

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2013



Dear Parents,

Greetings from Indus International School Pune.

The highlight of the month – generating considerable excitement and suspense – has been the selection of the **Student Council for 2013-1014**.

The Student Council is a visible demonstration of the school's central preoccupation with **creating leaders of tomorrow**. Members of the Student Council receive an opportunity to develop their leadership skills in a practical and experiential way by being called upon to perform a number of varied functions. They:

- participate in the day-to-day functioning of the school
- represent to the faculty the concerns and needs of the student body
- assist the faculty in ensuring order and discipline in the school
- by their own personal example, strengthen and demonstrate the school's unique ethos as embodied in its core beliefs and values.

The process of selection of the members of the Student Council is elaborate and comprehensive, stretching across a period of more than two weeks, steered by a committee of senior faculty, led by the Principal. The process begins with students nominating themselves for the various positions available on the Council. They are then given an opportunity to campaign for the popular school-wide election that follows. The entire student community and faculty participate in the popular election which provides the selection committee an insight into the general acceptance of the candidates, each of whom is interviewed individually by the committee to ascertain their suitability and enthusiasm for the roles for which they have been nominated. The selection committee then deliberates and makes the final selection based on a broad range of parameters that include their :

1. Standing in the school-wide election
2. Performance in the interview
3. Academic status
4. Involvement in school events and activities
5. Leadership potential
6. Character and discipline record in the school
7. Reliability and sense of responsibility

It is inevitable in such a process that there is some disappointment among students who have not been selected for the positions to which they had aspired. The exercise thus provides an opportunity for these students to learn how to deal with such disappointment and, in the true spirit of the democratic ideal, to accept the decision of the selection committee and to offer their full support to those who have been selected. Faculty and parents of these students are called upon to provide emotional support to such students in their struggle to come to terms with their perceived lack of success. Central to this endeavor is the need to have faith and confidence in the fairness and justice of the selection process and in the wisdom and impartiality of the committee that executes the process.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2013-2014

STUDENT COUNCIL 2013-2014

HEAD BOY:		Mit Trivedi	Grade Eleven
HEAD GIRL:		Trishala Kulkarni	Grade Eleven
SPORTS CAPTAIN:		Suryajiraje Bhosale	Grade Eleven
EVENTS CAPTAIN:		Saibhang Chawla	Grade Eleven
HOUSE CAPTAINS:	HERCULES:	Shravani Kher	Grade Eleven
	ORION:	Abhishek Venugopal	Grade Eleven
	PEGASUS:	Rhea Pradhan	Grade Eleven
	PHOENIX:	Devika Javalekar	Grade Eleven
HOUSE VICE-CAPTAINS:	HERCULES:	Serah Zaveri	Grade Nine
	ORION:	Srijan Bajaj	Grade Nine
	PEGASUS:	Simran Soman	Grade Nine
	PHOENIX:	Ruhee Dhanani	Grade Eleven
SCHOOL PREFECTS	SENIOR:	Harshvardhan Pendse	Grade Eleven
		Krishna Dedania	Grade Eleven
		Malvika Nair	Grade Eleven
		Saloni Khanapurkar	Grade Eleven
		Sanket Jaiswal	Grade Eleven
	MSP:	Tracy Sebastian	Grade Eight
		Edith Rosell	Grade Eight
		Behrooz Dinyarian	Grade Seven
		Mayra Vinod	Grade Six
		Sprihi Yendamuri	Grade Six
	PYP:	Aina Rosell	Grade Five
		Ayush Dhoot	Grade Five
		Karan Bedi	Grade Five
		Riddhavee Kapadia	Grade Five
		Charlie Nagarkar	Grade Four
STUDENT EDITOR:		Shalaka Mehta	Grade Nine

OTHER HAPPENINGS

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS:

The **TAISI SPORTS MEET** was organized by MIT GURUKUL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL from 21st to 24th November 2013. 18 international schools from all over India participated in this event. Our young athletes distinguished themselves at this competition. Kudos to the winners of many laurels.

➤ SWIMMING:

- Karoline Martinussen – Gr 4: **Gold** in 25mts back stroke, 25 mts freestyle & **Silver** in 25 mts breast stroke
- Dheeran Calder – Gr 6: **Silver** in 25 mts breast stroke & 25 mts back stroke
- Edith Rosell – Gr 8: **Gold** in 50 mts free style & 50 mts back stroke
- Harie Calder – Gr 9: **Gold** in 50 mts freestyle, 50 mts breast stroke & 50 mts butterfly

➤ ATHLETICS:

- Pranav Birewar – Gr 9: **Gold** in Long jump
- Sanket Jaiswal – Gr11: **Bronze** in 200 mts race
- Alisha Dhanani – Gr 8: **Silver** in 200 mts race & **Bronze** in 800 mts race

➤ BADMINTION -Sr.Boys – Runners up

- Mihir Pimpale – Gr 11
- Jeon Jun Sung – Gr 10
- Kim Seongil – Gr 9

➤ TABLE TENNIS – Sr.Boys- Runners up

- Narun Tangwutthiphalakorn – Gr 10
- Tanish Dadlani – Gr 9
- Sahir Jaffer - Gr 9

➤ **SOCCER-Sr.Boys-** Runners up

- Narun Tangwutthiphalakorn – Gr 10
- Jeon Jun Sung – Gr 10
- Kushal Badiyani – Gr 11
- Seung Taek Chung – Gr 10
- Won Dong Gyu – Gr 10
- Suryajiraje Bhosale- Gr 11
- Sanket Jaiswal – Gr 11
- Tanmay Baid – Gr 11

➤ **BASKETBALL-Sr.Boys-**Runners up

- Harsh Pendse, - Gr 11
- Abhishek Venugopal – Gr 11
- Neel Naiknavare – Gr 11
- Kushal Badiyani – Gr 11
- Suryajiraje Bhosale – Gr 11
- Narun Tangwutthiphalakorn – Gr 10
- Sanket Jaiswal – Gr 11
- Saman Chabra – Gr 10

PYP LEADERSHIP CAMP:

This was our first year hosting the Leadership Camp, which was a super success. The Leadership trainers were from The Indus School of Leadership (ISL) - Yellagiri. All the engagements were structured to bring about a sense of team spirit and unity amongst children of various age groups. The activities also had children using their creativity to escape challenging situations created by the Leadership trainers. Grades 1-4 participated in a day long camp, while Grade 5, took part in an overnight camp. More details about these events in the PYP coordinator's newsletter.

CHILDREN'S DAY, celebrated on the 14th of November, was a joyous occasion at Indus International School.

Students were allowed to come dressed in smart casuals and the school was a riot of color and activity. The day began with regular classes until 10:30am after which students of the EYP, PYP AND MSP were engaged in an art competition while grades 9-12 enjoyed a round of sports matches.

Students then moved to the sports complex for a riveting programme presented by the teachers. The show began with a beautiful melody rendered by Ms. Nihira followed by another catchy number by Mr. Prashant and Mr. Ajay who were accompanied by the music teachers-Mr. Nitin, Mr. Sonjoy and Mr. Barry. Students cheered the teachers on as the next group performance was a dance sequence of popular Bollywood numbers presented by Ms. Rhucha, Ms. Sheila, Ms. Fizza, Ms. Shabana, Ms, Uttama, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Mitali.

The show concluded with a fashion parade by Ms. Deeksha, Mr. Iraban, Nandita, Ms. Mugdha, Ms. Niketa, Mr. Shahrokh, Ms. Praseedha, Mr. Ajay, Ms. Naaz and Mr. Prashant. Students went wild to see their teachers garbed in the retro style of the 70's as the popular songs of the period brought alive past fashions that were quaint and eclectic in style.

SCUBA-DIVING IN THE ANDAMANS.

The scuba diving trip to the Andaman's was the highlight of 12 Indus Pune students' the Diwali break for 12 students of the school. This trip was conducted from 3rd-8th of November and participants enjoyed three days of diving at exquisite locations across Port Blair. They were introduced to dive technicalities by trained instructors from the Infinity Scuba diving school and thoroughly enjoyed their underwater excursions. Other than diving, they also jet-skiied, visited several tourist islands and got a taste of the cultural flavors and history at a sound and light show at the cellular jail. They enjoyed the food and scenic views of the Andaman's and left wowed by the sheer pristine beauty of the various islands. IISP students enjoyed bonding with peers from our sister schools of Hyderabad and Bangalore.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT IISP

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| ❖ PYP Reading Challenge | - 2 nd December 2013 |
| ❖ Half Yearly Exams begin : Gr 9 & 11 | - 6 th December 2013 |
| ❖ Classes : Grade 10& 12& Working Saturday | - 7 th December 2013 |
| ❖ Half Yearly Exams Begin : Gr 6 to 8 | - 10 th December 2013 |
| ❖ EYP Showcase | - 13 th December 2013 |
| ❖ PYP Reading Challenge Ends | - 16 th December 2013 |
| ❖ Half Yearly Exams End: Gr 6 to 9 & 11;
PYP Class Party &Prize Distribution | - 17 th December 2013 |
| ❖ Winter vacation commences for Students | - 18 th December 2013 |
| ❖ Winter vacation commences for Teachers | - 20 th December 2013 |
| ❖ Teachers and coordinators return | - 4 th January 2014 |
| ❖ School reopens after winter vacation | - 6 th January 2014 |

All students are expected to attend school on 6th January 2014.



James M Paul
Principal
December 2013