

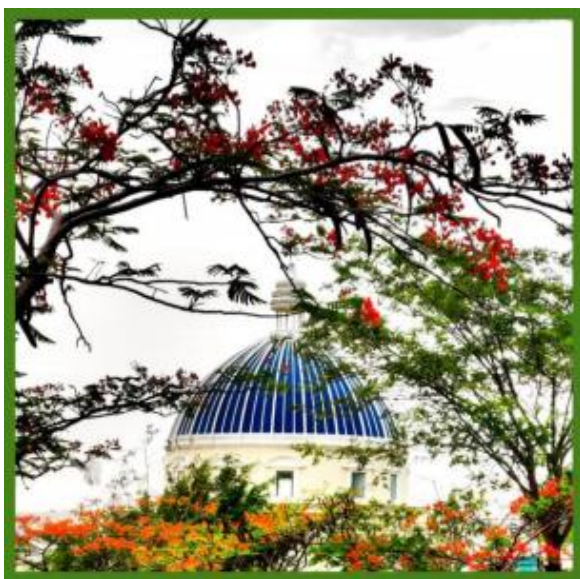


NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

October-December 2020

INTRODUCTION

It is hard to believe that we have already completed one term of the year! Following a productive term at Indus, we would like to thank our learners, parents, and teachers for making academics as well as co-curricular activities and events not only a great success, but also, a great delight. As you enjoy the well-deserved bit of rest, relaxation and festive season, here is a brief glimpse of the events that transpired in October-December.



Innovation Day - 2nd October 2020

Innovation is the center stone of excellence. It is how we survive and thrive in a world which changes every day.

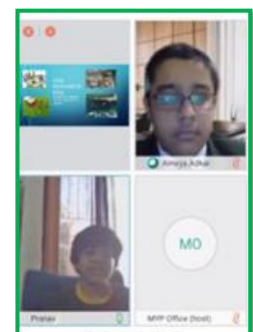
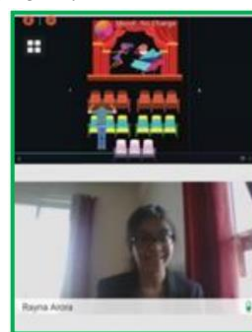
At Indus, it is not only our endeavor to create leaders of tomorrow but also our responsibility to ensure that they are ready for absolutely anything.

With this vision in mind, this year, Indus introduced the Innovation Challenge. Learners spent a week in thinking, discussion and envisioning creative solutions for challenges faced by the world. From home remedies to cancer healing techniques, learners delved into subjects and broke barriers by making inter disciplinary connections.

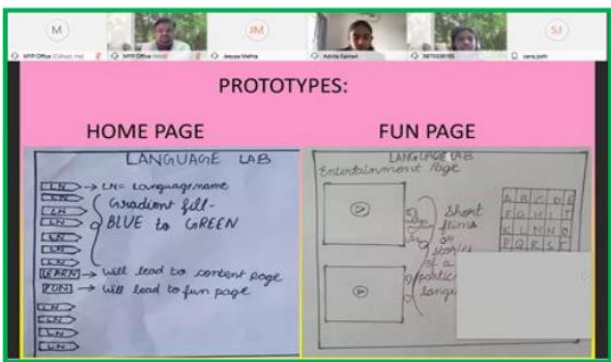
Their efforts were showcased on Innovation Day which was held on the 2nd of October 2020.

What better day to celebrate innovation than on the birth date of Mahatma Gandhi?

The CEO and MD of the Indus Trust, Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray, joined us as learners presented their ideas and accepted feedback to make their innovations truly path breaking. We are ever so proud of them!



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Parent Teacher Meetings - PTM - 5th to 9th October 2020

At Indus, we have always believed that fostering the perfect learning environment, requires a seamless partnership between parents and facilitators. For together, we make the environment that our children grow up in. We are immensely grateful to parents for always being our support.

This was seen during the virtual PTM's which were held from the 5th to the 9th of October 2020.

Parents filled out a survey and booked slots to meet with facilitators.

It was through collaboration that parents let us know their points of discussion which further helped facilitators give solutions that were action oriented thereby benefitting the children in our care.

The PTM's were a resounding success with requests from parents to keep this format even when offline school commences.

Substance Abuse Workshop for MYP4-5 - 27th October 2020:

With great power comes great responsibility.

We gift our learners with the power to own their decisions, hence it is also extremely important and essential to help them understand the power of safe decision making.

In order to facilitate this, a Substance Abuse Workshop was held on the 27th of October 2020 for the learners of MYP 4-5.

The workshop took them through substance abuse and what to look out for as well as who to reach out to.

Building a trustworthy support system changes lives, and we hope to be that support for our learners.



Student Council Elections

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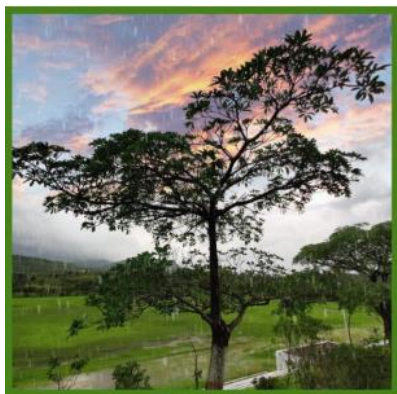
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I-Lead Cup - 6th to 9th November 2020

The I LEAD CUP Finale was a perfect culmination of the celebration of the Creativity,

Thought and Expression of every single student at Indus International School Pune. The plethora of opportunities (117 competitions) offered to the students during the four day mega-event (6th Nov to 9th Nov) helped develop problem-solving, reasoning, critical thinking, creative thinking, communication and most importantly collaborative abilities.



It facilitated emotional development, social skill development, and overall personality development in the students. The core aim of education and learning at Indus International School Pune is to foster holistic development and the I LEAD CUP was planned in the similar spirit. The Phoenix House was the winner of the I LEAD CUP.

Children's Day Celebrations - 9th November 2020:

The I-Lead cup finale was combined with the Children's Day Celebrations.

There is nothing more fulfilling than celebrating the ones who impact us the most, our children.

By this standard, everyday is Children's Day, but on one day of the year, we get to be one among them as we let our hair down and tell them what they mean to us.

This year, parents joined in the celebrations too as they participated in a musical challenge called, 'Raise the Mic'.

Teachers sang, danced and even put up a virtual play.

All of this to let our learners know that, without them, we are incomplete.



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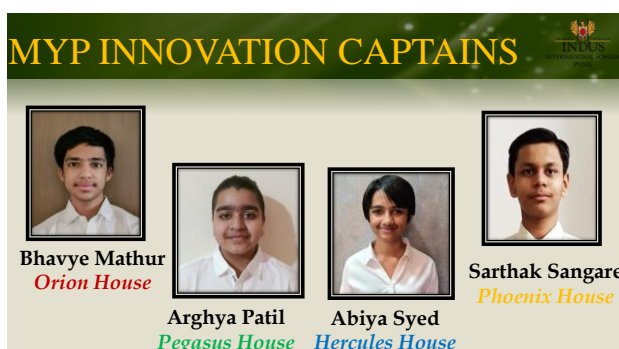
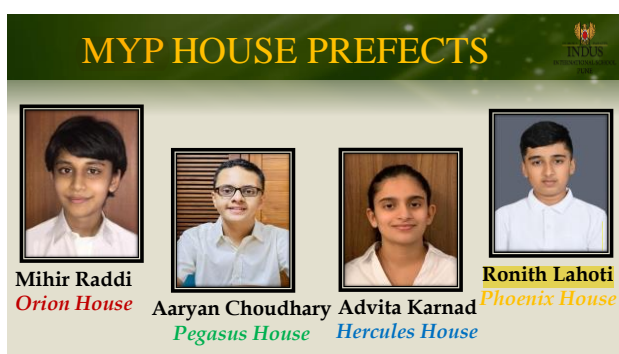
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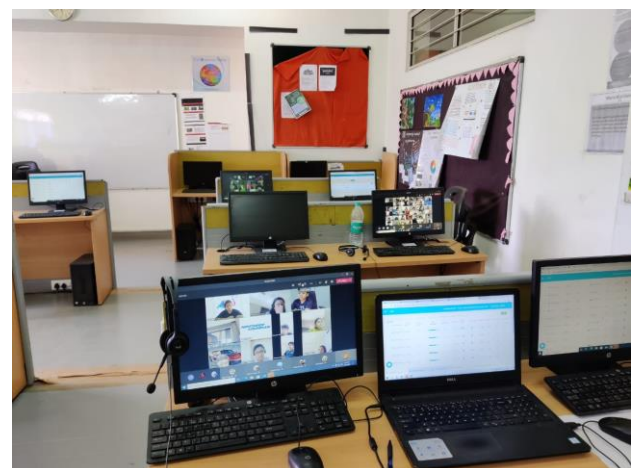
Half Yearly Exams - 4th to 17th December 2020

The half yearly exams were held from the 4th to the 17th of December 2020.

They were conducted in a seamless manner thanks to the support we received from the Parent Advisory Committee Grade Representatives as well as due to the collaboration between parents and teachers.

All extended summative submissions for portfolio subjects were done in November 2020 to ensure that learners had sufficient time to revise.

All papers were published an evening in advance and the examination team as well as Parent Advisory Committee Grade Representatives were on standby to ensure that all challenges were resolved in real time.



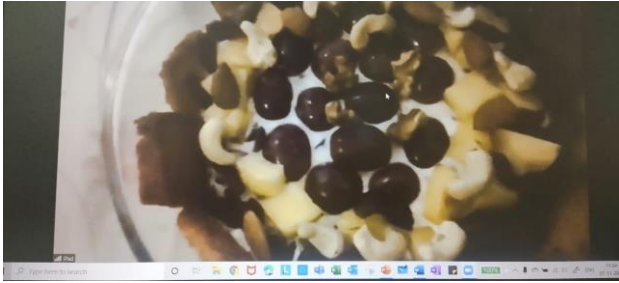
Winter Vacations - 18th December to 4th January 2021

Winter vacations officially began from the 18th of December 2020. That is nine months since we last saw our learners.

Here is hoping that the New Year brings happiness and cheer and a hope that we will meet again.

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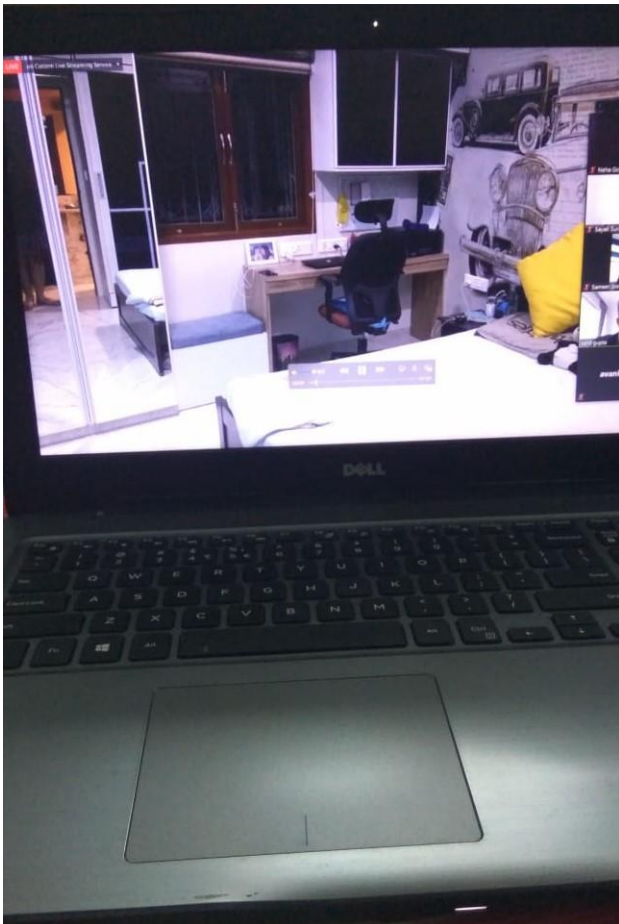
Glimpses of some activities in our MYP classes:



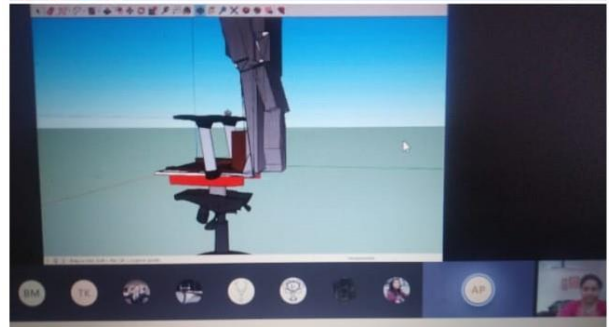
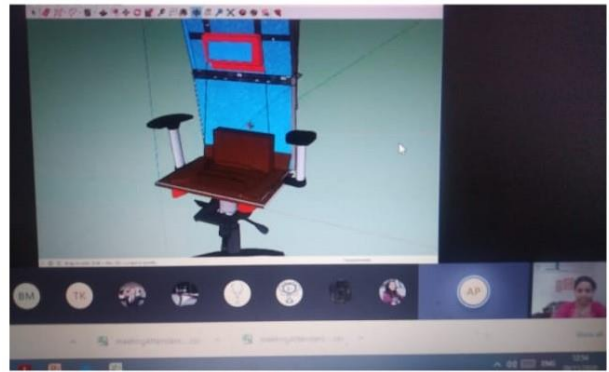
Cooking Up A Storm-ILEAD Cup!



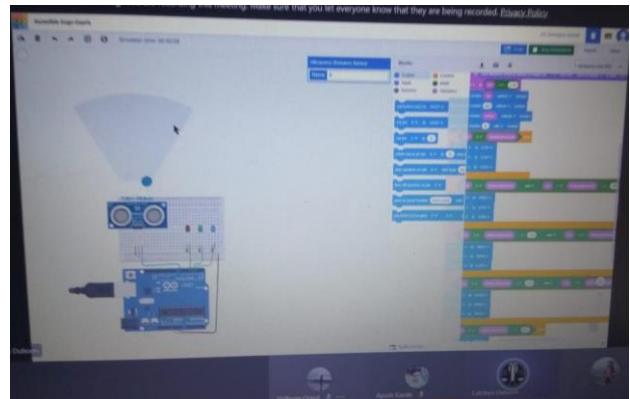
Young MasterChef-ILEAD Cup!



Replicating Design-3 D Modeling!



Designing An Ergonomic Chair!



Teaching How To Use the Proximity Sensor in AU-WEP Class



Expressing Emotions!

KEY DATES IN JANUARY 2021

5th January 2021	School Reopens (for students)
11th January 2021	IBDP Orientation & Career Counselling Session (MYP 5 Students)
13 th January 2021	Reporting Cycle-B Reports Published
14th January 2021	Makar Sankranti – Holiday
16th January 2021	Virtual PTM MYP 1 eAssessment Orientation for MYP 3 Parents
18th January 2021	Virtual PTM MYP 4
19th January 2021	Virtual PTM MYP 5
21th January 2021	Virtual PTM MYP 2
25 th January 2021	Virtual PTM MYP 3
26th January 2021	Republic Day – Holiday
30th January 2021	IBDP Orientation & Career Counselling Session (MYP 5 Parents)

Apart from what's going on in school, an air of entertaining mystery was added with the Secret Santa game which was started a couple of weeks before the festival and was celebrated with a twist like everything else this year. This entrenched event saw so many people going out of their way to make the season a joyous one for others. Having positive social interactions, fostered a heightened sense of interdependence and solidarity in our school community. What's more, when we give to others, we don't only make them feel closer to us; we also feel closer to them. Whether you're on the giving or receiving end of a gift, that gift can elicit feelings of gratitude—it can be a way of expressing gratitude or instilling gratitude in the recipient. Giving then leads to a win-win situation.

With this winning thought, we wish you wonderful new beginnings and a great year ahead.

May the New Year bring in reasons to celebrate life!

Warm regards,

MYP Team