



From the Principal's Desk

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“Innovation is change that unlocks new value”- Jamie Notter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Indus International School Bangalore, we take pride in providing quality education and a safe environment for all students. The academic, physical, social and emotional wellbeing of our students will always remain our number one priority. We have consciously worked on further strengthening our student safety and monitoring systems at school. Further, with advances in technology, today's children face issues that no previous generation has ever seen. Electronic media has changed or amplified some of the struggles young people face. We have spent considerable amount of time this month on various sensitization workshops for our students across all age groups. These are aimed at not just educating them on aspects such as gender, substance abuse, potential dangers of online games but more so to encourage them to reach out for help, support and guidance.

Teachers' Day celebrations: The month of September began on an exciting note with Teachers' Day being celebrated on September 5th. It is a day to celebrate the unique bond that is shared between teachers and students, a bond that inspires hope, ignites the imagination and instills a love of learning. The Parent Advisory Committee [PAC] hosted high tea for teachers and

presented them with organic gardening starter kits as mementos. All three programmes saw celebrations through the day.

PYP students celebrated the event by putting up a beautiful and meaningful performance of song and dance to show their love and gratitude. The Grade 5 students organized a meaningful debate on Teachers Vs Robots. It was a treat to see the various performances and heartening to note their appreciation towards their teachers. As is customary, the Grade 12 students took on the role of teachers for the day and ran classes for the primary, middle and Grade 11 students and they did a fine job of this.

In the afternoon, there were **inter-house competitions** conducted for students of Grades 6-12. The middle school students of Grades 6-8 took part in a poetry writing competition and the topic given to them was 'Value of Life'. It was a keenly contested competition which saw many wonderful, creative and incisive entries. The students were extremely eloquent when they presented their poems on stage later that afternoon.

The second inter-house competition was Indian Folk dance for students of Grades 9 and 11. The dances represented different parts of India and were well choreographed and performed. Students of Grades 11 and 12 took part in a debate competition and the topic given to them to prepare was the newly established idea of India having a uniform secular code and it paved the way for discussions on the idea of sustainable development in the 21st century. This provided a platform for the participants to hone their skills and test their individual ability to think out of the box. The ability to agree to disagree was a lesson well learned and tolerance remained the basis of discussion right through.

PYP: The Primary Years Programme saw students work on their Units of Inquiry [UOI] across all grades. Prep 2 students went on their first field trip to Girjas explorium on September 15th in to research into the transdisciplinary theme 'Who We Are' where the central idea was that our actions and reactions impact our well-being. The purpose of the trip was to reiterate the social skills that children explored during the unit such as adopting a variety of group roles, taking turns and being respectful to one another while at play. The children were reflective regarding their trip and shared many new insights thereafter. Similarly, Grade 1 students whose UOI is 'Treasures in the Past' went on a field trip to Adarsh Palm Retreat to study the impact of change on their lives in the past and present and also explored the concept of culture, tradition, immigration and migration through interaction with the parents. The Grade 2 students' UOI "Who We Are' focusses on the components of health under the central idea of "The choices we make affect our well-being". In order to understand the importance of exercise in our lives, students visited RnD Fitness on September 1st. The tasks focused on physical activities in order to show that exercising is fun.

Our Grade 2 students participated in the Leadership Camp on September 15th on the IICS ground and the objective of the camp was to help students become self-aware, develop leadership skills such as collaboration, critical thinking and problem-solving.

Grade 5 welcomed Mr Joseph Nellipuzha into our classroom to share his perspective on Ecosystems. Our parent speaker brought in a unique point of view on the intelligent conservation of species in danger of extinction. Our students not only benefitted from this presentation, they have also decided to take this subject further through independent student research, making connections and understanding their responsibility towards their planet.

Mr and Mrs. Ankith Patel, experts in space technology, presented developments in the field with connection to the current Unit of Inquiry in Grade 4 which is based on the central idea - 'Our understanding of earth and space is changing due to technological advancements.' Mr Ankit Patel heads a company which supplies materials to ISRO for the manufacture of their rockets and satellites. His expert knowledge gave a real life experience to children and helped them to further their understanding of future in space.

On Thursday, September 28th, each grade in the PYP presented their journey through first Unit of Inquiry to their respective parents. As students shared their experiences and investigations, new parents especially gained an insight into their child's learning and teacher strategies applied through the unit.

We thank parents for coming along and for your active involvement in your child's educational journey.

Middle and Senior School: The midterm tests for the students of Grades 6-12 were successfully conducted this month. Revision and support classes prior to the midterm tests focused on the google feedback received from students on their syllabus understanding. Topics and other areas of concern were identified and addressed during revision/support. Further, an initiative for these tests was to **facilitate student autonomy** where we encouraged them to exercise high levels of integrity and discipline. We did so by conducting certain tests in Grades 7, 9 and 11 in the absence of an invigilator. Our students did us proud and each of these tests went off extremely well.

The **IGCSE and IBDP Open Forums** were held on September 23rd. This was a platform for parents to meet with the Head of School and Programme Coordinators. An agenda for the Open Forum was sent to the school management by the Parent Advisory Committee [PAC]. Based on this agenda, the Programme Heads made presentations providing clarity and a plan of action along with a definite time line. The presentations were followed by a Q&A session and discussions. On the same day, the PAC along with grade representatives also met with the MYP, PYP and Administration leadership teams who also made presentations on an agreed agenda. We value and place great emphasis on the feedback that we receive from our parent body and we believe this is one of the main reasons for our continuous growth and success in the field of education.

Workshops for students: The students of Grade 11 and 12 had a Substance Abuse workshop to increase their awareness about the dire impact of drugs on their physical and mental abilities. The doctor from Cadabam's spoke at length about the side effects including lower IQ levels, poor concentration and memory which leads to lower academic performance. He also spelt out the lifelong risks that some of these drugs bring about like schizophrenia, lung disease and cancer.

A sensitization workshop was conducted for Grades 3-12 on September 7th with the focus on cyber safety and in particular the dangers of online games such as the Blue Whale Challenge. The sessions were conducted by the Heads of School and Coordinators along with the counsellors from different programmes.

The students were also encouraged to build a good and strong network amongst themselves and to reach out to each other as well as their parents or teachers if they are facing any issues or problems. They were assured that the school would provide all the support and assistance to help them tackle such issues.

Placements: The Placements and Career Guidance have been extremely busy working with the Grade 12 students who will be applying to universities over the next few weeks. They ran sessions on how to work on their applications and also hosted visiting universities from different parts of the world. They also met with the Grade 11 students and guided them on their subject choices and how to go about building their CV's over the next year and a half.

The Leadership Curriculum too made progress across the school. The students have set themselves an academic and a personal goal and also drawn up a plan to achieve them. Further, many students across Grades 6-9 & 11 have chosen to be a part of two mega projects. One is to help the Community School start Grades 11 and 12 and the other is Spot Fixing in different parts of Bangalore city.

We are happy to announce that Rohan Devulapalli, a student of Grade 7 has been shortlisted as one among the 3 students from India and 44 from around the world to join the Scholastic New Kids Press Corps for 2017-2018.

We congratulate Rohan on this achievement and wish him the very best of luck on his assignment.

CAS: The four houses - Hercules, Orion, Pegasus and Phoenix have begun implementing their plans to take their respective Women Empowerment Projects to the next level. Apart from fund raisers being organized, each of the houses have also identified participants for their projects whom they will train either in the manufacture of sanitary napkins, paper recycling or training women in beautician services or sewing.

Clubs: The middle and senior school club activities began on September 9th and the clubs on offer this session include dance, photography, culinary, chess, genomics, MUN and debate. The

club in-charges shared their plans for future sessions with the students during the introductory session which also included activities.

Sports: The month has seen much action in Sports as well. Jai Ashiya of Grade 9 was selected to represent the Karnataka state team (sub-juniors) in the National football championship - south zone qualifying round. He will now be representing the state in the All India Inter Zone Championship which will be held in Chandigarh in the month of November. We congratulate Jai on his success and wish him the very best of luck in his upcoming competitions.

The JASE Cup at Jain International Residential School between August 29th and September 2nd saw our school teams perform extremely well. This is one of the biggest Inter School Sports Festivals in Bengaluru where 18 Schools participated in 20 different events. Our School participated in 12 events and more than 185 students took part this mega event and we got an overall 3rd position. Please refer to Appendix 1 which provides details of the winners.

Two of our students also participated in the 28th National WFSKO Karate Championship on September 10th. Appendix 2 provides more details of the results of this competition.

At the NEXGEN badminton tournament on September 9th, our Under 13 boys and girls did extremely well picking up gold, silver and bronze medals. Please refer to Appendix 3 for more details.

Boarding: Boarding too has seen much activity this month although the rains did affect some of the plans initially drawn up. The boarding team continue to encourage students to read, practice mindfulness as well as yoga. Students also tried their hand at baseball. The most exciting activity this month was when boarders along with their houseparent formed teams and participated in a Masterchef style competition. The teams were given a mystery box of items to cook from in an hour. The culinary skills on display during the competition were extremely impressive and the enthusiasm in the dining hall absolutely infectious. Even the students who were not participating got involved and cheered their friends on.



Leh Ladakh Trip: Fourteen students of Grades 6-9 went to Leh Ladakh between September 9th and 16th. Students visited the Zorawar Fort, the Army Hall of Fame, Thiksey monastery, the Dragon White Lotus School and also were part of river rafting on the Indus river as well as a trek to the Shanti Stupa. Our young eagles were given opportunities to practice skills and competencies such as communication, collaboration, compassion during their trip. They have returned with memories that will surely last them a lifetime.



Professional Development: On September 9th, the CEO, Lt. General Arjun Ray addressed the teachers on the importance of self-development and investing in knowledge (i.e investing time, money, opportunities and people through sharing of thoughts and creating dissonance). He spoke about innovation being the number one leadership competency and the need to redefine academic rigour. Lt. General Ray stressed on the fact that academic rigour is a combination of KNOWLEDGE ABOUT (academic content), KNOWLEDGE TO DO (application of content) and KNOWLEDGE TO BE (bringing about transformation through development of critical competencies).

Further, as a part to our strong view on the philosophy of inclusion, we believe that each teacher is primarily responsible for the education of every child in her/his classroom. The teacher has to create an environment of equity and enable access to the regular mainstream curriculum to every child in our school. Towards this, all teachers attended a workshop on Special Education Needs on 23rd September. They are now in the process of drawing up plans on how they will implement discussion points from the workshop in their respective classrooms. A session on Emotional Intelligence for the primary teachers was also conducted in September.

Principals' Conference: We were also privileged to host the Principals' Conference on September 19th where all three Indus Schools made presentations on the progress they have made in implementing the MYP in their respective schools, specifically on the assessment format. The agenda also included strengthening academic rigour and improving current systems in the Diploma Programme in each of the three schools. The CEO, Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray, in his address reinforced the idea that the purpose of education is to prepare students to lead from tomorrow. The conference was also a platform to bring in clarity on MYP reporting and teacher appraisals. The CEO emphasized the importance of going beyond the IB mandate, to strive for excellence. This is possible if we live the school vision and promote self- growth ahead of professional growth. The road ahead regarding designing our STEAM Labs in PYP and MYP were also considered.

CPC meeting: The Child Protection Committee at school met this month and the agenda was to review the existing instructions and SOP's in place that focus on the safety of our students. The committee members have made recommendations to further strengthen student safety on school premises. Over the last few weeks, we have worked on the visitor management system, installing more cameras at blind spots on campus as well as strengthening of CCTV monitoring by the security personnel as well as members of the school leadership team.

Revised Security measures: I would like to request for parents and guardians to be patient and supportive of the new security measures that will come into effect over the next few weeks. Although we strive to lessen waiting time and avoid any sort of inconvenience, there may be delays in the initial few weeks of implementation, particularly in the visitor management system at the main gates. You will agree that these are in the best interests of your children.

This month has really flown by. All the new members of our school community have settled in well and are truly adding to the atmosphere in a positive way. We look forward to seeing you next month at the Parent Teacher Meeting for grades 6 to 12 (October 7th) and at the PYP Agora and Colloquium (October 27th).

Warm regards,
Sarojini Rao
Principal

Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
October 2	Gandhi Jayanti [Holiday]
October 3 to 6	Grade 6 Camp
October 7	Parent Teacher Meeting [Grades 6-12]
October 14 to 22	Autumn Break
October 23	School Reopens after autumn break
October 24 to 27	Grade 10 Camp [Group 1]
October 27	PYP Agora and Colloquium
October 28	Working Saturday
October 30 and 31	Eagle Cup [Interschool Sports Competition]
October 31 to November 3	Grade 10 Camp [Group 2]

Appendix 1: JASE Cup Results

Organised by Jain International Residential School, Kanakapura from 29th August to 2nd September 2017.

RESULTS

Sl. No	Name	Grade	Category	Event	Medal
ATHLETICS					
1	Tarek Allen Higgs	9	Junior Boys	100m	Bronze
2	Tarek Allen Higgs	9	Junior Boys	200m	Gold
3	Hrutika Bhaasker	11	Senior Girls	100m	Bronze
4	Tazyeen Zoya Imam	12	Senior Girls	200m	Silver
5	Nikita Kishan	9	Junior Girls	Shot-put	Silver
6	Shagun Vinay Kishan	12	Senior Girls	Shot-put	Silver
7	Tanvi Nayak	12	Senior Girls	Shot-put	Bronze
8	Shreyas Raj	11	Senior Boys	Shot-put	Bronze
9	Shagun Vinay Kishan	12	Senior Girls	Long Jump	Gold
10	Shriya Hebbar	7	Junior Girls	4x100m Relay	Silver
	Sriya Chinatalapalli	8			
	Pooja Parthasarathy	7			
	Zaina Nida Imam	8			
11	Tazyeen Zoya Imam	12	Senior Girls	4x100m Relay	Silver
	Hrutika Bhaasker	11			
	Tanvi Nayak	12			
	Sanjana Vonna	12			
BASKETBALL SENIOR BOYS - WINNERS					
1	Minsik Kim	10			Winners
2	Ronit Lachhwani	10			
3	Utkarsh Seksaria	10			
4	Siddarth Chakravarthy	10			
5	Yohaán Dalal	11			
6	Chisam Marak	11			
7	Nikhil Kurmala	11			
8	Rahul Sachanandani	11			
9	Varun Gelli (Cap)	12			
10	Nirad Menon	12			
11	Nikhil Babu	12			
12	Iman Taghvaei	12			
Yohaán Dalal got the best player of the tournament					

BASKETBALL SENIOR GIRLS - WINNERS

1	Nivetha Varatharajan	9			Winners
2	Charvi Yerradoddi Reddy	9			
3	Anjori Sikiri	10			
4	Riya Sandip Marwadi	10			
5	Saniya Ashish Patel	10			
6	Sharanya Praveen Agadi	10			
7	Shreya Prasad	10			
8	Rushya Reddy	10			
9	Rishika Kannan	11			
10	Hrutika Bhaskar	11			
11	Vishwa Yadav	11			
12	Naidile U Patel (Cap)	12			

Hrutika Bhaskar got the best point guard award

BASKETBALL JUNIOR GIRLS - WINNERS

1	Sriya Chintalapalli	8 A			Winners
2	Sneha Agarwal	8 C			
3	Nivetha Varatharajan	9 B			
4	Charvi Yerradoddi Reddy	9 A			
5	Soumya Bothra	9 A			
6	Riya Sandip Marwadi	10 E			
7	Saniya Ashish Patel	10 E			
8	Sharanya Praveen Agadi	10 C			
9	Shreya Prasad	10 C			
10	Rushya Reddy	10 A			
11	Shruthika Senthilkumar	10 C			
12	Anjori Sikiri (Cap)	10 C			

Anjori Sikiri got the best player of the tournament

Sl. No	Name	Grade	Category	Event	Medal
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BOWLING

1	Dharmik Mohan	10	Senior Boys	Team	Bronze
2	Dhiraj kumar Raajasekaraa	12	Senior Boys	Team	
3	Abhay Khandewal	11	Senior Boys	Team	
4	Harsh Bansal	11	Senior Boys	Team	

8 BALL POOL					
2	Harsh Bansal	11	Senior Boys		Bronze
Sl. No	Name	Grade	Category	Event	Medal
BADMINTON					
1	Justin Rosangpuia Ralte	6	Sub Junior	Singles	Gold
2	Khushi Anand Kalwad	11	Senior Girls	Singles	Gold
3	Prishita Singh	11	Junior Girls	Doubles	Bronze
4	Khushi Anand Kalwad	11			
Justin Rosangpuia Ralte won the Best player award in Sub Junior category					
Sl. No	Name	Grade	Category	Event	Medal
CHESS					
1	Naren Ramesh	7	Boys	Open category	Gold
2	Ryoya Ogino	8	Boys	Open category	Silver
3	Nitisha Iyer	10	Girls	Open category	Bronze
Sl. No	Name	Grade	Category	Event	Medal
FOOTBALL SENIOR BOYS - WINNERS					
1	Roshan Neel Anand	12			Winners
2	Himnesh Maneesh Sujan	11			
3	Sahil Bindal	11			
4	Parishith Ramesh Babu	12			
5	Anurag S A	12			
6	Paz Bilbang Agitok Sangma	11			
7	Nikhil Chengappa	12			
8	Rahul Rawat(Cap)	12			
9	Kevan Keane Lyngdoh	11			
10	Kirk Dsouza	12			
11	Kevin Babu Chiramel	12			
12	Shoubik Bhattacharya	12			
13	Devansh Surana	10			
14	Evert Robson	9			
15	Arnav Ravi Joshi	12			

16	Adrien Lee	11			
17	Nazmas Shakib Mistry	11			
18	Adhav Pillai	9			
FOOTBALL SENIOR GIRLS - WINNERS					
1	Anushka Saraf	9			Winners
2	Anishka Ragunath	9			
3	Annanya Chaudhuri	11			
4	Drishya Antose	12			
5	Bhavisha Naidu	11			
6	Snigdha Choudhary	10			
7	Kaashvi Seth	11			
8	Nikita Kishan	9			
FOOTBALL JUNIOR BOYS - RUNNERS					
1	Afraz Faizal	10			Runners Up
2	Shafraz Faizal	10			
3	Devansh Surana	10			
4	Dharmil Budheliya	10			
5	Yash Zaveri	10			
6	Priyam Sharda	9			
7	Chaitanya Ajay Choudhary	9			
8	Aman Beriya	10			
9	Jai Ashiya	9			
10	Evert Robson	9			
11	Sudhanva Bharadwaj	9			
12	Zachary Josh Miranda	9			
13	Nikhil Nambiar	9			
14	Anuj Rao Pahuja	10			
15	Leon Agitok Sangma	9			
16	Adhav Pillai	9			
17	Peddavandla Sai Charith	10			
FOOTBALL SUB-JUNIORS BOYS - THIRD					
1	Aarav Upadhyay	7			Third Place
2	Samyak Jain	7			
3	Andre Morques	7			
4	Ranveer Mishra	6			
5	Kanishk Guptha	7			
6	Sahaat Poddar	7			
7	Malhar Yadav	7			
8	Nideesh Reddy N.S	6			

9	Agustya Singh	7			
10	Divit Sujan	8			
HORSE RIDING					
Sl. No	Name	Grade	Category	Event	Medal
1	Nihal Yech Reddy	5	Junior Boys	Hack Ride	Gold
2	Maya De Laet	7	Junior Girls	Open Hack	Bronze
3	Raashi Anand Kalwad	6	Junior Girls	Open Hack	Bronze
4	Rohan Saket Devulapalli	8	Boys U-14	Hack Ride	Bronze
5	Darhan J (IICS)	8	Junior Boys	Open Hack	Bronze
6	Devansh Surana	10	Senior Boys	Open Hack	Bronze
7	Avni Jaiswal	9	Senior Girls	Open Hack	Silver
8	Rahul Kumar	8	Senior Boys	Hack Ride	Bronze
9	Hrishikesh Kupnur	6	Junior Boys	Hack Ride	Fourth
10	Manav Chordia	10	Senior Boys	Hack Ride	Fourth
11	Nandish Kumar (IICS)	8	Senior Boys	Hack Ride	Fourth
KARATE					
Sl. No	Name	Grade	Category	Event	Medal
1	Fardeen Hans	10	Senior Boys	Kata	Gold
				Kumite fight	Silver
				Best Karate player	
2	Naman Bhartiya	12	Senior Boys	Kumite fight	Bronze
3	Abhishek Garine	10	Senior Boys	Kumite fight	Bronze
Sl. No	Name	Grade	Category	Event	Medal
SWIMMING – OVERALL WINNERS					
1	Joseph Padavath	12	Senior Boys	50 m Butterfly	Gold
				50 m Backstroke	Gold
				50 m Freestyle	Gold
				4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Gold
				4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Gold

				Won the Individual Championship award	
2	Samantha Mary Alexander	12	Senior Girls	4 x 50 m Medley Relay 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 50 m Butterfly Stroke	Silver Silver Bronze
3	Jun Han Bang	11	Senior Boys	50 m Breaststroke 4 x 50 m Medley Relay 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 100 m Breaststroke 50 m Freestyle	Gold Gold Gold Silver Silver
4	Adrien Lee Jasserand	11	Senior Boys	4 x 50 m Medley Relay 4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay 50 m Butterfly Stroke	Gold Gold Silver
5	Gonzague Marie Jacques Yann Demoulin	11	Senior Boys	4 x 50 m Medley Relay 50 m Breaststroke	Gold Bronze
6	Alexandre Oliveira Marques	11	Senior Boys	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Gold

				50 m Backstroke	Bronze
7	Tanvi Dinesh	11	Senior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Silver
8	Aanya Sehgal	10	Senior Girls	50 m Backstroke	Silver
9	Bharath Raj	9	Junior Boys	50 m Breaststroke	Gold
				100 m Breaststroke	Silver
				50 m Freestyle	Silver
				4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze
10	Nikita Vinay Kishan	9	Junior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Gold
				4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Silver
				50 m Backstroke	Bronze
11	Meagan Marianne Lewis	9	Senior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Silver
12	Saagarika P Gowda	9	Senior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Silver
13	Abhiram Attaluri	9	Junior Boys	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze
14	Aman Sharma	8	Junior Boys	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze
15	Shaila Dinesh Malkani	7	Junior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Gold

				50 m Butterfly Stroke	Silver
16	Katy Louise Howell	6	Junior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Gold
				4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Silver
				50 m Backstroke	Silver
17	Shristuti Srirapu	6	Junior Girls	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Gold
				4 x 50 m Medley Relay	Silver
				50 m Breaststroke	Bronze
18	Ayush Thaker	6	Junior Boys	4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay	Bronze
TENNIS					
1	Neel Palle	9			Silver
2	Rahul Mehta	11			Silver
Sl. No	Name	Grade	Category	Event	Medal
TABLE TENNIS					
1	Meha Prabhu	11	Senior Girls	Team	Bronze
2	Santoki Khushi Ketanbhai	11	Senior Girls	Team	Bronze
3	Sanya Nipul Santoki	12	Senior Girls	Team	Bronze

Appendix 2: 28th National WFSKO Karate Championship Results

Organised by World Funakoshi Shotokan Karate Organisation (WFSKO) on 10th September 2017 at Priyadarshini Sports Complex, Mumbai.

No	Name of student	Grade	Kata	Kumite(fight)
1	Naman Bhartia	10	Bronze	Gold
2	Aryaman Verma	12	Bronze	Silver

Appendix 3: NEXGEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT- 2017

Organised by Coach Direct on 9th September 2017 at Suryamaya Sports Academy, Electronics city Phase 1.

Under -13 Boys

S.no	Name	Grade	Position
1	Justin Rosangpuia Ralte	6	Gold medal
2	Ayush Thaker	6	Silver medal
3	Kanishk Guptha	7	Participated

Under -13 Girls

S.no	Name	Grade	Position
1	Dia Dora	6	Silver medal
2	Myra Daga	6	Bronze medal