



## **January 2023**

*"Why do some people reach their full potential, while others of equal talent do not?"-Dr. Carol Dweck*

Dear Parents,

This first month of the New Year has indeed flown by and students and teachers have been actively immersed in the new Units of Inquiry, researching and exploring new topics in the classrooms. It has been heartening to note how happy the students were to return to school after the holidays and excited to get busy with school projects and activities.

### **After School Enrichment Classes**

Our After-School Enrichment classes are getting very popular!! Thank you for your support always. These classes will be held from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. The new schedule will apply from January 31st, 2023. The classes are open to all children from 3-7 years of age. Afterschool classes are open to all.

The schedule for the classes is provided below. As they are after school classes there are additional charges for the classes which have also been mentioned in the schedule.

**\*\*Please note transport facility is not being provided for the after-school classes. Payment for the classes can be done online or through cheque in the favour of "Indus International School".**

After School Classes @ IELC Whitefield 2:45 pm- 3:45 pm	
Tuesday	
	Cost
Pottery for children	Rs. 500/ class
Music – keyboard training for children	Rs. 500/class

Thursday	
Swimming	Rs. 500/class
Art - Creativity and Imagination through painting - for children and Adults	Rs. 500/class

### **IELC Annual Day Practice -**

Indus day is an annual event at IELC Whitefield. It showcases how our students express through different forms of Art. Leadership curriculum learning and goal setting is showcased along with the event. We have already started the dance practice in full swing in addition to designing costumes and organizing logistical details in preparation of our upcoming IELC Annual day on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We will be in touch with you in the near future with further details regarding the event but please do save the date on your calendars and ensure that your child is present for practices over the coming weeks.

## **News from the Classrooms:**

### **Nursery:**

It has been a great month. The little munchkins were back from the long winter break. It was amazing to see the children transition back to their regular school routines. This month we started our new UOI- Modes of Transport. Children were dressed up in ethnic wear to celebrate Pongal/Sankranti in school, we had fun flying kites. The children were well-engaged in various activities.



### **Reception:**

We started the year with an amazing celebration- Pongal/ Makar Sankranti, children learned all about the harvest festival and enjoyed kite flying. We started with our new Unit of Inquiry – Living and Non-living things. As a part of the learning, we initiated the class project where each child will adopt the fish for a weekend to learn how a fish is a living thing. The month ended with Republic Day celebrations and Mufti Day.

In Math and Language, we learned new letter sounds- 'g', 'l', 'f', 'd' and 'b', numbers 10, 11,12, and the concept of before /after. In Life Skills, children learned bubble art, shaving foam art, blow art, sorting, lacing, and making living things from nonliving things such as biophilia and junkyard creativity projects and 4-way napkin folds.



### Prep 1:

We started the month by having a family picnic, which was also the culmination of our unit, 'Playways'. It was a fun filled and enriching experience for children as they learnt and played games which their parents had played as children. It was lovely to see parents participating and enjoying the whole experience.

We later celebrated Makar Sankranti in school where children tried flying kites, made their own kites as a takeaway and also gained some insight about the festival. Prep1 also started their new unit 'Transport' this month. Children are already showing a lot of curiosity about the means of transport. They went for a bus ride, tried making wheels of different shapes and concluded

that circular shape is the most ideal shape for a wheel. We are looking forward to more such inquiries happening in this unit. Along with this children are exploring a lot of play based activities both for Language and Maths.





### **Prep 2:**

Prep-2 has started a new unit 3 R's(Reuse, reduce and recycle). For students to understand biodegradable and non- biodegradable waste better we did an experiment in which we took 3 pots with mud and placed a banana peel in one, plastic bottle in another and paper in the last pot. This will help children know which material decomposes faster than others. Students and teachers will dig and observe the decomposition rate every 15 days. This experiment was also done to encourage students to use less plastic as it takes many years to degrade and it affects the environment negatively.



### **Grade 1:**

Grade 1 students explored many signs in their Field trip to Palm Meadows community. They identified different types of signs, their colours and shapes too. Grade 1 students created their own Sign books where they drew or wrote down the different signs they spotted in their community walk. Students also identified and discussed the need for the Signs.



### **Important dates in February**

February first week – Parent teacher Meeting – Second term – Teachers have given an option of online and offline meeting. The portfolio will be sent home for the parents to have a look. Requesting you to send it back within a couple of days.

February 13<sup>th</sup> – Monday – PAC meeting



Warm regards and best wishes:



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