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Principal's Newsletter

'Message from the Principal's Desk'



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." - Martin Luther King Jr.

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to share with you our March newsletter, highlighting the latest developments and accomplishments within our school community. Our educators have been working diligently to support our students in their academic endeavours, providing guidance, encouragement, and resources to help them thrive. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our dedicated teaching staff for their unwavering commitment to nurturing the potential of every student.

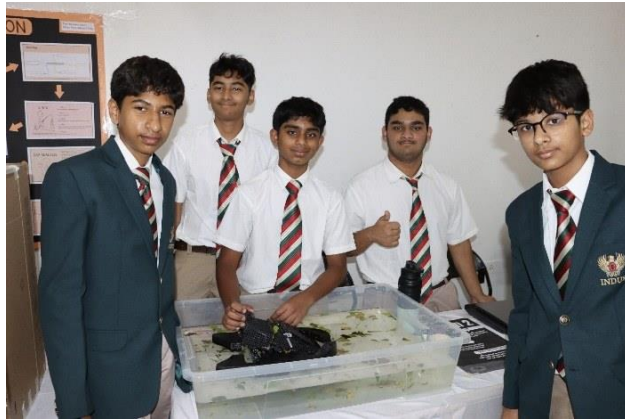
I encourage you to take some time to review the newsletter, which includes updates on events, initiatives, and opportunities for student engagement. Your continued support and engagement are invaluable as we work together to provide the best possible education for our students.

Events in March!

Innovation Day:

Indus International School, Hyderabad recently celebrated the Innovation Day wherein the Indus Eagles demonstrated exceptional creativity and ingenuity as they presented their projects in various domains, including DTP (Design Thinking Process), STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics), Tikkun Olam, and Deep Reading. Students progressed in their storybook-making journey where they had the opportunity to unleash their artistic talents through illustration and design. Students also addressed some real-world challenges, developed innovative solutions to those problems and made projects which is connected to their Tikkun Olam.







IISH College Fair

The IISH College and Placements Team under the Head of Placements' guidance conducted first ever IISH College Fair with 70+ universities participating from across the globe including India, USA, UK, Canada, Switzerland, France, Japan, Australia, Ireland and so on. The Fair witnessed more than 350 students and parents participants. In the fair, there were two parallel sessions on Careers in STEM and Careers in Non-STEM. It was well-received and appreciated by the participants.





MYP & DP EVENTS!

Empowering Decision-Making: Grade 9 Subject Selection Orientation

As the academic year draws to a close, Grade 8 students and their parents were invited to participate in a comprehensive orientation session on subject selection for Grade 9. Led by Mr. Venu Gopal, the IB MYP Coordinator for Grades 9 and 10, this session aimed to elucidate the available subject options and their alignment with students' future career aspirations.

During the orientation, attendees had the valuable opportunity to gain insights and guidance from Mr. Venu Gopal regarding the subject choices available for the upcoming academic year. With his expertise, students and parents navigated through the array of options, ensuring a thorough understanding of how each choice could shape their academic journey.

Furthermore, Mr. Achal, the Placements Head, joined the session to provide additional clarifications and insights, enriching the discussion and addressing any lingering queries comprehensively. Together, Mr. Venu and Mr. Achal facilitated a supportive and informative environment, empowering parents to make well-informed decisions regarding their child's subject selection.



Celebrating Contributions: Tanvi Sanevally Recognized for Anti-Bullying Leadership



In a heartfelt assembly, Grade 8a Tanvi Sanevally was proudly honored for her exceptional contributions to the Anti-Bullying Squad. Tanvi's unwavering dedication and leadership in promoting a safe and inclusive school environment have left an indelible impact on the student body.

As a beacon of empathy and resilience, Tanvi's commitment to fostering kindness and empathy has been instrumental in cultivating a culture of respect and understanding within our school community. Through her tireless efforts, Tanvi has demonstrated that small acts of compassion can create ripple effects of positivity, inspiring her peers to stand up against bullying and advocate for inclusivity.

Exploring Insights: Deep Reading Retreat Session for Teachers



In a gathering designed to stimulate intellectual growth and foster professional development, selected teachers participated in a transformative Book Retreat Session. Drawing inspiration from a curated selection of thought-provoking literature, including "Thinking, Fast and Slow," "Atomic Habits," and "Great by Choice," educators embarked on a journey of exploration and reflection.

1. "Thinking, Fast and Slow" by Daniel Kahneman
2. "Atomic Habits" by James Clear
3. "Great by Choice" by Jim Collins:

Grade 10 Mock 2 Examinations (11th – 21st March 2024) & Grade 12 Mock Examinations

The Grade 10 Mock 2 Examinations, held from March 11th to 21st, 2024, provided students with a simulated experience of the final exams. Carefully scheduled to mimic the actual exam conditions, these mocks served as a valuable preparatory tool. Students were afforded the opportunity to identify and address their challenges, enabling them to refine their strategies and bolster their confidence ahead of the impending final examinations. These mock exams play a crucial role in helping students hone their skills and readiness for the challenges ahead.

Grade 12 Mock Examinations

The Mock Examinations, a crucial milestone in the academic journey of our seniors, took place with great enthusiasm and commitment from our students.

The Mock Examinations, which closely simulate the actual IB examinations, served as a valuable opportunity for our students to assess their preparedness and gain invaluable experience in an exam environment. Throughout the duration of the Mock Examinations, our students demonstrated commendable dedication and resilience, reflecting their commitment to academic excellence.



Nabraska University visit for Grade 11

Dr. Byrav Ramamurthy, Professor – School of Computing, University of Nebraska, Lincoln visited IISH on 13th March 2024. He addressed Grade 11 students on Computer Networks. During his talk, he discussed the ongoing research and teaching in the field of high-speed computer networks which included the intelligent optical network project funded by the US National Science Foundation in collaboration with

IIT-Madras and funded by the Indian Department of Science and Technology (DST). He also discussed a project that established a state-wide groundwater monitoring network funded by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Towards the end, he spoke about the undergraduate and graduate courses taught by him at UNL on advanced computer networks, optical communication networks, network security and cybersecurity for Big Data and Cloud environments.



EYP EVENTS!

Grass Pasting:

The children develop the concept of letter 'g' through 'The grass pasting' activity. Thus activity aims to engage young learners in a playful atmosphere and develop fine motor skills, sensory exploration. This hands-on activity encouraged the children to trace shapes, letters and interactive manner using grass.



PP2 Farm Field Trip:

Students visited a local farm to learn about the journey from seed to table. The trip emphasized understanding farming labor, resources, and the importance of sustainable agriculture for environmental health and food quality.



Sparsh Hospice

Grade 1 teachers from Indus International School visited Sparsh Hospice, donating fruits and juices funded by the Grade 1 exhibition. Both teachers and students aimed to bring joy and kindness to the patients. This act highlighted how small acts of generosity can profoundly impact people's



Grade 1 Exhibition

The Grade 1 exhibition showcased young artists' creativity through diverse art forms, including drawings and paintings. A highlight was the "Best out of Waste" project, transforming discarded items into art, emphasizing sustainability. Parents played a vital role by supporting and contributing materials. The event also raised funds for Sparsh Hospice through art sales. The exhibition demonstrated the Grade 1 community's creativity, compassion, and generosity, making a memorable impact on participants and visitors.





EVENTS IN PYP!

Grade 5 - PYP Exhibition Parent Orientation

The PYP Exhibition is a celebration of the children’s knowledge and skills throughout their PYP experience. It is a culmination of a substantial inquiry involving self-reflection, collaboration, inquiry, action, and presentation to an audience. It is an opportunity for the pupils to share their message with their community and even the world!

Grade 5 learners started their exhibition journey in August 2023 by identifying local and global issues published in newspapers and magazines. The journey continued with finalizing the transdisciplinary theme and issues for each of the groups. Now that the groups had already created the central idea, and lines of inquiry and identified the relevant key concepts and related concepts, it was time for us to make the Grade 5 parents aware of the PYP exhibition journey covered so far and the process ahead.



National and International Collaborations:

Grade 3: Our little learners are inquiring into their current unit under the TD Theme, Sharing the Planet, and are stepping into the fascinating world of adaptation.

Central Idea: Overtime living organism need to adapt in order to survive.

2nd Line of Inquiry - Circumstances that lead to adaptation.

The young learners got an opportunity to speak to Ms. Martha! Hailing from Greece but having made Australia her home, Ms. Martha brought a unique perspective to our Grade 3 session. Together, they explored the vibrant ecosystems of both Greece and Australia, discovering the incredible flora and fauna that called these places home. We delved into the reasons behind migration and uncovered the secrets of why and how animals adapted to new environments. It was an engaging journey of discovery with Ms. Martha!

National Collaboration with Sunshine International School Goa:

Grade 4 Collaboration: Exploring Global Climate Change

In an exciting cross-school collaboration, Grade 4 learners joined hands with students from Sunshine International School, Goa to delve into the complex topic of global climate change. This collaborative initiative aimed to facilitate an exchange of knowledge and perspectives on this pressing global issue.

Throughout the collaboration, students engaged in discussions and activities to deepen their understanding of the various causes and effects of global climate change. Drawing upon their own experiences and research, they shared insights and reflections, enriching the collective learning experience.

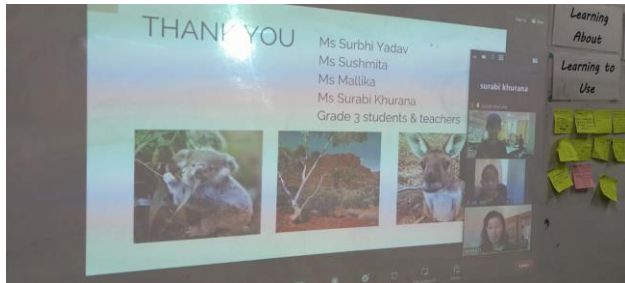
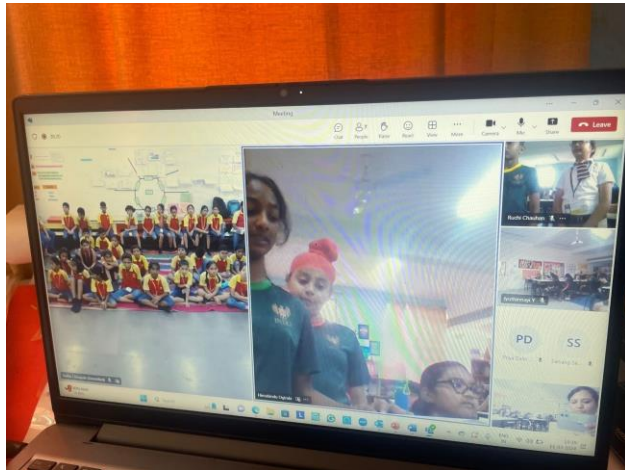
One of the collaboration's highlights was the chance for Grade 4 students to address questions raised by their peers from Sunshine International School. Through thoughtful responses and discussions, they helped their counterparts make meaningful connections with the topic, fostering a sense of shared learning and camaraderie.

This collaborative effort not only enhanced students' understanding of global climate change but also nurtured important skills such as critical thinking, communication, and collaboration. By working together across schools, students gained valuable insights and perspectives, contributing to a more comprehensive understanding of this crucial issue.

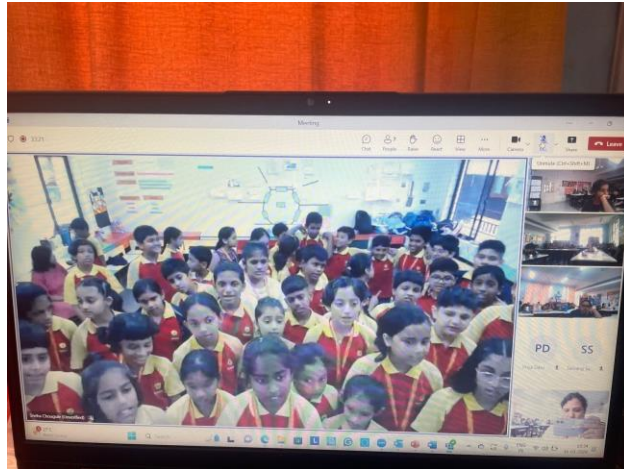
Grade 5: International Collaboration-Euro School - Nepal

Grade 5 students had an international collaboration with Euro School in Nepal on the Trans-Disciplinary theme: How We Organize Ourselves. It allowed our students to exchange ideas, experiences, and best practices. By working together on common goals and projects, students leveraged the collective knowledge and expertise of their peers from diverse cultural backgrounds and educational contexts. This collaborative approach not only enhanced the quality and depth of learning but also promoted teamwork, communication, and critical thinking skills. The collaboration offered the students a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful, interdisciplinary learning experiences that promoted global citizenship, intercultural understanding, and collaboration.









Student Achievements:

We are delighted to announce that Shivvan Dandu, a talented student from Grade 4, has achieved a remarkable feat by securing the School Rank 2 Gold Medal of Excellence in the SFO ISSO competition. Shivvan's dedication, hard work, and exceptional performance have earned him this prestigious accolade, displaying his outstanding academic abilities and commitment to excellence. His achievement is a testament to his perseverance, passion for learning, and exemplary academic prowess. As a school community, we take immense pride in Shivvan's accomplishment and commend him for his remarkable achievement. His success serves as an inspiration to his peers and reflects the ambitious standards of academic excellence upheld at our school.



Chess champions:

Amidst the virtual battleground of intellect and strategy, Viera and Shivvan Dandu emerged as shining stars in our Inter-house Chess competition held on the digital frontier of 24th February. With Viera claiming the illustrious second rank and Shivvan Dandu securing the prestigious third position, they etched their names in the annals of our school's chess legacy.

In the ethereal realm of online chess, where every move is a calculated dance of wit and foresight, Viera and Shivvan Dandu exhibited prowess beyond measure. Their strategic maneuvers and tactical brilliance captivated spectators and adversaries alike, earning those well-deserved accolades and admiration.

As they bask in the glow of their achievements, let us celebrate their triumphs and commend their dedication to mastering the ancient game of kings. Viera and Shivvan Dandu, you have not only conquered the digital chessboard but also inspired us all with your indomitable spirit and unwavering determination.



CAS UPDATES!

Our Grade 11 students visited Sparsh Hospice on Saturday, March 16. It was a remarkable experience for our students to participate in this service initiative.

This CAS initiative provided our students with hands-on experience in community service while nurturing empathy, leadership skills, and social responsibility. Here's a brief overview of the activities and learning outcomes:

Activities:

The session commenced at 09:30 a.m., with students arriving at the venue. Upon arrival at Sparsh Hospice, students were given a detailed orientation on how the organization works. Students were then engaged in various activities designed to facilitate meaningful interactions with the patients. These activities included direct interaction with patients, participation in recreational activities, and shadowing hospice staff to gain insight into the daily operations.

Learning outcomes:

Enhanced Understanding: Students gained a deeper understanding of palliative care and the challenges faced by individuals with life-limiting illnesses.

Empathy and Compassion: Interacting with patients instilled a sense of empathy and compassion in students, reinforcing the importance of caring for others.

Leadership and Collaboration: Students demonstrated leadership skills and collaborated effectively with their peers and hospice staff.

Real-world Application: The hands-on experience allowed students to apply theoretical knowledge acquired in the classroom to real-world scenarios, enhancing their overall learning experience.

The CAS initiative at Sparsh Hospice was a resounding success, providing our students with a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth. The collaboration between Indus International School and Sparsh Hospice exemplifies our commitment to holistic education and social responsibility.





SPORTS UPDATES!

MYP, DP INTER HOUSE CRICKET RESULTS

FIRST PLACE: PHOENIX

The team consisted of Sathvik Reddy Gaddam - 11, Shashank Reddy Gitta -11, Kokkonda Rajeshwar -11, Sai Smaran Dasu -11, Sai Vishal Bejjanki -11, Chavva bala Yeshwanth Reddy -11, Abhinava Sharma J - 11, Kurmala Saathwik Vidya Sivaram -10, Muva Dhanush Pranav Chowdary - 9, Nirvaan Shreyas Duggirala - 9, Sricharan Kodamanchili - 9, Mathvin Thummala - 9, Aditya parimi - 9, Varun p - 9, Abhijai - 9



SECOND PLACE: ORION

The team consisted of Chinmayanand Medam - 11, Nripesh Nelapati - 11, Manche AnanyTej -11, Manikanta satya Saketh Singuluri - 11, Raam Gurram -11, Busani Nishanth Varma - 11, Muthyalwad Aryan Reddy -11, Pratham Ketankumar Shukla -11, Dimitrij Popovych -11, Cherupati Jathin Siddartha Reddy -11, Abinav.N - 9, Akul Khare - 9, Anurag Ravirala - 9



THIRD PLACE: PEGASUS

The team consisted of Aryan Reddy Kothapally - 11, Gavisht Pothina -11. Mandadi Sai Pradhan Sreshta - 11, Donghyun Shin (Benjamin) -11, Karanshu Rajesh Pandey -11, Dhruv Ashish Chandwani -11, Nithin Goud Lagula -11, Jasraj Hari Krishna Budigam -11, Bhavin Reddy Harish - 11, Dharsh - 9, Aagam Jain - 9, Sai Charan Reddy Bekkary - 9, Yajvin Agarwal - 9



BEST BATSMAN: CHINMAYANAND MEDAM

BEST BOWLER: AAGAM JAIN

BEST WICKET KEEPER: MUVA DHANUSH PRANAV CHOWDARY

PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT: KOKKONDA RAJESHWAR

EMERGING PLAYER: ANURAG RAVIRALA







ACHIEVERS 2023-24



Indra Patlolla of Grade-4

Participated in

- National Under 11 Open Chess Championship FIDE Rating 182 Vizag, AP
- National Amateur Chess Championship FIDE Rating 1182 Jaipur, Rajasthan
- U9 Boys 1st Marvel All India Open International FIDE Rating Tournament Silver
- 2nd Marvel All India Below 1600 International FIDE Rating Tournament Gold U10 Boys
- 1st Bangalore International Grand Masters Open Chess Tournament-2024 (Category B) Bronze Bengaluru, Karnataka
- U10 Boy National Under 09 Open Chess Championship FIDE Rating 1121Jamshetpur, Jharkand
- 1st Telangana Gurukulams All India International Below 1600 FIDE Rating Tournament Silver. KVBR Stadium, Hyderabad, Telangana
- U9 Boys 1st Telangana Gurukulams All India Open International FIDE Rating Tournament Bronze
- KIIT International Chess Festival - 2023 (Category 'B' - Below 1900) FIDE Rating 1003 Bhubaneswar Odisha
- KIIT International Chess Festival - 2023 (Category 'C' - Below 1600) FIDE Rating 1003 Bhubaneswar Odisha



Sheik Nubaid Hussain of Grade-8 Participated in Under-14 Boys Category ISSO Athletics National games 2023 and achieved second place in discus throw and secured third position in shot put and **was selected to represent ISSO in 67th SGFI.**



Tamanna Jalla of Grade-10 Participated in ISSO Basketball Nationals in Under-19 Girls Category and got selected to represent **ISSO in 67th SGFI**. Their team **won Runners up position**.



Sahasraa Miryala of Grade-11 Participated in ISSO Basketball Nationals in Under-19 Girls Category and got selected to represent **ISSO in 67th SGFI**. Their team **won Runners up position**.

Horse Riding





The event was a tremendous success, with students showcasing their skills and talents in various equestrian disciplines. From graceful dressage routines to thrilling show jumping performances, the audience was treated to a display of dedication and passion from our riders.

The list of the students are as follows:

Beginner A

1.YUVAN 1A -Level -3

2.AARUSH 1B level -1

3.KABIR 1C -Level -1

4.VAIBHAVI 1C - Level -1

5.RUDRANSH 1C -Level 1

6.DHEER 1C -Level -1

7.VED 2C -Level -1

8.NITHYA 4A -Level -2

9.AAHANA 4C -Level -2

10.AAKRITH 5C - Level -2

Beginner B

1.Aanika B - 1A Level -1

2.Ashwitha - 1B Level -1

3.Aaradith - 1C Level -2

4.Naira - 1D Level -1

5.Kashvi - 2B Level -1

6.Shriansh - 2C -Level -2

7.Chinmayi - 2C Level -1

8.Advika - 3C level -2

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2024		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
3 rd to 5 th April	Wednesday to Friday	ACER IBT for Gr 3 to 9
3 rd April	Wednesday	Mock Examination Reports for Gr 10 & 12 to be published.
4 th April	Thursday	Virtual PTM for Gr 10 and 12
5 th April	Friday	Graduation Day for Gr 12
8 th April	Monday	Half Day School begins (As per Government's Order)
9 th April	Tuesday	Ugadi
10 th April	Wednesday	Eid-UL-Fitr (Subject to change)
15 th to 18 th April	Monday to Thursday	PTM for Gr 6 to 8 (After School Hours)
17 th April	Wednesday	EYP Term 3 Reports to be published
22 nd to 24 th April	Monday to Wednesday	Summative Assessments for Gr 3 to 5
25 th April	Thursday	IBDP Gr 12 Final Exam Starts
26 th April	Friday	PYP Exhibition
30 th April	Tuesday	PYP Term 3 Reports to be published
		PTM for EYP Term 3 & Student-led Conference