



September 2022

“ The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.”

Dear Parents,

September has been a month full of new discoveries for the children and the teachers! We have all made new friends, found new ways of playing and learning, and have explored new information, new skills, new songs, and new ways to move our bodies. We are having fun as we expand our self- knowledge and our knowledge of the environment/world.

The goal of an IB education is stated in the quotation above. The IB curriculum aims to develop within each student a transdisciplinary body of knowledge, specific skills, core values, positive attitudes, and the ability to implement these so that every child can find meaning and purpose in their own lives! To live locally, but to think and act with a global conscience!

On October 15th, 2022, we will be inviting parents to come to school on a Saturday to meet with your child’s teachers for a Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM). This will be a 15 minute meeting to discuss your child’s progress and to view your child’s work. A few days before your PTM on Saturday, you will receive, via email, a report for each child for this term.

Your teacher will be able to discuss your child’s academic, physical, social, emotional well-being and growth based upon frequent assessments. The IB considers ongoing assessment a large part of teaching and learning. The teachers conduct prior knowledge assessments when they begin a unit of inquiry in order to understand each child’s current level of knowledge and abilities. Then the teacher can plan activities that further a child’s understanding and skills. This is the basis for Differentiated Instruction (DI), so that the learning needs of every child can be met.

Finally, the children finish a unit of inquiry by creating a piece of work that demonstrates their current understanding of the central of the unit, as well as their skills, attitudes, and action needed to complete their work. This final piece of work could take the form of a poster, a drawing, a sculpture, a written document, or a dramatic or oral presentation, and it will be called the “summative assessment”.

I hope that I have given you a picture in words, of learning in the classroom. Each team of teachers plan the written curriculum, develop activities that will promote curiosity and interest in acquiring knowledge and skills, and then assess the children with more interesting activities to understand what has been learned. This is a continual process that expands the child’s abilities to make sense of self and world so that he or she can act in the world with enthusiasm, understanding, and skill! And... they are having fun while learning.

Teacher’s Day Celebration

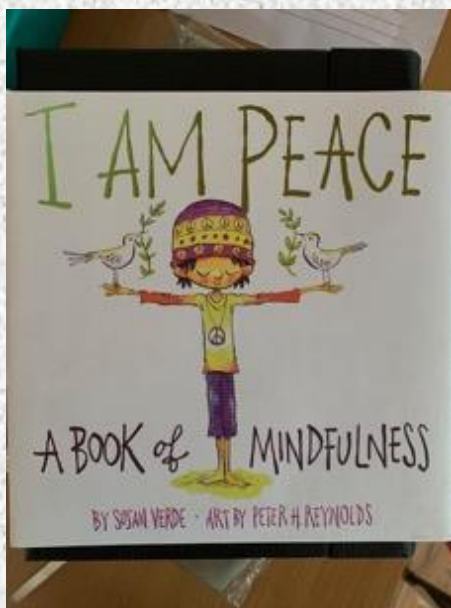
Thank you dear parents for organizing such lovely lunch for our teachers and support staff. Our teachers were super happy by all the little and cute gestures by our students. Each grade put up a show for the teachers and made them feel special in their own little way.



Peace Day Celebration:

“Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say I’m a dreamer, but I’m not the only one. I hope someday you’ll join us, and the world will be as one”- John Lennon

Our students joined hands in celebrating Peace Day at the Centre. Some of them shared their thoughts about what peace means to them. Some of our students made Peace dove. Our eaglets read a book ‘I am Peace – A book of Mindfulness’ by Susan Verde and reflected on how they can peaceful and happy within. I wish we all could learn the true meaning of Peace from these little ones.





Food at IELC Whitefield

We are thankful to our parent community for constructive feedback for us and we have started working on all of the aspects mentioned during the PAC meeting. First and foremost, the menu for our children. We have added many new foods for our students to try and have added the food that our students liked – Ragi roti, Oats roti and changed to healthier afternoon snacks.

We would like to invite you for food tasting at IELC Whitefield. Starting October 17th week, if you would like to come join us for lunch, do let Ms. Julie know. We will keep trying new food items in the future and would love to hear from you.

News from Grades

Grade 1

In the Unit of Inquiry, this month, going further in the unit, students presented their family traditional costume of their family and home country and the traditional food they eat together. Students made a list of many questions for their grandparent interview to know more of their past and childhood. They learnt a lot about their past which helped them to compare their life to their grandparents. Grade 1 students also invited their grandparents for Grandparents Day making it special for them. Thank you, Grandparents, for being with us! Going further, students were introduced to the 3rd line of inquiry - Implications of Changes. Students viewed videos of the past to understand how transportation and communication has evolved over the years. Further in the unit students had an excellent brainstorming session for the Design Thinking Process (DTP) for their Unit. Students also empathize with their grandparents that they find handling technology a big challenge. Students came up with many ideas on how they could train, teach, and prepare their grandparents to handle technology so that they become self-reliant. Students presented their videos of their prototype stage for their DTP for their Unit. Students also presented their Summative task to their class where they traced how education, communication, technology and entertainment has changed over the years. Students

presented their research findings on a timeline or A4 poster or a flip book (book format). A great learning experience for both the teacher and the students! Students did a wonderful presentation of their learning journey for their first unit in the Inquiry Cycle presentation on 30th September 2022. Thank you, parents, for your support.



Prep 2

In Prep-2, we had many wonderful presentations by parents related to the unit of inquiry 'People around the world'. Ms. Ayesha Moglia spoke to students about the United Kingdom- the queen, the kings, map and brought along fairy cupcakes that are a popular dessert. Children learned about Switzerland, its weather, its music and the notorious Swiss chocolates and cheese from Ms Angela.

Students also knew how to make origami and were excited to try the Japanese traditional costume Kimono brought by Ms. Manami Lepeu and Ms. Karin Kawamoto. Children learned about Greece, Olympics, popular destinations in Greece and tasted delicious food delicacies from Ms. Kiki Petriti.

These presentations facilitated our students to understand the various traditions and cultures around the world better.



Prep 1

It has been an insightful month for prep 1 children. Many parents graciously volunteered to come and share their family traditions with us. Mr. Anto spoke about traditions followed in Switzerland, Ms. Nouzha, spoke about traditions and festivals followed in France. Ms. Aarti spoke about the culture and traditions followed in Himanchal Pradesh and Ms. Maya and Mr. Sharad spoke about how birthday's are celebrated in different cultures around the

world. In keeping with our Unit of Inquiry, the Prep1s also went on a field trip to their friend Kairah's house. Ms Pushpanjali was very welcoming and the children gained an insight into some of the wonderful family traditions they follow. The 'End of unit' presentation marked the culmination of this unit and children were happy to present their understanding of 'family' with their parents.



Reception

It has been a great month! Children were settled and engaged in various activities, enjoying and getting to know each other. This month has passed very quickly! September was full of lovely and surprising activities; one of them was Peace day Celebration on the 21st of September. Children came dressed in white, we read a story about the significance and did a craft piece for the occasion. We definitely came to know each other much better! Children have settled well in the daily school routine, they have made friends as well. They have begun taking responsibility and ownership. We have formed essential agreements and follow them daily. Discussion on friends and their importance in our lives. Children chose a new friend from their class and took pictures with them. In life skills we learnt about health & hygiene and how important it is to love yourself! Apart from celebrations we learnt letter sounds, math concepts and numbers and all about how similar we are yet different and it's alright to be different! Children enjoyed different play based activities on our 5 senses. Biophilia related activities we did circle time in the garden with glitter bottles and painting trees with paints and love.



The Transdisciplinary Theme- ‘Marvelous Me’ that the children are learning about, **helps them to realize that every person is unique and special.** They also learn that every child’s thoughts and ideas are important and no one person is more or less important than another! The children also learnt about different body parts and how we use them. **To encourage our students to enhance their developmental skills, connect play with body parts, Reception and Nursery students went to for a Field Trip to Hurray Kids.** Children enjoyed boarding the school bus, as it was a first time experience for some of them, children enjoyed a lot. They happily explored every corner of the play area, ate yummy snacks provided by the school and came back to class safely and we continued

with the normal school routines.. Thank you to the amazing parent volunteers, who gave us helping hands during the trip.



Important dates in October

October 2nd – Holiday – Gandhi Jayanti

October 1st – 5th – Dussehra holidays

October 12th – First term reports sent home

October 15th – Parent Teacher Meeting

October 20th - Diwali celebrations at school – Diya making

October 21st – IELC Halloween Parade at school – All are invited!

October 22nd – November 1st – Autumn Break

November 1st - Holiday– Karnataka Rajyotsava Day

November 2nd – School reopens after Autumn break

Parental Involvement:

We look forward to your participation in upcoming school events and getting to know each of you better.

Parental involvement is something we value greatly at our Centre as it helps us to see things from multiple perspectives, enriches the environment and creates important links between school and home. We encourage you to feel free to approach us either in person or via email with any concerns or suggestions for ways to better the school.

Thank you for working together with us to create a happy and safe haven where our students can thrive and develop to their full potential.

Regards,



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