

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

April 2019 Newsletter

*“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more,
do more and become more, you are a leader.”*

— Simon Sinek

Primary Years Programme:

Leadership Summit: Tikkun Olam is a Jewish concept that involves repairing the world through small acts of kindness. Our young eagles of Grade 1 proudly displayed the leadership skills they had acquired through the year during the summit held on 11th April 2019. Through an interactive skit they found the right solution to heal the world and showcased the acts of kindness they had displayed over the year. They moved our parent audience with their inspiring I LEAD speeches that focused on the goals they set for themselves and how they overcame their challenges. Learners demonstrated their skills in playing traditional instruments like the tabla and the mrigdangam. The curtain call had our young Eagles singing 'heal the world'. Our young students understand that our core values of empathy, respect, love and discipline are the beacons that will light our way to a life filled with purpose. Well done, Grade 1!





Science Day:

PYP celebrated Science Day on 5th April, 2019. This was a great opportunity for the students to question, wonder and explore the world of Science. We began our day with IUCAA demonstrations. IUCAA is the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics. They displayed different types of Space toys and Science toys for Grades 3, 4 and 5. They also organized a quiz and games for the students which had our young scientists thinking hard and pondering over scientific facts. Grades 1 and 2 had a demonstration on rocket launching. Post lunch, our little scientists from the Science Club displayed the scientific knowledge they had gathered through the year. Through various experiments, students demonstrated their understanding of the capillary action of water, working of a pendulum, a kaliedoscope, etc. They also had made a magnetic doll with movable parts, a pin hole camera, a hover craft with balloons, an electro magnet, and several other gadgets and explained the working of each with confidence. The PYP corridors were buzzing with excitement as our curious learners shared ideas and knowledge with each other.





Numeracy Day:

Students in the PYP celebrated numeracy day on 12th April by exploring fraction hopscotch , Sudoku puzzles, and skip counting through snakes and ladders .The entry ticket into each classroom was the completion of a fun math problem and at the end of the day, they had to exit with two stars and a wish . Our Eagles also researched about their favourite mathematicians and created puzzles for their little friends in the school. All in all it was a day filled with numbers, games and fun.





Earth Day

Earth Day reminds us how important our home planet is, how delicate her ecosystems are and how essential it is for us to preserve this. Our students in the PYP celebrated Earth day by planting beautiful saplings all around the campus. They learned about the slow irrigation system that is being used to water our trees and understood the importance of water conservation. Our Grade 2 and Grade 3 students demonstrated the passion and concern they have towards mother Earth and spread awareness to the rest of PYP through an informative assembly. Our Eagles took a pledge to tread gently and leave a small carbon footprint so that this beautiful planet of ours can be enjoyed by future generations.





Middle Years Programme:

- New Units for MYP: The last unit for the year has begun for all grades of the MYP with the focus on student-centered learning. Learners will be exploring the inquiry cycle through research and application based questions.
- Field Trips: ESL and Hindi student went for a field trip to Lavasa city in order to practice the skills learns in their unit on tourism.
- Grade 9 Personal Projects: Students of grade 9 officially began their personal projects on the 1st of April. They have identified their areas of interest, finalized a topic, goal and its connection to a relevant global context. Students have also identified the product/outcome of their projects. Students have submitted their one page topic proposals and have been assigned supervisors. Grade 9 will now begin maintaining their process journals which will be a continuous process through the entire 10 month period.
- Preparation for the Final Assessments: MYP students have received the syllabus focus as well the written assessment timetables and transportation details for the final assessments due to begin on the 27th of May.
- Grade 10 Farewell: IISP bid farewell to the last batch of the IGCSE students on the 11th of April. Students of grade 9 hosted a party with performances, games, snacks and a fun photo booth to bid their friends farewell and to wish them the best of luck for the board exams.



Diploma Programme:

- The school has always reinforced on professional development of the teaching staff to acquaint the teachers with the latest changes in the curriculum and to empower them with the latest teaching skills. In continuation to this the Head of School ,Dr Tanushree Sharma has arranged collaborative discussion and planning sessions with all the departments as new and old teachers collaborate on curriculum planning to standardize teaching and learning and share best practices. The process promotes collegiality and reflection, further strengthening the new and experienced teacher's relationships which positively impacts students learning.
- Managebac, a platform for curriculum planning, assessment, reporting and attendance which provides a seamless and integrated experience for teachers, students and parents is being explored further. The school has integrated Turintin, a software to check the plagiarism, a way to create awareness among IBDP students about academic honesty. The Teachers can now monitor and give constructive feedback for all internal and external assessments on the platform thereby resulting in timely quality submissions.
- IBDP final examination are starting from 3rd of May 2019 and will end on 24th of May 2019.
- Internal Assessment (IA) grades and external assessments in Languages, and Theory of Knowledge (TOK) along with Extended Essay grades have been sent to IBO for 2018-2019. We are positive are students will come out with flying colours.

PLACEMENTS:

- Ms. Elif Turel has joined Placement Cell as “Head of Guidance and College Placements” in this month. She has received double postgraduate degree in “European Studies” from University of Uppsala and University of Strasbourg for which she was also awarded with a full Postgraduate Scholarship from the European Commission. She has significant experience in career and college counselling and her recent appointment was with Tarabya British Schools in Istanbul, Turkey. She and her team assisted students to gain admission to prestigious universities across the world including University of Oxford,

University of Columbia, University of Toronto and University of Amsterdam. With effective communication and planning, she believes to bring light to students' and their families' path to the University of their Choice and one that is the best fit.

- The Placement team attended the IB Diploma Program workshop organized for 10th grade parents. As part of the workshop, the team gave a presentation about college counselling, the essence of the department and important factors to consider in terms of college planning.
- University of Southern California and Michigan State University Visits – Ms. Julie [from USC] and Ms. Amber [from MSU] met the Guidance & Placements team in this month. Both universities are popular choices every year for our students to apply. The counselors had a detailed conversation with the representatives, discussing factors about admission requirements, popular courses, post-study options, internships and faculty strengths.
- Foothill and De Anza College Visits – The representative of both colleges, Ms. Deepali met with the Guidance & Placements team and a prospective applicant from the school. The two-year community college option is a very unique concept where students study for two years and then transfer to another institution to finish the remaining two years. The students can transfer to any partner colleges in the US or other countries where the course credits are accredited. It is an exceptional option for students as these colleges offer good education at a minimal cost.

Boarding:

The boarders continued following their well-designed weekend activity schedule.

- NKBA – Indus tied-up with NKBA (Nikhil Kantekar Badminton Academy) where expert coaches assist in badminton training.
- CYCLE POLO – First batch of cycle polo.
- CAS ACTIVITY – CAS activity was conducted at Angrewadi temple.
- CHESS – Chess classes for boarders.
- Counselor's session on How to handle examination stress.
- FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - Boarding students went to Goa for football tournament.











SPORTS:

- The IISP football teams have participated in the Goa Sports Carnival, 2019 organized by City Sports foundation Pune from 18th – 22nd April, 2019. Our students have done a great job and displayed their skills & team coordination in throughout the tournament. The best player of the tournament is given to Lander Maes from Grade 9 and Yogansh Raj Singh from Grade 11. Also Vihaan Mittal from Grade 4 has received the best goalkeeper award in under 11 category.
- In MYP PHE subject, Grade 6-9 students are started fourth unit with life skill swimming. Grade 6 learning all basic skills and strokes of swimming, whereas Grade 7 and 8 has started their unit with water polo & Aqua-aerobics. The Grade 9 has been practicing basic strokes of swimming, rescue to drowning victim, lifesaving in the water and pool side, CPR technique, safety equipment's, safe personal behaviour in the water.
- The MYP Inter house Badminton & Tennis were organized on the 8th & 9th of April 2019. Both the sports has been played in two different categories. i.e. Grade 6 & 7 and Grade 8 & 9.







Thanks and warm regards

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<i>Dates for your Diary</i> <i>May 2019</i>	
Date	Event
May 01 st	Maharashtra Day [Holiday]
May 02 nd	IBDP Final Exam Commences
May 24 th	PYP Exhibition IBDP Final Exam Ends
May 31 st	Prep 2 Graduation PYP Mufti Day