# **News from the PYP Block**



September 2025

## Prep 1

#### **Prep 1: Celebrating Families**

As part of their Unit of Inquiry *Who We Are*, with the central idea "Our families shape who we are", Prep 1 students explored what makes families unique. Guest speakers, Ms. Smrity and Mr. Manish, shared how families include parents, grandparents, relatives, and even pets, and how celebrations like festivals and birthdays bring joy through music, dance, food, and memories. Students then created family portraits and shared their own special moments, recognizing that every family is unique and precious.























## **Grade 1**

#### **Field Trip to Azven Breathe**

As part of the theme *How We Organise Ourselves*, students visited Azven Breathe on 9th September to explore how a gated community functions. They observed organized spaces like the clubhouse, gardens, playground, and security points, and interacted with community helpers such as security staff, gardeners, and housekeeping members. Students learned how each role contributes to a safe, clean, and well-functioning living space, making meaningful connections to their own neighborhoods.















## **Grade 2 Field Trip**

#### Grade 2 Students Explore Yoga and Pilates for Health and Well-being

As part of the Unit of Inquiry "Who We Are" on health and well-being, Grade 2 students visited a Yoga and Pilates center to explore the importance of physical and mental balance. They practiced simple yoga postures, guided meditation, and relaxation strategies, gaining practical ways to calm their minds, strengthen their bodies, and manage emotions.

The serene environment encouraged mindfulness, and back in class, students reflected on how the experience made them feel more relaxed, focused, and happy—many even shared strategies they wished to continue at home. This visit provided meaningful real-life connections, reinforcing that well-being includes not just exercise and nutrition, but also caring for the mind and emotions.







#### **End of Unit Celebration**

The End of Unit Celebration provided a wonderful platform for students to share their learning journey with parents, framed around the five essential elements of the PYP. Learners demonstrated their knowledge by confidently presenting key understandings from their Unit of Inquiry. They explored big concepts by making meaningful connections and applying their thinking across disciplines. The event highlighted the wide range of skills developed – from research and communication to collaboration and self-management. The attributes of the learner profile were clearly visible, as students expressed curiosity, creativity, and confidence while engaging with their audience. The Science Corner stood out as a showcase of inquiry, where students displayed their deep understanding of scientific ideas and how these connect to the world around them. Overall, the celebration was a true reflection of the holistic and inquiry-driven spirit of the PYP.









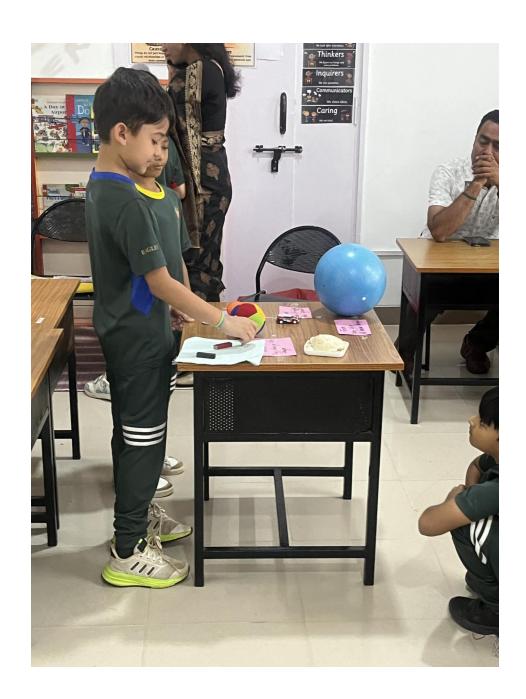










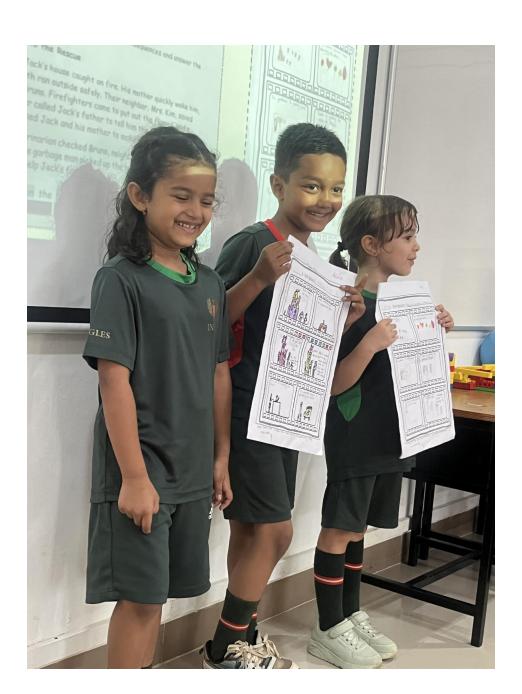




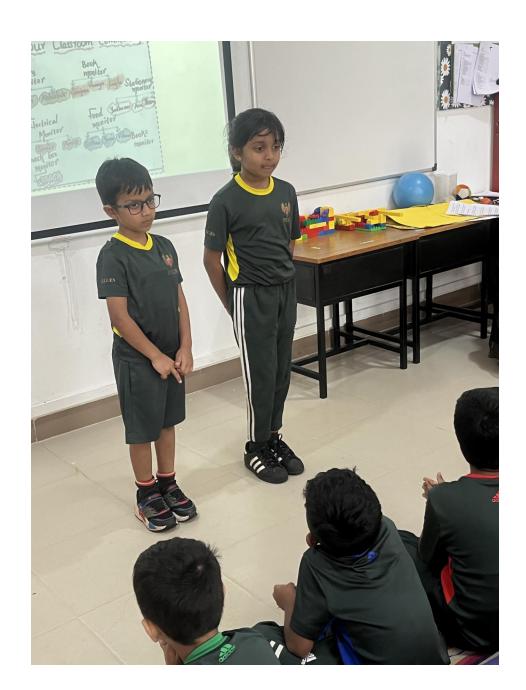




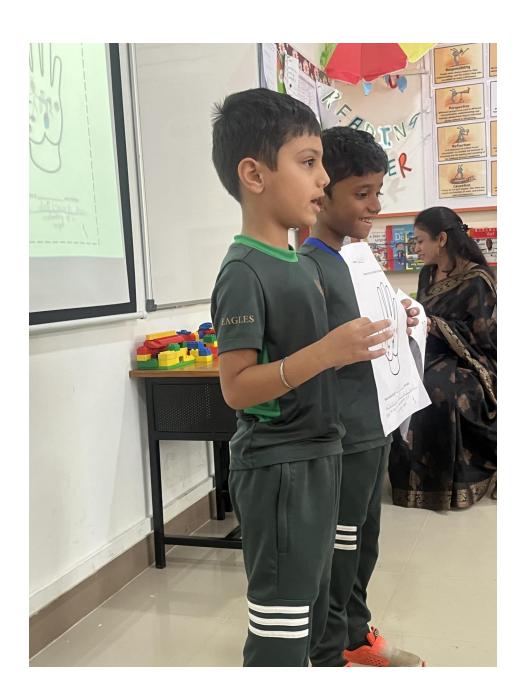




























## **Grade 4 - Guest Interaction and Science Lab visit**

As part of the TD theme *Who We Are*, Grade 4 students explored the fascinating world of microorganisms through two enriching experiences. They attended an interactive session by Dr. Dhanalaxmi A., Professor and Head of Microbiology at The Oxford Medical College, where they

learned how microbes act as both helpers and challengers—supporting digestion, producing food like bread and yogurt, creating medicines, and serving as nature's recyclers.

To complement this, students visited the Bio Lab, where they used microscopes to observe yeast, protozoa in pond water, and bacteria on Nitrogen Agar plates. They documented their observations through drawings and labels, sparking curiosity about the invisible world of microbes that sustain life on Earth.















### **Grade 5 - Guest Interaction**

As part of their ongoing inquiry into climate change under the TD theme –Sharing the Planet , the PYP –Grade 5 students had the opportunity to interact with **Ms. Gayathri Reddy** on 17th September, founder of a non-for-profit organisation dedicated to urban planning and sustainable development in growing cities. With her experience on various climate and environment projects, Ms. Reddy shared valuable insights on sustainable practices, the types of waste, and the impact of daily choices on the environment.

What resonated most with the students were the simple, practical steps she introduced—small actions they could adopt at home and within their communities to live more sustainably. The session was highly engaging and interactive, leaving students inspired and motivated to contribute meaningfully towards a healthier planet.











#### **Choking Awareness Session in PYP**

One of the 10X student Shaisha conducted the session for the PYP Teachers.

One of our 10X School students, Syshasri Raghavan from Grade 11 recently conducted an engaging and impactful session as part of her Individual Social Impact Project. The workshop focused on training school teachers of young children in the PYP age group to recognize and respond effectively when a child is choking.

Drawing on her First Aid and Basic Life Support certification from the American Heart Association, Syshasri demonstrated the proper technique for performing the abdominal thrust (Heimlich maneuver) and guided participants through hands-on practice. The session also addressed common causes of choking among young children and provided practical strategies to prevent such incidents in classrooms. Through this initiative, Syshasri empowered teachers with vital, life-saving skills and made a meaningful contribution toward creating safer school environments for young learners.





























## **Mufti Day 26 September 2025**

In PYP, usually the last Friday of every month is designated as Mufti Day and students are allowed to come to school in mufti (casual) clothes based on a theme. It is organised to contribute towards community service. It is optional as students can choose to come in uniform or theme appropriate clothing and contribute ₹10 towards the cause.

On **Friday, 26th September, we celebrated Mufti Day** with the theme **World Peace Day**. Students came in casual clothes in colours that symbolise **peace**.

We are deeply grateful for the generous contributions received during September towards the Community Kitchen Initiative.













#### **Congratulations**

We are delighted to congratulate our team of teachers who have recently graduated from the Post Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education program at the Indus Training and Research Institute (ITARI).

This achievement reflects their dedication to continuous learning and their commitment to providing the highest quality early childhood education. We are proud of their hard work and perseverance, and we look forward to seeing how their enhanced knowledge and skills will enrich our classrooms and benefit our young learners.

Well done to our newly certified educators!









#### **Student Achievements**

Milind Mishra of **Grade 2** earned his **Red Belt in Kung Fu** on **31st August 2025** Over the past two weeks, he put in tremendous effort with extra practice sessions at the academy to perfect his moves.

#### **The International Schools Sports Organization**

#### **Basketball**

We are proud to share that our **Under-10 Boys Basketball Team** secured the Runner-Up position in the Basketball Tournament organised by Wellsprings Academy on **2nd September 2025.** 

Additionally, Ishaan Sheth (Grade 5) was awarded the Best Player of the Tournament, which is a remarkable achievement.

Sl.No	Name	Grade
1.	Ishaan Sheth	5
2.	Agastya Naduvinamani	5
3.	Nithin Nm	5
4.	Rene Podkriznik	4
5.	Jayden Arora	3
6.	Nikit Jaiswal	4
7.	Aditya Gowda	4
8.	Reyaan Ram Ravipati	5









## **Student Olympic State Level Badminton Tournament**

We are proud to share the outstanding achievements of our school badminton team in the Students Olympic State Level Badminton Tournament, held on **7th September 2025.** Our young shuttlers showcased remarkable talent, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout the competition, making our school shine with glory.

In particular, we are delighted to announce that in the Under-10 Category, two of our budding champions emerged as State Title Winners:

- Aadi Oggu- G4
- Davin Srinatetiyaporn-G5

Their hard work, discipline, and fighting spirit have not only earned them these prestigious titles but also set a fine example for all of us to follow.



#### **Tennis**

We are proud to announce that **Ineisha Nambiar of Grade 5** put up an impressive performance, securing the Runner-opposition in the Grade 5 and below Girls category.



# World Robot Olympiad (WRO) – Nationals

- Agni Sameeran (G4)
- Neel Anandampillai (G5)
- Gauransh Gupta (G5)

#### Secured Gold in the Regionals at WRO on 27th July 2025









# Best School Chess Team and the Overall Championship



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### **Rockschool Music Exams**

- Seo Hyeon Ahn Distinction (Keyboard) Debut
- Tara Sivarama Krishnan Distinction (Vocals) -Debut
- Purnika Reddy Distinction (Vocals) Debut















# **U-10 Interschool Gymnastics Competition**

Aaheli Sanskriti Saxena - G3 Won U-10 Interschool Gymnastics Competition held at VIVA, Vibgyor School - August 2025



#### **U-12 ISSO Gymnastics competition**

Aaheli Sanskriti Saxena - G3 won **U-12 ISSO Gymnastics competition on 4th October 2025.** 



# Gahan's Trek to Periyamalai – Conquering the Highest Peak in Krishnagiri

**Gahan Rai Prep1,** recently completed a trek to **Periyamalai**, the **highest peak** in **Krishnagiri** District, standing tall at approximately 3,757 feet. This is his **9th trek** in Tamil Nadu state.

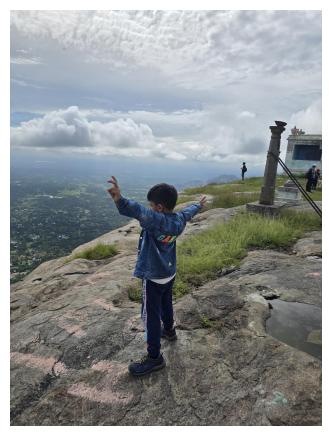
Periyamalai is **part** of the Baramahal, or "**Twelve Forts**," a region known for its strategic significance during various historical periods. The area has witnessed the rise and fall of several dynasties, each leaving behind traces of its presence. While specific historical records about

Periyamalai are limited, the remnants of old fortifications and the presence of a temple at the summit suggest its importance in past centuries.

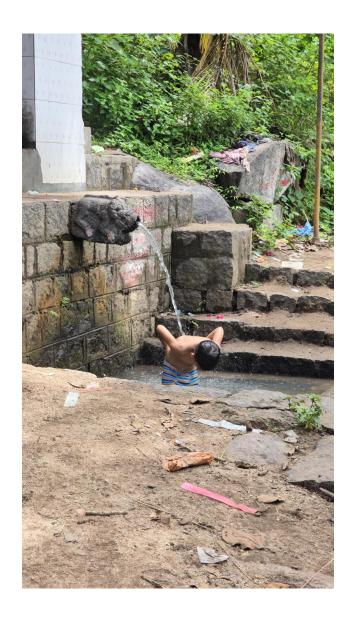
The trek was demanding, with steep rocky paths and uneven trails, but Gahan embraced the challenge with determination and enthusiasm.











# Assembly









































## **Important Notes**

**Communication:** Our primary mode of communication is **e-mail**. You can expect a response within 24 hours.

Parents/guardians **must copy** the Head of School and PYP Coordinator on all e-mail communication. The email addresses are below.

Ms. Dominica Ireland: <a href="mailto:pyp.hos@indusschool.com">pyp.hos@indusschool.com</a>

Ms. Monica Khanna: pyp.coordinator@indusschool.com

**Discipline Policy:** We request you to discuss with your child the important aspects stated in the policy, emphasising the importance of following the essential agreements.

The **No-Touch Policy** is strictly followed to create a safe environment for all students.

#### **Grooming:**

- 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.

**Birthday Celebrations:** On prior intimation, birthdays can be celebrated in the Dining Hall between 2:20 pm - 2:50 pm. Please note:

- Your child can come dressed in comfortable clothing and footwear, appropriate for school.
- Simple cake/cupcakes are recommended.
- Return gifts are not allowed.

**Nut-Free Zone:** Our school is a nut-free campus. Please be mindful while choosing birthday treats and, snacks, in general. We have students with severe nut allergies and urge parents to cooperate with us.

**Student Belongings:** Please ensure that all student belongings are neatly labelled with the full name, grade and section.

**Own Transport:** Parents are requested to arrive on time and wait at the designated area to pick up your child after school at 3:05 pm.

**Early Exits:** This will be permitted only on prior intimation via e-mail to all concerned. This is to ensure a smooth exit from school. Only authorised escorts will be permitted to pick up the child.

**Toddle:** Parents are requested to sign into Toddle, our learning management system. Should you face any technical difficulties, please write to <a href="mailto:erpsupport@indusschool.com">erpsupport@indusschool.com</a>

We continue to share our lesson plans across subjects via this platform, in addition to the announcements regarding Homework.

**Lesson Plans:** The lesson plans across subjects are available on Toddle for your reference. Kindly refer to the plans if you would like to reinforce concepts learnt.

**Parent Volunteers:** We invite parents for the following initiatives. If you are interested, kindly get in touch with the respective homeroom teachers.

- Field Trips
- Guest Talks
- Home Language Support Classes

**Parent Feedback:** We value your feedback, in case of any queries or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with me. The details are below.

Email: pyp.hos@indusschool.com

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#### **Important Dates**

1st to 5th October - Dussehra Break

6th October - School Reopens

18th to 26th October- Diwali Break

27th October- School Reopens

#### We are Communicators

For information on the philosophy of the programme and curriculum-related information, kindly visit the school learning management system, Toddle, and ERP School Element. In case of login issues, please write to <a href="mailto:erpsupport@indusschool.com">erpsupport@indusschool.com</a>, with a copy to <a href="mailto:pyp.hos@indusschool.com">pyp.hos@indusschool.com</a> and <a href="mailto:pyp.coordinator@indusschool.com">pyp.coordinator@indusschool.com</a>



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We wish you a wonderful month ahead!

Kind Regards

The PYP Team