



June 2013 – Principal's Newsletter

Respect for intellectual excellence, the restoration of vigour and discipline to our ideas of whole education aims at strengthening intellectual fiber and stretching the power of young minds, personal commitment and responsibility; the prerequisites of happiness and sanity for the human race.

Dear Parents,

The end of another academic year is a time for reflection, to assess the year gone by and feel proud of our strengths. It is also time to plan to enhance what could be better and introduce ideas that will make a change as we herald what promises to be an exciting year as we continue to strive for excellence.

Though the Final Examination was on and revision for the same raised the academic rigour, the College Placement Cell kept busy meeting the parents of Grades 8 and above to help guide in subject combinations and courses in universities across the globe. They also hosted universities that visited us. They hosted the University of Surrey from the UK, renowned for Engineering programmes. The students gained first-hand information on some of their upcoming courses, fee structure and scholarships. The faculty from Raffles Design School, Bangalore briefed us about their exchange programmes. We have requested them to conduct a workshop especially for the students who have opted to study Visual Art in Grades 11 and 12. The IB DP students interacted with the admissions staff from the American University in Washington, York University, University of Toronto, Barnard University, Brown University, Columbia University and University of Chicago. Indus played host to an Open Night for Princeton University, Duke University and Northwestern University. Indus College Counselors participated in a special event hosted by New York University - Abu Dhabi to build upon Indus' existing relationship with NYUAD.

The Results of the Final Examination were available on line from 14th June.

The Grade 5 Graduation Ceremony was a radiant one as we saw the students, clad in their red gowns all set to enter the MSP. It was a proud moment for the parents present.

The Indus Fledgling was a compilation of what the PYP did this year. The theme of this magazine was 'Attitudes'. It showcases articles from the PYP students and teachers, events and achievements. As such it is a tribute to all the hard work and planning of the entire PYP team. It

bears testimony to quality writing which is a result of our emphasis on creative and critical thinking. The colourful pages takes you through the exciting experiential component that makes PYP rock. Above all the magazine reflects how whole education is imparted at Indus PYP.

During the extra-curricular periods, the Grade 11 students worked on their Extended Essay to ensure that their essays are on track and are submitted by the deadline. The Group 4 project which is a mandatory requirement for the Group 4 Science was also initiated on 13th June. The students were assigned their groups and the umbrella topics were discussed.

Teachers across all programmes reviewed goals, analyzed the performance of students and created the action plans for next year. To ensure academic rigour, teachers are carefully reviewing the written curriculum.

The 8th Leadership Retreat was held at Bangalore between 17th and 20th June 2013. This was attended by 80 Leadership Track Teachers from Indus Bangalore, Pune, and Hyderabad. Sustainability and Innovation were the themes of this retreat. Presentations on 'Leadership Development for Sustainability' & 'Leadership Development of Teachers and Students' were made by our CEO Lt Gen Arjun Ray and by the undersigned for all the participants. Mr. Dilip Thakore, Publisher/Editor of Education World, was invited to talk on 'School Leadership in India'. Initiatives in this field are expected to bring in a wave of change as young leaders emerge. Mr. Ryan Lobo, a renowned 25 year old photographer rated in the first ten in the world, also a TED speaker, shared an inspiring presentation on 'Photographing the Hidden Story & Leadership'. Teachers were asked to make presentations & I-LED talks as part of an exercise for Creativity & Innovation. This retreat was a time for serious reflection, learning and bonding.

As we continue on our journey to provide meaningful experiential experiences to our students we wish all of you a time when you can relax, refresh, rejuvenate and recharge yourselves.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarojini Rao', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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