

PRINCIPALS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022

CEO's Message 2022

It is for the first time that all Indus schools are ranked within the first four in India in the International School - Day-cum-Boarding category. No other family of schools can boast of such a distinction. **Indus Bangalore retains its #1 position for the 11th consecutive year**, a rare feat indeed. **Indus Pune and Indus Hyderabad are tied at #4**. Even the fledgling **Indus Altum International School, Belgavi, is ranked #10** in the first two years of its raising.

There is an **Indus Code** no school has been able to crack all these years. Our eminent leadership position in the family of international schools, affirms two fundamental strategies:

First, in a highly competitive market, an organisation must continue to **create and not compete**.

Second, to create and to be ahead of the curve, the organisation must collaborate to create an **ecosystem** with industry, EdTech companies, other schools, universities, and research establishments.

On the creativity front, we have developed the **AI-Assistant** to collaborate with teacher and students, the **StartupYou**, and now the upcoming School **of the Future called 10X**.

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FOUNDER MD & CEO

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1 - Indus International School Pune Ranked No.4 in India.

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)



2 - Dussehra Celebration

The PYP celebrated Dussehra through a Dandiya celebration on the lawns of the school. Students dressed in their traditional best and danced with their peers and teachers on foot tapping numbers. It was indeed a pleasure to see the EYP students, PYP students, teachers and parents enjoying the season of festivities together.



3 - PYP 5 – Model United Nation(MUN)

Our PYP 5 learners participated in the first intra school MUN organized in school on 14th and 15th of October. The students were actively engaged in researching and representing the country and office that they were allotted. This first interaction with the rest of the school peers was a great learning experience for PYP 5 as they explored and built on research and communication skills. Students enjoyed being a part of the discussions and debates which has indeed taken a leap in their learning journey.



4 - PYP 5 Assembly – Eradication of Poverty

To inculcate international mindedness and reflect on the challenges of the world, PYP students were a part of the awareness drive for the International Day for Eradication of Poverty. PYP 5 students conducted an assembly for the PYP where they spoke about poverty and its long-standing implications on the world at large. They also suggested ways in which all of us together can

take actions to reduce this widespread disparity in the world. The assembly ended on a musical note where students presented a group song that motivated everyone to take a small action towards helping and fixing the world.

End of Unit Celebrations

PYP 3 concluded the unit under the transdisciplinary theme 'How we organize ourselves'. PYP 3 learners presented their learnings and understanding of concepts to their parents. Students created futuristic cities which had elements of planning and creativity while also displaying the understanding garnered about the interconnectedness of cities and the systems in it.



5 - Students of PYP 4 celebrated their learning of the transdisciplinary theme 'How we express ourselves' through an artistic presentation to parents and teachers. They displayed their understanding of various forms of visual and performing arts and understood the role they play in society. The learning from the unit was evident as students reflected on the concepts of aesthetic, culture and traditions.



6 - Inter-house Cultural Festival

To imbibe the spirit of festivities, tradition and culture, the PYP 1 – 5 students participated in a few challenges that were organized on the theme of Diwali. Students of PYP 1 and 2 were divided in house specific groups and took part in a Ravana effigy making competition. PYP 3 and 4 students were a part of a competition to design the city of Ayodhya using materials available in school combined with research and creativity. PYP 5 students participated in a fort making challenge, they used wet mud to design beautiful forts around the PYP block. Winners for all the competitions were announced on 21st October in the assembly to applaud the efforts of students through this cultural fest.



7 - Session by Book Baker

PYP 1 – 5 students attended a session conducted by Ms. Smriti Rathi, whose company helps students author books. Students enjoyed the session as they were introduced to the basics of writing a book and stories using their own creativity and ideas.

Diwali Assembly

PYP 2 students conducted a Diwali assembly where they highlighted the cultural significance of Diwali and an environment friendly way to celebrate the same. To get the celebrations rolling, students also performed a song, dance and role play to entertain the audience and closed the assembly on a happy note. To conclude on a sweet note, all PYP students were served sweets.

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP)



8 - Prem Mutha from MYP Year 1 won the award for Versatile Gold Medalist at the Xth National Cube Championship held in Mumbai.



9 - MYP Year 5 students participated in several debates as they explored their first Interdisciplinary Unit (IDU) connecting English Language & Literature to the Sciences using Healthcare as the subject.

Passionate dialogues highlighted the empathy and economist mindsets of our Eagles, making for thought-provoking idea generation.



10 - Students of MYP Years 1-3 set out for a day of Community Service where they cleaned up the areas surrounding Manas Lake. They worked with much enthusiasm and collected a lot of trash, thus leaving the environment much cleaner. They came back with pride and excitement, narrating stories of their adventures.



11 - Intermediate and Senior Category Orientations for the upcoming I Lead Cup.



12 - Rangoli -Making Competition at 'UBUNTU' (Cultural Fest).



13 - The Cultural Fest 'UBUNTU' saw students set up stalls to represent the cultures of the countries whose language they are learning. Food stalls were a huge hit and games were a huge attraction for all.



14 - Young Achievers

Dhyey Shah, MYP Year 5 student at Indus International School, Pune has been associated for almost a year with On My Own Technology (OMOTEC) which is a STEM learning center. It offers a wide range of Robotics & Coding Programs and prepares and educates students with STEM learning, Research & Innovation through a hands-on experience. OMOTEC also prepares students to participate in competitions on a global level. Dhyey previously was a part of the 'Google Code to Learn' competition, which helps to build a stronger foundation for computer science in India. Being a finalist, he also won a gift hamper and certificate from 'Google Code to learn'. Dhyey is a diligent, conscientious, creative, and focused student. This time he is all set for Hackathon 2022. He ranked 3rd in the Regionals and is now progressing to Nationals and we are excited to see his performance.



15 - Atharv Thareja, MYP Year 5 student has successfully organized and executed an E-Waste collection drive in our society on the 27th and 28th of August 2002. He was able to collect a substantial 132 kgs of this waste and send it for proper recycling and disposal. The drive was organized and executed by Atharv on August 27th and 28th, where he covered 126 houses within our society and collected 132 kgs of e-waste. He also carried an awareness and sensitization drive in the vicinity to help people become more aware about proper disposal and recycling of e-waste. Atharv and his team of volunteers collected the e-waste, which was then sent for recycling to Green IT Recycling center, registered recyclers by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. (<http://www.greenit.co.in/>) He has also been awarded with an appreciation certificate and featured on their LinkedIn page.



16 - Collaborate to Conserve : Plastic Waste Management Drive

Students at Indus International School, Ronith Lahoti (MYP Year 5), Rajveer Jadhav (MYP Year 5) and Arrsh Muttha (MYP Year 4), launched a unique drive creating awareness amongst fellow school mates on Plastic Waste and encouraging them to “Collaborate to Conserve” the environment by adopting the innovative “Plastic Waste Management” way of life. The event was presided by celebrated Indian Cricketer Mr. Kedar Jadhav. He applauded the efforts of these “Plastic Warriors” and impressed that this drive should start from everyone’s house, spread across Pune city and then to the whole country. He stressed upon the need to make Pune a cleaner city and India a cleaner country by such drives spreading across everywhere. Young cricket fans bowled their questions to Mr. Kedar Jadhav, who responded with equal enthusiasm sharing his insights about his passion for Cricket and highlighting the importance of focus on everything we do.

Keshav Sita Memorial Foundation Trust has been working across the city to create awareness of waste plastic and segregation at source for better waste management.

They wished the students to make this initiative a grand success at Indus and also spreading it across Pune. This seems to be a new ray of hope which will help sustain a better environment for generations to come.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP)



17 - Indus School Leadership Camp of DP1 Students

" The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails."- John Maxwell.

The energetic batch of DP1, Indus International school, Pune successfully completed their 4 - day Leadership Development Program at Indus School of Leadership. The two batches of DP1 students attended the ISL camp from 26th September 2022 to 3rd October 2022. Students were successfully engaged in various activities related to wellness, a team of teams, adaptability, and climate change as a part of their leadership training. The students were able to evolve as leaders on leadership disposition like goal setting, inspired vision, challenge the process etc.

Leadership development programs are designed in-house by expert trainers who are certified by ACCT, Project Adventure, and ICF who are pioneers in experiential learning and coaching. These educational leadership programs are custom designed as per the training needs analysis. The programs are meticulously constructed training programs for young minds.

Keep moving, keep learning!



18 - World Mental Health

On occasion of World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2022, a special assembly was organized for DP1 students. The School Counsellors led the assembly and emphasized the significance of mental wellbeing in the contemporary world and the necessity to articulate it. The stigma around mental health was discussed with the students and they were motivated to take proactive steps on their part to work on their personal biases. We should be kind towards everyone as we do not know the struggles they are facing. Student life can be stressful, so self-care tips and ideas were also shared with the students. They were encouraged to choose activities for self-care which work for them and are fruitful and productive for their overall well-being in the long run.

When we start supporting each other, the future will surely be a place where mental health is celebrated and not considered a taboo. It proved to be an enriching and enlightening experience for the students as well as the facilitators!



19 - The students of Indus got a unique opportunity to meet and interact with students from INTERNET SOLING , a boarding Grammar school in Germany. The DP students learning German met these German students, introductions were made and lot of cultural exchange took place. It was an exciting opportunity for the students of the two schools to take inspiration from each other. They understood what life as a student in Germany entails and the similarities and differences were discussed. Students were excited to share information and acknowledged the importance of learning the language.



20 - **MUN Conference** -Indus International School Pune conducted its first intra-school Model United Nations Conference on 14th and 15th October 2022. The event saw the participation of more than 200 delegates from PYP Year 5 to DP1, divided into 6 committees: the UNGA, the UNFCCC, the ECOSOC, the UNHRC, the DISEC, and the UNSC Preceded by multiple orientation sessions, the delegates came prepared with their research binders ready to debate on global issues pertaining to their agendas, from development in South America, to the ongoing Russo-Ukraine war. Each committee was also assigned reporters, who took notes on committee proceedings and wrote articles as contributions to the IISP MUN newsletter, Athene.

On Day 2, students began the day preparing for a draft resolution. The Press team was actively conducting interviews and press conferences asking delegates hard-hitting questions. The press conferences addressed questions from all aspects of the agenda followed by publishing newsletters from both days. Once draft resolutions had been voted on, all that remained was the closing ceremony along with the awards. The IISP MUN team was delighted to have Ms. Khushboo Bhatia, CEO of Thermax Energy Solutions, and an active member of the MUN community, as the chief guest for the event. She delivered a rousing speech and addressed the delegates on the importance of their participation in the event.

The MUN was wrapped up with a musical performance of the Earth Song by Michael Jackson, performed by Indus' own students! The music was wonderful and brought a beautiful and on-theme end to the flagship conference.

CAREER GUIDANCE & PLACEMENTS DEPARTMENT



21 - The month of October was busy for the Career Counselling Team as they worked with students for their Oxford, Cambridge and Medicine applications to UK. Students appeared for the various Oxbridge tests that were conducted smoothly within the department. Soon followed the Early Application and Early Decision keeping the counselors and students occupied with their application process. An exclusive session was conducted for students applying early, to help them build a strong application.

The Counselling team is constantly guiding students to prepare them well for their regular college applications. The team met with expert members from CIALFO who educated them on the latest features and resources that can help serve students better.

Our counselors act as advisors, coaches, confidants and instructors to provide customized help to each student to meet their needs and goals.

The goal of our Career Counseling Team is to not only help students make the decisions they need to make now, but to give them the knowledge and skills they will need to make future career and life decisions.



22 - University of British Columbia (UBC) - Canada

The International Student Advisors from the University of British Columbia, consistently ranked among the top 20 public universities in the world met with the DP1 DP2 students to apprise them on their various Undergraduate programs and the latest updates related to the application process.

UBC is a global center for teaching, learning and research that embraces innovation and transforms ideas into action. The students got an opportunity to interact with the officials and get their expert advise and practical tips for college applications.

Temple University - USA

The University officials from Temple University, the only public research institution in Philadelphia met with the counseling team at Indus International School Pune and apprised them on the 160+ majors that they offer in various areas of Undergraduate studies. They elaborated on the thriving and diverse community for students where no opportunity is out of reach and updated on the new opportunities, advice on admissions tests, applications, funding etc.



23 - Ashoka University - India

Students of DP2 attended a session with Ashoka University led by Ms. Swati Razdan who introduced the endless opportunities that Ashoka University provides in Liberal Arts and Science education that enables critical thinking, complex problem solving and innovation for impact and change.

VijayBhoomi University - India

Students on DP1 attended a session with Mr. Rishi Kappal from VijayBhoomi University on Unleashing the Entrepreneurial Mindset. He explained how Entrepreneurial mindset is a way of thinking that enables you to overcome challenges, be decisive, and accept responsibility for your outcomes. It is a constant need to improve your skills and take continuous action on your ideas. He also highlighted the importance of persuasive communication.

Monash University's #ChangeltChallenge

Monash University, Australia and Indus International School Pune extend an open invite to DP1 & DP2 students in schools across Maharashtra, to participate in the #ChangeltChallenge competition, which focuses on finding practical solutions to the climate change problem that is plaguing our world. Students could help solve some of the biggest climate issues such as access to clean water, threatened ecosystems, poor air quality, food supply shortages and reliance on non-sustainable energy sources.

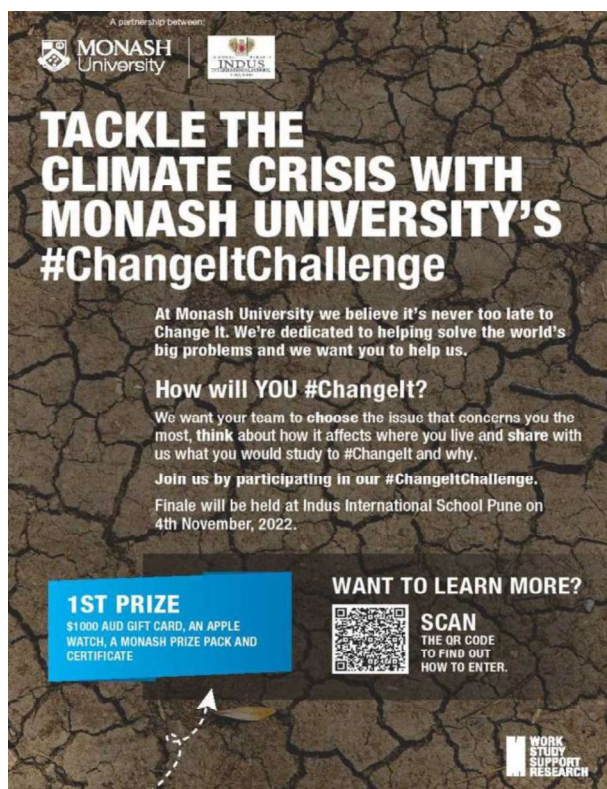
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The Finale will be held at Indus on 4th November 2022

1st Prize – A\$1000 Gift Card (equivalent INR) + an Apple Watch, a Monash prize pack, and a Certificate

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Upcoming Events and Deadlines:

- 1st November - Early Application Deadline for US Universities
- 4th November – Monash University Changeit Challenge
- 11th November – Visit by US Universities, Goucher College, York College of Pennsylvania, Marymount Manhattan College
- 18th November – USIEF Presentation and College Fair (Education USA)
- 30th November- Final date to submit the University of California application.

Results of ISSO Games 2022

We are glad to inform you that the MYP and DP students of IISP participated in the recently held ISSO National games and have made us proud with their achievements by winning Gold, Silver, Bronze medals and Runner-up positions in various sports.



25 - **Cricket**: 11 students from DP participated Under-19 category and were in the Runner-up position. **Ganesh Patankar (DP2)** was awarded the **Best Bowler** of the tournament (**Total wickets - 11**). Around 12 students from MYP participated in the Under -17 category and were in the 1st Runner-up position.



26 - **Football**: 15 students from DP participated in the Under -19 category and were in the 1st Runner-up position.



27 - **Basketball:** Under-19 Girls teams participated.



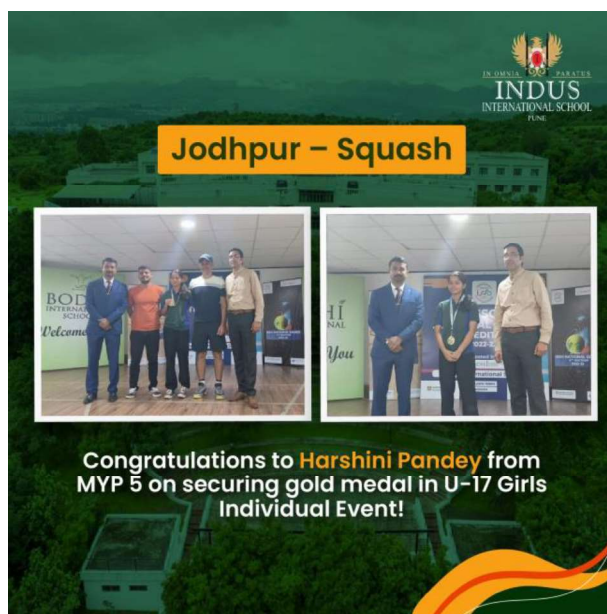
28 - **Basketball:** Under-19 and Under-17 Boys teams participated.



29 - **Shooting:** Nishka Bothara (DP1) has won a **Gold medal (U-19)** and she has qualified for the upcoming Nationals in December.



30 - **Badminton:** Avni Bhogawat (DP1) won a **Silver medal (U-19)**.



31 - *Squash*: Harshini Pandey (MYP Year 5) has achieved a **Gold medal** (U-17).



32 - *Swimming*: Sneha Goyal (DP2) - 200 meters **Gold Medal**, 100 meters **Silver Medal**, 50 meters **Bronze Medal** and 4x100 relay **Silver medal** (U-19).

Zenia Abad Irani (MYP Year 5) - 800 meters **Silver medal**, 200 meters **Bronze medal** and 4x100 relay **Silver medal** (U-19).

Tanisha Viegas (DP2) – 50 meters **Silver medal**, 200 meters **Silver medal**, 200 meters **Bronze medal**, and 4x100 meters relay **Silver medal** (U-19).

Yajas Gupta (MYP Year 3) – won 50 meters **Bronze Medal** and 4x100 relay **Silver medal** (U-14).

Anvesha Hatgaonkar (DP1) - 4x100 **Silver medal** (U-19).

Onur Kacmaz (MYP Year 2) – 4x100 **Silver medal** (U-14).

BOARDING



33 - Indus International School Pune organized a plethora of activities over the past month to ensure that the students are kept engaged and enjoy their time in boarding. Students celebrating the tradition of Gujarat. All of them wearing traditional clothes for Garba and having fun and dancing their hearts out.



Exploring the wonders of nature through trekking

34 - Students enjoyed this experience thoroughly even while facing obstacles in their tracks which shows their exceptional determination. For many students this was a wonderful adventure to discover stunning beauty of our environment.



35 - Friendship is an important aspect of life, which is required in every part and adventure of life to explore different things. A trip like a mall outing helps in strengthening friendships and making memorable moments, which we will look back too in the future to see how times have changed.



36 - Tug of war was conducted for all grades in the football ground. The boarding staff too who participated in this along with the Head of Boarding. The DP students and the boarding staff had a tug of war fight, the students enjoyed the moment of this friendly competition.

There was a competition organized for girls vs boys team in which the girls took the lead displaying the “girl power”. Students really had a lot of fun doing this outdoor activity in which they could show their strength and power along with sense of competitiveness.



37 - Design your corner: A corner for a student should become not just a room, a space of their own in boarding. The activity was planned to see the creativity of the PYP and the MYP students.

The students beautifully decorated their rooms with their craft work, paintings and origami work.



38 - A party was conducted for all the boarders and the reason was the festival of lights "Diwali". Students from all the grades came together to enjoy this. There were various activities such as musical chairs, the statue game and many other activities for the PYP where all of the young kids had a lot of fun and completely enjoyed themselves. There were many performances like the one on the band , singing etc given by students of all programs. Dance party was organized where they were playing their own songs and were dancing and enjoying their time. Snacks and juices were served to them . Overall this was a very interactive and fun party for the all the students.



39 - An outing was for the PYP AND MYP where the students went to Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park where they observed , understood and got to learn various new things about different animals ,their species and habitats. They learnt how they adapt to to different situations. The students really had a very good time and enjoyed themselves as all of them were young kids the animals fascinated them even more which developed an interest amongst the students. The unbridled joy of a child on spotting a favourite monkey, a tiger or a snake is a great sight to behold. This outing was not only a fun but also a very knowledgeable and productive outing for the children.



40 - Rangoli making and Diya decorating contest were organized where the students enthusiastically participated and showcased their talent .It's a spark that ignites innovation and creativity.



41 - Fort making competition -Building mud forts is a tradition used to commemorate the Maratha victory, and to honour Shree Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, these forts were constructed as a symbol of respect for Shivaji by all grades students boarding house wise.



42 - "Indus International school Pune is delighted and proud to have you as part of our team and congratulations on completing 10 years of service at IISP."

UPCOMING EVENTS

PYP

10th, 11th & 14th November – I Lead Cup

30th November – Mufti Day

MYP & DP

11th & 14th November – I Lead Cup

18th November – World Philosophy Day

20th – 24th November – Year 5 ISL Camp

Thanks, and warm regards

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