

# Principal's Newsletter November 2023

## *Primary Years Programme (PYP)*

### Mufti Day – Diwali Celebration



To celebrate the festival of lights, all PYP students dressed up in their traditional best. An assembly highlighting the sustainable ways of celebrating Diwali with family and friends was conducted by the single-subject teachers. Students ended the celebration by singing and dancing together while ruminating over the story of Diwali.

### Family Night Camping – PYP 1 and 2



The inaugural overnight camp was an exhilarating experience for both our young learners and their delighted parents. Students along with parents skillfully pitched their tents to stay the night on the school grounds, and a contagious excitement filled the air. Families participated in lively group games and showcased their willingness to embrace their inner child. The crackling bonfire added a warm glow to the

night, creating the perfect setting for toasting marshmallows and fostering a sense of community among all attendees. The pièce de résistance was the Young Talent Night, where our campers showcased their unique skills and talents. It was a celebration of creativity and individuality that left an indelible mark on everyone present. The First Family Camping experience has now become a cherished memory for all, cementing its place as a remarkable and unforgettable event in our journey together.

### Field Trips and Guest Lectures



The month of November saw a few grades being engaged in expert talks and field trips to further their learning experiences and explore nuances of inquiry.

- Guest lecture by Mr. Hesborne – PYP 4 organized an expert talk by Mr. Hesborne, a Visual Arts Teacher regarding the connection between Art and Science. As PYP 4 students explored the connections between the two disciplines, this expert talk gave them a lot of clarity about how interlinked the disciplines are.
- Expert talk by Mr. Benke – To understand more about the Indian government and its working, MLA Mr. Atul Benke conducted a workshop for our PYP 4 learners. Sir gave students information about the tenets of democracy and the workings of the parliament.

Field Trip to the Zoo – Our PYP 2 learners visited the Rajiv Gandhi Zoo to understand more about the types of terrestrial animals and how they are categorized. Students enjoyed the visit and made a day out of it with friends.

## Gratitude Day



In the PYP's Gratitude Day celebration, students and teachers united to honor appreciation and thankfulness for various people that they value in life. Vibrant decorations adorned the halls, showcasing heartfelt messages of gratitude. Engaging activities like writing thank-you notes and sharing stories of appreciation fostered a sense of unity, emphasizing the power of gratitude in our community's fabric. Students also made cards for their parents to express their gratitude for all that they do for them.

## I Play



I Play games for the minions, sub-junior, and junior categories were held on 8th November in school. The event encompassed many individual and group games where students chose the game they wanted to be a part of. Students enjoyed their respective events and the same was followed by the distribution of the certificates for the events.

## Conclusion of WEP Activity – Round 1

The first round of WEP Activities for this academic year came to an end in November. Children were engaged in over 8 comprehensive classes in the activity chosen by them. This round of WEP came to a close as students celebrated their learning of 8 weeks through a culmination activity in class. Certificates for completion of these sessions were given to each student.

## Middle Years Programme (MYP)-1,2,3

### Halloween Celebration



The highlight of our Halloween celebrations was undoubtedly the enthusiasm radiating from our young learners. Each class took on the challenge of decorating their doors with creativity and flair. Ghosts, pumpkins, and eerie landscapes adorned the once-mundane entrances, creating an immersive and festive atmosphere throughout the school. It was truly impressive to witness the imaginative expressions of our students. Armed with art supplies and fueled by their boundless creativity, the children brought their ideas to life on the canvas of their class doors.



## Orientation



To ease our students of Grade 6 who will be writing the exams for the first time, an orientation was conducted by the MYP Head of School and Coordinator. The objective of the orientation was to give students tips and help them with their queries. A similar orientation was conducted for the parents as well.

## Achievements



Avyaay Rathi of MYP 2 secured a much coveted 14th position in the I code Hackathon final global round 2023, winning him a silver medal.

Archit Kulkarni of MYP 3 secured 49th rank globally in the same event.

The hackathon presented a dynamic landscape, with tasks ranging from speed-focused challenges to precision-oriented ones, and efficiency becoming a key criterion.

### Upcoming Events:

HYE – 6th to 13th December

Annual Class Photograph – 14th December

Christmas Celebration – 15th December

### ***Middle Years Programme (MYP)-4 & 5***

### **Indus CodeFest 2023: Igniting Passion for Coding in Young Minds**



The inaugural Indus CodeFest was held on November 7th, 2023. Spearheaded by a dynamic team of MYP Year 4 & 5 students – Aarav Bora, Vidhaan Goyal, Aanjaneya Rao, and led by Advitiya Kumar – the event aimed to cultivate a love for coding among students.

The organizing team firmly believes that coding is a crucial 21st-century skill, serving as the driving force behind current and future technological advancements.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across Grades 6 to 10. Participants showcased their coding prowess, going beyond expectations to develop innovative software solutions. The theme of the contest emphasized inventive problem-solving, allowing participants to choose and tackle real-world problems with their programming knowledge.

The programmed solutions underwent rigorous evaluation by the esteemed chief guest and evaluator, Mr. Ravindra Bagale. As a master's in computer applications from Solapur University and MD of Softfeels Private Limited, Mr. Bagale brought his wealth of experience to the competition.

The top-performing team, comprised of Aakshat Arora, Sharayu Agarwal, Vijakrishna M., and Arun Iyer – all from Year 5 – received certificates and a well-deserved cash prize. Teams securing the second and third positions were also honored with certificates of achievement, while others received certificates of participation to promote a sense of sportsmanship.

The energy and commitment showcased throughout the event reflected the school's dedication to fostering a culture of innovation and learning.

### **MYP Year 4 Exam Orientation**



Year 4 students in the Middle Years Programme (MYP) recently participated in a comprehensive Exam Orientation session. The objective of the session was to prepare our Year 4 students for upcoming Half Yearly examinations by providing essential instructions and fostering a commitment to academic honesty.

The orientation included a thorough walkthrough of exam instructions to ensure our students were well-acquainted with the expectations of their upcoming assessments. Clear and concise guidelines were provided to alleviate any uncertainties and help them approach their exams with confidence.

Integrity is at the core of our educational philosophy. During the orientation, students engaged in meaningful discussions about the importance of academic honesty. They were reminded of the value of their own hard work and the significance of upholding ethical standards in all academic endeavors.

### **Successful On-Screen Examination Registrations and Practice Test for the IB Year 5 Middle Years Programme!**

Our Middle Years Programme (MYP) Year 5 students have successfully completed their registrations for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme. It's a big step, and we couldn't be proud of every one of you for taking on this exciting challenge. This reflects your hard work, dedication, and commitment to pushing yourself to new heights academically. The IB journey is an adventure filled with learning, growth, and global perspectives, and we know our students are more than ready to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

These students have also successfully completed practice tests, for their upcoming International Baccalaureate (IB) assessments. The commitment and resilience demonstrated by our Year 5 cohort during these tests are truly commendable. As we witness their growth and determination, we are confident that these practice tests have fortified our students for success in the actual IB examinations.

Best wishes for the exciting journey ahead!

## Diploma Programme (DP)-Senior School

### Math Infinity competition 2023-24

We are happy to share that Sumedh Jadhav, Ishaan Gangwani & Gaurav Mandhyan from grade 11 have qualified for the first round of the Math Infinity competition 2023-24 conducted by Aditya Birla World Academy. We wish them all the best for the next round that will be held from January 11 to 13.

### HYE – Student Orientation



Grade 11 students participated in a comprehensive Exam Orientation session on November 30. The objective of the session was to prepare for the upcoming half-yearly examination. The session was conducted by MS. Jovella and Ms. Anubha.

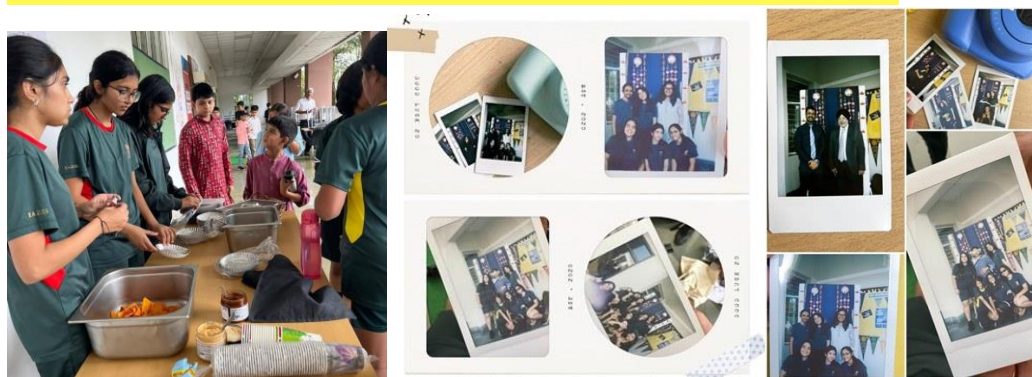
Students were familiarized with the expectations for their upcoming assessments. Clear and concise guidelines were offered to address any potential uncertainties, empowering students to approach their exams with confidence.

### Daan Utsav- Pheonix House Initiative



Phoenix House, alongside Bhumi NGO, recently spearheaded a donation drive that saw an incredible response from our school community. The project was headed by Amlaan Juyal and Varun Sambaragimath of DP1 of Phoenix House along with the house master Ms. Mohini Sharma. Clothes, toys, books, grains, and medical kits poured in, showcasing the immense generosity of students and teachers. This initiative proved to be a resounding success, bringing together the entire school community to make a positive impact through acts of generosity and compassion. Daan Utsav serves as a testament to the power of collective goodwill. As we reflect on the success of Daan Utsav, let us carry this spirit of giving forward. Acts of kindness need not be confined to a week; they can become a way of life. Let the success of Daan Utsav inspire us to make giving a habit, fostering a culture of compassion that permeates our community.

## Phoenix and Hercules House Diwali Celebration



With profound sense of gratitude, students from Phoenix House organised a Rangoli-making and Diya-painting competition for the ancillary staff at our school including bus drivers and bus didi's. The day's festivities, brimming with joy and camaraderie, showcased the artistic flair of 60 participants engaged in Rangoli designing and Diya painting contests. Witnessing them unleash their creativity and enjoy their time at school was a delightful spectacle. The event was judged by house masters and Principal sir and students gave away the prizes to six winners among the spirited competitors. Winners were awarded with meticulously crafted Utility Boxes, marking the end of a successful and heartwarming celebration. Our students have demonstrated that their collective impact knows no bounds when they unite with a shared purpose. We urge all our students to continue to sow the seeds of kindness and generosity, for it is through such acts that we truly build a stronger, more compassionate community.

Hercules House students celebrated Diwali with a Polaroid camera booth and a bake sale, resulting in a grand success. The Polaroid camera captured memorable moments, while the bake sale delighted taste buds. The event showcased unity and creativity, embodying the Diwali spirit of light triumphing over darkness.

## Gratitude Day Celebration



Gratitude is a potent energy that flourishes when we acknowledge the positives in our lives and the contributions of those around us. On gratitude day, students were urged to express their appreciation not just through words but also through meaningful actions.

Students were asked to reflect on *whom they are grateful to* or *what you feel grateful about/for* on the small colourful leaf cutout given by the student council. These reflections were then carefully curated by the student council members, resulting in the creation of a captivating gratitude tree.

## Phoenix House visit to Manavya Gokul School



Phoenix House's 'Climate and Community' initiative aims to unite and enhance our community while raising awareness about climate change. As part of this effort, Ananya Ganesh of Grade 12 and six students from DP1 Phoenix House, accompanied by House Master Ms. Mohini, visited Manavya Gokul School in Pune, a sanctuary for HIV1+ orphaned children on Sunday 3/12/2023, providing not just shelter but comprehensive support. During our visit, they donated a microscope, medical kits, stationery items, books, toys, fruits, grains, dairies, and clothes. Witnessing their enthusiasm and optimism was truly inspiring. By rallying together and fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by these children, we can collectively ensure that Manavya Gokul School and such other schools continue to be a sanctuary of hope, resilience, and opportunity for its young residents.

Recognizing and addressing their needs is pivotal in ensuring that the school remains a beacon of hope and opportunity for these children.

## Successful completion of Practice tests in Grade12

In the journey of academic excellence, practice tests serve as guiding stars, illuminating the path toward success. Grade 12 students recently celebrated the triumphant completion of a series of practice tests, marking a significant milestone in their preparation for the upcoming challenges. Facing questions that mirrored the complexity of their final examinations, students embraced the chance to hone their problem-solving skills and fortify their knowledge base. The detailed feedback provided after each test empowered students to identify areas where they excelled, fostering confidence, and pinpointing areas that required further attention, prompting strategic revision. Students learned to allocate their time wisely, striking a balance between answering questions accurately and efficiently. This experience will undoubtedly prove invaluable as they approach their Mock exams.

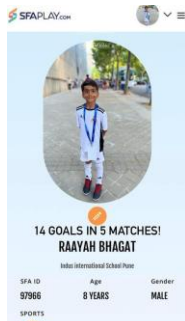
## Completion of DP Registrations Marks a Milestone

The completion of DP registrations is not merely a formality but a meticulous process that requires coordination, attention to detail, and collaboration. Students, parents, and school staff worked hand in hand to ensure that all necessary documentation, subject choices, and other essential details were accurately submitted. Navigating the intricacies of the registration process is no small feat, and the collective effort of the school community shines through in its successful completion.

With registrations now successfully completed, the focus shifts to the exciting journey that awaits. The DP curriculum, with its emphasis on academic rigor, creativity, and service, promises to provide a transformative experience for students. As they delve into their chosen subjects and engage in the core components, students will not only gain academic knowledge but also develop into well-rounded individuals ready to contribute meaningfully to the world.

## Student Achievements

### Raayah Bhagat



The SFA 2023 was a fantastic exposure for our U10 football team.

Indus Int vs MIS

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Raayah 6.

Indus Int Vs Kalmadi High School

7 - 0

Raayah 5.

Indus Int Vs Bliss Int.

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Raayah 1.

Indus Int Vs Vidya Valley

3 - 0

Raayah 2.

Indus Int Vs Loyalas

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Raayah trains every day after school and various academies and his hard work shone through in this tournament. We're immensely proud of him!

## Rivaan Vora



Rivaan secured 4th place in the Chess competition in SFA. He was in the Under 9 category.

He was very close to winning at least a bronze medal, they were supposed to play 7 rounds of chess but he only played 6 rounds. He won 5 rounds out of 6. Rivaan is part of the school U10 football team as well so he missed one round of chess due to a football match and chess clashing at the same time.

The Indus U10 football team of which Rivaan is a team member, reached the quarter-finals. In the football games that he played, he scored 2 goals.

Rivaan also participated in the U10 category in Lawn Tennis. He secured a participation certificate for the same.

Rivaan has reached the quarter-finals in the U8 category in a Tennis competition held by PMDTA (Pune Metropolitan District Tennis Association)

We are very proud of his achievements!

## Ronith Lahoti



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Applause for our news-maker,  
**Ronith!**

**THE TIMES OF INDIA**

Gowda (Freezing Rain; Surge Stables). Category C: (100-110cm) Competition 1: 1. Omkar Akhade (Lambiek; ECE), 2. Niharika Singhania (Max Mara; ARC), **3. Ronith Lahoti (Bangale De Prissey; ECE)**, Competition 2: 1. Kiran Akhade (Hugo; URB), 2. Shlok Jha (Ignatius Fbh; EIRS), 3. Yasha

Our eagle **Ronith Lahoti** of Grade XI (DP) gets covered in The Times of India, Bangalore for participation and victory in the FEI Jumping World Challenge (South Zone).



Ronith's name has appeared in the Times Of India in Category 3.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/jaiveer-calls-the-shots/articleshow/105137644.cms>

## Commendable Bronze: FEI Jumping World Challenge - Embassy International Riding School, Bangalore - Equestrian Ronith Lahoti



**Saddled up for success!**

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**Ronith Lahoti** of Grade XI (DP) wins **Bronze** at FEI Jumping World Challenge, on 8th November, 2023



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/TrRVHzRUI0uVIR1p#content=9OasuNvu6m00Rd>

Grade XI (DP) Eagle Ronith Lahoti soared further heights by winning a Bronze on day 1 of the recently concluded FEI Jumping World Challenge hosted at Embassy International Riding School, Bangalore, on 8th November 2023.

Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) is a global non-profit organization and a governing body with a vision to grow the unique and mutually beneficial bond between horses and humans in sport globally ([www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)). Their mission is to drive and develop equestrian sport globally in a modern, sustainable, and structured manner with guaranteed integrity, athlete welfare, equal opportunity, and a fair and ethical partnership with the horse. In this endeavour, they host Show Jumping World Challenge competitions across various countries every year. This event happens every year in India too. This year's event was hosted at the Embassy International Riding School, Bangalore in November ([www.embassyridingschool.in](http://www.embassyridingschool.in)). On day 1 of the event on 8th Nov., Ronith demonstrated his skills at the sport, by successfully completing two clear rounds astride horse Bangie De Prissy. Based on the minimum time taken for completion of the best round, Ronith bagged a Bronze. We congratulate Ronith on this achievement and wish him all the best for many more accolades.

### Phoenix House facilitated a Medical Camp





Promoting core values of **love, empathy, discipline and respect** has been a constant endeavour at Indus International School. What can be a better way to demonstrate these values than an expression of **gratitude**. Phoenix House has set an inspirational example of expressing gratitude towards the School Faculty and Staff on the recently celebrated Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving Day, as all of us know, falls on the fourth Thursday of November, which was the 23rd of November this year.

As it has been rightly said over centuries, "Health is Wealth". Phoenix House facilitated a Medical Camp at Indus International School, Pune campus, on 23rd November 2023, for Management, Faculty, Staff and Sub-Staff. This was their unique way of expressing the student community's gratitude and respect towards the School. The Medical Camp was hosted by a team of renowned Dr D Y Patil Hospital & Research Centre,

comprising of 4 Doctors, 2 Technicians & 2 support staff. 162 members of Indus International School from Faculty, Staff and Sub-Staff leveraged this opportunity to get their health check-ups done through various tests covering general examination, blood pressure, Eye Tests, Blood Tests, Sugar Tests and a lot more. The team from Dr D Y Patil Hospital & Research Centre also provided basic medicines like Paracetamol, Combiflam, Shelcal, Pan, etc. to the school team for future usage as per need. Finally, Basic Life Support Course Training was also provided to 72 participants. The camp was very well received and appreciated by Indus staff acknowledging the initiative of students and the support of Dr D Y Patil Hospital & Research Centre team.

Innovation School Captain, Ronith Lahoti and Grade XI student Ishaan Gangwani led the initiative and were well supported by Innovation School Captain, Abiya Syed. We congratulate and thank the students for this thoughtful and successful initiative.

## Career Counselling and College Placement

### Early Applications:

A record 44 students from Indus Pune sent their applications to universities in the US and UK for the Early Decision/ Early Action round. The list mostly includes various selective universities from the US. Students understand that most of the undergraduate offers are rolled out in the early round. The early application has various advantages:

- An early application means that you intend to attend a particular school if admitted but are not bound to.
- Higher acceptance rate - Colleges like students who choose early action and early decision because it allows them to fill their upcoming classes earlier and easier.
- Reduced stress - While getting the application done early can be stressful, getting a decision far ahead of time provides peace of mind because you know you've already been accepted into one school for sure,
- More time to decide - Getting an Early Action admittance means you can take more time to decide if you want to attend, versus worrying if you could get in at all.
- Take advantage of the priority status in the housing and roommate selection process.
- You can hold an acceptance from an Early Action school and apply to additional schools without a consequence.
- You have the opportunity to apply and compare financial aid packages from many schools.

### Drawbacks:

- Reduced Financial Aid Opportunity – Students accepted through Early Action or Early Decision often have lower-value financial aid packages.

### Scholarships

The Career Counselling and College Placement department has been sharing details of various merit-based and nominations-based scholarships with students of Grades 11 and 12. More details can be found in the Student Resources folder. To add another program that is worth mentioning here is

### [RISE](#)

Rise is a program that finds promising young people and provides opportunities for life as they work to serve others. The program starts at ages 15–17 and encourages a lifetime of service and learning by providing support that includes need-based scholarships, mentorship, networking, access to career development opportunities, and the potential for additional funding as Rise Global Winners work toward solving humanity’s most pressing problems. An initiative of Schmidt Futures and the Rhodes Trust, Rise is the anchor program of a \$1 billion commitment from Eric and Wendy Schmidt to find and support global talent. Students from Grades 9-11 are highly encouraged to apply for this program.

#### Benefits of a Rise Scholarship

One - One fully funded in-person residential summit with other members of the Rise Global Winner cohort. Two - A four-year, post-secondary education scholarship, including tuition and a living stipend, based on need and where not already covered by financial aid.

Three - Opportunity to apply for funding to experiment with innovative ideas to address major problems in local communities around the world—ranging, for example, from seed money to start a social enterprise to a grant for a nonprofit.

Four- Access to a network of other Global Winners, community members, partner organizations, and career development programming.

Five - A technology package.

#### **Winter Enrichment Programs**

The College Counselling team has been sharing details of various winter programs and internship opportunities with students from Grades 9-12. Some of the prominent internship programs students can apply to are:

#### [Mindler Internship Program 4.0](#)

The Mindler Internship Program is the ultimate 4+ week competency development initiative for students, helmed by leading experts and vibrant personalities from various disciplines. This transformative program offers exposure to multiple aptitudes, helps resolve career uncertainties, and empowers future leaders to reap stunning rewards through their newfound skills. Designed with students' academic commitments in mind, this internship program offers flexible hours that can fit any schedule.

#### **Internship with Luneblaze**

Indus International School partners with Luneblaze an organization aiding in **Student Internships** and **Accreditation filings of SQAAF**. They have partnered with **100+ schools** and have helped **5000+ Students** in getting internships.

#### **Internship Details:**

- **Companies:** *GeniusHub, Inspirin, and Luneblaze*

- **Openings:**

1. Content Writing
2. Graphic Designing & Video Making
3. Human Resource Management
4. Marketing Campaign Designing
5. Website Development
6. Data Analytics

**Internship Highlights:**

- **Duration:** 4 weeks (Work From Home)
- **Training:** 8+ hours of domain training sessions
- **Projects:** 2 minor and 1 major project
- **Certificates:** Internship Completion Certificate
- **Recognition:** Special rewards for the best performance
- **Magazine Feature:** Mention in the INSPIRIN Magazine for the best performance

**Internship Registration:**

- **Registration Fee:** INR 1000
- **Application Form:** <https://forms.gle/vpmSKPq1LwfMvDt48>
- **Application Deadline:** 10th December 2023
- **Students from Grades 9 to 12 can Apply**

## Workshop by Amazon on AI



Indus School Pune hosted an eccentric workshop on Experiential On-Campus AI Internship in partnership with Amazon. The workshop was designed for curious learners who are inquisitive and passionate about Artificial Intelligence and its applications in different fields and domains. The workshop enlightened how students can discover the power of AI in any discipline and field of study. Students can innovate and influence change by combining their problem-solving skills and AI knowledge to create AI-powered solutions for real-world problems on Amazon SageMaker.

Students will be trained, guided, and assessed by faculty from NUS and Industry mentors from Amazon (AWS).

## Session by the University of British Columbia and the University of Waterloo



Interested Grade 12 students attended an insightful session by two leading universities in Canada in collaboration. The University of British Columbia and the University of Waterloo gave an hour-long presentation to students enlightening them about the various programs, application requirements, scholarships and criteria, Co-Op Programs, stay-back opportunities, and many more. Many students learn the MATH requirements and various exams conducted by these universities. Most importantly the officials emphasized that there is no impact on education and student visas in the current situation standoff situation amongst India and Canada.

Canada has not suspended visa services to Indian students. The visas are being approved as earlier, even for January and May intake. Fall 2024 intake timelines are further away. Besides, the students already in Canada applying for study permit extensions, PGWP, and PR are getting approvals as earlier. The Consulate General of India in Toronto has expanded its consular services for Indian citizens in Canada. These extended services encompass passport issuance, attestation, police clearance certificate issuance, and passport renewal. Most Canadian universities have issued statements for continued support and solidarity with Indian students amidst the diplomatic row. Several students residing in Canada have confirmed that the situation on the ground is calm and peaceful. It is business as usual for the residents.

We look forward to having more such country-specific sessions, where admission reps can educate our students well and help them make an informed decision about their university choices.

## INDUS Pune – Official ACT Test Center



ACT (American College Testing) exam is a standardized test, which is required as part of undergraduate admissions to US universities. ACT is mostly taken by high school students. INDUS PUNE is the Official and only ACT Test Center in Pune Maharashtra. The Head of Career Counselling, Mr. Ajay Tayade, with his broad experience of working with various testing establishment bodies, brought another perusal to the extensive list of examinations that our school conducts. This will reduce the long trip to Mumbai our students used to make to appear for ACT. Now Indus students can register for ACT at their own school being a test center. Students can search for Indus Pune with Test Center code: 806740

Learn more about [ACT here](#). Register for [ACT here](#).

The school will conduct the ACT examination on the following dates

**February 24, 2024**

**April 13, 2024**

**June 8, 2024**

**July 13, 2024**

## Classroom Session with MYP4 Students



The Career Counselling Team facilitated an engaging session for MYP4 students, focusing on discovering their interests and passions. Through captivating activities and effective use of presentations and handouts, the session provided a clear understanding of the concepts.

This session prompted students to identify their interest areas, particularly in relation to various IB subjects.

The outcome was remarkably productive, offering students valuable insights into their career aspirations.

### Workshop on – Creative Portfolios – Dos and Don't



Arts University of Bournemouth ( AUB) conducted a personalized workshop for our Grade 12 students applying for creative careers like Art and Design, Fashion, Animation, Film, and Technology. Arts University Bournemouth is a leading specialist university offering high-quality courses in Art, Design, Media, and Performance in Bournemouth, the South Coast of the U.K. Ms. **Sarah Charles**, who conducted this workshop, is an energetic educator in creative arts. Sarah has a student-centered approach to learning; she embraces the value of creative and cultural diversity alongside technological innovation. Sarah is committed to the advance of a challenging and international curriculum, closely aligned to professional creative practice within the global design industry.

The University officials were highly impressed by our students' humility and creativity.

### Upcoming Deadlines

1. Early Application Result – 15th December 2023
2. Regular Application deadline (US Universities) - 1st Jan 2024
3. Indian University Applications – Open

## Sports

### Indus International School Pune hosted the Open National School Taekwondo Championship

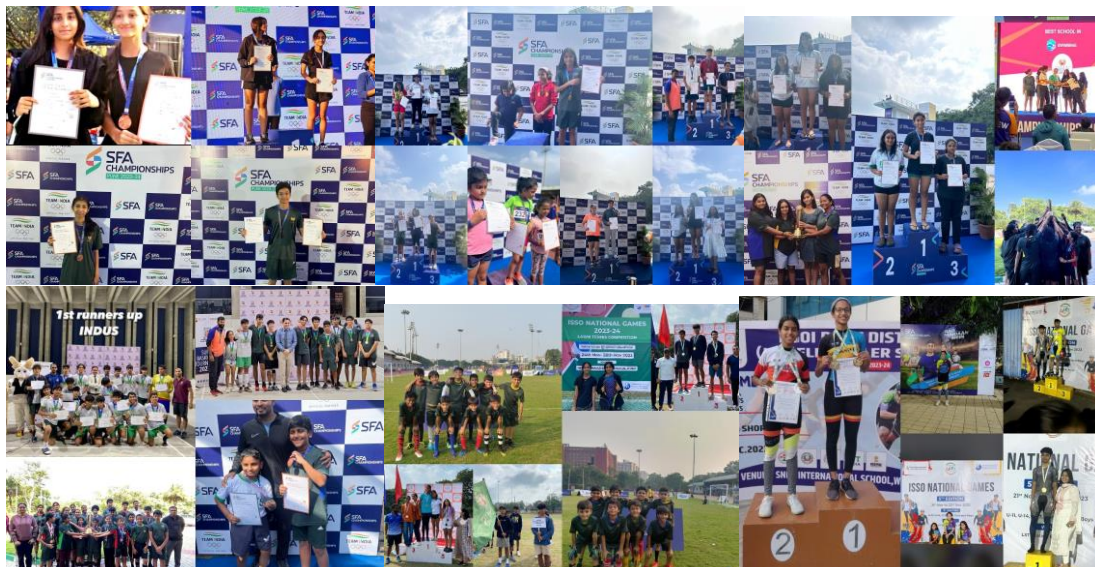


Indus International School Pune hosted the Open National School Taekwondo Championship on 4th November, 2023! Nearly 407 talented students from across India, representing regions like Delhi, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Haryana, Tripura, Assam, Bangalore, and Pune, displayed their skills and determination.

With the venue as IISP and the event organized by Grand Master Lee, the championship saw participants from Grade 1 to Grade 12, showcasing their prowess in Taekwondo.

It was a day of pride for Indus, as its fighters emerged victorious, claiming the title of Overall Championship. Additionally, three of our outstanding students were recognized as the 'best fighters' in their respective age categories.

Congratulations to all participants for making the event a resounding success!



### ISSO Tennis National games

The ISSO Tennis National games held in MIT Vishwasanti gurukul, Pune on 21st -24th November 2023. Our students have displayed the best skills and hard work to compete throughout the competitions.

#### **Name-Medals**

Arjun Veluri-Gold

Saisha Shinde-Bronze

Anshita Singh- Bronze

#### **Skating**

Our Grade 12 student Guru Sakhare participated in the ISSO Skating National Games in Pune. He has secured 2 gold medals and 1 silver medals in 3000m, 1000m Race and 500m race inline skating.

#### **SFA CHAMPIONSHIP**

Indus has 1st time participated in SFA competition in Pune region. A huge number of students participated in multiple discipline i.e., Athletics, Football, Swimming, Table tennis, Badminton & Tennis and bagged huge success.

#### **SWIMMING**

We are thrilled to announce the incredible achievements of our swimmers at the recent Sports For All Swimming Competition, held in Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex - Balewadi Swimming Arena, on 26/11/2023 to 27/11/2023.

The indomitable spirit of our swimmers propelled them to success, earning medals in multiple events, and showcasing their dedication and prowess. Not to be outdone, our athletes displayed exceptional skill, securing gold, silver and bronze medals, contributing significantly to our school's remarkable performance.

Indus International School, Pune, proudly leads the medal tally, a testament to the hard work and perseverance of our students. Their achievements inspire us all and reinforce our commitment to nurturing excellence in every sphere.

Congratulations to our outstanding swimmers for their exceptional performances! Your dedication and passion for the sport have brought immense pride to our school. Here's to more victories and continued success in the pool and beyond.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
Abhishri Bhoite	200 MTR Individual Medley (Under 16 Girls)	Gold
	50 MTR Freestyle (Under 16 Girls)	Gold
	100 MTR Freestyle (Under 16 Girls)	Gold
Samiya Gulati	200 MTR Individual Medley (Under 16 Girls)	Silver
	50 MTR Freestyle (Under 16 Girls)	Silver
	100 MTR Freestyle (Under 16 Girls)	Silver
Pari Rao	200 MTR Individual Medley (Under 14 Girls)	Bronze
Sara Kane	50 MTR Butterfly (Under 12 Girls)	Silver
Hrida Shah	50 MTR Butterfly (Under 12 Girls)	Bronze
Sana Joshi	100 MTR Freestyle (Under 16 Girls)	Bronze
Nirvi Kabra	100 MTR Breaststroke (Under 14 Girls)	Silver
Yajas Gupta	100 MTR Breaststroke (Under 16 Boys)	Silver

### **Athletics**

Our U-8 standout, Trisha Sakpal, secured a remarkable 2nd place. In the U-12 category, Sara Kane exhibited exceptional sportsmanship, clinching 4th place in both the long jump and the 300m sprint. Kudos to these young talents for embracing challenges with enthusiasm and skill!

### **Table tennis**

Name Grade Age Group Event Position  
 Nirav Mulye 5 U-12 (Boys) Individual Event Silver Medal  
 Sarvansh Agrawal 6 U-12 (Boys) Individual Event Bronze Medal  
 Shardul Palkar 10 U-17 (Boys) Individual Event Bronze Medal  
 Yashasvi Vardhan 11 U-17 (Girls) Individual Event Bronze Medal.

### **Football**

In an impressive debut at the SFA Championship, our U-10, U-12, and U-16 football teams showcased exceptional talent and commitment, reaching the semi-finals. Their dedication and hard work were evident on the field, marking a promising start to their competitive journey.

## 67th SGFI (School Games Federation of India) Football National Games -RUDRAKKSH JAIN and YUG AGRAWAL



Our two DP (Diploma Programme) students have been selected for the **67th SGFI (School Games Federation of India) Football National Games** held in **Srinagar** represented by **ISSO** (International Schools Sports Organization) showcasing their remarkable talent.

### **RUDRAKKSH JAIN and YUG AGRAWAL**

Their participation in this prestigious event not only reflected their dedication but also highlighted their commendable performance on the field. The team ISSO's first goal was assisted by Rudraksh Jain.

Throughout the tournament, our students exhibited exceptional skills, determination, and sportsmanship, contributing significantly to their team's success. Their commitment to the game and perseverance were evident in their gameplay, inspiring not only their teammates but also spectators. Their impressive performance stands as a testament to their hard work, rigorous training, and passion for football. Not only did they display their prowess on the field, but they also upheld the values of teamwork, discipline, and resilience, setting an exemplary standard for aspiring athletes.

Their participation in the 67th SGFI Football National Games in Srinagar is a source of immense pride for our school, showcasing the potential and talent nurtured within our institution.

### **Tennis**

Our grade 9 students Saisha Shende and Anshita Singh participated in Under 16 tennis single and double game and secured Silver and Bronze medals.

### **Skating**

Aayanika has participated in the Rural Games organization (RGOI) of India and secured 2 silvers in skating competition and qualified for the state championship to be held in Jan 2024

She has also successfully participated in the following skating competitions for the past few days: -

1. Endurance India International Challenge - 10 countries participated and Aayanika participated in 3 events (20 mins elimination round, 20 sec race & 2 mins race) on 18th November, Saturday at Yak Public School, Khapoli, Raigad district, Maharashtra

2. ISSO 2023 Skating competition on 21st November & 22nd November in LXT skating rink, Mulshi. She participated in 3 events (1,000mts, 500mts & 1 lap Road race + D)

3. SFA Pune chapter competition on 23rd November at Viman Nagar International Skating rink. She participated in 500mts and placed 8th among 20 skaters for the best timing with 1.06.86 and scored 1 point for Indus International School.

### **Under 17 Flame championships: Football & Basketball**

Our U-17 football and basketball team achieved remarkable success in the under-17 tournaments organised by Flame University, Lavale emerging as runners-up and 1st runner-up after defeating top schools in Pune. Although narrowly missing the championship, their outstanding performance against a renowned Pune club signifies a bright future for our budding athletes. Cheers to the spirited efforts of our young eagles!

## **Boarding**

### **4th & 5th November: Lunch Outing at Hyatt**



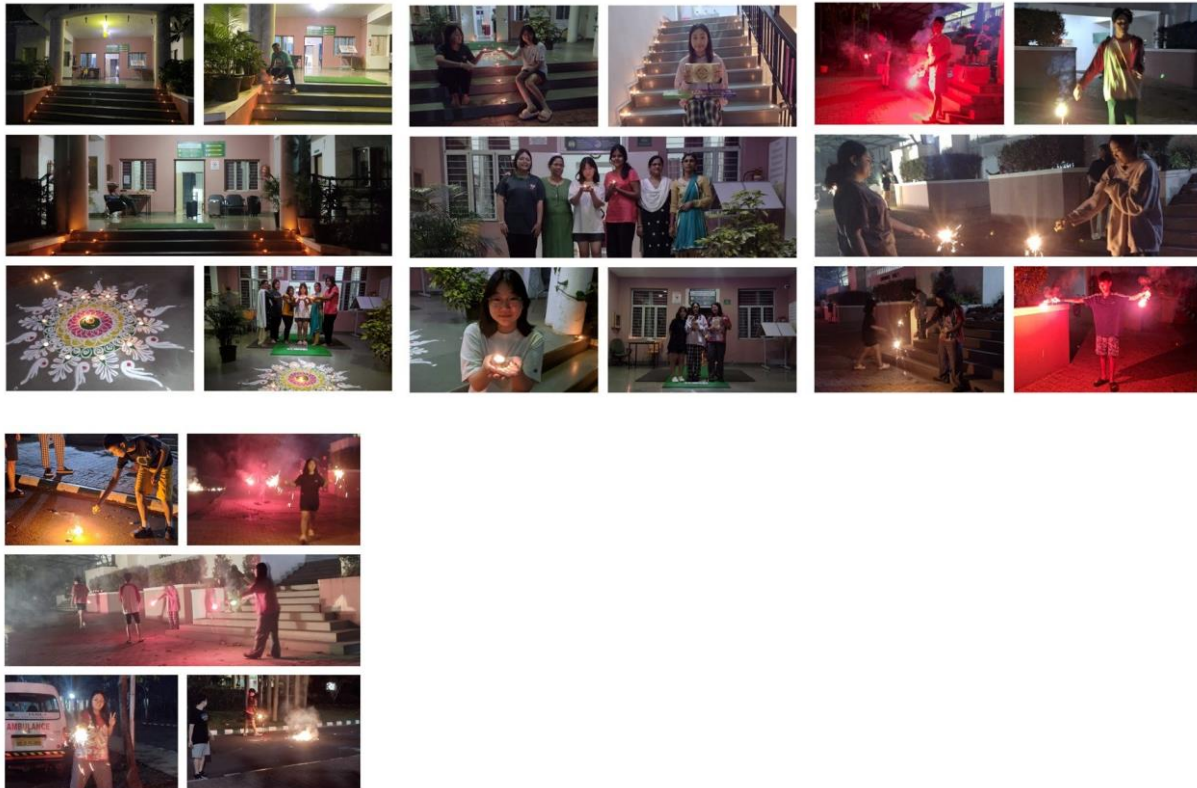
The boarding students had the wonderful opportunity to embark on a memorable Diwali lunch outing to the luxurious Hyatt Hotel. Hyatt, a name synonymous with luxury and hospitality, served as the perfect setting for our students' outing. The elegant ambiance, warm hospitality, and exquisite culinary offerings created an inviting atmosphere for our young guests. What made this outing even more special was the choice of attire, instead of their usual school uniforms. The students embraced the spirit of Diwali by dressing in a colorful array of traditional Indian outfits. Saris, Kurtas, Lehengas, and Sherwanis filled the room with colors and designs. It was heart-warming to see our young learners pay homage to their cultural heritage in style. Additionally, some students opted for smart casuals, adding a modern and chic look to the celebration. The variety in attire showcased the diversity of our student body and celebrated individual expression. As the students arrived at Hyatt, they were greeted with warm smiles and a welcome drink. The well-appointed dining area offered a stunning view, setting the stage for an exceptional dining experience. The students were delighted to savor a wide array of delectable dishes from a diverse menu that catered to various cuisines. The Diwali lunch outing at Hyatt for our boarding students was an extraordinary experience. This outing will be etched in their hearts, reminding them of the wonderful time they had at Hyatt while dressed in traditional and smart casuals to celebrate the spirit of Diwali.

### 11th November: Mall Outing



During the Autumn break, a group of students decided to stay back in boarding. In order to celebrate Diwali, these students were taken to Phoenix Mall, so that they can buy gifts and new clothes. The vibrant atmosphere and Diwali-themed displays set the mood as they explored shops, indulged in festive snacks, and shared laughter. The mall visit wasn't just about shopping; it became a memorable communal celebration, adding a special touch to their break.

## 12th November: Diwali Celebration



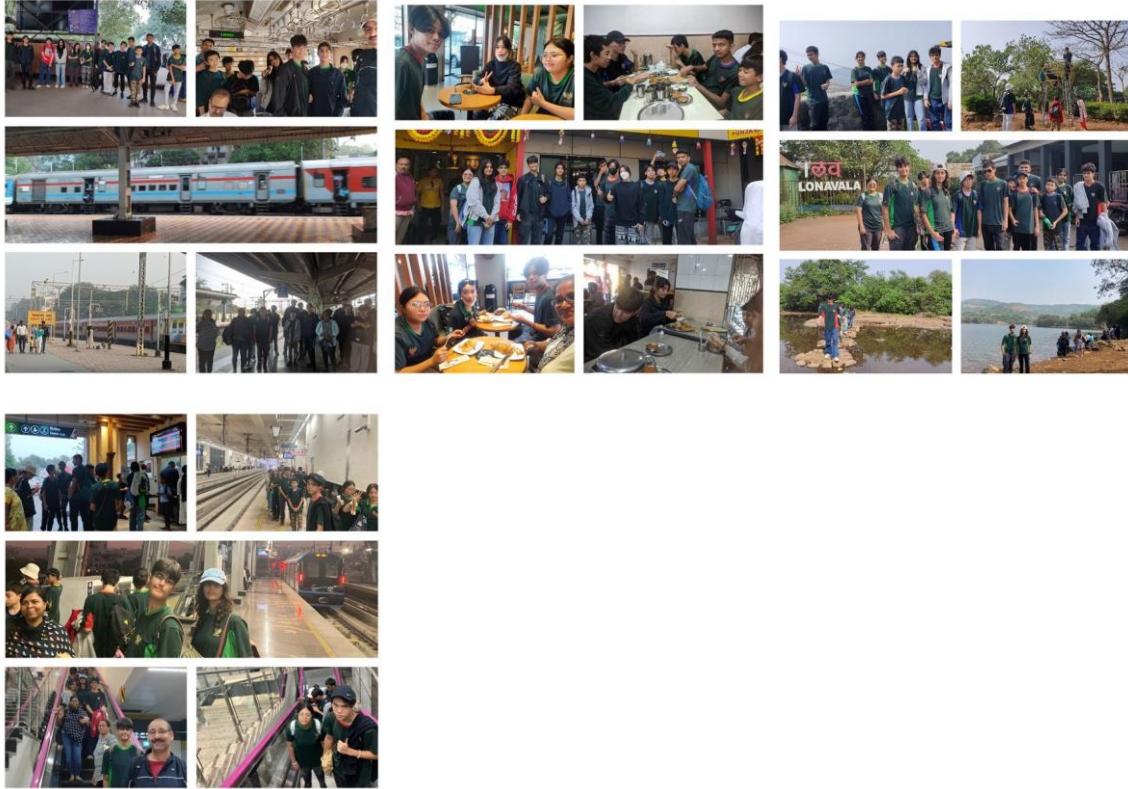
The students immersed themselves in a joyous Diwali celebration, bursting crackers, savoring dry fruits and sweets, illuminating diyas, hanging colorful kandils, and adorning their surroundings with radiant lights. Rangoli added an artistic flair to the festivities, creating a vibrant and festive ambiance that echoed the spirit of the festival of lights.

## Autumn Break-15th November: Lunch Outing



Post-Diwali, the festive spirit continued as the students were treated to an exquisite lunch outing at Rohi Gourmet Bistro. The culinary experience added a touch of luxury to their celebrations, creating lasting memories of a joyous Diwali break.

## 17th November: Trip to Lonavala



Extending their Diwali break adventures, the students embarked on a memorable trip to Lonavala. Adding an adventurous twist to their Lonavala trip, the students opted for the local experience, traveling by both the local train and Pune metro. Immersing themselves in the authentic local mode of transport, they reached Lonavala and explored scenic spots like Monkey Point in Khandala and Lonavala Ghats. The journey continued with visits to Tiger Point, Bushy Dam, and indulging in Chikki shopping—a delightful Lonavala delicacy. This unique blend of local travel and exploration added an extra layer of excitement to their outing, making it a truly immersive and memorable experience.

## 26th November: Visit to NDA



In a memorable trip, boarding students had the unique opportunity to witness the Passing Out Parade at the National Defence Academy (NDA) in Pune. Clad in formal uniforms, the students embarked on an early morning journey, setting out at 5 am to partake in this remarkable event. The NDA's strict adherence to discipline left an indelible mark on the visiting IB students. Stepping onto the grounds, it felt like entering a different world—one where order and discipline held paramount importance. The impeccable display of discipline by the NDA cadets resonated deeply with the onlookers, creating an atmosphere that exuded honour and commitment. Dressed in their crisp uniforms, the NDA cadets showcased the result of unwavering hard work and dedication. The synchronized movements and precision displayed during the parade left the boarding students inspired and in awe of the cadets' commitment to their training. As the passing out parade unfolded before their eyes, the boarding students couldn't help but feel a sense of admiration for the cadets who embody the values of sacrifice, discipline, and service. Witnessing the displayed helicopters, war tanks, and fighter airplanes fly above was a thrilling experience. This visit to the NDA Passing Out Parade was not just a field trip but a transformative experience for the boarding students. Witnessing the dedication and discipline of the NDA cadets left an enduring impression, fostering a deeper understanding of the values that shape the foundation of such esteemed institutions.

## Hobby Clubs

### Karate and Self Defense



Every Saturday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, students who signed up for the Karate and Self-defense Club were trained under the expert guidance of Mr. Shamsher, who is a National and International Medalist and a 4th Dan Black Belt from AIKF/GKF and KAI. The club focuses on practical skills for personal safety, combining martial arts with a strong emphasis on holistic well-being, including strength building and meditation. This holistic approach aims to instill discipline and resilience, shaping confident, and self-aware individuals. Excitingly looking forward to another semester of growth, empowerment, and martial arts mastery!

## Cooking and Baking



Under the guidance of Ms. Ujwala, a passionate and talented chef, the Cooking and Baking Club transformed the Dining Hall and Kitchen into a creative haven. From perfecting cookies to preparing modak for Ganesh Chaturthi, students enjoyed a culinary journey. The aroma of Maggie even filled the air during a hill trek escapade. The students and Ms. Ujwala look forward to celebrating improved skills and lasting memories forged through shared joy in creating delicious dishes together.

## Storytelling, Dance & Drama



Ms. Neena's Dance Drama Story (DDS) Hobby Club, is a vibrant hub for skill development and confidence building for students who signed up. The focus includes self-confidence, public speaking, expressiveness, appreciation for arts, narration skills, and story writing. Talented students have showcased their skills on occasions like Independence Day and festivals. Future objectives include voice modulation, script writing, street plays and acting mastery. Exciting plans ahead for this dynamic club!

## Gardening



Members of the Gardening Club were guided by Ms. Aruna, who is passionate about gardening and horticulture, to explore sustainable gardening practices. They delved into composting, growing hibiscus using the hydroponic method, practicing topiary with jade and money plants, and cultivating vegetables. These hands-on sessions fostered an appreciation for gardening, instilling responsibility and self-sufficiency. Ms. Aruna looks forward to introducing more gardening techniques and students are excited to learn hands-on in the upcoming semester.

## Embroidery



The Embroidery Club, curated by Ms. Rachna, is exclusively for our boarding students to explore the intricacies of embroidery, transforming threads into works of art. Our diverse group, predominantly composed of Thai students, passionately engages in this creative pursuit. Throughout the first semester, participants have delved into various stitches, from the foundational Simple Running Stitch to the detailed Back Stitch, French Knot Stitch, Blanket Stitch, Feather Stitch, Herringbone Stitch, and the elegance of Satin Stitch. As we conclude a successful first semester, we anticipate the continuation of the Embroidery Club in the second semester, where the enchanting world of cross-stitch will be unveiled, adding another layer of skill and creativity.

## Cross-Fit & Training



Led by Mr. Mahesh, the Cross-Fit Hobby Club completed a successful first semester with boarding students. Every Saturday, from 7 am to 9 am, students embraced invigorating bodyweight exercises, running and treks to the nearby Manas Lake. The dynamic nature of the club, introducing new challenges in each session, brought joy and broke the monotony of regular workouts. Looking ahead, plans include more fitness activities, promising continued benefits. The club has not only sculpted bodies but also instilled a spirit of adventure and a commitment to a healthy lifestyle. Here's to more energizing workouts and exploration in the upcoming semester!

## Carpentry



The collaborative Carpentry Workshop for boarding students, led by Mr. Akshay and school carpenters, was a success from September to November 2023. With 5 to 7 students attending weekend sessions, the workshop provided a two-hour opportunity to learn basic carpentry skills. Held near the tuck shop area, in the Junior Boys' Hostel common room, and construction area, the focus was on safety, wood types, and carpentry tools. Enthusiastic students created seven tiles used in games and built a Ganesh Pandal for Ganesh Chaturthi. Excited for future projects that can be integrated into daily life!

## F-1 STEM Program



Supervised by Ms. Meera, the F1 Hobby Club for boarding students was an exciting journey of craftsmanship and innovation. Held every Saturday from 2 pm to 4 pm, students explored the world of Formula 1 car modeling, mastering techniques from aerodynamic detailing to precision assembly. Mr. Dhires's expert guidance fostered skill development and teamwork. The completed car models showcased not only technical expertise but also a passion for Formula 1. The club stands as a testament to the synergy between mentorship and student initiative, shaping well-rounded individuals ready for broader challenges.

## "Eyelids and Ropes, The Poetry Club,"



It is a newly introduced student-led Hobby Club initiative. The objective behind starting the club is to share the love of poetry amongst all and provide a platform to discover the sheer pleasure in crafting verses. Poetry has the power to ignite creativity and self-expression, and we want to foster these qualities amongst our peers.

Benefits of joining the club:

1. Improvement in writing skills
2. Enhanced creativity and self-expression
3. Exposure to various styles of poetry, including haikus
4. An opportunity to share their work and receive constructive feedback
5. A sense of belonging to a community of like-minded individuals

Upcoming Events in December

- 2nd December: HYE Study Weekend
- 3rd December: HYE Study Weekend
- 9th December: Christmas Games and Dinner
- 10th December: Packing for Winter Holidays
- 16th December: Winter Holidays
- 17th December: Winter Holidays
- 23rd December: Winter Holidays
- 24th December: Winter Holidays
- 30th December: Winter Holidays
- 31st December: Winter Holidays

Thanks, and warm Regards,

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