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Message from the Principal's Desk:

“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better” ~ Sidney Sheldon

Dear Parent,

Greetings! Activities are in full swing in the class after the winter break. January just flew by!

Learning is an ongoing and a lifelong process, it paves way to reinvent yourself in an ambiguous future. Schools play an important role in paving the way of learning for every student. Imbibing this learning culture in students is enabling them to learn on their own, a trait they will require while facing challenging situations.

Libraries play an important role in helping students enhance their knowledge and facilitate self-learning. The school library is integral to teaching and learning. The library plays an important role as the 'learning hub' as it is a way to influence every aspect of the school.

“School library or the 'learning hub' is a centre for dynamic learning which promotes innovative approaches to inquiry based teaching and learning for all students and staff. It is a shared learning space designed to engender contemporary learners with capacities for critical, creative and reflective thinking through inquiry and problem solving, and appropriate use of ICT.”

The role of the 'learning hub' is to:

- Provide teachers with access to relevant curriculum information.
- Create and develop motivating, physical and digital spaces for students to learn.
- Develop a reading habit in children by providing quality fiction and non-fiction materials. This will help the students sustain the habit and read for pleasure while enriching the child's intellectual and emotional growth.
- Providing a wide variety of resources- fiction, non-fiction, digital, audio, video, blogs etc. for access to teachers catering to different teaching styles.
- Serve as a place for children to research and learn on their own while reading the resources in the library.

In our pursuit in providing avenues to students to become life-long learners, a library helps them develop the reading habit and exposes them to the boundless knowledge.

“The library is the heart of the school. It is the Hub”- Ron Black



Let us begin now with news of what happened in January:

1) **KITE FLYING AND RANGOLI COMPETITION AT IISH**

Colour is one of the noticeable attributes of the world around us. Colorful kites and Rangoli, mark the celebrations of Sankranti at Indus Hyderabad on January 16th 2018. The Indus eagles came dressed in their traditional attire to celebrate this festival.



The kite festival was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm, where the students flew kites and were refreshed by the stalls set up by the Pegasus house students. The festival came to life with the colorful Rangoli competition, where you could see each house come together to create a masterpiece with a range of colors and designs on the theme of Sankranti. The winners were Hercules House followed by Phoenix and Orion.



2) **INTER HOUSE –ELOCUTION**

The Inter-House Elocution was held on 19th January 2018. There were 16 participants in all with four participants from each house –two from MYP and two from IGCSE and IBDP. All participants performed exceptionally well, winning accolades for their houses. The competition gave a lot of encouragement to speakers and all present there.



The elocution competition was swept away by Orion as their house secured the first and second place. The third place was secured by Hercules house. The topic was, “What does it mean to be Indian”. The speakers' ideologies kept the audience engaged. It was a new experience and a tremendously inspiring one!

3) **IISH STUDENTS AT MUN AT THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HYDERABAD, MICROSOFT VENUE, GACHIBOWLI, HYDERABAD CONFERENCE:**

17 students from Grades 7 to 12 participated in a two-day MUN at the International School of Hyderabad, Microsoft Venue, Gachibowli, Hyderabad on 27th and 28th of January 2018.

There were about 150 participants' conference. The participating students were from Grade 6 to Grade 12. The students had a 2 days session debating on global issues like LGBT right, disaster management and refugee crisis acting as representatives of different countries and finding solutions to the issues. The following certificates were awarded:

- i) Verbal Mention - Master Nirmay Sighania
- ii) Honourable Mention - Master Viswa Kalindindi
- iii) Best Delegate for delegate of Sochum, Iraq - Miss Tanmaya Ramprasad

Ms Tanmaya was highly appreciated by the Chair in the closing ceremony speech for giving up her tea break and lunch break on all the two days and working with the chair to frame a draft resolution for solving the global issue.



The participants were:

1. Rishvin Jasti – Grade 7
2. Panipat – Grade 7
3. Krishnam Raju – Grade 8
4. Umang Singhania – Grade 8
5. Anika Patel – Grade 8
6. Pranati Yekula – Grade 9
7. Ratchanun – Grade 9
8. Abhinaya Polaka – Grade 9
9. Harini Botcha – Grade 9
10. Akshira – Grade 9
11. Jayanth Jasti – Grade 11
12. Tanmaya Ramprasad – Grade 11
13. Nirmay Singhania – Grade 11
14. Ki Jown – Grade 11
15. NagiReddy Trishool – Grade 11
16. Vishwa Kalidindi – Grade 11
17. Siddhanth – Grade 11

4) UPDATE ON CAS

The Kondakal Secondary School Library and Computer Lab are almost ready for the inaugural. The students of Phoenix and Orion House have been instrumental in setting up the rooms. Under the guidance of the art teacher the students of Orion House painted the walls in the Computer Lab.



The students are looking forward to empowering the students by teaching them basic communication skills.

The Hyderabad Round table donated 100 benches for Kondakal Secondary School on submission of our CAS report to KSS in September 2017. HRT also donated 50 benches for the Kondakal Primary School (Constructed by Indus International School-Hyderabad under I-Care Project) last year.



Pegasus and Orion have conducted a couple of fund-raising events and successfully raised Rs 45000/- which are earmarked for Our Women empowerment and Computer Literacy Program.

5) NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS:

Our students participated in the All India Tennis Association Ranking Tournament (Talent Series) held at Noor Tennis Academy, Hyderabad on 20th January 2018:

Anmol Dash – Grade 8 (reached quarter final)

Kongpak Soonthornwan – Grade 7

Ashmith Geethuri – Grade 7

MYP Basketball Inter House Results



We conducted the MYP Boys Inter House Championship on 16th January 2018. It was played on a knock out basis and the final results are as follows:

1st Phoenix

2nd Orion

3rd Hercules

Football Match: *On 26th January 2018 Indus Senior Football Team played a friendly match against Aga Khan Academy and on 27th January 2018 the Grade 6 & 7 and Grade 8 & 9 Football Teams played against Sreenidhi International School.*

In category Grade 6 & 7 the match was a draw with 2 – 2 goals. Both the goals from Indus were scored by Arvind Sundar Kanna.

Grade 8 & 9 category Indus won by 6 – 0. Two goals were scored by Aadit Ramesh and one goal each was scored by Sidharth Neehal, Minseo Choo, Jaehyo Yoon & Azar Khan.



**IB PYP Hyderabad Network Sports Fest 2017-18(29th & 30th January 2018)
Boys & Girls Results**



**PYP Athletic Boys Team
Declared Runner up in the Meet**



**Krtin Sathish – Grade 4
Won the Best Athlete Award**

Boys Results

S. No.	NAME	GRADE	EVENTS	RESULTS
1	Ridhin Jasti	3	Shot Put	Gold Medal
2	Krtin Sathish	4	100m,200m,800m,Longjump	Gold Medal
3	Manas Gumedelli	4	100m,200m,800m,Longjump	Silver Medal
4	Jushang Gorantla	4	400m	Silver Medal
5	Amogh Reddy Badikol	4	Shot Put	Silver Medal
6	1. Krtin Sathish 2. Manas Gumedelli 3. Jushang Gorantla 4. Amogh Reddy Badikol	4	4 X 100 Relay	Silver Medal
7	1. Tejas Mandke 2. Raghu Paladugu 3. S Amrit 4. Jiyun Lee	5	4 X 100 Relay	Bronze Medal

Girls Results



S. No.	NAME	GRADE	EVENTS	RESULTS
1	Lynn Tresa Francis	3	60 M	Silver Medal
2	Shreya Ramesh	4	800 M	Bronze Medal
3	Torita Chakravarty	5	Shot Put	Gold Medal

Forthcoming tournaments where our students will be participating:

IB PYP Hyderabad Network Sports Fest (Swimming Meet) on 9th & 10th February 2018

IB MYP Hyderabad Network Sports Fest (Football & Tennis) on 16th & 17th February 2018

6) UPDATES FROM THE PLACEMENTS OFFICE:

i) Decisions received from Universities so far:

Student Name	Universities offer received	Scholarship received	Country
Vedha Bandaru	New York University – Dual Campus offer (New York & Shanghai)	\$ 33900	New York & Shanghai
Manussanun Itsarangkul Na Ayutthaya	HUTONG UNIVERSITY, CLI Institute	-	China
Abhishek Deb Bathina	Richmond University	\$ 80000	USA
Ishita Chawla	Ashoka University	-	India
Vivek Vardhan Reddy	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Ashoka University	-	Hong Kong, India
Mehul Anand	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, University of Bristol, The University of Manchester, University of Warwick	-	Hong Kong, UK
Barlapudi Naga Sivani	Brunel University, University of Greenwich, University of Leicester, University of Westminster, University of Durham International College	-	UK

Suraj Sundaram	Manchester Metropolitan University, Nottingham Trent University	-	UK
Shagun Dhanania	Loughborough University	-	UK
Rithvik Venkata Turaga	Ohio State University, Purdue University	-	USA
Shree shruthi	Flame University	1,50,000 INR	India
Yuvanth Reddy	Rutgers University – Campus New Brunswick, Camden College	-	USA
Siddharth Thumati	Ohio State University, University of Minnesota twin cities	-	USA
Tanika Sirohi	O.P. Jindal Global University	-	India
Joshua Saketh	The University of Manchester	-	UK
Sriram Reddy Mereddy	University at Buffalo The State University of New York	-	USA
Veerannagari Sukeshwar Reddy	Arizona State University	-	USA
Akshita Gadiparthi	University of Cardiff, SP Jain University, Flame University	-	UK, Australia, India
Riza Afreen	Kingston University, Royal Holloway, University of London	-	UK
	The University of Manchester, Birmingham University, University of Liverpool, Swansea University, University of Surrey	-	UK
Khushali Seth	The University of Manchester	-	UK
Hyein Yoon	Hong Kong University	-	Hong Kong
Aneri Halani	Universal Business School, University of Cincinnati	-	India, USA
Rishwanth Reddy	INTO The University of Alabama at Birmingham – UAB, Seton hall University, University of Cincinnati, Florida Atlantic University	-	USA

ii) University Visit:

- a) Narsee Moonjee University, India: SVKM's NMIMS is a Top Global Premier University [UGC Approved NAAC Rating - 5 star] located in Mumbai, India. Home to India's Leading Business School Ranked 4th Best B School in India. Offers UG, PG, Ph.D. courses. 6000 Global students and more than 300 faculties.
- b) Australian National University, Australia: The Australian National University is a national research university located in Canberra, the capital of Australia. Its main campus in Acton encompasses seven teaching and research colleges, in addition to several national academies and institutes.

- c) Yamanashi Gakuin University, Japan: Yamanashi Gakuin University is a university in Kōfu, Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan. Yamanashi Gakuin was founded in 1946. The core of the whole institution, and aims to contribute to society by nurturing in students profound knowledge and creativity, a globalized perspective and deep understanding of and appreciation for Japanese culture.
- d) IE University, Spain: IE University is a private university, owned by Instituto de Empresa S.L. Its campuses are located in Segovia, Castile and León and Madrid, Community of Madrid. It is a top international university in Spain, recognized worldwide for its quality in teaching and learning. Testing Exams Centre: We conducted the Oxford Assessment Exam in school for Grade 12 student.

iii) **PSAT 8/9 November 2017 Exams Top Scores:**

CHAITHRA REDDY	Grade 9	1330 / 1440
SHREYHAS YACHAMANENI	Grade 9	1290 / 1440
RISHIK THIMMAIAHGARI	Grade 9	1280 / 1440
ANEESH PERUVELLI	Grade 9	1140 / 1440
KRISHNAM KALIDINDI	Grade 8	1030 / 1440

- iv) **Career Placement Informative & Interactive Session:** These sessions were conducted for Parents & Students of Grade 10 & Grade 11.

7) **Faculty Achievement:**

- i) It was a proud moment for us at IISH to learn of **Ms Piu Mahapatra's** achievements on being acknowledged and honored by the state at the 77th All India Art exhibition 2018 for her work - entitled 'Under the Telangana sun'.



Title- 'Under the Telangana sun'

Medium- felt tip pen, water soluble pencil on cold pressed paper

Artist- Piu Mahapatra

The thought behind-

Inspired by the novel, 'Under the Tuscan Sun' by Frances Mayes. Like Mayes's year in Provence, where she restored an old villa and along with it found a deep connection with the soil, my journey in Telangana was like reestablishing my roots back with my home, part of my very own India. Nowhere in this world, the sun is warmer than your own homeland! Nowhere in this earth, the soil has its fragrance to intoxicate you to a slumber. And a woman like me, who came back after thirteen years of placid snow, Telangana became my Tuscany. The sunflower field of Mokilla village reminds me of the long-left fragrance of wildflowers of Provence. This work is a bridge between two worlds, where I belong and where I once existed. The red luscious tomatoes are the promise of sweet warmth which only the soil can promise. It is wonderful to be back home!



- ii) **CENTA Teaching Professionals' Olympiad (TPO)** is a unique national competition to reward, recognize and celebrate teachers. TPO 2017 was held in 28 cities across India and in Dubai, in 14 subject tracks. This year about 30000 teachers participated in this exam.

We are happy to share with you that the following Indus teachers have fared very well and were ranked among the top 30 at a subject level as well as overall national level.

Ms Meena (High School Economics) - Subject rank Holder 9th (all India)

Ms.Reshmi (High School & Middle School English, and challenger exam). She was in the Top 10 in many categories

Vishaka Labar - High School Biology

Prasanna Peri - High School English

Sumana Barua - High School Biology

Hearty Congratulations & best wishes to all!

8) The continued improvement of Infrastructure and other Facilities:

a) Secondary Block

- i) All bathrooms have been repaired/ rectified to ensure high standards of hygiene are maintained throughout.
- ii) Additional extinguishers have been positioned for Chemistry and Physics lab as the use of LPG is practiced.
- iii) Safety precautions for use of LPG have been displayed and sensitized to students using the Lab facilities.

b) The MYP

- i) The MYP classrooms have been given a fresh coat of paint with appealing colours on the walls including the classrooms Grade 6,7,8, Spanish room and SEN room.

c) Boarding Houses

- i) *New ceiling fans have been fitted in the dormitories and rooms.*
- ii) *The common rooms have been renovated with rugs, carpets and seating arrangements besides replenishment of additional indoor games.*
- iii) *All the faucets in the Hostel bathrooms have been polished and proper tallies for shower rooms have been provided.*
- iv) *Fresh indoor plants have been positioned in pots at various places in the hostel to accentuate the looks.*

d) Miscellaneous

- i) *New Entry gate constructed has been put to use.*
- ii) *A New pitch for cricket practice has been constructed and is ready for use by students.*
- iii) *The Fire Evacuation drill was conducted for all children and staff by the Fire Station, Chevella, wherein the students were briefed on the aspects of Fire Safety and individual responsibilities during an emergency.*
- iv) *The Menu has been relooked at and suggestions from children are being taken into consideration on a weekly basis in coordination with Ms. Ranjita.*
- v) *Dining tables in the Dining Hall have been earmarked for individual Grades of PYP and MYP to ensure smooth dining experience for children and staff.*

Upcoming Events:

18th February	Grade 9 students leave for Leadership camp
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Warm regards,

Nuwaira Pasha