

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022

CEO's Message 2022

Personalization is the key principle for learning in the 21st Century. The specific purpose of personalization is not to improve academic scores as in tutorials, that is incidental. Personalization aims at coaching a child to be an independent learner.

To be an independent learner is the most effective way for an individual to prepare for a future we do not know – a future that cannot be predicted.

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PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)

I Lead Cup

IISP organized its first on campus I Lead Cup on 11th and 14th November. The I Lead Cup is an opportunity for our young eagles to showcase their skills under the categories of I play, and I create. The I play category focused on the physical abilities of students and the gross motor skills they have acquired. Through this event, they also got the opportunity to holistically display an array of skills that they house within themselves and the potential.





The four houses competed in the events to reveal the winning house on 14th November as a part of the closing ceremony, organized to celebrate Children's Day.



Children's Day

On Children's Day, the teachers showcased a short programme displaying their dance and musical skills while also celebrating all their students. The final tally of points indeed personified a nail-biting finish by making Phoenix house the winners of the I Lead Cup 2022 - 23! An event of this magnitude is impossible without the support of the parents, teachers and students, the sheer enthusiasm and zeal expelled by students this year, truly made this event an experience as the campus buzzed with excitement.



PYP Assemblies

International Day of Tolerance, managing energy and stress.

PYP4 students conducted an assembly on International Day of Tolerance, energy, and stress management. Learners showed great poise and composure as they enacted a scene from a monastery, where they spoke about the importance of mindfulness. The movie My Shadow is Pink was shown to all students and on the subjects of gender identity, self-acceptance, equality and diversity. The PYP students were suggested several strategies to cope with stress and demands. The students also put up a fun dance to show how it can help eliminate stress.



Thanksgiving Celebration

PYP3 learners conducted a weeklong celebration for Thanksgiving which culminated in an assembly on 25th November. All PYP students were engaged in making cards for the academic and support staff to show their gratitude for the efforts taken by them. The assembly highlighted the native American story of Thanksgiving along with the necessity of having an attitude of gratitude.



PYP Biodiverse Garden

To increase the levels of biophilia in the PYP learners, all grades have been visiting the PYP Biodiverse Garden regularly for its maintenance and upkeep. All grades have taken up the responsibility of watering the natural irrigation system regularly to ensure that all plants are taken care of. Students have also been engaged in conversation about the kinds of indigenous plants that have been planted in the garden and their necessity. To ensure sustenance of the garden more earthen pots have been added to the garden for the natural and slow acting irrigation system.



PYP 2 – Field Trip

As a part of their Inquiry into the unit - Where we are in place and time, PYP2 learners visited the Raja Kelkar Museum on the 23rd of November 2022. It was a thing of wonder to see the young learners inquiring into various cultures and traditions. They saw evidence of a heritage left behind by ancestors through various artefacts that represented music, art, food, clothes, and travel. They imagined the lifestyle lived in the old days and witnessed a world that inspired the modern lifestyle. Post the field trip learners reflected on the visit and the learnings gathered by them.

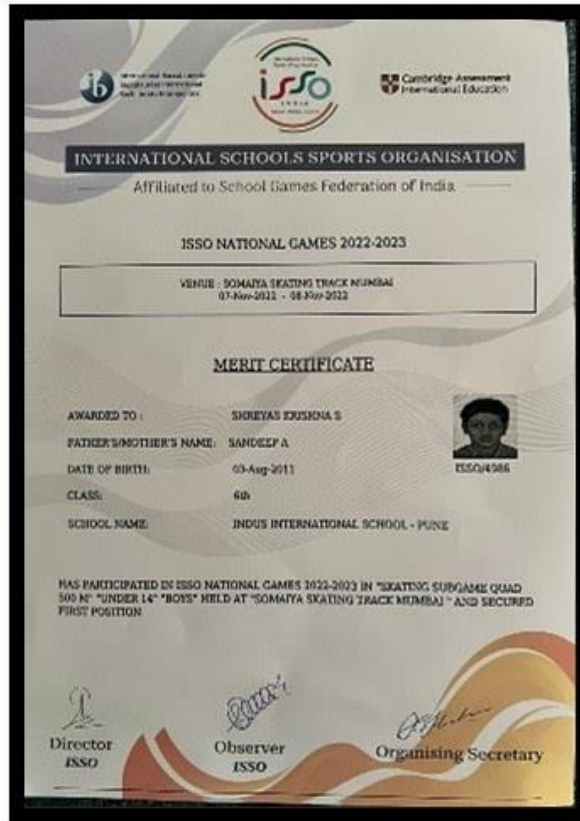
MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP)



Yajas Gupta of Indus International School, Pune from MYP3, has won a gold medal at the India Cubes League 22-23 in the 3-cube relay and clocked in a time of 1 minute-7 seconds. He also won a bronze medal in the relay competition-Viva-Swimming meet at Vibgyor School. We are proud of you, Yajas!



The Innoventure Challenge is India's 1st National Level Ideation & Entrepreneurship Challenge for students. A competitive event which allows learners to think like an entrepreneur and that challenges to put the team's ideas to the test quickly and create an innovative product. Avyaav Rathi of Indus International School Pune, from MYP1, participated in Intelligence Plus Innoventure 2022 challenge and has secured 1st rank at school level, 2nd rank at state level, and 7th rank at National Level. Congratulations Avyaav for your creative thinking and wishing you the best of luck for round 2!





Shreyas Krishna of MYP1 participated in ISSO National Games 2022-23 held at Mumbai, representing Indus International School, Pune. He participated in 500 mts and 1000 mts under 14 Boys Quads category. We feel proud to share that he won Gold in 500 mts and Silver in 1000 mts. We wish you good



luck for your future!

Aayanika Banerjee of Indus International School, Pune from MYP1, has been selected for the RGOI- (Rural Games Organization of India) Maharashtra state championship inline professional skating. She has also been selected for the long track ice skating for the National level ice skating to be held in Delhi in the month of January. We wish you success for your upcoming events!

We congratulate the students of PYP & MYP for their stellar participation and result in the ICode Regional Qualifier Round, thereby qualifying for the ICode Global Finale. We hope to hear of their success at the finals held on **December 11th, 2022.**

Name	Grade	School	Category	Rank
Arjun Taware	6	Indus Pune	Python Beginner	66
Sanat Pandit	2	Indus Pune	Blockly Beginner	77
Avyaay Rathi	5	Indus Pune	Blockly Advance	93
Abhishri Bhoite	7	Indus Pune	Python Beginner	103
Agam Gupta	4	Indus Pune	Blockly Advance	108
Dhruv Shettie	3	Indus Pune	Blockly Beginner	107
Rohin Wadhwa	5	Indus Pune	Blockly Advance	113

Pranav Prakash	7	Indus Pune	Python Beginner	116
Om Supe	6	Indus Pune	Python Beginner	122
Itikaas Ranjith	7	Indus Bangalore	Python Beginner	121

Dhyey Nimish Shah from Indus International School Pune, from MYP5, has reached the pinnacle, the ICode Global Finals, held on 11th December 2022. The ICode Global Finals will be contested by the TOP coders across the world, and Dhyey is now going to go head-to-head with the Best of the Best from participants from over 70 countries across the Globe. We wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors and happy coding!





MYP5 students were accompanied to the Indus School of Leadership in Bangalore by the teachers of Indus International School, Pune. The camp was conducted from 20th November '22 to 24th November '22.

The students enjoyed the camp thoroughly. They took part in multiple activities like Discovery course which was one of the most rigorous activities they took part in.

OBL - Out Bound Learning included 15km trekking with day navigation.

For the Survival Cooking activity, students cooked Masala rice and Khichadi with the limited ingredients given to them and it turned out to be delicious.

Other activities included Leadership Disposition Course (LDC) which is also known as Obstacle Course, Leadership Reaction Course (LDR) and Bridge Building which were successfully completed by the students.

Team spirit, responsibility, accountability, care, leadership etc. were some traits which they reflected upon.

Overall, this leadership camp turned out to be an enjoyable learning experience for students, concentrating on developing leadership skills and qualities in our future community leaders.

I LEAD CUP 2022 - MYP/DP

Care, Community, Culture and Connect- the 4 C's form the essence of the I Lead Cup 2022- to create a sense of belonging and togetherness, and usher in the spirit of oneness.

IISP envisions an amalgamation of diverse thoughts and emotions, expressed through various events to connect with each other, especially in a world that has almost made itself comfortable in a physical platform, which brought large scope for human interaction.

Over the next 2 days, through multifarious events, an air of positivity and collaboration radiated joy amongst the students, parents, and teachers alike.

I Create displays the creative skills which prepare the students to face any challenges with an open mind, ingrained with innovative ideas. It is designed to help students to exhibit thinking and cognitive skills which aid in planning, learning, and reflecting on our experiences.

The I Play is the physical sports category included in the I Lead Cup which includes categories like fitness, dexterity, stamina, and endurance while allowing students to have fun at the same time with some creative aspects added to it. This was conducted in the physical school space for the first time this year and was a huge success.



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - MYP/DP

The I Lead Cup ended with the celebrations of Children's Day.

The afternoon was full of performances from the Indus Pune family, where everyone was excited to celebrate the festivities. For the previous two days, students had been representing their houses in I Create, and I Play events. The house spirit soared as the students participated in two events each with the utmost enthusiasm.

The skills on display, right from debate to art, from musical performances to virtual marathons, showed great student engagement at every step. To celebrate the hard work and rigour put in by the students, teachers, and organisers, especially in the last two days, the ceremony stitched together some of the best performances from amongst the events that took place.

The teachers put up a small show for the students and the dance performances showed the true spirit of teachers, their enthusiasm, joy and exhilaration. It is about the feeling of carrying sunshine in their pockets every time they step in the lives of their students. There were a few fantastic musical performances and finally Phoenix house was declared the winner.



DIPLOMA PROGRAMME(DP)

ADITYA PACHPANDE- VISIT TO THE IVY LEAGUE UNIVERSITIES IN USA AND HARVARD REUNION CONFERENCE

Last month, Aditya had an excellent opportunity to visit various prestigious and IVY league universities namely Princeton University, Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, Columbia University, NYU, Babson University, UMASS, Boston University, and Harvard University. He attended Q&A information sessions with the admission teams, interacted with current undergraduate students from across the globe, and got a tour of each campus. He understood their admission process and requirements. All the admission heads were very impressed with Aditya's profile and his achievements.

Aditya was excited to be exclusively invited to a Harvard reunion conference where he got to interact with various Harvard Alumni and attend in-person sessions from some of Harvard's top faculties from varying fields in business and entrepreneurship. He even got the chance to meet the Dean of Harvard Business School, Mr. Shrikant Datar. It felt very nostalgic standing there and being part of the same campus where he pursued the Summer Business and coding Academy 1 and 2 courses during his summer vacations 3-4 years ago.

He also visited some Science and Maths museums.

Aditya also had some very productive meetings with Babson College and the Harvard student association. He has very exciting new courses and event launches along with them to be announced soon with his US start-up Nextgeninnov8 Global Solutions Inc.



APPROACHES TO TEACHING AND LEARNING WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

The IB Approaches to Learning are unarguably the most important to acquire not only in the context of a Unit of inquiry, but also for any learning and teaching that occurs within the classroom and in life outside of school. The five categories and their respective sub-skills encompass what is needed for a learner in the 21st century. In this dynamic, fast-evolving world we need people who are not just knowledgeable but are also critical thinkers and problem solvers.

Throughout our written curriculum, the ATLs are strategically planned so that students could develop in all five skill areas. Teachers create opportunities for these skills to be developed at certain times within a unit of inquiry. Before a unit begins, teachers consider which ATL skill could be developed and then design learning engagements to allow students a chance to grow in a range of skill areas. By the end of a grade level, students have had multiple opportunities to develop within the five skill areas. Teachers use assessment and data analysis to determine how students are progressing in their acquisition of these skills.

Mr. Vineet, Mr. Bipin, Ms. Niti, Ms. Pratima, Mr. Shaji, Ms. Sumitha and Mr. Ravi disseminated their knowledge of ATL to the DP teachers, where they took two-day workshop in strengthening the skills required in teaching and learning.



CAREER PROGRAMME(CP)

Student Reflections on Masterclasses held in the month of November 2022.

Reflection 1

The "Developing a Growth Mindset" Master Class, held on October 18th, Tuesday 2022, was about making efforts to change our mindset and opening ourselves up to different emotions, opportunities, and developing an open mind for life. Mr. Vijay Vikram Singh introduced himself as an actor, TEDx speaker, and lifelong learner. He showed us IBCP students how to develop a specific mindset and how that affects learning a skill.

When it comes to the best cricket captains in the world, Ian Chappell's name is always near the top of the list. Mr. Vijay voiced Chappell's wonderful commentary, which he cherishes, and he's always direct

and candid. He stated that in life, both overestimation and underestimation are beneficial. He used Virat Kohli as an example of how, in his mid-late twenties, he was hailed as the next 'Sachin,' only to realize later that he needed more practice. He taught us an intriguing theory that I will undoubtedly put into practice in my life. There are two types of stress: eustress and distress. Distress, on the other hand, assists young people in discovering and realizing their full potential.

Mr. Vijay urged students to focus on the goal of learning something new. This also aids your professional development. People who speak negatively always have the wrong attitude and pollute the environment, as clarified by the most important 'Fixed mindset growth'. "Every time something fails, ask yourself if you gave it your all, and never blame external factors for your failure," he said to us.

He also discussed the importance of having control over things like our skills, ability, and desire to persevere in difficult situations. The concept of not asking "why" and simply doing your best. Rather than avoiding or postponing new opportunities, always look for them and solve them. He stated that understanding provides perspective and wisdom, and that you should never limit your perspective. Because expressed success boosts your ego, failure is an important part of your life. He demonstrated that you may fall while riding, but you will never fall while crawling, and that ships are safe on shore, but that is not where they are meant to be; they shine brilliantly while sailing. FAILURE CREATES CHARACTER!! Life, he believes, is a series of experiences; keep moving forward even if there is no hope within. Dashrath Manjhi, the man who lowered an entire mountain by himself. Finally, he concluded the class with an incredible quote: "It is the darkest just before the dawn!"

Ashika Kanagraj

IBCP 1

Reflection 2

On November 18th, 2022, the World Academy of Career Programmes held a Master Class on NLP (Natural Language Processing) for IBCP 1 students. Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a subfield of artificial intelligence (AI). It enables robots to analyze and comprehend human language, allowing them to perform repetitive tasks without the need for human intervention. A few examples include machine translation, summarization, ticket categorization, and spell check. NLP can teach you how to tell the difference between your intended meaning and what the other person understands. This is one of our culture's most pressing issues, affecting everything from politics to family life.

NLP enables us to communicate effectively in a variety of ways, allowing us to break down language barriers. Because communication is one of the most important aspects of a business, NLP can also be used in our Career-Related Studies. It aids in connecting with and communicating our thoughts and intentions to a larger audience. NLP provides a number of powerful tools and techniques that can be used to improve one's performance in a variety of areas, with a focus on business. A variety of NLP approaches serve as the foundation for persuading and effective negotiating. She also taught us how to code specific programmes for different languages. This master class taught us the value of technology and how it can help us simplify our lives. Overall, this was an interesting class. We learned a lot from the session and are excited to put what we learned into practice.

Ashwin Walankikar

IBCP 1

Guest Lectures in IBCP 1

1. Guest Lecture on Human Resource Management

The academic year began with a bang for the Business Administration class. As a part of their first unit on Human Resources Management, the students were supposed to learn about the role of HR in human resources planning.

Ms. Sandhya Kamble (who has closely worked with the HR function of Indus School) was invited to the class to help the students learn more than theoretical concepts. She held a session for some of the Grade 11 students on Thursday, August 25, 2022.

She explained how the whole school along with the HR department works with its core values of Love, Empathy, Discipline and Respect. She apprised students on Recruitments, KRA's (Key Result Areas), Talent Acquisition, etc. and elaborated on the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for handling employee grievances.

The students actively participated in the discussion and enjoyed the session with the guest.



2. Guest Lecture on Financial Literacy

During the Personal and Professional Skills class, a guest lecture was conducted by Ms.Lopa Sharma on "Investments and the Stock Market" as part of the Financial Literacy skill under Personal Development. Financial knowledge is an important skill, and we were keen to know about different investment options, how to grow your money and how the Stock Market works. Ms.Lopa shared the benefits and risks associated with each method and some learners also had personal experience in investing and they shared the same.



Student Reflection

Ms. Lopa taught us about various ways of earning money at a young age, which was very useful, and we could use in the future. When ma'am mentioned about stocks the entire class got interested in the topic as investing in stocks nowadays is the trend and a way of making money online. Ms. Lopa then taught us about different kind of stocks, and how they have advantages and disadvantages. She also mentioned we should only invest in stocks after the age of 18 and be careful before investing in stocks as it was the first time for us.

Overall, we learned a lot about investing in stocks as well as how to earn money and budgeting from Ms. Lopa. All the students were grateful to Ms. Lopa for conducting this session and would love to have another session with her soon.

Kritin Agarwal

IBCP 1

CAREER GUIDANCE & PLACEMENTS DEPARTMENT

Education USA

The high school students at Indus International School Pune got the opportunity to meet with the leading 14 universities from the US as Education USA and the US Consulate group visited our campus. The students actively engaged with them to learn about the various undergraduate courses, scholarships, internships, and co-ops that they offer.

Visiting Universities:

Iowa State University	University of Louisville College of Business
Roosevelt University	University of California, Riverside
Arizona State University	New York Film Academy
Drake University	The Ohio State University
University of California, Irvine	Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis
Governors State University	Eastern Michigan University
The University of Arizona	University of Rochester

The DP students got an opportunity to interact with three liberal art colleges in the US on 11th Nov who conducted an informative session on Experiential Learning for students.

York College of Pennsylvania

Marymount Manhattan College

Goucher College



Government of Ireland Education Roadshow 2022

The students and parents were invited to attend the Government of Ireland Education Roadshow 2022 on 20th Nov to meet with leading Irish Institutions and Universities.

Participating Institutions:

Atlantic Technological University	University of Galway
Dublin Business School	Southeast Technological University
Dublin City University	Technological University Dublin
Dundalk Institute of Technology	Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest
Griffith College	Trinity College Dublin
Maynooth University	University College Cork
Munster Technological University	University College Dublin
National College of Ireland	University of Limerick

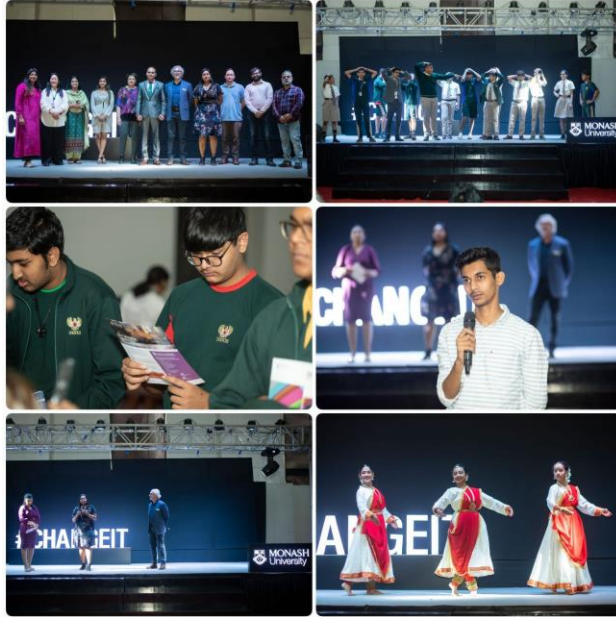


Collaboration with Monash University

Indus International School Pune collaborated with Monash University in their Change It Challenge, which focused on finding practical solutions to the climate change problem that is plaguing our world. Students in schools across Maharashtra participated in the competition and articulated their concerns and solutions to the burning issue, Climate Change.

The students had a healthy competition and validated the need to take drastic action today regarding Climate Change. This was further reinforced by Mr. Malhar Kalambe, the key-note speaker and founder of the beach clean-up program, **Beach Please** responsible for cleaning up the beaches in India.

The students got an opportunity to interact with the faculty members from Monash University and enjoyed various activities and quizzes conducted during the event.



Professional Development

The Career Counselling Team attended a workshop of South Asia IB Schools Association (SAIBSA) on 12th Nov in Mumbai.

Mr. Ajay Tayade, Head of Career Counselling Team facilitated the workshop for fellow counselors from various IB Schools across the country.

The SAIBSA aims at fostering a sense of IB School community in the South Asia region by providing a collaborative network of professional support, keeping in mind the aims and objectives of the IB.

Meeting with representative from Germany

The counselling team got an opportunity to interact with the representative of the University Federation Southwest Germany, Ms. Betty Huber. She shared information about the education system in Germany including types of universities, programs, requirements, fees, etc.

Germany is known around the world for providing excellent education and offering a variety of courses. The German higher education system is well known for high standards and enjoys a good reputation. Zero to low tuition fees at public universities coupled with an excellent reputation for offering world-leading technical degrees, has made Germany one of the most popular study-abroad destinations.



1 - Saransh Agrawal (DP1 Student) – SAT Score of 1590/1600

We are delighted to inform that Saransh Agrawal, DP1 student has scored 1590/1600 in his SAT.

Saransh shared his strategy:

“Achieving this score needed a combination of concept-building and practice. I started by gradually covering the whole syllabus for the test using Khan Academy’s SAT English and Math modules. Once I had a strong grasp of each concept, I worked on refining my skills by practicing these modules repeatedly and gauging my progress with full-length practice tests. This allowed to me gain a thorough understanding of the types of questions I could expect on the test”.

We congratulate Saransh on his achievement and wish him Best of Luck for his successful completion of Diploma Programme!

Indus International School Pune – SAT Centre

Indus International School, Pune is officially a Centre for SAT and will be catering to 250 students taking the test on 3rd Dec 2022, the last pen and paper test.

As SAT will be digital from 11th March 2023, a session was organized for students and parents to apprise them on the new format and how to prepare for it.

The Test Rocker Team presented their plan to support students in the New Digital SAT.



Sessions with MYP4-5 & DP1-2

The Career Counselling Team conducted their regular classroom sessions with the high school students. The DP2 students are busy with their Regular Applications and the Early Applicants have started receiving the offers from reputed Universities already.

The MYP4-5 students worked on the various assessments on the CIALFO platform, a non-judgmental tool for helping oneself to understand one's own personality. They engaged with their respective counsellors to understand the further steps to be college ready.

Upcoming Workshops and Deadlines

University of Waterloo- Workshop by Math Faculty- 2nd Dec 2022

School's Internal Application Deadline: 10th Dec 2022

Transcripts and Documents Sending Deadline: 15th Dec 2022

Regular Decision Application Deadline for the USA: 1st Jan 2023

SPORTS

Pune District Zilla Parishad Competitions:

This month students were participated in **Pune District Inter School Zilla Parishad** competitions in Football, Squash and Badminton in different age categories. Our students showed impressive performance with a celebration of skills, co-ordination, and teamwork.

Sports	Age group	Position
Badminton	Under 14 boys	Second place
Badminton	Under 17 boys	Second place
Squash	Under 14 Girls	Gold
Squash	Under 14 boys	Gold
Squash	Under 17 boys	1 Gold, 1 Silver
Football	Under 17 boys	Third place





BOARDING



Students from Grade VI and above organized a cricket match to refresh themselves after a long week.



Students created masterpieces with their hair showcasing their talent and creativity



The students of PYP decided to make their weekend more fun by going to the Jungle Gym in the academic block



Fitness challenge which included different activities was arranged for all grades. This encouraged students to show their best skills.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Halloween was celebrated with fun filled with exciting activities students came in various outfits. Students got the opportunity to dance and get themselves a tattoo.



MULSHI DAM

Students visited Mulshi Dam to refresh themselves from a long academic week. Mulshi Dam is located amidst a dense forest and hills. Nature's beauty at its best.



Weekend Night Games

The night of 19th and 26th was spent outdoors by some of the senior boys playing underarm cricket. Making good use of the courtyard, the students and houseparent were enjoyed themselves.



MALL TRIP

On 26th Nov the boarding students went on a mall trip to Pavilion Mall. A quick break from the constant revision for the half yearly exams. Students from all grades enjoyed and treated themselves to a variety of food, games, and shopping.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Aparna Manikantan's (Chemistry Teacher at IISP) - recent achievements as a learner and a teacher.

Ms. Aparna participated in International Teacher's Olympiad conducted by Suraasa on October 15th, 2022. She scored 97.05 percentile in global level and placed among the TOP TEN Percentile globally.

The Article on "Parenting in early years" got published in "Mentor Magazine" November publication.

She represented INDUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, PUNE.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PYP

December 2 – PYP 4 Star Gazing Night

December 5 – World Disability Day Assembly

December 7,8 and 9 – PYP 5 Leadership Camp

December 16 – EYP Showcase

MYP

8th to 16th Dec - HYE assessments

16th Dec - Christmas celebrations (class wise)

DP

7th December- DP1 Preparatory Leave

8th to 16th December- RCB Examinations

17th to 4th January 2023-Winter break

5th January 2023- School resumes

Student Led Event – Scholastic Book Fair (January 2023)

Thanks, and warm regards

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