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Socio - cultural Perspectives on Education

"Where certainty and facts were once synonymous with 'being knowledgeable', now it is attitudes and dispositions that are seen as important prerequisites for effective participation in a diverse and changing world. Ask any group of parents or teachers what attributes children of today will need as adults to live socially responsible and fulfilling lives and answers will be similar. They are likely to include: motivation; a capacity for respect and tolerance; an ability to collaborate with others; an inclination for risk-taking, inquiry and problem solving."

Hatherly & Richardson, 2007

Dear Parents,

True to our holistic philosophy of education at Indus Early Learning Centre, this month has provided multiple opportunities for our students to experience authentic academic and value based learning through interacting with primary sources of information. These have included; interacting with others in social settings both inside and outside the school, going on field trips, and exploring and investigating through real world experiences.

Beating the Heat in the IELC Swimming Pool

With the summer heat now being felt in full force, our IELC students participated in swimming classes with extra zeal and enthusiasm. Thanks to the consistent efforts of our swim coach Ms. Kajal, students have shown tremendous progress over the recent weeks in developing their swimming techniques, specifically the 'free style' stroke as they 'beat the heat' and made use of IELC's

picturesque swimming pool facilities. We look forward to having you all for the IELC Whitefield Aquatic meet on Friday, May 5th, where our students will showcase their swimming skills learnt in the pool.



International Art Competition in Slovenia

We as a school were invited for Kraj, an international Art competition taking place every year in Slovenia. All our Grade 1 students participated in the competition. A total of 1382 artworks from six different countries (Bosnia, Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, India and Slovenia) were reviewed by a panel of professionals. Out of that 105 were selected for the exhibition and awarded in each of the categories of Gold, Silver and Bronze awards.

We are proud to announce that one of our Grade 1 students - Yashvi Nittala was awarded the Bronze award in the category of first to third grade.

The exhibition of the selected artworks will be displayed at the Danilo Lokar Primary School Gallery until the end of June 2023 and visually.

Please visit: <https://osdl.splet.arnes.si/kraj-sprememb-a-place-of-change-2023/>



Festival Celebrations in April

The month of April was filled with celebration and IELC did not leave any stones unturned in celebrating them. We celebrated Baisakhi, Japanese Cherry Blossom festival – Sakura, Earth Day and Eid with panache.







News from the classroom:

Nursery

As part of our UOI community helpers children were introduced to different community helpers like policeman, vet, fireman and doctor. The children enjoyed pretend playing like doctors and made a doctor kit.

In math children practiced counting from 1 to 10 and were introduced to a new concept of in and out.

During language children did a recap of letter sounds of the vowels and were introduced to colours in Hindi through a song.



Reception

April was another exciting month for all the reception children. In April, the children came back from spring break happy, enthusiastic, and looking forward to meeting all their friends and teachers.

This month in Language - children have been doing recaps of all the learned letter sounds and their correspondences and we also introduced 2 letter sounds- /q/ and /w/.

In Math- children did a recap of numbers up to 15 with their correspondences through play-based activities, PPTs, audio-visual aids, and outdoor fun games.

In UOI children have been introduced to the concept of Water. They have learned about the importance of water, and the uses of water and are learning about the sources of water. We also learned how to save water responsibly. The children had a great time doing different experiments with water.



Prep 1

This month, our Prep 1 children were busy finding out about 'Materials'. During this unit, the Prep 1s undertook many experiments to gauge a better understanding of the properties of different materials, like whether materials float or sink, are transparent or opaque, heavy or light, etc. Our little inquirers furthered their learning by hypothesising about how uses of materials are directly linked to their properties. Along with this children continued with the spell quiz, deep reading and reflections.



Prep 2

Students of Prep-2 were introduced to poems this month. They learned different kinds of poems like cinquain, acrostic and list poems. Children were introduced to different kinds of poems through Play-based activity, where all the children went to the backyard and found different things like leaves, feathers, grass, baby coconuts, mangoes etc. These objects acted as inspiration for our budding writers and they added descriptive words for each object. Students were also introduced to fiction and nonfiction stories after which they went to the library to find one fiction and one nonfiction book each. They also wrote their own fiction and nonfiction stories. Prep 2 students can't wait to share their work of fiction with their parents for their graduation day.





Grade 1

We made it! The final stretch is here, the end in sight; a triumph for all students, parents, and teachers alike. Our students have worked so hard this past year, and their efforts are evident in the quality of work they are producing! Indeed, we already see them rising to their full potential. While it is very clear that our students have retained a lot of information, what is more rewarding to see is how they have become more skilled learners. Our first graders are more independent, confident and empathetic. They are thinking more abstractly and have increased attention skills. We are extremely proud of Grade 1.

In Math, this month, our students have been developing speed and confidence in addition and subtraction equations, and solving more challenging equations as well. Students were introduced to properties of addition and began to calculate simple equations with missing numbers for addition.

In Language, Grade 1's learnt alternative spellings of air/are/ear words. They answered simple comprehension passages in class. In grammar this month they were introduced to personal pronouns and learnt to make sentences using alliterations. In creative writing, students wrote recipes or games for their instructional writing workpieces.

For Unit of Inquiry - Web of Life, students presented the possible causes for animals to be endangered and came up with many solutions to protect animals in their habitat. This was presented as a video for student's End of Unit. For their Summative

Assessment, students created their brochures where they have detailed their chosen animal's habitat, their food chain and suggested ways to conserve them too.

This month students celebrated many festivals, Students celebrated Baisakhi (Spring festival) at school. Students were dressed in bright and colourful Indian clothes. Students enjoyed making their crafts and dancing to Bhangra music too! We also celebrated Cherry Blossom (Spring festival of Japan) where students were all dressed in pink colour. Students enjoyed eating their snacks in the open under the Cherry blossoms. We celebrated Eid festival and enjoyed making their moon and star hangings for Eid. Students were excited to put mehndi on their hands too.





Important Dates in May

May 5th – IELC Aquatic meet for Prep1, Prep 2 and Grade 1- Parents are invited.

May 8th - Mother's day Celebration at school.

May 17th – Prep 2 Graduation – Prep 2 parents are invited

May 31st – PAC Annual Meeting

June 1st – Student Led Conference – PTM

June 2nd – End of the year Class Party

June 3rd- August 1st – Summer Break for Students

Warm Regards and best wishes:



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