



## October 2015 | From the Principal's Desk

*"Success stems from wholehearted effort and difficulty. It must be paid for in stokes of daily effort."*

Dear Parents,

The mellow warmth of October took on a special field with events and preparation.

In a special assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> October we honored the winners of the Gold Star Award and The Red Eagle Award. The Gold Star Award is a leadership award and is given to students who go beyond academics and co-curricular activities. Students are recognized for their effort to make a difference that enhances the life of an individual or community. The Red Eagle Award is given to students who have won the Gold Star for three consecutive years. The names of these students are attached in Appendix 1.

**PYP** – The PYP began the month on an exciting note, with our cricket team taking part in a friendly cricket match against Ebenezer International School on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. The friendly match was won by Indus. EIS scored 202 in 30 overs. Indus scored 203 in 26.3 overs. The names of the students in the team are attached in Appendix 2.

After completing their inquiry into the unit '*People Around the World*', Prep 2 held a small informal end-of-unit celebration on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Students came to school in their national clothing, followed by parents who joined their children in a cultural Show-and-Tell. We saw Russian Matrioshka dolls, explored German fairy tales of Brothers Grimm, learned about French fries and winters in France and danced to a Punjabi song. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this multi-cultural get-together and the sharing of each one's own traditions. The celebration concluded with a big spread of traditional snacks from around the world.

As a part of the current unit on '*Celebrations*', students from reception visited the house of a local community member, Mr. Ananth to inquire about how his family celebrates Dussehra. He explained that for the last 80 years, it has been a tradition in their house to display dolls during Dussehra. The children were awestruck with the number of dolls that they saw. They enjoyed the display and were curious to know stories about them.

The PYP 3 way conference was held on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. The students and parents met with the teachers to discuss their 1<sup>st</sup> term report and progress so far. The students identified their strengths and challenges and set goals.

**MSP** - In the BMUN that was held recently at Vidya Niketan School, Satyajit Amin of Grade 9 received the award - Honorable Delegate. He was part of the Committee SPECPOL, Israel. Mugdha Desai of Grade 9 received the Best Reporter Award as Reporter Al Jazeera, Qatar. Sunakshi Jindal of Grade 11, part of the committee - UNDP, Qatar received a High Commendation.

A PTM was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> October for Senior School and it was indeed a satisfying experience for most of the parents who attended the meeting. Interacting with the subject teachers is always helpful.

**Mountaineering Expedition** - Five students from Grade 9 were a part of the mountaineering expedition team, 'Peak to Lead'. This expedition was led by Capt. Mohit Tomar of the Indus School of Leadership. They successfully reached the summit of Mount Yun am, in Himachal Pradesh, a climb of 6,087m. From grassy hills to snow-covered mountains, the experiential learning that the students had to undergo during this climb is a critical part of the Indus approach to education. It was a great experience for the students where they were pushed out of their comfort zones and had to conquer the heights. The experience provided great lessons on developing self-reliance, courage, mental fortitude, and discipline.

The IGCSE November series examination is in progress having started on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

A screening test was conducted by Ms. Surina for the **Lean on Me Programme**. The aim of this programme is to facilitate peer counseling and student empowerment. The core team will comprise students from Grades 7, 8 and 9 along with the MSP behavioral counsellor, teacher volunteers and parent volunteers. Students will be trained and will attend workshops. Age specific issues such as respecting diversity, self- esteem and collaborating with the peers will be addressed.

**DP** - The Grade 12 students spent sessions with Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray, on 12<sup>th</sup> October in a workshop on Goal Setting. This interactive method allowed for a clear understanding of not only the importance of setting goals but also on how to set meaningful goals.

Grade 12 students were deeply engaged in a four day ToK workshop that commenced on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Setting aside such quality time allows students to work on their written assignment by seeking guidance from the assigned teacher.

**Boarding** - Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated by the boarding fraternity on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October'15 at the Sports Complex at 9.30am. A select group of girls sang Raghupati Raghav' and 'Vaishnavjanto'. There were short speeches on Gandhiji's philosophies, achievements, struggle and servant leadership and its relevance today. The programme concluded with a video clip on Gandhi's speech at the Kingsley Hall, UK on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 1931.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October, the boarders up to Grade 8 went to Freedom Park, for an event called 'Halli Habba' organized by Vidyaranya. The aim of this event was to create a space for the younger generation of the metropolitan city of Bangalore, to experience a rural illustration that will enable them to connect with their rural roots along with rural food, rural sports, traditional/folk culture and music during the special occasion of 'Daan Utsav' or the 'Joy of Giving'.

**Sports** - In a spectacular feat of go-karting, Akash Gowda of Grade 11 was crowned the National champion in the Junior Max category at the 2015 JK Tyre-FMSCI National Rotax Max Karting Championship. In the pre-qualifying round, Akash earned a clear 12 point lead over the rest of the competitors and had to stay clear by finishing within the first four places. After qualifying for the finals, Akash Gowda entered the last stage of his go karting season 2015 on 18th October. Our students got to see and experience the level of competition wherein there was bumper to bumper driving and places were separated by just mere milli seconds of each other.

Indus also participated in the interschool tournament hosted by Jain International School, from 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. The details of the results are attached in Appendix 3.

**Community, Action and Service** - The students continued with their various activities for CAS projects across the school.

**Phoenix House** -In the MSP, the students of Grade 6 are working on making goodies box for IICS students. This is a part of the 50 Acts of Kindness project that they have taken up.

Grade 7 students have completed the task of making Appreciation Popsicles and have begun giving it to the people who have shown some act of kindness in a random way.

The students have also begun collecting stationery materials to donate it to the IICS students.

Grade 11 students are in the process of preparing for the Leadership Summit. For this, they are preparing Leadership journals. They have worked with the Community School on the tasks for the Journal. They completed the SCOT analysis, have addressed Leadership competencies and have collected the basic details of each student of IICS. Students have been selected for ILEAD talks.

The Grade-12 student group have started work on their documentary on the IICS' 3 years journey towards the Leadership summit for the Leadership week. They have also helped in the selection of participants for different events on the Leadership day.

The **Pegasus House** students of Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 were involved in growing leafy vegetables like fenugreek, spinach and white radish. Fenugreek and spinach seeds were sowed in eight plots respectively while seeds of white radish were sowed in four. Due to heavy rains in the first week of October 2015, some crops were damaged. A fund raiser to cater to the needs for the purchase of seeds to raise vegetable crops has been planned and would be held on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2015. The list of participants for the different events during the leadership week was finalized.

Grades 11 and 12 continued with their candle making and hand painted diyas. Much of these have been sold and the process is ongoing.

The **Orion House** students have worked on their book drive and made boxes to be placed at MSP, IGCSE and DP Blocks to collect books. Grade 9 Students have been involved in the collection of books from various sources and they will work on a detailed action plan, duty allocation and other requirements. One group is involved in creating awareness on reading by making charts, posters, writing articles and making collages to highlight the importance of reading.

Creating a mobile library for the underprivileged is a project that has been taken up by the Grade 9 students of Orion house. They have been working on fund raising for purchasing the vehicle to carry those books to a village where the underprivileged will get a chance to improve their reading skills. One of the ideas is to collect old newspapers and to sell it to the recycling companies to raise money. Another group is working on the collection of books so that it can be donated to the library. A group has also approached two publishers requesting them to donate books and they have responded positively. Many Orion students themselves have donated books.

Grade 11 have finalized the layout of the IICS Magazine. Students are working on creating awareness on water related health problems at the Kalahalli village. Another project that the Orion house has embarked on is to collect tetra packs and make something creative out of it.

The **Hercules House** students of Grades 6 and 7 are continuing to work on the Shoe Box Project. Grades 8 and 9 are involved in the completion of quilt making which was made out of old bedsheets and old sarees. The students of Grade 12 students with Grade 7 students set up a stall to sell some interesting snacks on the PTM day to raise funds. Grade 11 students were busy in the completion of Science projects. Some projects like *Body powered torch* and *Litter of Light* are in the process of fabrication. Grade 12 students have made booklets out of recycled paper and have helped in collecting funds for procuring of the *Recycling Machine*.

**Placements** - The Placement Cell has been busy with Naviance Data enabling for Grades 8 – 10 which is in progress. They have successfully completed the UCAS application process for students aspiring to study medicine in the UK/Oxford/Cambridge. They have also hosted universities from Canada, US, UK, Switzerland and Spain.

**Principals' Conference** – A Principals' Conference was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of October. During this conference, Indus Bangalore showcased our efforts at Data Analytics and its implementation in the reporting system. The focus was on how teachers can be effective and smart creators to enhance curriculum delivery.

**Literary Fest** -When our heart is on fire, persuasive words of power fly out of our mouth. The power of sound has always been greater than the power of sense. Persuasive communication, we believe, is an absolute must to be successful in an ever changing world. At Indus we lay emphasis on public speaking, not only through the Trinity Guildhall Programme but also through a training programme for selected students on Public Speaking. To promote its importance, we hosted an Inter School Literary Fest, Steel Your Words on 28<sup>th</sup> October for Grades 4 upward. 14 schools competed and we had nine judges from the literary and media fields in Bangalore, for the various events. The competition was tough and the winners included students from Bishop Cotton Boys' School, Stonehill, Oakridge, Presidency and Indus Bangalore. Indus Bangalore won the overall trophy in the final point tally. It was an enjoyable day as we watched creativity unfold and the knowledge based on research that each contestant displayed in the debate on current topics. The events of the day were much

appreciated by all the schools that participated. All the participants were given books as gifts. With this Fest, October ended on a high note.

We step into November to seek and devise innovative methods to make learning more meaningful and effective.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Sarojini Rao  
Principal  
Indus International School, Bangalore

## **APPENDIX 1: GOLD STAR AND RED EAGLE AWARD WINNERS**

### **GOLD STAR AWARD WINNERS**

#### **DP:**

- Ami Mehta – Gr.12
- Neha Srinivas – Gr.12
- Mahesh Bhide – Gr.12
- Agneesh Das Gupta – Gr.12

#### **MSP:**

- Yohaán Dalal – Gr. 9
- Vibhuti Amin – Gr. 8
- Vishnu Karthik Chindulla – Gr.7

### **RED EAGLE AWARD WINNERS**

- Ami Mehta
- Mahesh Bhide
- Agneesh Das Gupta

**APPENDIX 2: 4 MEMBER PYP CRICKET TEAM WHO WON THE FRIENDLY MATCH AGAINST EBENEZER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

1. Keenan K Nitin-Grade-5
2. Jayant -Grade-4
3. Dev Veer Singh- Grade-5
4. Adiv Reki-Grade-5

**APPENDIX 3: 11<sup>th</sup> JASE CUP RESULTS – 2015-16**

**Table Tennis – Senior Girls - Winners**

Sl.No	Name	Grade	Position
1	Saloni Jain	12	Gold
2	Divya Malpani	11	Gold

**Table Tennis – Senior Girls Open**

Sl.No	Name	Grade	Position/Medal
1	Saloni Jain	12	Silver
2	Divya Malpani	11	Bronze

**Squash - Girls Open**

Sl.No	Name	Grade	Position/Medal
1	Aarya Patel	9	Gold

**Squash – Senior Boys Open**

Sl.No	Name	Grade	Position/Medal
1	Keiran Akula	12	Bronze

**Squash – Boys Open**

Sl.No	Name	Grade	Position/Medal
1	Bhuvas Doshi	9	Gold
2	Aahan Aggarwal	11	Gold
3	Keiran Akula	12	Gold

### Golf Junior Boys

Sl.No	Name	Grade	Position/Medal
1	Anuj Rao Pahuja	8	Gold

### Tenpin Bowling – Girls Open

Sl.No	Name	Grade	Position/Medal
1	Sugandhi Reddy	11	Bronze
2	Yamini Potluri	11	Bronze
3	Saloni Jain	12	Bronze
4	Soha Mysore	11	Bronze

### Tennis – Junior Girls

Sl.No	Name	Grade	Position/Medal
1	Deepshika Sriram	8	Gold
2	Diya Anilkumar	8	Gold

### Tennis - Senior Boys

Sl.No	Name	Grade	Position/Medal
1	Suraj Santoki	12	Silver
2	Chang Ho Park	12	Silver
3	Rohit Narasiman	11	Silver

### Tennis - Junior Boys

Sl.No	Name	Grade	Position/Medal
1	Darshan Hari	9	Silver
2	Rahul Meta	9	Silver
3	Neel Palle	8	Silver



## Athletics

Event	Name	Grade	Medal
<b>Junior Boys grade 9 &amp; Below</b>			
100m	Bhargav Nandan	9	Silver
4x100m Relay	Adrien Lee	9	Silver
	Ghalib Al Halim	9	
	Rohit P.S	7	
	Bhargav Nandan	9	
<b>Junior Girls grade 9 &amp; Below</b>			
100m	Ines Huret	8	Silver
Long Jump	Ines Huret	8	Gold
<b>Senior Girls grade 10 &amp; Above</b>			
100m	Sughandi Reddy	11	Bronze
<b>Senior Boys grade 10 &amp; Above</b>			
100m	Kartik Kapai	11	Bronze
<b>Senior Boys grade 10 &amp; Above</b>			
Cross Country	Abhishek Kumar	11	Bronze

## Results of Indus Swimming Team in the 11<sup>th</sup> JASE Cup-2015 held on 17 October 2015.

S1 No	Name	Grade	Age Group	Event	Medal
01	Divya Girish Malpani	11	Senior Girls	50 m Breaststroke	Silver
02	Ishan Verma	11	Senior Boys	4x50 m Medley relay 4x50 m Freestyle relay	Silver Bronze
03	Karan Ravishankar Athri	11	Senior Boys	4x50 m Freestyle relay	Bronze
04	Bharat Maheshwari	11	Senior Boys	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze
05	Sagar Patel	11	Senior Boys	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze
06	Simran Pahuja	11	Senior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze

07	Nisha Bharat	11	Senior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze
08	Shiksha Varman	11	Senior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze
09	Abhijna Kallam Reddy	11	Senior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze
10	Naeha Kwon	09	Junior Boys	4 x 50 m Medley Relay 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 50 m Freestyle 50 m Breaststroke	Silver Silver Bronze Bronze
11	Gonzague Marie Jacques Yann Demoulin	09	Junior Boys	4 x 50 m Medley Relay 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Silver Silver
12	Neeyor Bora Natarajan	09	Junior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Bronze Bronze
13	Aryaman Verma	08	Junior Boys	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Silver
14	Inia Bokaer Wilkinson	07	Junior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Bronze Bronze
15	Nikita Vinay Kishan	07	Junior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Bronze Bronze
16	Saagarika P Gowda	07	Junior Girls	100 m Freestyle 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Bronze Bronze Bronze
17	Aman Sharma	06	Junior Boys	4 x 50 m Medley Relay 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Silver Silver

### **Football (Senior Team)**

#### **Second Place - Silver**

Sl. No.	Name of the Student	Grade
1	Krit Sacchasiri	12
2	Dhuruv Marvadi	12
3	Krishnam Duggal	12

4	Jahan G	12
5	Vishalpathi D	12
6	Rhishik Lakshmikanth Gowda	12
7	Dhurv Prasad	11
8	Sagar Patel	11
9	Akash Gowda	11
10	Vivek Bangalore	12
11	Bharat Maheshwari	11
12	Venkat Prajyesh	11
13	Rajath Rao Talpady	11
14	Ghalib Al Halim	9
15	Shreyansh Singh	11
16	Chethanya Bali	12
17	K B Aravind	12
18	Vaswani Bimal	12

### **Football Junior Team**

#### **Third Place (Bronze)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Student</b>	<b>Grade</b>
1	Bhuvas Ajay Doshi	9
2	Ghalib Al Halim	9
3	Shrikritt Poddar	9
4	Adrien Lee	9
5	Kevan Lyngdoh	9
6	Schiraagraj Ramesh	8
7	Paz Bilban Agitok Sangma	9
8	Himnish Sujan	9

9	Dharmil Budheliya	8
10	Jai Ashiya	7
11	Nazmus Mistry	9
12	Aashrya .R	8
13	Afraz Faizal	8
14	Shafras Faizal	8
15	Tejas Ramachandra	9

### **Basketball - Senior Boys**

#### **Third Place (Bronze)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Student</b>	<b>Grade</b>
1.	Jason Aditya Dudhane	12
2.	Akshay.V. Singanal	12
3.	Govind Sreekumar	12
4.	Asif Khan Chohan	12
5.	Sai Kishan B	12
6.	Pratham Tanmay Agarwal	12
7.	Sagar Patel	11
8.	Nischal Kishan	11
9.	Kshitij Singh	11
10.	Sanat Patankar	11
11.	Amrith Shanbhag	11
12.	Yohaana Dalal	9