



Assembly by Grade 7A

The assembly conducted by Grade 7A had the theme *Empathy* and it was conducted on 28 January. The day was observed all over the world as *World Cancer Day* declared by the United Nations. Lee Yeji had prepared a banner on the occasion.

At the outset, the school song was sung by the entire class. Sai Pavan read out the latest happenings in and around the world. Almost the entire class came up with thoughts and views for the occasion. Anika, Aadya, Nikhil, Nameer, Avinash, Akhil and Krishna shed light on the types of cancer and their cure. The assembly culminated into a skit performed by the class on cancer awareness and empathy. The national anthem was sung in the end.



Assembly by Grade 7B

The theme for grade 7 B's assembly was *Mother Language*. The thought for the day was presented by Hannah Lee and Sidharth explained what the thought for the day meant.

Mohammed Ameen spoke about Urdu, his mother language and Partha explained what it means to have Telugu as his mother language. Their talk included the origins and current extent of the languages.

Since it was a little after 30th January which is observed as Martyr's Day, Samyuth Sagi and Sohan Reddy spoke about Gandhiji and his assassination after which it was Ashna's turn to tell us how the month February got its name. Saahil Bellani joined her in sharing the information. This was followed by a quiz prepared and presented by Rahul Mallela and Sidhanth Chinnakotla. The assembly came to an end with the National Anthem.

Assembly by grade 8A

On Wednesday 11th February, Grade 8A presented an assembly on 'Self-esteem and Self-reliance'. The students staged a skit on the life and deeds of an ugly fairy who eventually saves the fairy land. What was praiseworthy was that the students finally broke the ice vis-a-vis the interaction between a girl and a boy; they performed with ease without fumbling and faltering. Dev Singh performed the role of ugly fairy with confidence. The act itself showed how self-esteem can be inculcated in the minds of our young ones. The comic relief was provided by the students who performed the wolf- music. A short poem on Self- esteem by Ralph Waldo Emerson was then followed by the thought for the day.



Report on IBT

The International Benchmark Test (IBT) in Math and English was conducted in IISH on 12 February, 2015 from Grade 6-8 (MSP). It is an internationally administered program of assessments for students in years 3 to 10. There are tests in: English, Math and Science.

The IBT allows schools to compare student progress with local, national and international benchmarks. The reports provide schools and students with detailed information about a student's strengths and weaknesses in all subject areas. The IBT Tests are skill-based, and they do not follow any single national curriculum. The IBT is one of many high-quality educational assessments developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), a world leader in educational research, assessment and reporting.



Indus day

Reach within... Reach Out...

February 7, 2015 was a day that etched the philosophy of aesthetic empathy through a spectrum of performances that went beyond just being a visual treat. The school's invocation song, 'where the mind is without fear...' has always been the life-force for our students to be their best- at all times and in all places.

The invocation dance in Kuchipudi style heightened the grandeur of the evening; the choreography and the dancers did irrefutable justice to the great saint composer- Thyagaraja. The Choir and Orchestra captivated the audience with their unsurpassed melodies: a beautiful blend of soft and fast numbers, creating the ambience of aesthetic honesty. 'SwacchBharath' was a thematic chapter blended with wit, comedy and a lot of learning. In less than ten minutes there were laughter and learning pulsating hand in hand. The CAS digital journey was a brilliant capture of students' commitment to the society they are part of and to the breadth of the humanity that they are unaware of 'Khoj', was the evening's delight. A range of dances from across the globe, from classical to folk, traditional to contemporary, fulfilled the theme of Reach in Reach out with its impeccable style and attitude.



Sports Day

The Annual Sports Day of Indus International School, Hyderabad was held on 13-02-15, at the school ground in a frolicsome atmosphere. The opening ceremony was graced by our dear Principal Mr. Ramesh Mudgal and other administrative heads of the school.

The ceremony began with the school song followed by the Lighting of the torch. The torch was passed on to Haryank the sports captain by Jigme the former sports captain. Throughout the succeeding years, the torch ceremony has changed, but its symbolism has remained the same.

The lighting of the flame was followed by the March past by the four house contingents led by their respective house captains. All the participants were led the Sports Captain, The Head Girl and the Head Boy who was carrying the Indus flag with great pride. The Indus flag depicts the eagle with widespread wings signifying the academic and creative excellence.

The sports captain Haryank then administered the solemn oath to the entire marching contingent. The Principal officially declared the sports meet open, and released the balloons symbolising the vibrant hopes of the sporting students.

The students competed under four-age categories in nine different events. The heats were conducted in the month of December 2014 and the finals were conducted on the sports day for a few selected events. Apart from the track events there were displays of Human Pyramids, Aerobics and Equestrian by our students.

The first display of human pyramid was by the students of grades 6 to 8 which in turn was followed by grades 9 and 11. The track events and the aerobics display were much appreciated by the spectators. A unique feature was the royal tent pegging by our equestrian team- Ram Teja, Aqsa Jasmine, Parth Jain and Sanjana Kulkarni.

The sports meet culminated with the 4x100 meters Relay for under 16 boys, Open Category for both boys and girls followed by the Relay for teachers.

The best athlete award that was given for each age category are as follows,
U-12 – Ruhi Raju of Grade 6 and Rahul Mallela of Grade 7
U-14 – Tanmaya Ramprasad of Grade 8 and Mihir Rana Pingle of Grade 8
U-16 – Rukmini of Grade 11 and Charan Reddy of Grade 10

Hercules House bagged both honours, one for the best marching contingent and for the Overall Championship with 759 points. This was followed by Orion House and Pegasus House both with 755 points each, whereas the second runners up position were taken by the Phoenix house with 631 points.

After the prize distribution the Principal declared the Sports meet closed and this was followed by the National Anthem.



Junior Indian Idol auditions

Friday was indeed an important day in Hyderabad as the day witnessed a galaxy of would-be crooning stars who were lined for the auditions of Indian Idol Junior.

IISH children from PYP and MSP took part in the Under 15 Category. They were asked to prepare two Hindi popular songs of their choice. 'Galliyaan' and 'Ashiqui 2' songs ruled the roost as the children sang them effortlessly. They were also exposed to the auditions and were a witness to the wide range of talents from in and around the city.



The performances will be assessed by a jury in Mumbai and the ones who will be chosen will be intimated by 15 March 2015.

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