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Message from the Principal's Desk:

"Happiness doesn't depend on any external conditions, it is governed by our mental attitude."

- Dale Carnegie -

Dear Parent,

We are living in a world of convenience, everything is available at the push of a button. Technology has taken over pretty much every facet of our life. However, it is critical we ensure our children aren't consumed by this digital era and are well protected from digital mania! This digital obsession is preventing our children from developing basic skills to live a healthy life. The gadget has become the new best friend! This shift is rather alarming as our children are being exposed to too much too soon and the purity of their mind is being compromised.

A healthy mind resides in a healthy body. A lot of emphasis needs to be given to developing the mind and the best way to do this is through robust sports and ensuring our children are building friendships and relationships on the field. It is important they push themselves to test their potential and learn what team spirit is all about. We need to remove the fear of failure and teach them to embrace failure as that is the only way they will learn to be gritty, resilient and persevere. All of which are very important life competencies to survive in the 4th industrial revolution.

Mental fitness is a very important aspect of our wellbeing. It is a continuous journey to self-awareness, cultivating habits of positive thinking and mindfulness, as well as a lifestyle of understanding and patience to develop a more resilient mind.

Let us begin with some news of what happened in September:

1) **CAS at Indus:**

a) **PHOENIX HOUSE – Communicative English**

The Phoenix House students took up the initiative to enhance the Kondakal school students' communicative English skills. It started off by a visit to the Kondakal Primary and Secondary School. The students formed Mentor-Mentee groups, where each Indus student assigned 4 students from Kondakal to themselves. This project was taken up by the Grade 7 students who had knowledge of both English and Telugu. The students introduced themselves and they discussed the basic concept of family with them and narrated a short poem.





b) PEGASUS HOUSE – Areca leaf project

The students of Pegasus house aim to sell Areca Leaf Plates and ensure the project is self-sustainable by December.

The students plan on targeting different people/ companies who are likely to use these plates for small or big events and sell the plates in bulk. The students are currently working on identifying these communities. The students also plan to visit the Rural Technology Park, Rajendra Nagar (supported by a government agency National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj) to get familiar with the precautions one should take in storing the Areca leaf plates from fungus and learn of packaging techniques from experts. This visit is scheduled in the 3rd week of November 2018.



c) ORION HOUSE – Computer literacy

The students of Orion house have taken up an initiative to introduce Basic theory and Computer operation to Gr-6 students of the Kondakal School.

Our students are providing them with a foundation course in computer literacy. This course would focus mainly on the use of Microsoft PowerPoint. Our students selected Microsoft Power Point as the children can engage in more visual learning which can promote interest and understanding.



d) HERCULES HOUSE – English, Arts and Sports

The students of Hercules House are teaching Basic English and Arts to the students of the Kondakal Primary School. They also wish to train them in sports as they plan to conduct an Annual sports day for them towards the end of their academic year.

2) **ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:**

a) **SAIBSA @ IISH**

The South Asia International Baccalaureate Schools Association (SAIBSA) promotes greater understanding of the IB at all levels. SAIBSA members are authorized or implementing schools. It aims to facilitate communication with authorized and implementing IB schools in the South Asia region. Currently the activities of the association are:

- Networking amongst authorized schools
- Helping the implementing schools
- Organizing in-service teacher training modules
- Organizing cultural events for the IB students

The aim of this association is to help nurture the growth of the IB movement in South Asia and help many more teachers & students benefit from the unique IB programs.

AT IISH-

Hosted at IISH, SAIBSA- PYP Job alike sessions was attended by over 300 participants from all over India. The plenary session was addressed by our CEO, General (Rtd) Arjun Ray, who spoke about education in the 21st century and our readiness for it as teachers and schools. This was followed by job alike sessions in the morning and afternoon- both of which was facilitated by experienced PYP practitioners from Hyderabad and India. Our PYP teachers, Ms. Trishna, Ms. Dulcea, Ms. Sushmita and Ms. Amara along with Ms. Kriti, PYP coordinator and Ms. Anjalika, Head of PYP, facilitated some of the grade & subject wise sessions.



The President of SAIBSA, Mr. Kaiser Dopiashi proposed the vote of thanks and gave away the certificates of attendance to all the participants.

b) **Halloween Celebration @ IISH**

Halloween has its origin in the Celtic festival of Hallowmas, a celebration of the beginning of a new cycle of the Wheel of the Year. Lore has it that the veil between the world of the living and the dead is at its most transparent during Halloween night, and therefore the spirits of the dead, fairies, witches and goblins roam about. At IISH, we sought to rekindle the light of Halloween through our in-school celebrations. The students came dressed in their favourite Halloween costume. A special assembly was conducted in the amphitheatre. It began with the MCs Shradha and Mehek of Grade 8, sharing the story behind Halloween celebration and how it is celebrated across different parts of the world. We had the spooky story enactment by Arya of Grade 6, 'The old abandoned house', which was followed by the scary creatures walking from the audience on to the stage for the Halloween dance. The assembly came to an end with the Halloween walk, wherein the students dressed as Vampires, Witches, Goblins and other interesting characters walked on the stage as the famous songs, Thriller by Michael

Jackson and Ghostbusters were played. The students from PP1 to Grade 11, all participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. In PYP, the students went around different classes for Trick or Treat, collecting candies from their teachers. A special menu was also served. The dining hall ambience matched to the spirit of this festival. Overall, the students had a spooooktacular day.



3. **SPORTS UPDATE:**

a) **Siddharth Vaada (Grade 9)**



Siddharth Reddy Vaada (Grade 9) has been selected to play the prestigious Eddie Herr International Junior Tennis Championship to be held at IMG Academy in Florida (USA). This elite, invitation attracts the world's most competitive tennis players. The tournament will be in the month of November & December 2018.

b) **RESULTS OF THE INTER HOUSE PYP FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

1st Position – PHOENIX HOUSE

2nd Position – PEGASUS HOUSE

3rd Position – HERCULES HOUSE

4th Position – ORION HOUSE

BEST PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT: DHANUSH TELLA (Grade - 5)



c) **RESULTS OF THE INTER HOUSE FOOTBALL SENIOR BOYS (Grade 9 to 12)**

1st Position: HERCULES HOUSE

2nd Position: PEGASUS HOUSE

3rd Position: PHOENIX HOUSE

4th Position: ORION HOUSE

BEST PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT: PARK CHANRYEOL



- d) T B Bijju (Grade 7): recently participated in the Rifle Shooting Championship organized by Sports for All under the aegis of Sports Authority of Telangana & Government of Telangana. He won Gold Medal in 10mt rifle shooting under 14, 17 and 19 age category.



- e) Indus Senior Basketball & Football Team participated in the Eagle Cup organized by the Indus International School, Bangalore from 28th to 30th October 2018. It was a good experience where the students got a chance to play and interact with elite IB Schools of Bangalore. The magnitude of the tournament was very high. In all there were 30 local schools that participated.



- f) In the just concluded PYP Hyderabad Network Sports Fest 2018 (Girls Football Championship) Indus International School, Hyderabad PYP Girls Football Team emerged as Winners. Our girls' team played against Aga Khan Academy and Oakridge International School (Newton Campus) and won convincingly with 4 goals scored in each match.

The super star of the tournament was Shreya Ramesh of grade 5 who top scored with five goals and won the Best Player Award of the Tournament.



Shreya Ramesh (Grade 5): Receiving the Best Player Award of the Tournament from Ms. Anjalika Sharma, Chairperson of the PYP Hyderabad Network & Head of School, Indus International School, Hyderabad & Indus Girls with the Winner Trophy.

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

Primary Block

- New student lockers have been positioned in all MYP Classrooms.
- New areas have been demarcated for MYP to perform organic farming in the Primary Block premises.

Secondary Block

- A new office for school counsellors have been made in the secondary basement area.
- New ACs have been fixed in all basement classrooms which did not have the provision of centralised AC.
- Additional fans have been provided in classrooms 14, 15 and secondary staff room.
- Additional lights have been provided in the STEAM Lab.
- The new music room has been provided with additional electrical points for maximum utilisation the instruments.
- The Amphitheatre has been freshly painted in terracotta which has accentuated the look and feel of the venue for the upcoming events.
- Certain Blind areas in the basement of the secondary block have been cordoned off with metal mesh structures and covered with CCTV surveillance.

Boarding Houses

- Both hostels are being provisioned with additional CCTV Cameras for coverage of all corridors, common rooms and entrances to all washrooms. The CCTVs will be monitored 24X7 by a dedicated CCTV observer who will have exclusive access to the same and report matters of concern to the Head of Boarding.
- 02 Gents and 02 Lady CCTV observers are being hired to be positioned in boys and girls hostel respectively for the purpose of continuous CCTV monitoring.
- New Barricades have been positioned near the server and panel rooms in both hostels for enhancing the safety.
- Boys' hostel has been provided with a new Night safety warden to keep a watch on the activities in Hostel post dinner and to look after general welfare of boys. A lady night safety warden will be positioned shortly for the Girls hostel as well.

- New lounge beds are being provided for common rooms in both hostels.

Sports Facilities

- Painting of horse stable area has been carried out for RC Club.
- Football ground has been attended to details like smoothing and clearing of athletic track of rubble and unwanted grass.
- Long Jump pit has been refurbished with sand and area around the same has been cleared for run up in view of practices in progress for the upcoming Sports Day.
- Additional 02 Horses have been procured and positioned for RC Club.
- New hurdles for the equestrian area have been made for practice by RC club members.

Miscellaneous

- Medical test of all drivers was carried out by the Resident doctor for Eye, BP and Blood Sugar.
- A session for all drivers and safety wardens was conducted by the RTA inspector on campus for road safety awareness and on safe practices on road.

Infirmary

- The infirmary has been equipped for managing Asthma, Diabetes, epileptic fits and anti-venom.

5) **Upcoming Events:**

01st November & 2nd November	PYP Hyderabad Network Football Tournament @ IISH
03rd November - 7th November	Diwali Break
11th November	Gr 11 students leave for the leadership camp
14th November	Children's Day Celebration
22nd November	Investiture
24th November	Sports Day (IISH Gr 1 to 12)

Warm regards,
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