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“Learning is not an intellectual undertaking; it is an emotional journey. When we learn we are accompanied by two figures – fear and hope. We hope for the fulfilment of our desire and we fear that we will fail. The greatest teacher understands this fear and places an understanding arm around the shoulder. Successful learning can be understood this simply. “

-Welby Ings, 2006

Dear Parents,

The month of October at IELC was an action packed one filled with memorable achievement, events, parent interaction and fun filled celebration. As all classes had completed their first Unit of Inquiry for the year, we celebrated the children’s accomplishments and learning in a variety of ways, from in-house events with parent participation to field trips for the older children. A special thank you to all of you who contributed towards making these events special for the children.

Our First Term PTM was a wonderful opportunity for communication between parents and teachers. Each child received their first Report Card of the academic year with detailed inputs from all teachers and specialists.

Developing a whole school culture for reading for pleasure is the key to improving children’s literacy. Reading development involves the participation of children, parents, educators and the community as a whole. IELC team looks forward to parent participation for the Guided Reading program in November.

Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE)

HEALTH: Throughout your child's schooling, the Centre will arrange head lice inspection of students. The inspection will be conducted by the class assistants. Before the check, we explain the process to students and emphasize that the presence of head lice does not mean that their hair is less clean or unkempt. The person conducting the inspections will check through each student's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present. In cases where head lice are found, the teacher will notify the respective parents.



Itch? Lice?

Please note that when a child has head lice, that child should not attend school until appropriate treatment has commenced. www.stylecraze.com/articles/anti-lice-shampoos-available-in-india/

SAFETY: We had successful fire drill and forced entry drill with our students this term. Our students are understanding the concept of drills and they cooperate to make sure the process is followed.

SECURITY: In today's day and age, protecting our children is essential and at IELC we have CCTV cameras placed at several spots in order to keep your child as safe as possible. Ms. Julie monitors the cameras. This month we have added two new cameras in school, to make sure we do not have any blind spots.

ENVIRONMENT: The physical environment of our school building and school grounds is a key factor in the overall health and safety of our students, staff, and visitors. Please notify us immediately if you notice any hazards.



Raz – Kids

Raz-Kids, the online Comprehensive Leveled Reading Resource for Kids is now accessible for Prep 2 and Grade 1 students' & parents.

Raz-Kids is an award-winning teaching product that provides comprehensive leveled reading resources for students. With hundreds of eBooks offered at 27 different levels of reading difficulty, it's easy to put the right content in every student's hands.

Students access their leveled text through an interactive learning portal designed to keep them motivated and engaged. Ebooks are available in online and mobile formats, and allows students to listen, read and record themselves while reading. Students then take a corresponding quiz complete with an extended answer response to test comprehension and determine future instruction needs. Once a child has read ten or more of the leveled eBooks and passed each of the corresponding quizzes, they advance on to the next reading level where they have access to lengthier and more difficult text.

- A Digital Library at the disposal of Prep 2 and Grade 1.
- 800+ leveled eBooks for students to practice reading anytime, anywhere
- Corresponding quizzes that measure student comprehension
- Digital management and reporting tools to easily track individual and class-wide reading progress We hope this online reading resource will help our Prep 2 and Grade 1 students enjoy their homework even more! To learn more please visit: www.raz-kids.com



A taste of October

Diwali Celebration:

Moulding our future!!!

Students got the opportunity to make diyas and paint them in preparation for the Indian festival of lights - Diwali.



Halloween:

Trick or treat, dressing up in costumes, costume parties, Halloween games and Halloween decorations were all part of the Halloween parade at IELC – Whitefield. Parents, grandparents and teachers came all dressed up along with students.





News from the classrooms:

Nursery & Reception:

It has been an incredible month! Children were well-engaged in various activities and celebrations. As a part of the UOI "Marvellous me", children explored and connected their learnings related to their 5 senses, and parts of the body and functions by enjoying a field trip to Hurray Kids Soft Play. Children were engaged in learning new letter sounds, numbers, and different hands-on play-based activities. There was a special assembly for Dussehra which ended with parents and children along with teachers enjoying playing Garba and Dandiya. Children were engaged in doing various art and crafts related to Diwali and Halloween and learned about why we celebrate them and how we can make it different this year by helping the needy and appreciating and sharing festivity with our house helping nannies etc. We had a Diwali celebration in school, children made diya's, rangoli, and Diwali crafts. Our children have adapted well to the school environment and routine. They are happy to come to school and take part in all activities.





Prep 1:

This was a short and sweet month for Prep 1. We had one field trip to Ms. Savitha's House (Venu's mom) for the unit 'Family". Children had a lot of fun knowing about their traditions, family structure and eating the traditional food prepared by the family. We also had a few celebrations. Starting with the Dussehra celebration with a Dandiya dance. Children were dressed in their traditional best with decorated dandiya sticks and enthusiastically took part in Dandiya dance, what added more colour and brightness was that parents also joined us for this. It was a fun-filled day. Later we had a Diwali celebration in which children dressed up in their traditional clothes, made Diya's and later decorated their Diya's.





Prep 2:

Prep-2 inquiry cycle and end of unit presentation was a wonderful way to display students understanding of the unit 'People around the World'. Students spoke about how the concept was integrated in art as they made African masks and Chinese fans. They also learnt songs in different languages in music and Spanish classes. A few students talked about their countries and traditions as well. Prep-2 children were very confident in presenting their perception of the topic and looked lovely as they were all dressed up in clothes representing their culture. For the Dusshera, children were enthusiastic to perform Garba and Dandiya dance with their friends and parents. We also celebrated Diwali at school by making diya's and cards for our families in art class.



Grade 1

It has been a great month of inquiry and learning for Grade 1 students. Students were introduced to their new Unit of Inquiry - Sensational Senses. As they began their inquiry journey of finding out more about their senses. Students were excited to explore their different senses in their exploration centers set out for them. They used their different senses to find out more and identified the objects wrt to their sight, smell, taste and different textures. Students visited the Indian Experience Museum on their field trip this month and found out more about the genres of Indian music. Students were excited to see an array of Indian music instruments. They also had a view of many exhibits (old radios, TVs, audio tapes, recorders, gramophones) of the past. They enjoyed viewing the music

theatre and were extremely fascinated to see different forms of music and drama – string puppets, traditional folk art etc. Students enjoyed choosing their music from the varied juke boxes too. Students also explored and created their own music in the Sound Garden. The Museum visit gave Grade 1 students an opportunity to explore music in greater depth. It was interesting to see their reflections after the visit too.

This month has been a month of celebrations of many Indian festivals. Students enjoyed dancing to the beat of Dandiya music with their dandiya sticks. Students were excited to make their own diya (earthen lamp) for Diwali. Students were dressed in colourful and bright Indian ethnic wear bringing in the festive spirit and cheer.



Important dates in November

November 1st – Holiday – Karnataka Rajyotsava

November 2nd – School reopens after Autumn break

November 4th – MOVIE UNDER THE STARS NIGHT- Family event at school starting at 6:00 pm. We will watch a child friendly movie along with popcorns.

November 9th – PAC Meeting

November 14th – Children’s day celebration at school

November 24th – Sports Day for grades Nursery – Reception at IELC Whitefield

November 25th – Sports Day for grades Prep 1, Prep 2 and Grade 1 – Indus International School, Sarjapur

Regards,



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