-Teacher Meeting on the 11th. We thank the parents for coming and we appreciate the good turnout. We are sure that such interactions help to make a difference to the students in our care.

On the 8th, 9th and 10th Oct, the **Goal setting workshop**, the first in the series of Leadership Curriculum Workshops, was held for Grades 6 and 8. The workshop was attended by all students of Grades 6 and 8. The interactive session took them through the 'Why' of Goal Setting to the step by step procedure of 'How to set goals'. The workshop for Grade 7 will follow shortly.

The **CAS** activity in October centered on realizing the House Vision and getting ready for Leadership Week. Pegasus completed 650 candles in total that included gel candles, mirror candles, diyas, candle holders, wax candles and tea light candles. They finalized their brand logo and printed the stickers. While Hercules House was busy with the Science Exhibition for IICS, Phoenix handled the preparation for the IICS Leadership Summit and Orion completed the IICS School Magazine and the first newsletter for this academic session.



In Middle School, our students from Grades 6 to 8 continued with the Reading Programme for the students of IICS. 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.

Inspired by the nationwide “**Swach Bharat Abhiyan**” the initiative by IICS under the supervision of our Director Col. Sathya Rao and Ms. Anuradha Ghulati, 45 students from Grades 6-9 participated enthusiastically in support of a cleanliness drive with the students of IICS.

The PYP’s first **3-Way Conference (3WC)** of the year was held on Saturday October 11th. A 3WC is an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to meet to discuss academic progress and devise goals for the coming term. The next 3WC is scheduled for February 7th, 2015.

October also witnessed the **PYP IB Evaluation visit**. A 2-member team, Ms. Christine Robertson and Ms. Maggie Hos Mgrane, came into school from October 15-17th to review systems and processes and to meet with students, teachers and parents. An IB Evaluation takes place once every 5 years, and is an excellent opportunity for us as life-long learners, to review our practices and ensure we are in line with the IB philosophy. We would like to thank parents for participating in the self-study, and for their continued support in all we do.

The **Placement Cell** has been busy with applications for the UK universities such as UK medicine, Cambridge, Oxford, Stanford and also the Georgia Institute of Technology. They have also hosted university admissions representatives from 35 universities from Germany, France and the United States. SAT Coaching Classes have been organized throughout the month for approximately 70 students from Yrs. 10 and 11. Students have also appeared for the PSAT on 18th Oct.



The Grade 10 students appearing for the IGCSE at the end of Oct started their study leave from 18th Oct, after the intensive revision sessions. We wish them the very best for the examination ahead.

October 1st, 9th and 10th were important days in the Leadership Curriculum Calendar. In keeping with the plan to deliver **Leadership through the workshop model**, I conducted the second series. Through these workshops Grades 9 and 11 enhanced their understanding of the concept of emotional intelligence. Reflection enabled them to discover how they could overcome their individual limitations to progress and improve their overall personalities. The workshops covered topics such as IB Learner Profiles and Instant Gratification. The students also did the Positivity Test.

Emotional Intelligence is an integral part of developing successful interpersonal relationships and comprehending distinctive peculiarities in order to become a wholly developed individual. Indus believes that by encouraging the concept of personal development, students gain the maturity and knowledge to become transformational leaders who will be truly engaged citizens.

The **Boarders** left school on an excursion during the Dusshera Break on 2nd October and headed to Kadumakki - a place designed to rest, relax and rejuvenate with the wonders of nature. The journey through the beautiful winding roads was breathtaking and the first stop was to see Halebeedu. The monolithic statues of the two nandhis and the walls of the temple covered with an endless variety of depictions from Hindu mythology, animals, birds and *Shilabalikas* or dancing figures captured the attention of our boarders. From here the journey to Kadumakki was serene with the bounties of nature. The two-day trip will remain etched in the minds of those who experienced the comfort and fun-filled moments that were spent there.



An evening of celebration was welcomed after the action packed four days of events during the Leadership Week. The warmth of Diwali with music, dance and the firecracker display has set the tone for festivity with parents and loved ones. These special moments in school when our students bring in the joy of celebration will be fondly remembered years later.

Some of our students competed in the 4th Canadian International School **Go Green Conference**. We secured the first position in three of the five events namely, the Environmental presentations, Flower arrangement and Green Walk. We were placed Third for the Best of Waste.

Vidushi Keni, Grade 5 C who has just started training and playing golf, participated in the South Zone Junior Golf tournament held in Chennai in the first week of October for the first time. Having qualified to play the final round, she has made it to the merit list of the South Zone Junior Golf, and is ranked within the top ten players in the girls' category and the merit list of the Indian Golf Union. For a 10-year old who just started playing golf, and practices primarily on the weekends, this is indeed a great achievement, and we extend our congratulations to Vidushi and wish her a lot more success in the years to come.

Leadership Week began on an auspicious note with the lighting of the lamp on 14th Oct. Thereafter, the scene shifted to the sports field as house colour balloons were released to mark the start of the Finals of the Inter House Matches. The afternoon was well spent as students expressed their views at the Opinion Matters forum.

The Inter House Matches continued on Day 2 and the afternoon showcased dramatic talent in Street Plays, devised and presented by each house on topics that were given.



Day three held us in awe with the Science Exhibition, a venture by the Hercules House as part of their House Vision. Pegasus also showcased their efforts as they carried forward candle-making. The Art and Graffiti events took off with a colourful start. It was also a day when for the first time at Indus we had the Techno Fest. There was a battle of wits in the Techno Quiz while groups of students were engaged in Robotics, E Canvas, Mobile Apps for learning and House Websites that were developed on the topics given.

An air of festivity was brought in on the last day with an invocation dance, in a combination of three Indian classical forms by three of our Grade 12 students. The students from the Community School sang two meaningful songs, "Brighten the Corner" and "People Over the World" which embodied our core values. The documentaries made by the Four Houses on Water, Hunger, Wellness and Garbage successfully pointed to these growing concerns and the need to address the same. The release of the IICS Magazine and the First IICS Newsletter for this year was part of the Orion House vision. Phoenix house as part of their house vision worked toward the Leadership Summit for the IICS. They trained four students who through the ILeds brought out how each of them has set a goal to face in the life ahead and shared life changing moments. Post lunch was much awaited. Industan Concertino was a session enjoyed by all. Students from the four houses not only wrote the lyrics of a song based on their house motto but also composed the music for the same. The week witnessed house spirits rise in healthy competition. Our CEO in his address congratulated all the students for their effort and was happy that the leadership journey is becoming more meaningful. He announced the results of the House Vision. In the Final Analysis, Phoenix claimed the first position. Will they be able to hold on to the same as other events happen this academic session? As we promote the spirit of winning and losing, we promote our values as well.

The Swimming Team competed in an Inter School Swimming Meet at Treamis. 52 schools took part. Despite the haul of medals, in the overall tally we were placed second. The details are attached (Appendix 1).



It is good to end on a winning note as we look forward to sweet November as we balance both academics and rehearsals for the Concert evening ahead in December for the senior School, while PYP plans for their Indus Day.

Warm regards,

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Appendix 1

Results of Indus Swimming Team in the Treamis Inter School Swimming Meet Held on 17 October 2014.

SI No	Name	Grade	Age Group	Event	Medal
01	Erin Bailie	01	Girls Under 06	25 m Kick Board Race 25 m Freestyle	Bronze Bronze
02	Johanna Klink	02	Girls Under 08	4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze
03	Merle Christel Scholz	02	Girls Under 08	4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze
04	Anuragini Ashok Shivashankar	02	Girls Under 08	4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze

05	Shaila Dinesh Malkani	04	Girls Under 10	25 m Backstroke 25 m Butterfly Stroke 25 m Freestyle 4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay	Silver Silver Bronze Bronze
06	Aman Sharma	05	Boys Under 12	25 m Backstroke	Bronze
07	Neeyor Bora Natarajan	08	Girls Under 14	4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Bronze
08	Kavin Lingaraju	09	Boys Under 14	25 m Backstroke 4 x 50 m Medley Relay 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 25 m Freestyle	Silver Silver Silver Bronze
09	Samantha Mary Alexander	09	Girls Under 16	50 m Backstroke 50 m Butterfly Stroke 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Silver Silver Silver
10	Aagnika A Ajaikumar	09	Girls Under 14	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Silver
11	Asmitha A Ajaikumar	09	Girls Under 14	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Silver
12	Arshia Tayal	09	Girls Under 14	25 m Freestyle 25 m Butterfly Stroke 4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Bronze Bronze Bronze
13	Ashumi Rajesh Shah	11	Girls Under 18	50 m Backstroke 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 50 m Medley Relay 50 m Breaststroke	Gold Silver Bronze Bronze

14	Mira Tarun Gupta	11	Girls Under 18	50 m Breaststroke 4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Silver Bronze
15	Cristian Cirilo Maria Gomes Periera	11	Boys Under 18	50 m Backstroke 50 m Butterfly Stroke 4 x 50 m Medley Relay 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 100 m Individual Medley	Gold Silver Silver Silver Bronze
16	Gibran Zoeb Merchant	11	Boys Under 18	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 50 m Medley Relay 50 m Backstroke 50 m Freestyle	Silver Silver Silver Bronze
17	Dayne Jose	11	Boys Under 16	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Silver
18	Ram Dershan	11	Boys Under 16	4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Silver