

Principal's Newsletter April 2023

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)



1 - Mufti Day

To celebrate the spirit of change and rejuvenation the PYP students celebrated Mufti Day on 10th April as they came back from their Spring break. Children dressed up in colours of Spring and were engaged in activities in class which highlighted the spirit of the season.

The teacher advisors met with parents of their mentees in one-on-one sessions to check on the well being and academic progress of the students. These meetings provided an opportunity to parents to discuss suggestions or recommendations that they might have while also getting overall feedback on the student's work.



2 - Innovation Summits





To celebrate innovation and leadership that we at IISP try to instill in students, the EYP and PYP had Innovation Summits scheduled over 19th, 20th and 21st of April. Parents attended the summits with a lot of gusto to encourage their children as they presented their learning of the different tenets of the Innovation Curriculum. Across grades we had presentations through the performing arts as students highlighted the spirit of leadership. Selected students in all grades presented their I Lead speech which brought to fore their moment of achievement through Tikkun Olam, community engagement or personal reflections. Presentations and reports about Tikkun Olam actions, goal setting and deep reading were also shared during the event. The Design thinking process presentations were the highlight of the summit as students shared their prototypes of the empathy stage of the design thinking process. Students and parents got an insight into the learnings of the Innovation Curriculum through the summits.



3 - Earth Day Celebrations



Students celebrated Earth Day on 21st April by participating in a variety of activities that highlighted the importance of taking care of the planet. The day began with each grade taking a pledge to act responsibly towards the earth. Each class participated in different activities that were designed to teach them about the environment. Reception Prep 1 and Prep 2 celebrated the event by colouring terracotta pots with vibrant colours, they filled them with water and placed them around the school campus for the birds. PYP 1 made eco-friendly wind chimes using natural material found on the school grounds while reflecting on the importance of listening to the sounds of nature and being mindful of the environment. PYP 2 made a miniature garden using egg trays and recycled material, providing a hands-on learning experience which helped children develop an appreciation of nature. The third graders created a fairy

garden using resources found in the school campus. Our PYP 4 children set themselves into the exciting project of growing a herb garden keeping in mind the health benefits of consuming various herbs to ensure a healthy life-style. Last but not the least, our PYP 5 students put up a stall where the recycled artefacts created by students of PYP 3 - 5 were put on sale. We are happy to share that we collected Rs. 10,130 through this artefact sale which will be devoted towards the development of the Biodiverse Garden. Overall, the Earth Day celebration at school benefitted all the students, for it instilled in them the importance of preservation of environment and their responsibility towards the planet.



4 - PYP 5 – MYP Parent Orientation

A session for PYP 5 parents was held this month to orient them into the middle years programme. The MYP HOS and Coordinator conducted the session while highlighting the subjects offered, assessment types and the basic requirements for the MYP. The session was an interactive one where parents shared their doubts and clarified their thoughts about the programme. This orientation will be followed up with a student orientation in May along with the Pre MYP programme for them.



5 - PYP 5 Field Trips and Guest lectures

As the PYP 5 students explore their unit for the PYP Exhibition under the umbrella of the sustainable development goals, all groups have been attending expert talks from nutritionists, educators, environmentalists, and researchers. These expert talks have been organised for specific groups to aid their inquiry. Field trips for the same to boarding schools for challenged students, fitness studios, plastic recycling units, the Angrewadi school were also organised over this month for real life learning. This experiential learning component for the PYP Exhibition is sure to propel their inquiries forward as they prepare for their final Exhibition Day.

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP)



6 - MYP Reading Day

Students of MYP 1-3 enjoyed a refreshing break from academics when they visited the library for a while to briefly spend time with themselves and selected books. Although World Reading Day is celebrated on 23rd April, since it fell on a Sunday this year, students enjoyed a delayed Reading Day.

The library hosted a 'Book Tasting' for students with an array of interesting books, segregated into genres that interest our young learners. It was an invigorating disruption to the routine and one much appreciated by students. The joy of a few minutes of reading in a day are truly unmatched!



7 - Yajas Gupta – Our Cubing Champion

We are delighted to share that Yajas Gupta, MYP Year 3, has won 5 medals and 1 trophy (gold) at the India Cubers League 2.0 held this month. His achievements are as below:

- Gold in 3 cube relays (2*2, 3*3, Pyraminx)
- Silver in 2*2, 3*3 and Pyraminx Multi Solve
- Bronze for featuring in the Merit List-7th and 8th position in 2*2 and Pyraminx, in the Top 10 list of Cubers (Age category 13 to 18).

We are ever so proud of Yajas and wish him the best in future accomplishments.



8 - Vivan Jangle – Guest Talk in PYP

As part of the ongoing inquiry for the upcoming PYP X. The Life on Land team attended the guest speaker session with Vivan Jangle our MYP Year 1 student. Vivan is closely involved with RESQ and is passionate about saving animals. He enlightened the young learners about the endangered species around Pune and helped them reflect on the reasons for habitat loss. He also suggested some actions that they can take to save our habitats. His session will help students to take their DTP ahead and bring about a change required to save animals.



9 - Aditi Pachpande – NextgenInnov8 Talks

Aditi Pachpande, a MYP Year 2 student, has launched the NextgenInnov8 Talks, a platform that empowers young innovators and entrepreneurs to share their ideas and perspectives on innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology.

The launch event, which was held at IIT-Madras in the latter half of April, was a grand success, with the esteemed presence of Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director of IIM Nagpur, as the chief guest. The first guest for the series was Linda Jasline, Co-founder of Solinas Integrity Pvt Ltd., a deep-tech IITM start-up that develops robotic solutions for the pipeline and sanitation industry, solving problems of water leakages and eliminating manual scavenging.

Aditi spearheaded this exciting new platform and inspired everyone with dedication to transforming and spreading awareness to society through innovation and entrepreneurship. As a co-founder of NextgenInnov8, Aditi has already achieved remarkable success and serves as an inspiration to many.

We are extremely proud of Aditi and her commitment to making a positive impact. We can't wait to see what the future holds for her, and we wish Aditi all the best.

Congratulations, Aditi, on this outstanding achievement!



10 - Aayanika Banerjee – Ice Skating

Aayanika Banerjee of MYP Year 1 has been awarded as part of the international record for long track Ice skating at 12,000 ft above sea level at freezing temperatures of -24 degrees Celsius at Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh.

We are proud of her determination to consistently improve in ice skating and wish her the best in the future!



11 - Journey from Fun to Passion - Equestrian Ronith Lahoti

Ronith Lahoti's equestrian journey is an exciting story about how one discovers his passion through some chance fun moments. Having explored multiple sports options till his early teens, from Cricket to Football, Tennis to Table Tennis, none of them kicked Ronith's passion. Although he enjoyed all of them, he didn't find his true calling. It so happened that he got introduced to Horse riding as a fun sporting activity a couple of years back and within no time equestrian turned into his passion.

In his first year of competitive equestrian events, Ronith qualified for participation in Junior National Equestrian Championship (JNEC) in September 2022 by clearing 2 rounds of “Junior Show Jumping” at Regional Equestrian League (REL) held at Modi Equestrian Academy, Meerut. JNEC is India's largest national equestrian competition, in which top riders fight with their best horses for top rankings. A rider must compete in two state-level championships and clear rounds with a specified score to qualify for the JNEC.

Keeping his winning stride further he made us proud by bagging “Individual 4th Position” and “Team Bronze Medal” in “Junior Show Jumping” event in JNEC in 2022, which was hosted by Madhya Pradesh State Equestrian Academy (MPSEA) in Bhopal. Ronith represented Modi Equestrian Academy, Meerut. He won the Individual award riding horse Cuebbo and the Team award riding horse Mufasa. He was felicitated by Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare for Madhya Pradesh, Mrs. Yashodhara Raje Scindia. At JNEC, he competed amongst top 65 riders across the country and gave 3 clear rounds out of 4 rounds – 2 rounds each on Cuebbo and Mufasa. It was an incredible achievement considering that this was his first-time participation for both REL as well as JNEC. He’s demonstrated that passion and hard work can help achieve ones aspired dreams.

Another feather in the cap for Ronith Lahoti came with a moment of pride for Indus International School, when he bagged the “Best Rider” Trophy in “Junior Category (Under 18)” in the recently concluded Japaloupe Annual Equestrian Games 2023. He conquered this milestone by winning medals in 7 out of the 8 events in which he competed. Annual Equestrian Games 2023, hosted by Japaloupe Equestrian in Pune from 26th to 29th Jan. 2023, had about 120 riders from 10 teams participating across Maharashtra state. Junior Category (Under 18), in which Ronith competed, had about 30 riders. Ronith represented Indus Equestrian Centre and won 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 3 Bronze Medals in events of Show Jumping, Show Jumping Top Score, Show Jumping Challenge and Show Jumping Relay. He scored a total of 57 points to lead the category by a huge margin from the second-best scorer at 31 points. With Ronith’s huge contribution Indus Equestrian Centre was amongst top 5 teams at the competition.

Balancing his studies and passion equally well, we wish Ronith huge success in Equestrian world as he continues to work on his passion.



12 - Level 3 Himalayan Trek at Deoriatal - Chandrashila (Uttarakhand)

We are delighted to share that Grace and Reuel, two of our MYP4 students, have successfully completed the Level 3 Himalayan Trek at Deoriatal - Chandrashila (Uttarakhand), organized by India hikes from 3rd-13th April 2023.

Deoriatal-Chandrashila is a trek set in the heart of Uttarakhand, taking children through a few of the densest jungles of the Kedarnath Musk Deer Sanctuary, a picture-perfect lake (Deoriatal), which serves as a birding hotspot, the worlds highest Shiva temple, and finally, a high summit climb to Chandrashila.

Over the period of 10 days, Grace and Reuel trek from camp to camp — backpacks on their shoulders, trekking poles in their hands — and explored the outdoors at close quarters. Not only do they go on a trek, but also aquired rare life skills. They were part of a group of approximately 25 children aged between 10-15 years. Congratulations to Grace and Reuel on this fantastic achievement!



We are proud to share the inspiring story of Subah Goyal, a MYP4 student who recently volunteered at an orphanage during the spring break. Subah volunteered as a teacher at Akhil Bharatiya Mahila Ashram Balika Junior High School in Dehradun. She contributed a total of 50 hours of teaching science to grade 4, math to grade 5, science to grade 6, English language to grade 7, and science with math to grade 8. Her goal was to engage and understand every student I taught, to make a long-lasting difference in their lives and way of thinking, and provide them not just with teaching that came from pure willingness but also love, and trust in their own capabilities, as well as improving their personalities and character. Her selfless actions exemplify the value of community service and the positive impact it can have on those in need. We applaud Subah for her dedication and encourage our students to take part in similar acts of kindness to create a better world for all.



13 - T-Shirt Poster Making Competition with a Sustainable Twist!

We're delighted to share that recently the CAS department organised a T-Shirt poster making competition that had a unique twist! The goal was to promote upskilling and waste reduction, while also raising awareness about the importance of waste segregation and sustainable choices.

Participants were challenged to create posters using any kind of used T-Shirt and fabric colors, and were encouraged to incorporate other waste materials to make their posters stand out.

We congratulate Ashika Kanagaraj from DP1 for securing first position, Samaira Gupta, from Grade 9 for securing second position and Tanvi Bathula from Grade 8 for securing third position, on their impressive achievement in the Competition. We are proud of their dedication and hard work with a hope that they continue to work towards a cleaner and greener future together!



14 - MYP 5 Graduation Day

Graduation Day is one of the most important milestones in every student's life. To celebrate this journey, Indus International School Pune organized Graduation Day for the MYP Class 2023 on 13th April 2023. Mytri Rajendran was announced as the Valedictorian and the students received their graduation subject awards.

The Principal, Mr. Sandeep Chhabra, and Vice Principal Dr. Namita Agrawal shared their vision for the graduating MYP batch of 2023 and addressed the gathering reminding students of their responsibilities.

MYP5 Farewell

An article by Ira Vora and Rajveer Chavan- MYP4 students -"From Goodbyes to good memories - Our farewell experience" -

On April 13th, 2023, the 9th graders of our school organized a remarkable farewell party for the graduating 10th graders. The event was an outstanding success, filled with laughter, music, games, and delicious food. The 9th graders worked tirelessly to put together an unforgettable day for their seniors, from planning and choreographing the performances to practicing extensively. The sports complex was

transformed with black and gold decorations, creating a perfect atmosphere for the "night of their lives" during the day.

The music performance was outstanding, with talented singers and instrumentalists. The skit performed by the 9th graders was cringe-worthy, but it had everyone in splits. It was a light-hearted performance that added to the fun and entertainment of the evening. It was a creative remix of popular scenes from the movie "Student of the Year". To end the performance with a bang, the students from dance, drama, and music all performed together.

The 9th graders also prepared heartfelt mementos for their graduating seniors, accompanied by handwritten letters expressing their appreciation and fondness. The superlative awards and the skit inspired by "Student of the Year" added an extra layer of fun and entertainment to the evening, leaving everyone with cherished memories.

We wish the graduating seniors all the best in their future endeavors, and we hope they carry the memories of this day with them always.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP)



Our DP1 student Advita Karnad has been awarded the 6th All-India rank in the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay's 38th Mathematics Olympiad held on April 2, 2023 at the IIT Bombay campus in Powai, Mumbai.

The Mathematics Olympiad is a talent search event with participation by students from schools from all over India. It is conducted by the Mathematics Association of IIT Bombay. Participants were tested on Calculus, Number Theory, Algebra, Arithmetic and Geometry.

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THE EXTENT TO WHICH VIRTUAL-REALITY SIMULATORS AND AUGMENTED REALITY SIMULATORS INFLUENCE INTERACTION WITH THE REAL WORLD

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ABSTRACT

Due to the advent of Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) simulators, the way in which society interacts with their surroundings and other people has transformed dramatically. VR and AR have been changing how people interact with the physical world, including the extent to which they need to interact with it in order to achieve a certain objective. The extent of AR and VR influences on human interactions with the real world are expansive, in both exciting and harmful ways. It is important to balance human involvement with AR and VR and not become distracted by a plethora of altered-reality opportunities, so that society at large can enjoy AR and VR with an optimum influence on interactions.

KEYWORDS: Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, simulation, interaction, safety, balance.

INTRODUCTION
The Extent to Which Virtual-Reality Simulators and Augmented-Reality Simulators Influence Interaction with the Real World

According to Oxford Languages, VR is defined as "the computer-generated simulation of a three-dimensional image or environment that can be interacted with in a seemingly real or physical way by a person using special electronic equipment, such as a helmet with a screen inside or gloves fitted with sensors". In many situations, VR is supplemented by audio, tactile, and olfactory technology to create a deeply immersive experience. Refer to Figure 1.0 for an example of an individual experiencing a VR simulator.

According to Oxford Languages, AR is defined as "a technology that superimposes a computer-generated image on a user's view of the real world, thus providing a composite view"; refer to Figure 1.1 for an example of individuals experiencing an AR simulator.

Mobile apps utilized to simulate virtual furniture onto a real space (AR)

This APA research paper aims to explain the extent to which VR and AR simulators have an influence on people's interactions with the three-dimensional world. VR has a range of applications including, but not limited to (Chi, 2018):

- Military training such as:
 - Flight simulation (as observed in Figure 1.0)
 - Simulation of driving vehicles
 - Combat simulation
 - Medical battlefield simulation
- Museum visits
- Immersive journalism
- Medical patient-therapy

AR also has a range of uses including, but not limited to, applications on mobile phones. AR and VR have a great influence on the way in which people interact with and perceive the physical world. Because of this transformation, mental health issues could become amplified because of the isolation that deeply immersive VR simulations bring, stemming from the fact that users may quickly

grow dependent on such devices (Pennington, 2021). Although not immersive in the same way as VR, a case-study of the AR app Pokémon Go displays the physical dangers that could arise from consumption of altered-reality content (Roy, 2021). In a more optimistic light, AR and VR are being explored even in the realm of weddings in the metaverse; on the 6th of February 2022, a couple in Tamil Nadu hosted their wedding reception in the virtual realm because of COVID-19 lockdown limits (Livemint Editors, 2022). VR and AR are also changing the ways people express and preserve culture. It is apparent that the way in which people are using AR and VR may lead to a reduction in the necessity for in-person interaction. All these examples prove that altered-reality simulators are having a great impact on how people interact with the three-dimensional world, and will continue to do so.

Literature Review
Cheryl Roy (Roy, 2021) describes the harmful effects of augmented reality simulators on human health and safety. The example of Pokémon Go has been utilized as a case study for how interaction with the three-dimensional world changes - as a result of augmented reality software - has endangered the lives of many people and has also caused avoidable deaths.

Chapter 9 of Peter Riemdean's digital book titled Augmented and Virtual Reality: The Next Big Thing in Marketing? explains the causes of injuries connected to altered-reality simulators, affecting the ways in which people interact with their surroundings (Riemdean, 2017). Much of the information presented by this chapter of the book verifies information in the article written by Cheryl Roy.

In the International Journal of Engineering & Technology, four university professors (Nayyar, Mahapatra, Le, & Susseendran, 2018) explain how altered-reality simulators are playing a role in changing the tourism and hospitality industries. Such uses include, but are not limited to previewing destinations and accommodations in advance, "translating written, spoken signs or conversations", entertaining tourists, and navigating through unfamiliar regions.

Research Method
The research sources, all of which are secondary, have been found for this paper through specific keyword searches. Certain sources have been used depend-

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16 - DP1: Visit to Flame University

The DP1 students along with 10 teachers attended the session at FLAME University with content creator and AI expert, Ansh Mehra. The students learnt many important lessons about UI design, and how it incorporates elements from various multidisciplinary fields, including Psychology, Graphic design, and Computer science. They also learnt about behavioural economics, and how designers may use ‘nudges’ in order to manipulate audiences towards a certain desired result. An interesting part of the session was the segment on ChatGPT, and its recent emergence in the world. Mr. Mehra focused on the ways in which we can use the software to upskill ourselves, and as a force to improve our own personal growth.

The second session, conducted by the dean of the School of Design at FLAME, was also eye-opening. The speaker showed videos about two major projects of the school which incorporated design and idea generation in novel ways in order to create solutions for 21st century problems, including innovative designs for elevators, and a new design which could help blind children in schools learn Braille, and improve their communication.



17 - Creative Competitions

At IISP, Advita Karnad (DP1), Vedaant Bal (MYP5), Saher Oswal (MYP4), Abhishri Bhoite (MYP3), Aathmik Smaran (MYP2), Ved Oswal (MYP2), Ashvath Karnad (MYP1), and Hari Bal (MYP1) came together to organise a Creative Writing Competition (for the second time) and Creative Art Competition (for the first time). The competitions have aimed to encourage creativity and showcase the talents of students from MYP1-5 and DP1.

First conducted online in February 2022, this year's instalment of the Creative Writing Competition was held in person on the 28th of April, giving students the chance to express their creativity and have fun in the process. Concurrently, Creative Art participants are submitting their art pieces to the art department until the 2nd of May.

For nearly two months, the student-led team has worked hard to make both competitions a success, providing participants with imaginative prompts and giving them a platform to unlock their creative potential.



18 - DP1: ESS Field Trip



From 15-18 March 2023, the Environmental Systems & Societies (ESS) DP1 students of Indus International School, Pune embarked on a trip to Nashik to enhance their understanding of the subject. Nashik boasts a diverse topography, including mountains, valleys, and thriving forests, and is located on the banks of the Godavari River, which houses several wildlife sanctuaries. The forests are primarily composed of deciduous trees, and the city is renowned for its vineyards, where many leading Indian wine brands have their headquarters. At Panchayati dam the students investigated the impact of human activities on the Godavari River. By conducting hands-on research and observing pollution indicators like water hyacinth, the students learned about on-ground sampling techniques and potential solutions to problems such as eutrophication, not only in the Godavari but also across India and beyond.

They also visited the Sula vineyards, and observed native and migratory birds at a nearby dam and learned how to measure biodiversity by identifying bird calls.

Later, they visited Sahyadri farms, and observed the food processing unit, learned about the exports and production of Kissan jams, juice, and ketchup, and saw the packaging line.

The students got the opportunity to engage with the environment and wildlife and hear first-hand accounts from farm owners. It was an invaluable experience for all the student.



The Geography students visited a little town called Igatpuri, which is 45 km from Nashik. Igatpuri is well-known for its picturesque beauty and is a well-liked vacation spot for hikers and nature enthusiasts. We discovered that the town is situated in the Western Ghats, one of the eight "hottest hotspots" of biodiversity in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Numerous endangered species of plants and animals can be found in the Western Ghats. They first visited Igatpuri's natural beauty before moving on to the town's market district. Spices, handicrafts, and souvenirs were among the local goods being sold by the market's small but lively sellers. The student noted the market's importance in fostering regional tourism and acting as a source of income for the local populace.

It helped them gain a deeper understanding of the environmental and cultural diversity of the area. In addition to the markets, temples, and wineries, they discovered Vani and Igatpuri's secret attractions. The students heard about the difficulties encountered by the neighborhood communities, such as the need to manage water in agriculture and the level of rivalry in the tourism sector. Overall, the trip was an interesting and educational experience that showed how crucial geography is to comprehending the world we live in.

CAREER GUIDANCE & PLACEMENTS DEPARTMENT



19 - Career Talk







Career planning and decision making is a crucial process in high school students' life. As part of the career and college planning process for our students, we invited our very own parents from Indus International School Pune to share their experiences and expertise with our students in the form of a Career Talk.

We had 9 parents who spoke on various careers where our high school students got an opportunity to learn more about potential careers and gain valuable insights from industry experts in various fields.

We believe that Career Talks will provide students with the information and knowledge to make better-informed decisions about their future career paths.

Topics covered during the Career Talks

Food – Hotels & Food Start-ups

Careers in Armed Forces

Entrepreneur – Healthcare

Finance/Energy

Adventure Travel

Smart Cities/Green Cities

IT - Solution Design for Telecom using Design Thinking

Business Consulting

Chartered Accountancy

We look forward to continuing the series of Career Talk by inviting more parents from various industries to come and share their journeys with Indus Eagles.



20 - US University Fair







The students of DP1 and MYP4 attended the US University Fair and interacted with the University representatives personally to understand their various programs, majors, scholarships and application procedures.

Visiting Universities / Colleges:

George Mason University, Virginia

DePaul University, Chicago

University of California-Santa Cruz, California

Foothill + De Anza Colleges, California

University of San Francisco, California

University of Arizona, Arizona

Colorado State University, Colorado

Summer Engagements

The high school students are advised and guided to engage themselves during the summer break. Various resources have been provided on summer schools, internships, community service, voluntary work, etc. to students.

Some of the universities where our students will be pursuing a summer program are Brown University, Harvard University, Babson College, Columbia university, New York School of Interior Design, College for Creative Studies Detroit, University of British Columbia Canada, IED University Madrid, Plaksha University, Atria University and many more.



21 - Pre-IBDP Sessions for New Admits

At IISP, we strongly believe in giving every student an equal opportunity to succeed. Every year, the school conducts pre-IBDP sessions for the new students joining us in DP1 from other schools across India. To ensure that these students are equipped with the necessary information to build their individual profiles and understand the timelines of the college application process, the College Counselling Department held separate online sessions for students, as well as participated in a physical information session for parents of the new admits.

SPORTS

Sports	Winner	Runner up
Football U 11	Indus International School, Pune	Vidya Vally School, Sus, Pune
Football U14	The Kalyani School, Hadapsar, Pune	Vidya Vally School, Sus, Pune
Basketball U 11(mixed group)	Vidya Vally School, Sus, Pune	Euro School, Undri
Basketball U 14 Boys	Wisdom world school, Pune	The Kalyani School, Hadapsar, Pune
Basketball U 14 Girls	The Kalyani School, Hadapsar, Pune	Wisdom world school, Pune
Tennis U 14 Boys	Indus International School, Pune	Pawar Public School
Tennis U 14 Girls	Home Schooling	SPM English medium school

22 - Overall result

Indus Cup, Season 1, 2023

The first season of the Indus Cup saw the participation of 8 schools in the under-11 and under-14 categories for boys and girls in football, basketball, and tennis. The competition was intense, with young athletes showcasing their skills and sportsmanship. The football matches were full of action, with dribbling, passing, and scoring on display. The basketball games were fast paced, with teams competing fiercely for the ball. Tennis matches were played with precision and finesse, with players showing off their agility and strength. Overall, the Indus Cup Season 1 was a resounding success, with young athletes learning valuable lessons about teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. The future of sports in the region looks bright with such promising talent on display.

Taegyun Lim was undoubtedly the standout player of the Indus Cup Season 1 in football. With his impeccable dribbling skills, lightning-fast pace, and excellent vision on the pitch. His contribution to his team's success was immense, and he was rightly awarded the title of the **Best Player of the tournament.**

Arjun Veluri emerged as the **best player in the tennis** category of the Indus Cup Season 1. His impeccable skills, agility, and strategic thinking on the court set him apart from his competitors. Arjun's consistent performances in the tournament helped his team secure a top spot in the overall standings.

Swimming

Our MYP3 student Sana Joshi has participated in a recently held 3km open water swimming competition in Kolhapur. Sana participated in the event with enthusiasm and determination. She has won a medal and certificate for successfully finishing the race with an impressive timing of 1 hour 20 minutes.

Sana swam with great confidence and endurance throughout the race though she swam for the first time as an open water swimmer. This was possible because of her rigorous preparations through strategic & focused training.



Inter house competition.

Table Tennis

PYP 3,4,5

Name	House	Position
Sarvansh Agrawal	Herclues	1st
Kiara Romi	Phoenix	2nd
Myra Khare	Orion	3rd

MYP 1 & 2

Name	House	Position
Veer jogani	Phoenix	1st
Veer shah	Phoenix	1st
Shaurya singh	Phoenix	1st
Shreyas Krishna	Phoenix	1st
Agam	Herclues	2nd
Dhruva Lele	Orion	3rd
Vihaan	Orion	3rd

MYP3 & 4

Name	House	Position
Aarav bora	Herclues	1st
Marissa Rana	Herclues	1st
Shardul palkar	Herclues	1st
Aryan jagadale	Herclues	1st
Avanish singh	Peguses	2nd
Harshil Sai	Peguses	2nd
Shaurya singh	Peguses	2nd
Sanika Mittal	Peguses	2nd
Arnav Sareen	Orion	3rd
Anagha Vaidya	Orion	3rd
Ali manager	Orion	3rd
Mishka porwal	Orion	3rd

DP

Name	House	Position
Angad Agrawal	Phoenix	1st
Ved panicker	Herclues	2nd
Yash Bodas	Orion	3rd

23 - Inter house competition -Table Tennis





Squash
PYP 3,4 – Boy's

Sr.No	Name	House	Position
1	Rajveer Lodha	Phoenix	1st
2	Dhruv Shettie	Phoenix	1st
3	Shourya Anand	Pegasus	2nd

PYP 5 – Boy's

Sr.No	Name	House	Position
1	Armaan Choudhary	Orion	1st
2	Uday Bindal	Phoenix	2nd

MYP 1 & 2 – Boy's

Sr.No	Name	House	Position
1	Samarth Patil	Orion	1st
2	Vidit Bhatia	Pegasus	2nd
3	Siddharth Nihalani, Veer Jogani	Phoenix	3rd
4	Dev Roy	Hercules	4th

MYP 3 & 4- Boy's

Sr.No	Name	House	Position
1	Evana Gada	Phoenix	1st
2	Saisha Shende	Phoenix	1st
3	Raha Yakhshi	Orion	2nd
4	Rasika	Pegasus	3rd

DP1 – Boy's

Sr.No	Name	House	Position
1	Karunya Dahikar	Orion	1st
2	Samyak Patil	Orion	1st
3	Yash Bodas	Orion	1st
4	Mihir Raddi	Orion	1st
5	Atharva Adsul	Hercules	2nd
6	Somesh Agrawal	Pegasus	3rd
7	Saransh Agarwal	Phoenix	3rd
8	Ahan Valsangkar	Phoenix	3rd

PYP 3 & 4 – Girl's

Sr.No	Name	House	Position
1	Heerat Kaushal	Pegasus	1st
2	Mehak Chopra,	Phoenix	2nd
3	Amullya Digrase	Phoenix	2nd
4	Kaaira Kothari	Hercules	3rd

PYP 5 – Girl's

Sr.No	Name	House	Position
1	Kiara Mehta	Pegasus	1st

MYP 1 & 2 – Girl's

Sr.No	Name	House	Position
1	Kiara Gada	Phoenix	1st
2	Naira Nitin	Phoenix	1st
3	Vidhi Karva	Orion	2nd
4	Brahmi Gadkari	Pegasus	3rd

MYP 3 & 4 -Girl's

Sr.No	Name	House	Position
1	Yuval Agarwal	Pegasus	1st
2	Kayaan Mhatre	Pegasus	1st
3	Aaryan Sanghvi	Phoenix	2nd
4	Pranav Prakash	Phoenix	2nd
5	Anand Jaydeep	Orion	3rd
6	Aarav Bora	Hercules	4th

DSO Inter State Squash Competition

A group of students from Indus School recently participated in a DSO inter-state squash competition and demonstrated their exceptional skills and sportsmanship. The event, held at an Amravati, Maharashtra, witnessed the participation of several schools from across the region.

Apart from the intense competition, the event also provided an opportunity for the students to interact with their peers from other schools and learn from experienced coaches. It was an enriching experience for the Indus School students, who gained valuable insights into the sport and developed their confidence and resilience.

To highlight the achievement, I congratulate our student Evana Gada who secured runner up position and Kayaan Mhatre secured fourth position. Another two students Yuval Agarwal & Aaryan Sanghvi tried their best but unable to achieve the goal. Keep it Up Boys!

The school administration and faculty members congratulated the students for their outstanding performance and encouraged them to continue pursuing their passion for sports.

BOARDING



24 - Spring Break

From the 1st to 8th of April various activities along with studies were organised for the few boarding students who stayed back during Spring break. The students were taken to Phoenix Mall in Pune for a day of fun and entertainment. They were excited to spend time together outside of their usual school routine and explore the various stores and attractions of the mall. They spent hours shopping, trying out new foods, and challenging each other in the arcade games section. The trip was a great way for the students to bond and create lasting memories together, and they returned to school feeling refreshed and energised for the rest of the semester.

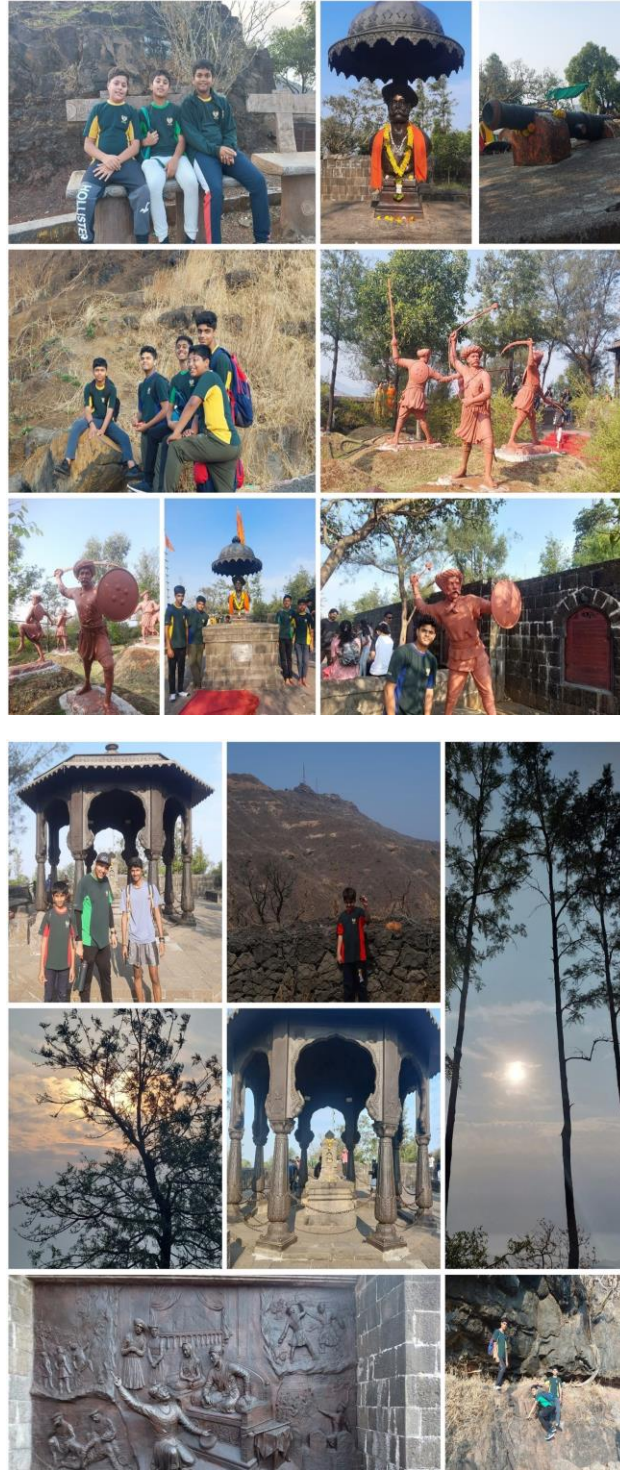


25 - Wet' N Joy Water Park

The students were also taken to Wet' N Joy Water Park in Pune for a day of fun and relaxation. It was a well-deserved break from their studies and routine. The water park provided a refreshing escape from the summer heat and offered a variety of rides and attractions to suit everyone's tastes. The students enjoyed their day to the fullest and returned to their boarding house with renewed energy and enthusiasm for their studies. Overall, it was a great way for the borders to unwind and create lasting memories with their friends.



26 - Sinhagad Fort Trek



Trekking is an excellent chance to discover nature and enjoy the great outdoors, and Sinhgad Fort is an iconic trekking place in Maharashtra. However, before embarking on a trek, it is essential to take precautions and plan ahead of time. Trekking may be an excellent way to take a break from the hustle and commotion of everyday life, connect with nature, and physically and intellectually push themselves.



27 - DP 2 Boarding Farewell





The farewell party for the DP2 boarding students was a memorable event. The atmosphere was filled with mixed emotions as the students were bidding farewell to the school. The party was organised by the Boarding Department and was held in the school's Indoor Sports Complex. The students were dressed in their best attire, and there were tears and hugs as they exchanged heartfelt goodbyes with their teachers and friends. The event was filled with music, dance, and various performances that

displayed the talents of the graduating class. A follow up dinner was also organised for them. The teachers and staff members shared their words of wisdom and wished the students a bright future ahead. Overall, the farewell party was a fitting tribute to the graduating class, and it left everyone with fond memories that they will cherish for a lifetime.



28 - Chess Tournament

On April 16th, 13 pupils from PYP 4 to MYP 4 participated in the Chess Quest Academy U-12 and U-16 Tournament. They had to compete in a 5-round competition. All of the children performed admirably, with the majority of them finishing in the top ten. Amongst all of them, Samarth Patil of MYP 2 finished second in the Under 16 category, winning four of his five matches.



29 - Health and Hygiene Workshop for Girl Boarders

The school has recently installed a sanitary pad dispensing machine for the girls in the Girls Boarding. Ms. Arti Sharma discussed women's health issues and personal hygiene during a programme for boarder girls on April 19.

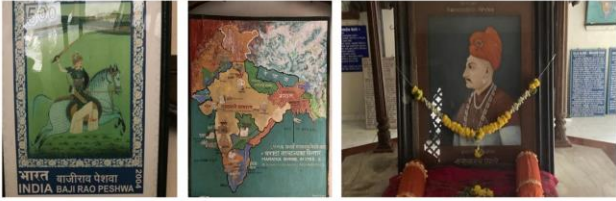


30 - Fun and Fair



23rd of April marked a special date for the entire boarding. It was the first Fun Fair event held specially for the boarding students. Students from PYP 2 all the way to DP 2 got a chance to show their creativity and assist the staff in setting up stalls. There were a range of exciting activities to do along with many prizes that were won. Some of the students helped the staff in managing the food stalls. Overall, the event was a huge success and the profits collected will be used towards the boarding student's CAS activities and for future development needs of the boarding and students.







On April 29, boarding students were escorted on a hike to Parvati Hills to view the sunrise. Parvati Hills in Pune is a renowned tourist destination as well as a significant landmark. To get there, the students have a short hike and arrived well in time to witness the spectacular sunrise. There was a small temple on the hill, where some students and staff offered their prayers. A few students visited the museum to learn about the history of Pune. While trekking down the hill, they passed by a park and to unwind and converse with their friends. Waking up early and trekking in the fresh morning air to view the sunrise was a unique experience for many of our students.



32 - Barbeque Nation





It was an exciting weekend for the students at our school, as they were taken to Barbeque Nation for a fun-filled outing. The students were thrilled to step out of the school premises and explore the city. They enjoyed the delicious food and had a great time bonding with their friends and boarding house parents. The trip was a refreshing break from their daily routine and helped them rejuvenate for the upcoming week. The students returned to the school with happy memories and a satisfied stomach.

Upcoming Events

PYP

1st May – Holiday – Maharashtra Day

3rd May – Interactive session on Dinosaurs

5th May – World Math Day Celebration

10th and 11th May – PYP Exhibition

15th, 16th & 17th May – Aware India Session by RESQ

18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd May – PYP ACER Exam

19th May – Prep 2 Graduation

29th May – PYP Reports – Term 3

30th May – EYP, PYP 1, 2 and 3 – Student Led Conference/PYP Art Exhibition

31st May – PYP 4 and 5 – Student Led Conference/ PYP Art Exhibition

2nd June – PYP 5 Graduation

3rd June – Summer Break Commences

MYP

1st May – Maharashtra Day / Labour Day Holiday

2nd May – MYP 1-4 Art Competition

4th & 5th May – Orientation and preparing for on-screen Assessments

26th May – 2nd June – MYP Final Assessments

3rd June – Summer Break commences for MYP 1-3

5th -8th June – MYP 4 Classes

8th May – 19th May Final MYP 5 on-screen Assessments

9th June – MYP 4 PTM

10th June – Summer Break commences

25th May onwards- MYP4 Final End term Exams

DP1

15th & 16th May: TOK Exhibition

25th May : Final Examinations

Thanks and warm regards

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