



November 2013

From the Principal's Desk

The will to succeed is important; but what is more important is the will to prepare. So move on with courage as courage is not the absence of fear but it is what keeps you moving ahead despite fear.

Dear Parents,

School reopened after the Autumn Break on 11th November 2013. With renewed energy, we plunged into the brevity of November which was action packed.

To begin with, on 12th November an additional section was made for Grade 8 as announced to the Parents before the break.

A bus evacuation drill was conducted on 13th Nov 2013 between 1430h to 1530h to prepare both teachers and students travelling in the school buses to exit in case of an emergency. This was done as a preventive measure as safety is of prime concern.

In the PYP, Children's Day was celebrated with gaiety and fervor on 14th November. It was a fun-filled day for the students. The teachers made the day special, as they had arranged an extravaganza for the students. The Sports Complex buzzed with excitement and joy as the vibrantly dressed children watched the various performances organized for them. The programme started with a classical dance, choreographed by Ms. Shubha. Our Head of School, Ms. Apoorva also joined in the performance. This was followed by a skit put up especially by the Early years teachers. It emphasized on why Children's Day is celebrated on 14th November in India. Most of the teachers joined in to sing the song, 'Count on me'. Next on the list was the fusion dance followed by Ms. Sue's comedy act. The finale was the 'Flash Mob', an idea developed and led by Ms. Rachel. The students enjoyed all the performances. All the cultural items organized and



performed by the teachers endorsed the fact that there is no better day and way than Children's Day to tell students that they are treasured and cherished!

The association for the mentally challenged in conjunction with Bangalore Little Theatre organized a play on 'Tenali Rama' on 19th November. 180 students and teachers from Grades 4 and 5 went to watch the performance and came back with valuable lessons on street plays and how audience interaction is woven into them.

The students from the senior school took part in VIVUM, a Cultural Fest organized by The International School, Bangalore on 13th, 14th and 15th November. We bagged the overall second position. Please refer **Appendix I** for results.

23 schools competed in the Eagle Cup, the Inter School Sports Fest held on 18th, 19th and 20th November. This student initiative by Grade 12, witnessed a healthy competitive spirit as teams battled it out in Soccer, Basketball and Swimming. This was an opportunity for our students in the A and B teams who have trained after school to compete with the best teams of the top schools in Bangalore. This first event wholly organized by our students showcased good planning, precision and execution. The colorful event culminated in a closing ceremony which was awaited with bated breath as the winners collected their trophies and thereafter watched a short film that caught the teams in action making the event truly memorable. In the final point tally Indus emerged winners, thereby lifting the Eagle Cup. Please refer **Appendix II** for details.

The first ever Leadership Fest to celebrate Global Children's Day was held on 22nd November. The Inter House Competitions brought out an array of talent that underscored creative thinking, writing, painting, singing and acting. Events included a group discussion and product launch. The entire senior school wore an expression of involvement and commitment to holistic learning and growth. The day exemplified the understanding and importance of servant leadership that the school fosters through a structured leadership curriculum that has enabled students show case their thoughts and actions through artistic and spoken expression.



Community, Action and Service: The Goal-setting Grade 11 group of Phoenix House students has started working with the Grade 8 students of IICS on making their leadership portfolios. The lesson plan has been made by the students. Two CAS periods were spent planning for a bake sale during the Eagle Cup. The art group will continue working with the IICS students to make the Art Poster book.

Fostering Entrepreneurship through candle making, the students of Grades 11 and 12 of the Pegasus House made around eight designer candles. They were also involved in making Gift Hampers which is now an ongoing process.

Anvekshana - the first ever science fair was conducted by the Indus International Community School pupils on 15th November. As part of the house vision, IISB Hercules House students of Grades eleven and twelve worked with the community school pupils in order to host the science fair. Preparations spanned over a period of two months. The projects selected were designed to instil a scientific temper in the students, to nurture curiosity and widen their knowledge of the world around them, through science. This was entirely a student led initiative, with pupils training pupils, resulting in a unique situation where two way learning took place. Some of the projects included ways to colonize Mars, producing a vaccine to combat HIV/AIDS and designing a solar powered car.

After the teaching came the making of models and carrying out of experiments. This required a lot of time and effort, from students as well as from supervising teachers. Models required funds, which were raised through sponsorship. A team of students were dedicated to find sponsors outside of school to contribute to the Hercules House Fund.

For the Math Olympiad, level wise worksheets were prepared and the training was provided by Grade XI to the IICS children. To prepare for the Science Olympiad, NSO books were procured and handed over to the teachers of IICS to work on the same. Grade 11 students of the Orion House published a newsletter on behalf of IICS.

Grade XII students helped the students at the Remote Learning Centre and provided academic support in Numeracy. The students have grown in confidence. In just one



term, the RLC students have made a considerable progress in reading. Their attention span has improved. This reach out effort has promoted language, literacy and social skills that are necessary.

The students of Grade XI Students continue to provide support in Reading. The program is centered on their subject books that appeal to the children's interests. The activities includes read-aloud, partner reading, group discussions, or a related activity involving writing. It is noticed that there are several signs of improved literacy in addition to showing interest and enjoyment in reading, enhanced vocabulary, better capabilities to express ideas, stronger relationships with peers and adults, and a better understanding of self and others. The Grade XII students are tutoring 3, 4 and 5 grade students of Kalahalli Orphanage in basic math skills so they can excel in their core classes and in their math exams. Supplemental work is provided in their math notebooks. In the Middle School, the students of Grades 6 and 7 continue with the reading programme at IICS.

Grade 6 experienced their first leadership camp in senior school. The students as expected has a wonderful experience and were far from being homesick. New ties were made giving them some wonderful memorable moments.

The Students in the Diploma Programme had the opportunity once again to be a part of the presentations of a number of universities from the US, Canada and the UK that visited our school in November. Please refer **Appendix III** for details.

About a hundred students from Grades 6 to 11 participated in the **Terry Fox Run** on Saturday 23rd November. This noncompetitive event was hosted by the Canadian International School, for the Terry Fox Foundation. We appreciate the time that our students spent to support the run.

In the Head Start Friendship Games Inter School Golf Championship 2013 conducted by the Karnataka Golf Association Bangalore on 18th November 2013, Nikhil Kapur of Grade 11 won the Overall Team Championship Award. We congratulate Nikhil for securing the maximum number of prizes which include:



- Boys category A (senior most level) First place. (He played 7 over par and scored 47 points under stableford)
- Received the Team championship award on behalf of the school. (his high score was instrumental to the award).
- Closest to the pin trophy.

Grade 11 students who took part in the Bangalore Model United Nations held at the Vidya Niketan School between 07th and 09th November won several awards. There were five main committees and two of our students won the best delegate awards and three received special mention for their effort and participation. The students who won the awards include:

Best Delegate [UNEP]- Vatsal Jayaswal

Best Delegate [International Peace Corps]- Samvit Ganesh

Special Mention [EcoFin]- Rhea Aurora

Special Mention [EcoFin]- Akash Tyagi

Special Mention [NATO]- Mohammed Khan

Indus hosted the IBDP CAS meeting on 21st November. It was a coming together of all CAS coordinators. The whole day was spent in an exchange of ideas. The participants visited the IICS which makes CAS at Indus so meaningful.

Students and teachers from the MSP participated in IRIS a National Science Fair, on 23rd November at the Christ University. IRIS is a public – private partnership program heralded by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Intel. It promotes and nurtures science and scientific research amongst young Indian innovators, recognizes and rewards outstanding projects and provides a platform for these young innovators to get recognized at national and international science events.

It has been a time of adventure and excitement for the team of students and the teachers who accompanied them on the education trip to South Africa between 6th and 14th November 2013. The drive through Cape town, one of the most beautiful cities in the



world, had all enthralled. Be it the Chapman's Peak, the Ostrich Farm, the Cape of Good Hope, the cable car ride to the breath taking Table Mountain, the penguins and the seals; all provided a picturesque thrill. The visit to Mandela's House and Soweto brought an enhanced understanding of the freedom struggle and the involvement of the youth. Nature's splendor will remain etched in the minds of the entire team through the visit to the Kruger National Park where all were lucky to see more than the big five. The most exciting of all was the close encounters particularly with the lions cubs and the giraffes. What better way than to play with them and feed them. As always such travel and time spent together results in closer ties and a meaningful learning experience.

We are proud to inform you that two of our students Adhil Gafoor and Varun R Rajamane for Grade 11 submitted a project for the 'Greening with Goethe' 2013 Youth Conference entitled 'Role played by literacy in helping the residence of Sarjapur Village to recognize and understand environmental issues in their area'. As this project has been selected these two students accompanied by our German teacher will present the project at the Youth conference in Bremen University, Germany from 29 November to 1 December 2013.

PYP came dressed as their super heroes on 29th November as part of mufti day celebrations.

The Half Yearly Examination Time table has been shared with the parents. Despite all that has been happening, there is an air of seriousness as the academic rigour has been raised as we prepare for the Half Yearly Examination.

The High Achievers support classes for Grade 10 students are in progress to ensure that students are able to work in a more logical and calculated manner to raise their score. The Grade XII IB DP students have been registered for their May 2014 examination.

We were indeed fortunate to have Padma Shri Ajeet Bajaj speak to our students on 29th November. An adventurer and explorer, Mr. Bajaj is the first Indian to have completed the Polar Trilogy by skiing to the North Pole, to the South Pole and across Greenland. With over 25 years of experience in adventure sports, he is the first Asian to have rafted and kayaked some of the most challenging rivers of the world spanning six continents.



In April 2006, he became the first Indian to ski to the North Pole and the first to ski to both the North Pole and the South Pole. His address was highly inspiring and provided a unique opportunity to gain first-hand information.

The Senior management team had the privilege of interacting with Col. Rana, a seasoned climber who has through his leadership motivated many a climber to reach the world's highest peak - Mount Everest.

December too is a short month as we close for the Christmas Break. It is a month in which the Senior School will concentrate on the Half Yearly Examination while the PYP stage their Indus Day.

We move ahead ready to take on the challenges that await us as we believe it is an opportunity to excel and make an indelible mark.

Regards,

Mrs. Sarojini Rao
Principal
Indus International School, Bangalore



Appendix I

Results of VIVUM :- 2013

Venue : TISB

Date : 15th Nov. 2013

Overall position achieved: Second

Sl. No.	Event	Name of Students	Position
1.	Master Chef	Mathew Saldanha(Gr.12), Abhav Malhotra (Gr.10) and Dipika Hotchand (Gr 12)	First
2.	FMCG	Nidhey; Karan Bhatt and Abir Kasat (Gr.12)	First
3.	FIFA	Siddhav L and Zahaan Iqbal (Gr.11)	First
4.	Programming Competition	Nihas N, Ujjval Misra and Ho Kim (Gr.12)	First
5.	Robotics	Theo Van Gyzel (Gr 6), Alison Emilie (Gr 8), Arshiya Tayal(Gr 8) and Aditya R	First
6.	Commercial	Aditya Rai (Gr 11), Vishal Muddaraj, and Sitara Ramesh (Gr.12)	Second
7.	The Debate	Vatsal J (Gr. 11)	Second
8.	A Picture is Worth 13 words	Ami Mehta and Manasa Prahlad (Gr.10)	Third
9.	Beat Boxer	Jamie Simpson(Gr.10)	Third
10.	Tennis	Girls Team Nandini Nayyar (Gr.11) and Bhavani R R (Gr.10)	Winners



		Nandini Nayyar : Most valuable player	
11.	Football : 5a	Boys Team Suraj Iyer, Aiyanna MB, Vandit Ladha, Yashraj Shukla, Smaran Shantharaju, Jai Kiran J (Gr.12), Krit Sacchasiri (Gr.10) and Akash H Gowda (Gr.9) Jai Kiran : Most valuable player	Winners
12.	Basketball	Girls Team Bokka Preethi Reddy , Sidda Venkata Sai Haneesha, Mandira Tiwari, Vinushritha A B, (Gr.12) Sreya Kosaraju, Geetha Miles, Ruth Sarah Mathew, Disha Rajdev, Devika Jay Kamani, Bhakthi Bhaskar (Gr.11), Naidile U Patel (Gr.8) and Laya Nagi Reddy	Runners-up
13.	Badminton	Boys Team Vishal Venkatesan, Adarsh Suresh (Gr. 12), A. Vamsi. Mohan(Gr. 11) and Vishal Pathi (Gr. 10)	Runners-up
14.	Football : 11a	Boys Team Krish Tripathi, Suraj Iyer, Phoenix Brandon Bajaj, Aiyanna MB, Vandit Ladha, Yashraj Shukla, Smaran Shantharaju , Amolak Patel	Runners-up



		Jai Kiran J, Dhruv Jain , Kushagra Gupta (Gr.12) Kabir Sachin Mehra (Gr.11) Krit Sacchasiri , Jahan Gilani Dhruv Marwadi (Gr.10) and Akash H Gowda (Gr. 9)	
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RESULTS OF INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP -2013

Venue : TISB

Date : 16th Nov. 2013

Overall Team Position: Joint Winners - Indus and TISB

SL NO	NAME	GRADE	EVENT	MEDAL
01	Janik Gerlach	12	4 X 25 M Medley Relay 4 X 25 M Freestyle Relay 50 M Backstroke 50 M Freestyle	Gold Silver Silver Bronze
02	Kavya Agarwal	12	50 M Backstroke	Bronze
03	Mehran Singh Kohli	12	50 M Backstroke	Bronze
04	Pranav Padode	11	50 M Freestyle 100 M Individual Medley 50 M Butterfly Stroke Awarded Individual Championship Trophy	Gold Gold Gold
05	Abhishek P A	11	4 X 25 M Medley Relay	Gold



			4 X 25 M Freestyle Relay 50 M Butterfly Stroke	Silver Silver
06	Nicolas Bressan	10	100 M Individual Medley 50 M Butterfly Stroke 4 X 25 M Medley Relay 4 X 25 M Freestyle Relay	Gold Gold Gold Silver
07	Krishnam Duggal	10	50 M Freestyle	Silver
08	Cristian Cirilo Maria Gomes Pereira	10	50 M Backstroke	Bronze
09	Anmol Gurung	09	50 M Breaststroke	Silver
10	Samantha Mary Alexander	08	50 M Butterfly Stroke 100 M Individual Medley 50 M Backstroke	Silver Silver Bronze
11	Drisya Antose	08	50 M Freestyle 25 M Butterfly Stroke	Bronze Bronze
12	Arshia Tayal	08	50 M Butterfly Stroke	Silver
13	Ben Grubb	07	4 X 25 M Medley Relay 4 X 25 M Freestyle Relay 25 M Butterfly Stroke	Gold Silver Bronze
14	Aman Sharma	04	25 M Backstroke	Silver
15	Jamie Grubb	04	25 M Butterfly Stroke 50 M Freestyle	Bronze Bronze



Appendix II

Indus Eagle Cup – Results

Overall Championship Winners – Indus International School, Bangalore

Football – Indus Students were the winners in Boys seniors and juniors.

Football girls' team - Runners up.

SENIORS BOYS TEAM – WINNERS (Gold)

SL.NO	NAME	GRADE
1.	Vandit Ladha	12
2.	Smaran Shantharaju	12
3.	Suraj Iyer	12
4.	Yashraj Shukla	12
5.	Dhruv Jain	12
6.	Aiyanna Belliapa	12
7.	Jay Kiran	12
8.	Kushagra Gupta	12
9.	Krish Tripathi	12
10.	Amolak Patel	12
11.	Kabir Mehra	11
12.	Krit Sacchasiri	10

JUNIOR BOYS TEAM – WINNERS (Gold)

SL.NO	NAME	GRADE
1.	Jahan Gilani	10
2.	Dhruv Marwadi	10
3.	Akash Gowda	9
4.	Thanapon Singhthakaral	10
5.	Hersh Singh	9
6.	Vishal Pathi	10



7.	Sai Swabanu	10
8.	KB Arvind	10
9.	Krishnam Duggal	10
10.	Krit Sacchasiri	10
11.	Varun Arvind	10
12.	Dhruv Prasad	9
13.	Rahul Rawat	8
14.	Ishaan Kashyap	8

GIRLS TEAM – RUNNERS (Silver)

SL.NO	NAME	GRADE
1	Riddhi Keralaia	12
2	Saima Dawood	12
3	Geetanjali Rao	12
4	Diya Shakuja	12
5	Nnaji for Elsie	12
6	Dipika Hotchand	12
7	Tahlia Coutinho	12
8	Shivani Vernekar	10
9	Tanisha Singh	10
10	Samantha Mary Alexander	8
11	Grace Wanucha	8

BASKETBALL RESULTS

BASKETBALL SENIOR BOYS TEAM - RUNNERS UP (SILVER)

SL.NO.	NAME	GRADE
1.	Kanishk Jain (Captain)	12
2.	Lilaramani Adheesh (Vice Captain)	12
3.	Kunal R Athri	12
4.	Aashish Gopi	12
5.	Naman Rajesh Parekh	12



6.	Shashank Dilip Nagaraja	12
7.	Hyun suk lee	12
8.	Lionel Christian Osamba	12
9.	Vadiraj . HS	11
10.	Kevin George	11
11.	Hatim Malampattiwala	11
12.	Keshav Navin Shetty	11

**RESULTS OF INDUS SWIMMING TEAM IN THE INDUS EAGLE CUP 2013 HELD
ON 18TH AND 19TH NOVEMBER 2013**

SL NO	NAME	GRADE	EVENT	MEDAL
01	Janik Gerlach	12	4x50 M Freestyle Relay 4x25 M Medlay Relay	Gold Gold
02	Kunal R Athri	12	4x50 M Freestyle Relay 4x25 M Medlay Relay	Gold Gold
03	Mehran Singh Kohli	12	50 M Breaststroke	Bronze
04	Diya Sakhuja	12	50 M Freestyle	Bronze
05	Pranav Padode	11	100 M Freestyle 50 M Freestyle 50 M Butterfly Stroke 4x50 M Freestyle Relay 4x25 M Medlay Relay Awarded Individual Championship Trophy	Gold Gold Silver Gold Gold
06	Abhishek Patre	11	100 M Freestyle 50 M Backstroke 50 M Butterfly Stroke	Bronze Bronze Bronze



			4x50 M Freestyle Relay 4x25 M Medlay Relay	Gold Gold
07	Shree Baphna	11	100 M Freestyle 50 M Freestyle 50 M Breaststroke 50 M Butterfly Stroke Awarded Individual Championship Trophy	Gold Gold Gold Gold
08	Sonikka Loganathan	11	50 M Backstroke 50 M Breaststroke	Silver Silver
09	Johanna Woodburn	11	100 M Freestyle 50 M Freestyle	Bronze Silver
10	Rhea Ishani Aurora	11	100 M Freestyle	Bronze
11	Nicolas Bressan	10	50 M Breaststroke 50 M Butterfly Stroke 100 M Freestyle 4x50 M Freestyle Relay 4x25 M Medlay Relay Awarded Individual Championship Trophy	Gold Gold Gold Silver Bronze
12	Cristian Cirilo Maria Gomes Pereira	10	50 M Freestyle 50 M Backstroke 4x50 M Freestyle Relay 4x25 M Medlay Relay	Gold Bronze Silver Bronze
13	Gibran Zoeb Merchant	10	100 M Freestyle 50 M Freestyle 4x50 M Freestyle Relay 4x25 M Medlay Relay	Silver Silver Silver Bronze



14	Ram Dershan	10	4x25 M Medlay Relay	Bronze
15	Krishnam Duggal	10	4x50 M Freestyle Relay	Silver
16	Allonssa Arunava Sarker	09	50 M Backstroke 100 M Freestyle 50 M Butterfly Stroke 50 M Breaststroke	Gold Silver Silver Bronze
17	Tamanna Bhasin	09	4x25 M Freestyle Relay	Bronze
18	Drisya Antose	08	4x25 M Freestyle Relay 25 M Freestyle	Silver Bronze
19	Arshia Tayal	08	25 M Butterfly Stroke	Bronze
20	Aisling Helena O'neill	07	25 M Freestyle 25 M Backstroke 4x25 M Freestyle Relay	Silver Silver Silver
21	Apoorva Hebbar	07	4x25 M Freestyle Relay	Bronze
22	Manya Bhasin	07	4x25 M Freestyle Relay	Bronze
23	Anish Kasimsetty	07	4x25 M Freestyle Relay	Bronze
24	Ben Grubb	07	4x25 M Freestyle Relay	Bronze
25	Young Eun You	06	4x25 M Freestyle Relay	Bronze
26	Jamie Grubb	04	25 M Freestyle 25 M Butterfly Stroke 4x25 M Freestyle Relay	Bronze Bronze Bronze



27	Aman Sharma	04	4x25 M Freestyle Relay	Bronze
28	Pauline Klink	04	25 M Backstroke 4x25 M Freestyle Relay	Silver Silver
29	Anaaya Dalal	04	4x25 M Freestyle Relay	Silver
30	Sowmya Karthikeyan	04	25 M Breaststroke	Bronze

OVERALL TEAM POSITION

SCHOOL	POINT	POSITION
INDUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	142	I
BISHOP COTTON BOYS HIGH SCHOOL	100	II
THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BANGALORE	78	III
EBENEZER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	52	IV

Appendix III

UNIVERSITY VISITS TO GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENTS OFFICE NOVEMBER 2013

Canada	University of Alberta
Canada	The University of British Columbia
Canada	Simon Fraser University
Singapore	S. P. Jain
UK	University of Kent
Canada	University of Waterloo
Australia	GO8 universities
UK fair Bangalore	55 UK universities



Canada	York University
Czech Rep	Czech Med. Schools Charles University
UK	London School of Economics and Political Science
UK	University Fair in Bangalore
Germany	Frankfurt School of Finance and Management , confirmed
UK	University of Surrey
UK	Imperial University Boarding students only and Ann