

# News from the PYP Block

July 2023



Dear Parents

Greetings!

**"A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen." - Denise Witmer**

I extend a warm welcome to all our Indus families. As we begin the new academic year, the PYP team wishes you and our dear students the very best!

We are happy to share with you that our students are settling in well and are adapting to the school environment, the systems and processes in the PYP.

## About Us

Indus International School, Bangalore was established on 14 July 2003. Ranked as **Best International School** in Bangalore for ten consecutive years, we have over 1,100 students from 33 countries including day scholars and boarders on campus.

## INDUS VISION *Preparation for Life*

**“To create global citizens and leaders of tomorrow, through traditional values of love, empathy, discipline and respect - 21st century citizens who think globally and act locally”**



*Engaged Citizens*



## Mission Statement of IBO

The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the IBO works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.



## Introducing the PYP Team

### Meet the Team

- PYP Coordinator – Dominica
- EY Coordinator - Sasha
- PYP Secretary - Matilda

Reception - Rashmi

P1A – Anuradha, Rupal

P1B – Daniya, Sandeep

P2A – Sasha, Eunice

P2B – Roopa, Brunda

- G1A - Vasanthi, Vineeta
- G1B – Farha Saumya
- G2A - Pausha, Arbiya
- G2B - Malavika, Avni
- G2C – Amrita, Shikha
- G3A – Pallavi, Suheena,
- G3B - Kirtana, Gayatri
- G3C - Neha, Tejaswini,
- G4 - Dura, Deepika, Shweta, Swapna, Hamsini
- G5 - Lakshmi, Ishita, Anita, Premi, Sonia



### Meet the Team

Music - Mridhula, Sudeep, Karthik, Anand, Jeremy

Drama – Debarati, Ajey

Dance - Sindhu, Sharon

Art - Seema, Indira

PE – Poovaiah and Team

French – Clemence

Spanish – Prianka, Raghavi

Hindi – Sapna, Priyanka

Librarian - Tholasi

ESL - Nicky

SEN – Vindhya, Srilakshmi Devi

Counsellor - Rachel Mathew



Below are the new teachers across the PYP. We wish them the very best!

- Ms. Sandeep Dhillon - Early Years

- Ms. Hamsini Krishnan- Grade 4
- Ms. Premi Prasad - Grade 5
- Ms. Sonia Nair - Grade 5
- Ms. Clemence Loury - French
- Ms. Debarati Sikder - Drama
- Ms. Priyanka Singh - Hindi
- Ms. Srilakshmi Devi- Special Educator



## New Beginnings in the PYP



















## Curriculum Road Map Day – 28 July



The Curriculum Road Map Day (CRMD) for the Primary Years Programme (PYP) was held on 28 July 2023. At Indus, we believe that parents are an integral part of effective education. The CRMD is an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to interact and understand the different aspects of the IB curriculum and the Indus ethos.

An introduction to the Primary Years Programme by PYP Coordinator Ms was followed by grade-specific presentations. The Programme of Inquiry, school policies and grade-specific expectations were discussed. This interaction also provided an opportunity for parents and teachers to interact and connect with each other as we believe that parents are partners for the holistic development of the child.

We would like to thank our parents for attending the sessions and wish our students the very best for the new academic year.







## Professional Development

“The quality of the teaching system cannot exceed the quality of its teachers.” - McKinsey & Company, 2007

At Indus, we believe that the role of the teacher is to teach the child and not the subject alone; and to prepare a student for life. Self and Professional Development of Teachers with emphasis on Teacher Effectiveness is our priority. In this regard, varied opportunities are provided for teachers to unlearn, learn and re-learn, to equip them with all that is required for them to grow personally and professionally.

The new academic year began with sessions on teaching and learning that included reviewing programme-specific documents, inquiry into math and language, assessment, transdisciplinary learning, reviewing the programme outline across subjects, social emotional learning, special educational needs, etc.

This was an opportunity for teachers to collaborate and share best practices with their peers, in preparation for the year ahead.



*1 - Understanding Inquiry*



*2 - Importance of Collaboration*



*3 - Deepening our Understanding of the PYP*



4 - Language in the PYP



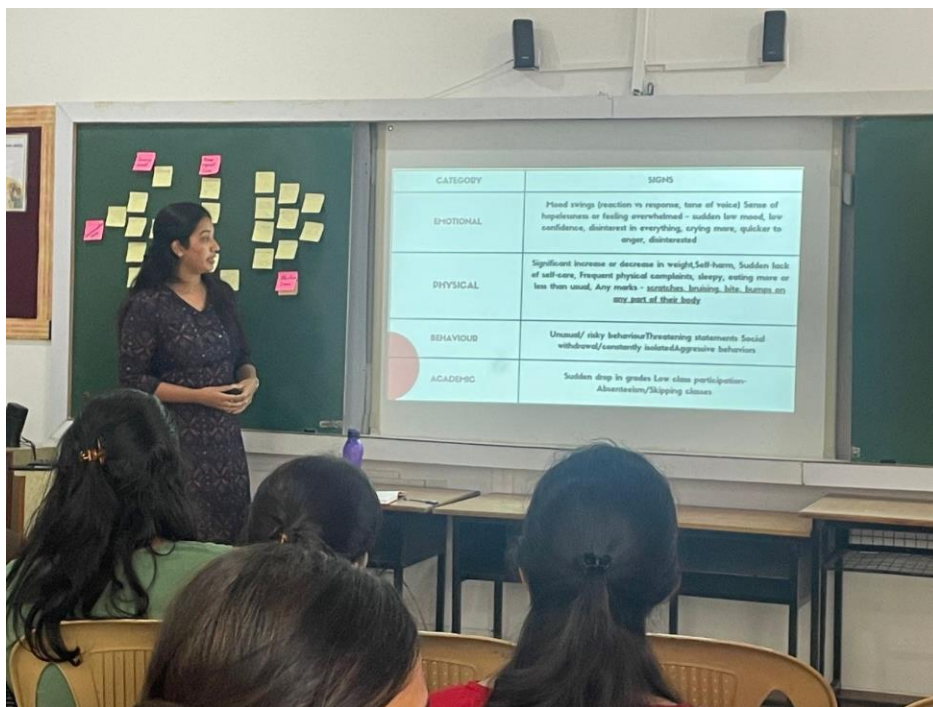


5 - Special Needs in the PYP





6 - Assessment in the PYP



7 - Social Emotional Learning

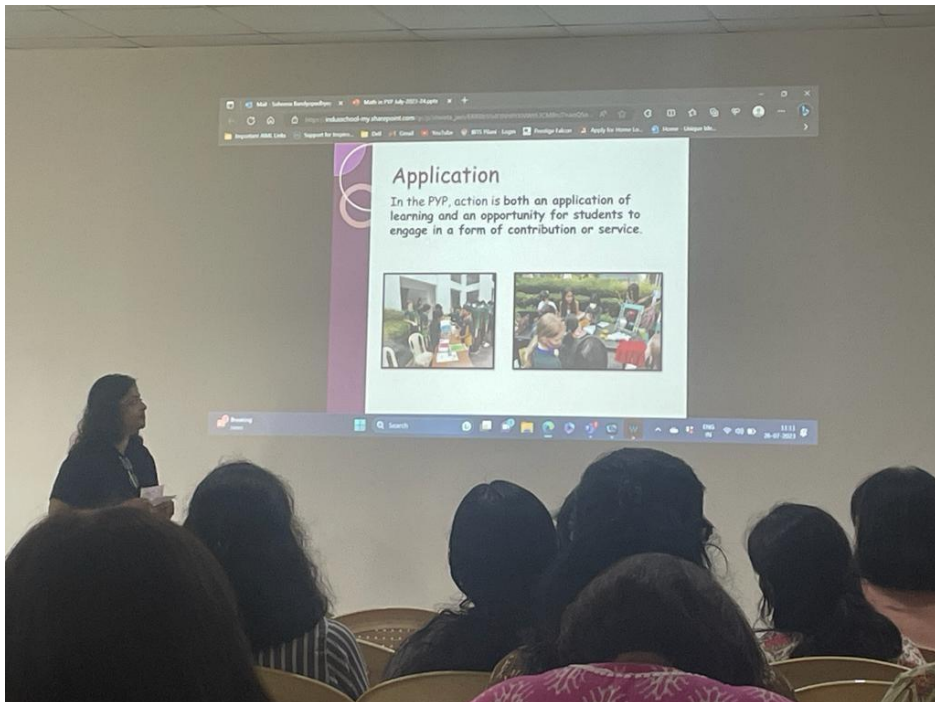


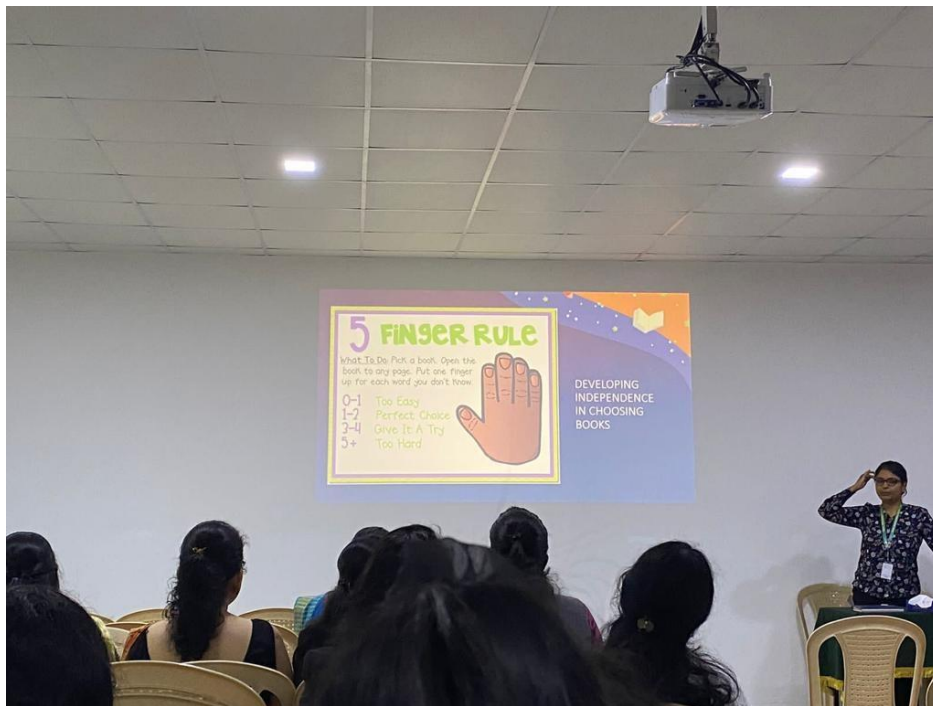
8 - Math In the PYP





10 - The Transdisciplinary Specialist's role in the PYP





11 - Importance of Language

## Home Language Support

We thank the FLAM Team who are dedicated to supporting French students with **French as their native language**. This will happen on Tuesdays only after school.

Ms Tholasi has also begun with **Kannada** classes in the last period on Friday to encourage students who would like to be introduced to the local language.

**Please note:** This happens during a **Homeroom period**.

## Innovation Curriculum



The Innovation Curriculum will be scheduled for 5 periods per week this year focussing on key aspects of **Deep reading, Tikkun Olam, Goal setting and Design Thinking Process**. Our students will be guided by each of their Homeroom teachers also know as **Teacher Advisers**. They will be also guided by **Teachers Designers** who are teachers who were specifically trained in the application of the **Design Thinking Process by the Start-Up You (SUY)** team. Our intention is that we build **creative, innovative, self directed learners** who **act locally** and **think globally** in alignment with our Schools vision.

## Important Dates and Information

2nd August - School Re-opens

15th August- Independence Day (Holiday for PYP)

25th August - Investiture Ceremony (Details to follow)

## We are Communicators!!

**Few Notes!!**

1. Parents/guardians **must copy** the Head of School and PYP Coordinator on all e-mail communication. The email addresses are below.
2. We request parents to be aware of the importance school places on **grooming** and we request that you are aware of the details concerning the same mentioned in the IISB Discipline Policy **(2.0)** which is also attached along with this mail and use the **weekends** to plan for the same.
  - Hair should be always tied back and away from the face. Hair to be secured with hairclips or hairbands, in case of short hair.
  - Long hair: Boy buns and ponytails, long hair covering the shirt collar, any part of the ear, or spiked hair; hair should be evenly cut, worn off the face and should not obstruct sight/ covering more than 50% of the forehead; sideburns should come midway to the ear lobe.
3. **Uniforms** - This year, being a transition to new uniforms, we are fine with students using the ones they already had or have currently and the new ones as well. Hence they need not return the ones handed over to them.
4. **G4,5 After school Sports** - A detailed mail has been sent from Communication to all parents, but please note **All the mentioned sports: Only on 14th August for grade 4 & 5.**
  - Cricket, Football, Swimming, Tennis, Basketball, Athletics, Badminton
5. **Birthday Celebrations** - Cake cutting can take place in the dinning hall with **prior** intimation to the respective homeroom teachers. We request that parents not bring in nut based cakes or cookies since Indus is a nut free zone; and also return gifts and goodie bags.

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**We wish all our students, parents and teachers a fruitful year ahead!!**



*12 - Kind Regards*

*The PYP Team*