

INDUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - Hyderabad

Summer Camp

The three weeks long Summer Camp that started on the May 4, 2015 organized by Indus International School Hyderabad, for students aged 6-16 was a scintillating experience for all on the team. Going beyond the regular routine of classroom activities, all students were enthusiastically involved in training in Public Speaking, Genomics, Film Making, Story- telling, Horse Riding and Swimming.

Monday through Friday, these enthusiastic learners were trained by professionals in the field and experienced quality learning, enjoyment and reflective moments. Students were seen keenly asking questions, engaging in lively discussions with the coaches and sharing and expressing their thoughts and feelings. They were ensured a Fear-Free Learning ambience that led to maximum output. This camp also ensured that all the participants were introduced to the community service projects of Indus. They were taken to the nearby Kondakal Village School, and were made part of the world of service above self.

On May 30, 2015, the camp came to a grand close with each of the students performing and presenting what they had learned. They were given certificates of appreciation, and mementos to carry along.





Leadership Summit 2015

Leaders help themselves and others to do the right things. They set direction, build an inspiring vision, and create something new. Leadership is about mapping out where you need to go to "win" as a team or an organization; and it is dynamic, exciting, and inspiring.

In the case of our school at the helm is Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray (PVSM, VSM), as the curriculum guide and inspiration.

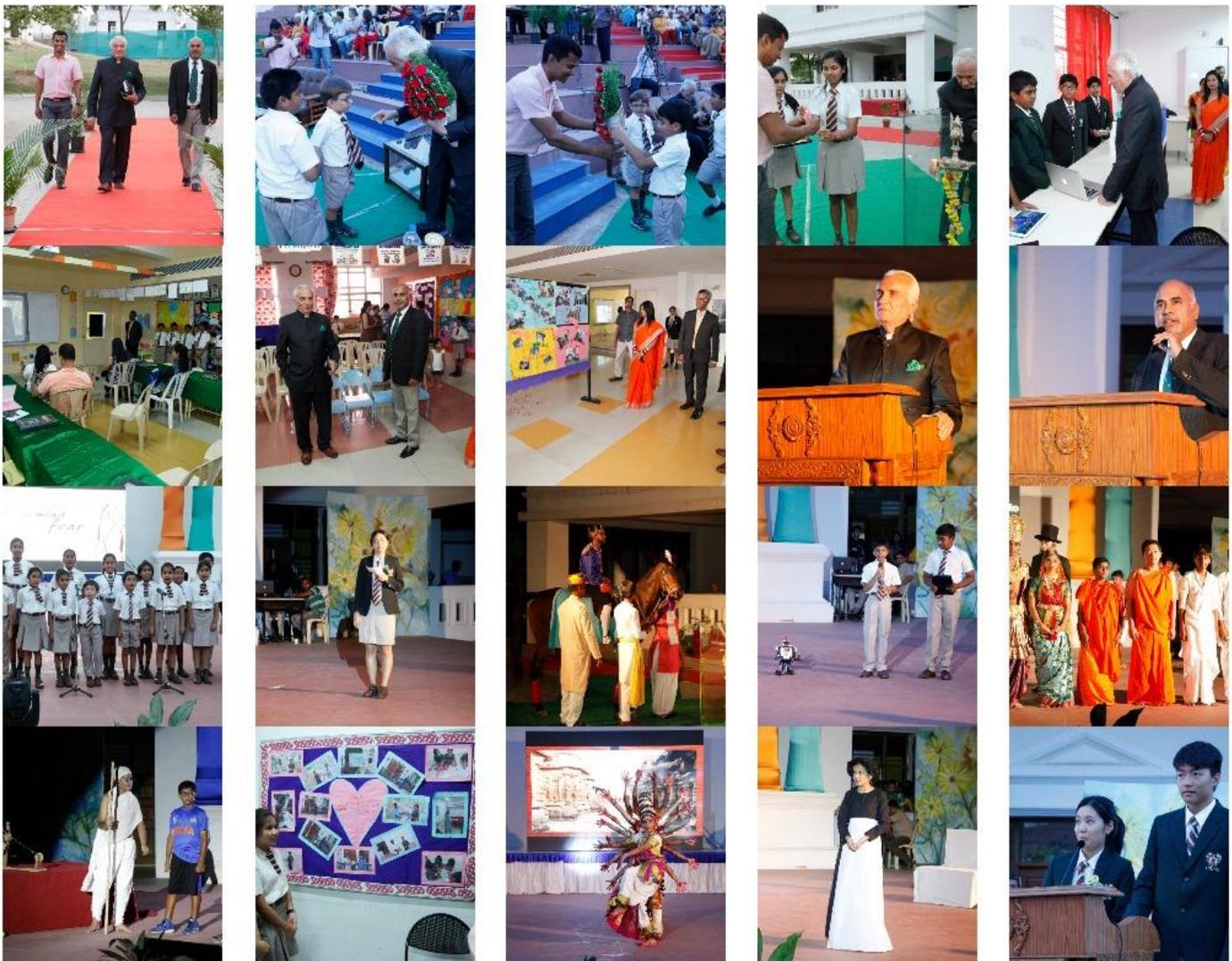
Developing a model that involves management processes designed to motivate, maintain and steadily improve current performance and delivery of the vision is important and at Indus Hyderabad this is taken care of by Ms. Shatavisa Khanna.

The 4th Leadership Summit was a showcase of the work done during 2014-15 and a very memorable performance was put up by the entire school from PYP all the way to the IB. We had a profoundly informative gallery walk which was designed to bring together all our students achievements, and their journey this year.

The finale started with the lighting of the lamp followed by the Invocation song which is based on Gurudev Tagore's poem "Where the Mind is Without Fear". This was followed by the customary Invocation dance.

The major event of the evening was Shakespeare's play King Lear. Karan Patel made an impressive king and equally admirable were Annika, Nitya and Aadya as the daughters of the king.

'Transformation Stories through Crucible Experiences' was presented just after the CEO's address. With everyone listening closely, the evening ended with everyone feeling great pride in the work done by the students under the leadership curriculum.



Pondicherry - A journey back in time

(French Language Immersion Trip)

As the students left Kachiguda train station, on that late Thursday afternoon, they were all excited ahead of their journey. Most, if not all of them, had not been in Pondicherry yet but they knew that the trip would have extraordinary dimensions as they were leaving behind them not only the English Language but contemporary India, where they belong, *en route* to an unforgettable experience, during which they would explore the remnants of different civilizations from the long acclaimed Union Territory, the city of Puducherry. With a stop at the Crocodile Farm, students learned about this extraordinary species and observed a rare specimen of Gharial. Upon reaching the hotel, they soon departed again, embarking upon a Tour of *la Ville Blanche*, the White City, designed by the Dutch and developed by a succession of French governors, Joseph François Dupleix, Jean Law de Lauriston. For four days *la Ville Blanche* would be their sanctuary, where they tasted the delights of *pain*, *beurre and confiture*, *brioche*, *croissants and pains au chocolat*. As they walked in *la ville*, frequent stops at 17th, 18th and 19th century mansions taught them more about the old French colony.



✚ Servant Leadership in Action – Grade 5 student organizes Cricket Match in support of Project I CARE

Leadership is the Central Idea of education at IISH. To put this idea into practice, Project I CARE – Rebuilding Kondakal Primary School was initiated. This student-initiated project showcases servant leadership in action. The project to reconstruct Kondakal Primary School is a unique project transforming the students' understanding of their role in society and acting on the school motto of equal opportunity.

While the villagers get a safe school for their children, IISH students learn very big lessons in life - responsibility, care, respect, team work and empathy.

One of our students, Arjun Khanna took the initiative to organize a cricket match in support of the Kondakal Primary School project. Arjun planned to collect Rs.100/ per registration for the cricket match in support of project. Conceptualizing the event from end-to-end, marketing it to his friends in school and in the neighborhood; managing registrations, booking a play area in the colony and arranging refreshments for the participants, etc., it was a revealing and rewarding project in experiential leadership.



✚ Grade 7 A assembly

The 7A Assembly was a very enjoyable experience for all of students and teachers. It reinforced the students' knowledge about the media and reminded the audience of the concept of ethics. It kicked off with *Thought For The Day*, followed by the news, after which, Nikhil Mandke lightened the mood with his well-written speech.

A skit highlighting both sides of the media (cruelty and importance) played itself out, and Eshan delivered a short speech on ethics. The emcee J C Krishna concluded the presentation with the national anthem.

“Since we got two weeks of practice we were prepared for all challenges which after all is our motto.” – J C Krishna.



Grade 7 B assembly

The 7B assembly was a wonderful show performed by our students on exam tips. Since exams were to be held the very next week, it was an apt and timely topic. Beginning with some mood-lightening jokes and riddles led by Siddanath, the presentation later took a more serious turn with Ameen, Hannah, Samyuth, Sid, Partha, Diya, Aashna and Sahil coming together to share tips on increasing concentration power during exams. Rahul followed up with an interesting and engaging quiz. The assembly concluded with an inspiration quote and food for thought.

It has been a wonderful month and IISH and with exams nearly over, the summer vacation can be seen peeking just over the horizon. We wish all the students the very best in their upcoming exams and are sure they will do IISH proud.

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