



December 2023

Message from the Principal's Desk:

If people knew how hard I've worked to gain my mastery, it would not seem so wonderful at all.

– Michaelangelo

Dear Parents,

Greetings & Happy New Year!

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits as we embark on another exciting term of learning and growth together. As we bid farewell to 2023, I want to express my deep appreciation for your continued trust and support in shaping our school community.

First and foremost, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our students after a well-deserved winter break. The past few weeks have provided an excellent opportunity for rejuvenation, relaxation, and quality time with loved ones. I trust that you return to school invigorated and ready to embrace the challenges and joys that lie ahead.

Now, as we move into the second half of the academic year, it is essential for us to maintain that same level of enthusiasm and dedication that has been characteristic of our school community. We must remember that positivity and a growth mindset are crucial to our students' success, both academically and personally. As we bid farewell to the challenges and uncertainties of the past year, it is essential to acknowledge the resilience and determination with which our students have adapted to new learning goals..

I encourage our students to set goals for themselves, big or small, and to stay focused on achieving them. Taking one step at a time, they will find themselves capable of overcoming any obstacles that may come their way. Let us remind them to embrace challenges as opportunities for growth, and to lean on their teachers, mentors, and friends for support.

I take this opportunity to thank parents for your unwavering commitment to your child's education. Your guidance, involvement, and partnership play a pivotal role in their success. I urge you to continue to be constructively engaged in their academic journey by staying strong advocates for their learning and providing them with a safe, nurturing environment at home.

May this new year bring forth endless possibilities and wonderful experiences for each and every one of you. Let us cherish every moment and work hand in hand to cultivate a vibrant and fulfilling educational journey. Together, we can make this year an extraordinary one!

Wishing you all a prosperous and joyful year ahead.



Let us begin with some events in the month of December.

1) **EYP & PYP Indus Day:**

Indus Day is a significant event that takes place once a year and is a celebration of the students' achievements, talents, and community spirit. This event is an opportunity for students, teachers, and parents to come together and enjoy a day of festivities. This year, the EYP and PYP Indus Day took place on the 9th of December 2023. The young Indus Eagles showcased their talents through various cultural performances such as dance, music, orchestra and drama. These performances reflected the diversity of our school community and included several traditional and contemporary elements. An exhibition of students' artwork and craft projects was also organized, providing a platform for creative expression and highlighting the artistic talents within the school community. Our parents were invited to attend the Indus day, fostering a sense of community and providing them with an opportunity to witness and celebrate their children's achievements. Indus day was not only a time for celebration but also an occasion to strengthen the bonds within the school community and create lasting memories for our young Eagles and their families.



2) **Leadership Camp:** Students of EYP and PYP were part of the Leadership Camp wherein they were part of several team-building activities. These activities were a wonderful way for students to acquire important skills like critical thinking, teamwork, and resilience. These abilities are beneficial not only in academic contexts, but also in real-life circumstances. Problem solving and making educated judgements require critical thinking. In today's interconnected world, collaboration is an essential ability. Working together in team building activities with peers not only helped develop a sense of unity, but also taught the students how to effectively communicate, assign work, and exploit each other's skills. Students were given opportunities during the camp to encounter problems, learn from them and appreciate the value of perseverance. Furthermore, the camp's reflective component was critical for the personal growth of the students. It encouraged students to reflect on their experiences to acquire insights into their own strengths, areas for progress and the impact of their actions on the team. This sense of self-awareness will help the students grow as individuals and leaders.





3) **Christmas Celebrations**

The Christmas spirit enveloped MYP Grades 9 and 10 students in a festive tapestry of joy and camaraderie. A unified assembly brought together the entire school community, with active participation from both students and teachers. Grades 9 and 10 took center stage, lending their talents to the celebrations by singing carols, playing enchanting Christmas melodies, and adorning vibrant festive costumes. The infectious enthusiasm extended beyond the assembly, with students continuing their celebrations within the cozy confines of their classrooms. The air was filled with laughter, music, and the warmth of shared moments, creating a memorable and inclusive holiday atmosphere. These Christmas celebrations not only provided a delightful break from routine but also fostered a sense of community and togetherness among the Grade 9 and 10 students, leaving lasting memories of the festive season.



4) **Embracing the Spirit of Giving: A Heartwarming Secret Santa Celebration for Our Teachers:**

In the spirit of spreading joy and camaraderie this festive season, we organized a heartwarming Secret Santa event for our beloved teachers on the 12th of December. The exchange of thoughtful gifts not only celebrated the magic of Christmas but also fostered a sense of togetherness and sharing within our tight-knit educational community. Wishing everyone a season filled with warmth, laughter, and the joy of giving.



5) **Events in DP:**

a) **Imagination RCA Y1 for Gr11**

The Reporting Cycle A examinations concluded for Grade 11 before the start of the winter break. our Grade 11 students have completed.

The Summative Examinations were a crucial part of the assessment process, providing a comprehensive evaluation of the students' understanding and knowledge across various subjects. These examinations were designed to gauge their academic progress and provide valuable insights into their strengths and areas for growth.



As always, our dedicated teaching staff were available to provide support and guidance to our students as they prepared for their Summative Examinations. We are committed to helping each student reach their full potential and achieve academic success.

b) **Revision Test for Grade 12**

Our Grade 12 students recently completed their revision tests which provided them with an opportunity to review and reinforce their understanding of the curriculum as they prepare for their upcoming examinations. These tests served as a valuable assessment of their knowledge and readiness for the challenges ahead.



We commend our Grade 12 students for their dedication and commitment to their studies, as demonstrated through their focused preparation and performance during the revision tests. Their hard work and perseverance are a testament to their pursuit of academic excellence and personal growth.

6) Events in MYP:

a) **Celebrating Achievements: Successful RCA Summative Assessments in MYP**

We are delighted to share the success of our first summative assessments in the Middle Years Programme (MYP) for this academic year. The journey was marked by substantial learning and growth, laying a strong foundation for the upcoming assessments.

The commitment and cooperation of both parents and students played a pivotal role in this achievement. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. Your dedication to the educational journey of our students has been instrumental. As we reflect on this milestone, we acknowledge that continuous improvement is a key aspect of our educational philosophy. We aspire to refine our practices, ensuring that each assessment becomes more meaningful and purposeful. Your ongoing support is invaluable in this endeavor.

Looking ahead, we are optimistic about the opportunities for enhanced learning and academic excellence. Together, let us make the rest of the academic year a journey filled with purpose and achievement.

b) **Building a Kindness Web: Fostering Connection and Reducing Bullying**

In a heart-warming initiative to strengthen bonds within our school community, students recently participated in a unique activity called the "Kindness Web." The activity aimed to promote positive inter-actions, foster empathy, and contribute to the reduction of bullying on campus.

Each student had the opportunity to speak about a classmate, highlighting their positive qualities, acts of kindness, and unique attributes. As these heartfelt reflections were shared, a tangible representation of interconnectedness emerged through the creation of a Kindness Web using yarn balls. The act of physically connecting each student's yarn to another's symbolized the ties that bind our diverse community together. By spotlighting the strengths and kindness within our diverse community, the activity sets the stage for a campus culture that reduces bullying. As students learn to appreciate each other's unique qualities, the web becomes a powerful deterrent to negative behaviours.



c) American Mathematics Competition

The AMC 8, American Mathematics Competition 8, is a prestigious exam aimed at middle-school students to inspire a love for mathematics and develop their problem-solving skills. It serves as an entry point into the world of math competitions. Students of Grade 7 and 8 attended the orientation session on 14th December where they were introduced the fundamentals of the AMC 8, highlighting its core values and essential strategies students should adopt. We will delve into effective preparation methods, tackle typical question types, and discuss how to approach this examination with a winning mindset.



d) Grade 10 Revision Tests

In preparation for the upcoming examinations, Grade 10 students undergo essential MYP revision tests. These assessments serve as a crucial gauge of their readiness, allowing teachers to ascertain if students are on the right trajectory for success. The tests cover key topics and skills, reflecting the comprehensive nature of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP). Teachers play a pivotal role in this process, offering valuable feedback to guide students in refining their understanding and addressing any gaps in knowledge. Additionally, emphasis is placed on ensuring students are well-acquainted with the mark scheme, promoting transparency and clarity regarding evaluation criteria. Through these revision tests, educators facilitate a collaborative and supportive learning environment, fostering a sense of preparedness and confidence among Grade 10 students as they approach their examinations.



e) RCA Examinations for Grade 9

Grade 9 students recently concluded their inaugural summative assessment, the RCA examinations, held from December 5th to 13th, 2023. These examinations mark a significant milestone as the first major assessments for Grade 9 in the current academic year, adhering to the eAssessment pattern. Recognizing the importance of adequate preparation, students were afforded ample time for revision, with teachers conducting additional revision classes across all subjects. The structured examination environment not only evaluated their understanding of the curriculum but also served as a platform for students to showcase their learning progress. The experience gained from these assessments is poised to instill confidence in students, providing an opportunity for reflection on their performance and fostering a sense of preparedness as they navigate the academic journey ahead.



f) Science Olympiad for MYP Students

The School SOF Mathematics Olympiad, designed for MYP students, recently took place with enthusiastic participation from registered students. The Olympiad provided an engaging platform for participants to showcase their mathematical prowess and problem-solving skills. The event not only contributed to honing their mathematical abilities but also offered a valuable and enriching experience. The active involvement of students underscored the significance of such competitions in fostering a love for mathematics and cultivating a competitive spirit in a supportive educational environment.



7) Events in EYP & PYP:

a) Visit to Zoo

As an integral component of our Unit of Inquiry, our Reception students embarked on a field trip to Nehru Zoological Park, where they had the opportunity to observe a diverse array of animals. This immersive experience not only broadened their understanding of the animal kingdom but also instilled a sense of responsibility regarding our collective duty to care for these beings.

The visit to Nehru Zoological Park served as a tangible extension of our inquiry into the interconnectedness of living organisms and the environment. Through firsthand observation, students gained insights into the natural behaviors, habitats, and needs of different species. This practical encounter with wildlife aimed to deepen their appreciation for biodiversity and foster a sense of stewardship for the well-being of animals.

Furthermore, the trip facilitated an exploration of our ethical and moral responsibilities in maintaining the welfare of animals. Students were encouraged to reflect on the significance of conservation efforts, humane treatment, and the role humans play in preserving the delicate balance of ecosystems.

By integrating this experiential learning opportunity into our curriculum, we aim to not only enrich the educational journey of our students but also cultivate a profound sense of empathy and environmental stewardship. Through such engaging experiences, we strive to nurture responsible global citizens who recognize the importance of preserving and safeguarding the diverse forms of life with which we share our planet.



b) Student Achievements:

Adarsh Nair: Adarsh Nair, a diligent fourth grader, has made an indelible mark in academia by achieving the prestigious **second rank** in the International Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) English Olympiad. His remarkable feat is a testament to his unwavering determination and relentless hard work. With resilience and dedication, Adarsh exemplifies the epitome of excellence, setting a commendable example for his peers. His outstanding achievement at such a young age heralds a promising future brimming with limitless potential and academic prowess.



- c) *Gaurav Karthikeya Pasangulapati: Gaurav Karthikeya was awarded Best U10 PLAYER AWARD at Scheveningen Tournament, Belgrade, Serbia. He increased 220 ELO points in Rapid category and reached 1320 rating. He increased 192 ELO points in Blitz category.*



8) **CAS Update:**

a) **Speaker Meet with Shri Venkaiah Naidu**

In a momentous event, students of Indus International School Hyderabad were treated to an enriching interactive session with Shri Venkaiah Naidu, the former Vice President of India. The event, organized by the Rotary Club of Banjara Hills, took place at Sparsh Hospice on December 19th at 5:00 p.m., offering a unique opportunity for the young minds to glean insights from a distinguished leader.

Shri Venkaiah Naidu delivered a motivational address emphasizing the pivotal role of community service in shaping the character of youth. Sharing his personal journey to success, he advocated for a disciplined life, the cultivation of morals and values, and steering clear of distractions such as junk food and gadgets. Stressing the importance of preserving one's mother tongue, Naidu underscored the significance of cultural identity.

Following his inspiring speech, students actively engaged with Shri Venkaiah Naidu during a Q&A session. The former Vice President graciously fielded each question with patience and humour, fostering a dynamic and insightful dialogue.

The event, held under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Banjara Hills, left an indelible mark on the attendees, providing them with a wealth of knowledge and a memorable experience. The discourse served as a beacon for the students, encouraging them to lead disciplined, value-driven lives and contribute meaningfully to their communities.



9) Sports Update:

a) **TENNIS**

NAME OF THE COMPETITION – ISSO Nationals Tennis Competition

VENUE - MIT Vishwashanti Gurukul International school, Pune

DATE - 24th to 28th November 2023.



Jayanth Tammineedi of grade 10- ISSO Nationals Tennis Competition Winner in Under- 19



Chinmayanand Medam of grade 11 & Jayanth Tammineedi of grade 10- ISSO Nationals Tennis Competition Runner in Under- 19 Boy's Doubles Category



Yashvika Reddy Borra & Manal Mohammad Shamsuddin- ISSO Nationals Tennis Competition 4th Place in Under- 19 Girl's Doubles Category



Sheik Nashitah Hussain & Dia Telukuntla- ISSO Nationals Tennis Competition 4th Place in Under- 17 Girl's Doubles Category



Kamjula Karthik Reddy & Dhruv Sanghavi- ISSO Nationals Tennis Competition 4th Place in Under- 14 Boy's Doubles Category

b) PYP HYDERABAD NETWORK TENNIS COMPETITION 2023-24

VENUE - Indus International School, Hyderabad

DATE - 8th & 9th December 2023

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED - 7



Ayansh Gadhraju- Winner in Grade 3 Boy's Category



Aryaveer Goenka - Runner in Grade 3 Boy's Category



Kaira Badale- Winner in Grade 3 Girl's Category



Siyona Reddy Gaddam -Runner in Grade 3 Girl's Category



Sahaana Akula - Winner in Grade 4 Girl's Category



Riya Medewar -Runner in Grade 4 Girl's Category



Sri Ananya Pothuri -Winner in Grade 5 Girl's Category



Sri Dwarkanath Varma Pothuri -Winner in Grade 5 Boy's Category

c) BEST ACHIEVERS AWARD FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24



Topil Bense Bijju of grade 12 secured gold medal in Under -19 ISSO Shooting Nationals Games 2023 and He has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



Katta Tanushka of grade 11, secured gold medal in Under-19 ISSO Taekwondo Nationals Games 2023 and She has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



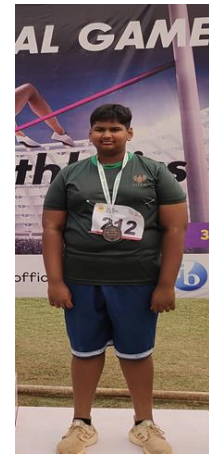
Akul Khare of grade 9 participated in the of ISSO under 19 cricket competition. He displayed sheer all round performance with highest score of 88 runs standing 04th in batting ranks of the tournament and efficiently exhibited leadership skills as a captain. He has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



Nikhil Kona of Grade-11 participated in the of ISSO under 19 cricket competition. He displayed sheer all round performance throughout the tournament and successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



Ayaan Palaparthi of grade 8 participated in Horse jumping nationals organized in Pondicherry, Mumbai and Bangalore. He won in Horse jumping competition organized by NASR and HPRC and qualified for nationals.



In the under-14 Boys category, Sheik Nubaid Hussain of 8th-grade student, participated in ISSO Athletics National games 2023 and achieved second place in discus throw and secured third position in shot put. He has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



In the under-17 Girls category Aditi P, of 8th-grade student, participated in ISSO Athletics National games 2023 and achieved second place in long jump and secured third position in 100mtrs race. She has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games for long jump.



In the under-17 Girls category, Tanvi Reddy Lokireddy, of 9th-grade student, participated in ISSO Athletics National games 2023 and achieved second place in shot put. She has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games for shot put.



In the under-17 Boys category, Rehan Jiwani, of 11th-grade student, participated in ISSO Athletics National games 2023 and achieved second place in discus throw. He has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



In the under-19 Girls category, Yashvika Reddy Borra, of 11th-grade student, participated in ISSO Athletics National games 2023 and achieved first place in shot put and secured third position in discus throw. She has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



In the under-19 Girls category, Deepshika Reddy Nellore, of 11th-grade, participated in ISSO Athletics National games 2023 and achieved first place in discus throw and secured third position in shot put. She has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



Aagam Jain Of Grade-9 Represented Hyderabad District In Sub Juniors National Athletics Competition 2023 Organized By Athletics Federation Of India Held At Patna, Bihar.



Parth M Of Garde-9 Represented Hyderabad District In Sub Juniors National Athletics Competition 2023 Organized By Athletics Federation Of India Held At Patna, Bihar & Also Participated Telangana State Junior Athletics Championship 2023 & Secured Gold Medal In Medley Relay



Jayanth tammineedi of Grade-10 Participated in Under-19 ISSO Tennis National Games 2023 and Secured Winner in singles and runner-up doubles. He has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



M Chinmayanand of Grade-11. He is runner-up in Tennis Under-19. He also Participated in Under-17 Football ISSO national Games and he has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



Eshanvi Reddy Kunduru of Grade-10 Participated in Under-19 Girls Category ISSO Basketball National Games. She has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



Sahasraa Miryala of Grade-11 Participated in Under-19 Girls Category ISSO Basketball National Games. She has successfully earned a spot in the 67th Nationals School Games.



Hanuth Reddy of grade 10 participated in 10th World Cross Bow Shooting Championship and secured gold. 7 countries participated in this tournament.

d) CHESS

NAME OF THE COMPETITION: ACF Cup – 1 All India Open Chess Tournament

DATE: 17th December 2023

VENUE: Pragathi Nagar, Hyderabad

NO OF PARTICIPANTS: 462 (36 International Players)



Sahaj Machani of 7th Grade secured second place in U-12 boys category



Shakthi Karthik Annam of 8th Grade secured 3rd place in U-14 boys category



Tanav Raj Y of 9th Grade secured 2nd place in U-14 boys category



Aarnav of 9th Grade secured 2nd place in U-16 boys category

11) Upcoming Events:

| January 2024 | |
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| 3 rd January | Winter Break ends |
| 4 th January | School Reopens after Winter break RC B - Summative Assessments for Gr 10 begin |
| 8 th – 10 th January | ACER IBT for Gr 3 to 9 |
| 12 th January | RCA Examination Reports for Gr 6 – 9 and Gr 11 to be published. |
| 13 th – 16 th January | Sankranti Break |
| 17 th January | School Reopens after Sankranti break |
| 19 th & 20 th January | PTM for Gr 6 to 9 & Gr 11 (No Classes for Gr 6 to 9 & Gr 11 Students) |
| 20 th January | PYP Sports Day |
| 22 nd January | RC B Grade 10 Summative Assessments end |
| 26 th January | Republic Day |
| 29 th January | RC B Examination Reports for Gr 10 to be published |
| 30 th January | Virtual PTM for Gr 10 |

Warm regards,



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