



From the Principal's Desk – May 2013

Step forward if you want to move ahead. It may not always be easy but it is worth the try! So dream on as you make brand new endings!

Dear Parents,

It is incredible how fast this academic year has drawn to almost a close, as it is already the penultimate month of the academic year. As we continue our journey we are proud of the improved standards of academics across all programmes in the school, the experiential learning through clubs, extra-curricular activities, community service and above all the leadership curriculum.

May has been a month in which Grades 6 upward fine-tuned the syllabus that was completed with strategic revision work that has prepared the perfect launching pad to enter the examination phase, which will end on 7th June. Grade 12 wrote their last examination for the IB on 22nd May and walked out of our corridors with mixed feelings. The Grade 10 IGCSE which started on May 7th, is still in progress.

The cycle will continue as we are set to welcome a new batch of Grade 11 students. To familiarize the Grade 10 students and their parents, we had an IBDP Orientation on 29th May. This gave all present a peep into what the two year course is all about and what the subject combinations are at Indus.

Responding to queries and concerns raised by some parents we had an e-book presentation on 15th May for the parents of students in Grades 9 and 10. It was an interactive session which clearly explained how this will be made effective in the class room and during the IGCSE and IB DP courses. On the same day we also addressed concerns raised regarding TCS, that supports the school reporting system. We thank all those who were able to attend the presentations.

In an in-house event in the assembly on May 1st, selected students presented their I LED (Indus Leadership) talks, that reflected their individual learning experiences, that have impacted their life. The Grade 6 students and teachers interacted with the students of Grade 5 on 8th May, to give them a feel of what is in store for them in Grade 6 and the MSP.

In the MSP, the Practical Exams for the three Science subjects, Music, Dance, Drama and Art were conducted from 10th May. On 16th May the Students from the Department of ESL appeared for the Cambridge Key English Test, a basic examination that certifies that a pupil can deal with every day English and the Cambridge PET which is a pre-intermediate level exam that tests the language skills needed for social and work-related situations in an English-speaking environment.

16th May also saw the MSP host an Orientation Programme for the Parents of Grade 5 to help them gain an understanding of the first year in the MSP.

The students who had appeared for the music exams under the auspices of the Associate Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM) were given their certificates on 20th May.

The Final weekend activity for the boarders was on 3rd May. The reverberating music of OSIBISA, a Ghanaian Afro-pop band, founded in London in 1969 by four expatriate African and three Caribbean musicians at a live music concert at the Chowdiah Memorial Hall, will ring on for years to come as our boarders thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Some of the popular songs included Dance the body Music, Sunshine Day, and the famous Raghupati Raga Raja Ram which they performed after a 30 year gap that separates their first visit to India.

The Indus College Counseling department hosted Van Hall-Larenstein, University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands and the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland on campus.

Anvita Pandit of Grade 12 won the First prize in the essay contest held by Monash University, Australia on 'Environment and Sustainability. She received an iPad from Ms. Praveen Hari, Regional Manager – Future Students. We applaud Bhadra H Chembukave, Sriya Gukal, Arnav Malhotra and Ujval Misra, who have been selected for the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. They have scored more than 203 points out of a total of 240 points in the 2012 PSAT exam and each of these students is among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants of some 1.5 million students who took the test world-wide for their academic excellence. This is the second consecutive year in which Indus students have been selected for the National Merit scholarship programme.

The sports department hosted an Inter School Cricket Match on 13th May 2012-13, in which we were runners-up. Please refer Annexure I for details.

Hersh Singh and Skanda from the MSP attended a football training programme in Spain. It was a good learning experience in which both students were able to score goals. Their achievement has been covered in a report in the Times of India.

Three students from Grade 4 went to Udupi to compete in the State Chess Championship. All three, namely Atharva Barve, Nandha Sri and Sudish have qualified for the National event which is scheduled in the month of November in New Delhi.

May 24th marked the Graduation Day for Grade 5 students who proudly walked down the red carpet in maroon gowns to receive their graduation certificates. In a solemn ceremony hosted by Grade 4 students, the morning began with a beautifully synchronized invocation dance and an apt and meaningful song sung by Grade 4 students. A memorable lip dub featuring all the Grade 5 students in a lighter vein was a treat to watch. Students were the focus of attention, and basked in the love and best wishes of all.

It is important to show case learning. To celebrate the impact that the Shankar Mahadevan Academy has had on the PYP, in a special assembly the students from Grades 1 to 5 presented a different musical concept, that each grade had experienced. Grade 1 highlighted the origin of music and melody, Grade 2, rhythm, beats and Rap, Grade 3, Rhythm and a song by Shankar Mahadevan, Grade 4, Swara mapping – that placed Indian musical notes in songs and lastly Grade 5 presented harmony in 2 languages, and moods of songs. Watching the students perform reiterated

the belief that there is something innate in each of us that gives us the capacity to understand and respond to musical tones, rhythms, and patterns.

On May 31st, Prep 2 students were given a symbolic send off to Grade 1. Prep 1 students sang a song to mark the occasion. Prep 2 students showcased their learning through the Monkeynastics demonstration as well as two dances. Our little eagles were the apple of all eyes and were given a loving send off. Parents of the graduating class attended and witnessed this memorable moment.

The Aquatics Meet for the students in the PYP was indeed cool and spirited. The Meet was a two-day event with Prep 2 – Grade 2 students competing on 27th May and Grade 3-5 students on 28th May. The students showed water confidence and prowess in the pool. Students enthusiastically participated in many races. Be it Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly Stroke, and Medley Races, the students demonstrated skill and speed. Parents cheered the students and the atmosphere was friendly with a touch of competitiveness. Please refer Annexure II for details.

The PYP students have engaged themselves in various projects throughout this academic year such as saving wildlife, conducting a bake sale to raise funds, spreading awareness through mime and posters and showcased projects on sustainability. An Action assembly was held in the PYP showcasing all the action that our young eagles have been a part of. All these activities help sow the seeds of generosity, sharing, charity and awareness in the young minds and help them to become good Samaritans in the long run.

The air speaks of a unique stillness akin to the perfect one for examinations. As we keep busy with the assessment procedure, the Reports will go on line on 14th June.

A unique workshop on 25th May served as a training ground for all the teachers who attended the same. This workshop was conducted by Mr. Larry Childs who specializes in adventure-based approaches to social emotional learning with the use of related assessment tools to improve and harness student learning in the classroom through team activities.

Mr. Childs is from Project Adventure the most renowned 45 year old non-profit international teaching organization that is committed to providing leadership through the use of experiential methods that help individual growth.

As you prepare for a long summer break, we wish you a relaxed and rejuvenating time.

Warm regards,

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

Mrs. Sarojini Rao

Principal

Indus International School, Bangalore

Participants Of the Inter School Cricket Match Held on 13th May 2013

	NAME	GRADE
1	Rajvir Wadhwa	3 B
2	Mihir Buty	5 B
3	Nandha	4 A
4	Aniruddh Sindhu	4 A
5	Abhishek Prasad	5 C
6	Gokul Ganesan	5 B
7	Suvir Wadhwa	5 C
8	Paul Dumas	5 C
9	Anuj Rao Pahuja	5 A
10	Aakarsh Reddy	5 B
11	Neel Palle	4 A
12	John Wyatt Keating	5 C

**Results of PYP Inter- House Swimming Championship 2012-2013 held on
27th And 28th May 2013.**

Individual Championship Award

SL NO	NAME	GRADE	HOUSE	POINTS
01	Thibault Fon Sing	Grade-1 Boys	Orion	21
02	Clara Erhardt	Grade-1 Girls	Pegasus	18
03	Michael Weimann	Grade-2 Boys	Hercules	25
04	Anias Sophia Utting	Grade-2 Girls	Hercules	23
05	Charles Matthew Wilmot	Grade-3 Boys	Phoenix	25
06	Pauline Klink	Grade-3 Girls	Phoenix	25
07	Kiran Antose	Grade-4 Boys	Phoenix	20
08	Erica Weimann	Grade-4 Girls	Hercules	23
09	John Charles Wilmot	Grade-5 Boys	Pegasus	21
10	Eujin Shin	Grade-5 Girls	Pegasus	25

OVERALL TEAM POSITIONS

SL NO	NAME OF THE HOUSE	POINTS	POSITION
01	HERCULES HOUSE	188	I
02	PEGASUS HOUSE	164	II
03	PHOENIX HOUSE	112	III
04	ORION HOUSE	58	IV