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Message from the Principal's Desk:

“Outliers are those who have been given opportunities- and who have had the strength and presence of mind to seize them” ~ Malcolm Gladwell

Dear Parent,

Greetings! February was a short and productive month. The most awaited event of the year is just around the corner. Our students have started gearing up for their big day- Indus Day 2018, practicing their dances, expressions and artwork with passion and rigor.

As educationists, there is often a thought we ponder over. What are the factors that lead to success- is it hard work, taking risks, determination or simply luck. Or is it a combination of all these factors? As Malcolm Gladwell states in his book Outliers ‘Working really hard is what successful people do’.

Every child is different and embracing this uniqueness becomes essential. Providing varied activities that go beyond the academics, catering to students’ signature strengths in art, music, dance, drama and sports is equally important. Success does not come overnight. A lot of practice, hard work, resilience and sincerity is required to become an Outlier.

“Work at least 10,000 hours in an area before you can become super-successful at it.” ~ Malcolm Gladwell

Teaching children perseverance and self-control are one of the many things we educators teach along with academics. At Indus we want our students to understand that effort and practice matter. Our curriculum and educational philosophy promotes this message by rewarding their efforts, continuously assessing their learning, providing constructive feedback and engaging students in discussions and projects.

The key factors that allow children to be outliers are:

- Providing an engaging learning environment to the students.
- Teacher’s role in imparting knowledge and experience.
- Teaching children to be lifelong learners.

“Success is no accident, there are no secrets to success. It is hard work, perseverance, preparation for the unseen, learning from failure and most of all love of what you are doing or learning to do.”



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

1) **UPDATE ON CAS**

At the onset of this year, students of our school embarked upon four different ambitious projects house-wise:

The Phoenix House's students helped to enhance Literacy at the Kondakal Primary School.

Orion House decided to set up a Computer Lab and help their students and teachers with Digital Literacy.

Hercules has been training students of Kondakal Primary School and Mokila Tanda School in sports, the culmination of which will be a sports day event for both schools.

Pegasus chose a Women Empowerment Programme.

We are glad to inform you that our Phoenix house and Orion house projects (establishing a library and computer lab) are successfully completed and were inaugurated on the 8th of February by Col Satya Rao and Ms Nuwaira Pasha. Teaching them digital and literacy skills is an ongoing process.



Sports day event for the Kondakal Primary School and Mokila Tanda School is scheduled for this March. It is expected that 60 students from these two schools will be participating in the event. Hercules house students are training them every week with athletics, march-past and other sports.

Pegasus house has raised a substantial amount of funds with their entrepreneurship and efforts to set up the Women Empowerment Centre – I-Power (A production unit which will hire women and produce eco-friendly areca palm disposable plates and cups). They have approached a Bank to loan the balance amount required. With the finances and other planning in place, our students have started cleaning up the designated area on

campus in anticipation of the arrival of the machines and establishing I-Power. We foresee the project to up and running by the end of March.



Indus also played an important role securing benches for our Kondakal Secondary School with the help of the HRT.



2) **NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS:**

- i) The PYP Hyderabad Network Sports Fest (Swimming Meet) was hosted by Oakridge International School on 8th & 9th February 2018. There were ten IB Network School's with more than 250 students participated in the said swimming meet. From Indus 20 students took part with at most true sportsmanship and won 4 Gold, 6 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals. On behalf of the Indus fraternity, we congratulate each & every participant for their excellent teamwork.



S. No	Name	Grade	Medal Won in Event
1	Shravya Reddy	3	Gold in 25m Freestyle Silver in 25m Backstroke
2	Shreya Ramesh	4	Silver in 25m Breaststroke
3	S Kshetra Rao	4	Silver in 25m Freestyle
4	Torita Chakravarty	5	Gold in 50m Freestyle Gold in 25m Butterfly Gold in 4 x 25m Relay
5	Urvi Gupta	5	Gold in 4 x 25m. Relay
6	Anagha Balakrishnan	5	Gold in 4 x 25m Relay
7	Ahana Kripalani	5	Gold in 4 x 25m Relay
8	Aarush Chatterjee	4	Silver in 25m Breaststroke
9	Kritin Sathish	4	Bronze in 25m Breaststroke
10	Zayan Ali	5	Silver in 25m Backstroke
11	Pranav Divi	5	Silver in 25m Breaststroke
12	Vishnu Rama Raju Kalidindi	5	Bronze in 50m Freestyle

ii) **FOOTBALL MATCH RESULTS: Indus vs Aga Khan Academy**

DATE	MATCH	CATEGORY	VENUE	GOAL SCORER
10/02/18	Indus vs Aga khan Result: 4-0 Indus won	MYP Under-16	Indus International School	Azar Khan (3 goals) Jaehyo Yoon (1 goal)
10/02/18	Indus vs Aga Khan Result: 3-2 Indus won	MYP Under-14	Indus International School	One goal each scored by -Zahi Mazhar Uddin -Aditya Itha -K. Yashasvi Aryan Reddy



3) **UPDATES FROM THE PLACEMENTS OFFICE:**

i) **Decisions received from Universities so far:**

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Universities offer received</u>	<u>Scholarship received</u>	<u>Country</u>
Rithvik Venkata Turaga	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	-	USA
SiddharthThumati	Purdue University	-	USA
Sankeerth Alankar	University of Cincinnati, DePaul University	-	USA
Shreya Nannapuraju	University of Nevada - Las Vegas , Quinnipiac University	-	USA
Rishwanth Reddy	Florida Atlantic University, Marymount California University(Kings Education)	\$ 40,000	USA
Aneri Halani	Flame University, Quinnipiac University	\$ 60,000	India, USA
Vedha Bandaru	New York University – Dual Campus offer (New York & Shanghai), University of British Columbia, University of Amsterdam	\$1,35,960 (Updated)	New York & Shanghai, Canada, The Netherlands
Sriya Mettu	University of British Columbia	-	Canada
Vishesh Kumar Agarwal	The University of Manchester, Birmingham University, University of Liverpool, Swansea University, University of Surrey	-	UK
Joshua Saketh	University of Nottingham	-	UK
Suraj Sundaram	The University of Law (including De Broc School of Business) , University of Derby, University of Lincoln	-	UK
Khushaali Seth	Queen Mary University of London	-	UK
Kandula Karthik Sai Vignesh Reddy	Arizona State University, University of Cincinnati	-	USA
Tanika Sirohi	McMaster University, Western University (Main Campus), University of British Columbia	-	Canada
Yuvanth Reddy	Quinnipiac University	\$ 74,000	USA

Riza Afreen	The University of Manchester, University of Brighton , Queen Mary University of London	-	UK
Veerannagari Sukeshwar Reddy	Quinnipiac University, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, Seton Hall University	-	USA
Abhishek Deb Bathina	Swarthmore College	-	USA
Akshita Gadiparthi	SP Jain Global (3 country Course), Australian National University	\$ 42000	Sing, Dubai, Australia
Rhea Malve	Temple University, Bryant University, Pennsylvania State University (Abington Campus)	\$ 56,000	USA
Shree shruthi	University of Southampton	-	UK
Rohan Pallipaga	Australian National University	-	Australia
Shagun Dhanania	University of British Columbia	-	Canada
Sai Teja Jangeti	Quinnipiac University, Stony Brook University, Pennsylvania State University (University Park)	\$ 60,000	USA
Sri Chakri Pamidi	Indiana University at Bloomington	-	USA
Mujtaba Ali	Australian National University	-	Australia
Mehul Anand	University College London	-	UK
Chillakuru Sai Srinivas	University of Wollongong in Dubai	-	Dubai
Vivek Vardhan Reddy	Pennsylvania State University(University Park Campus)	-	USA

ii) University Visit:

University of St Andrews:

The University of St Andrews is a British public research university in St Andrews, Fife, Scotland. A top 5 UK University, currently ranked 3rd in the UK.

It is the oldest of the four ancient universities of Scotland and the third oldest university in the English-speaking world (following Oxford and Cambridge Universities). St Andrews was founded between 1410 and 1413 when the Avignon Antipope Benedict XIII issued a papal bull to a small founding group of Augustinian clergy.

iii) **Career Placement Informative & Interactive Session:**

These sessions were conducted for Parents & Students of Grade 9 & Grade 8.



4) **The continued improvement of Infrastructure and other Facilities:**

a) **Secondary Block**

- i) The walls have been positioned with posters showcasing Indian Heritage, culture, and inventions from around the world to enhance the knowledge building incorporating the third teacher concept.
- ii) All classrooms, labs and AV Halls have been given window blinds to improve the look and feel of the same.
- iii) The common assembly area has been revamped by adding additional grass.
- iv) Exhaust Fans have been provided in the culinary club.

b) **Primary Block**

- i) Walls in the PYP and MYP classrooms have been given a fresh coat of paint.
- ii) Clean-ship of the PYP play area was undertaken besides the addition of new pods for the organic farm.

c) **Boarding Houses**

- i) New ceiling fans have been fitted in the rooms on the first floor and same is in progress for the second floor.
- ii) The ACs have been operating in both hostels during the dark hours.

d) **Miscellaneous**

- i) Various signboards have been placed on the campus for the ease of navigation.
- ii) The lawns have been given special attention in terms of improving the green cover.
- iii) The Football ground has been improved by providing natural grass for the sports enthusiasts.
- iv) The boy's washroom in the Dining Hall has been retiled and all bathroom fittings were polished, repaired/ replaced.
- v) The Admin Reception area had been given a facelift.
- vi) The frontage of the Admin building has been improved in terms of operationalizing the fountain and grass cover near the main gate.

Upcoming Events:

2nd March	Holi
6th March	PYP Term 2 reports published
9th March	Indus Day
17th March	PYP - Parent Teachers Meet
22nd March	Mid Term 2 - RC C for Gr 9 & 11 commences
29th March	Mid Term 2 - RC C for Gr 9 & 11 ends
30th March	Good Friday; Spring Break Commences

Warm regards,

Nuwaira Pasha