



October 2025 Newsletter

Highlights of the month:

- **PYP visit to the Indus Observatory**
- **Guest Lectures across grades**
- **Diwali/ Dusshera celebrations**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The month of October is filled with festivities and fervor, setting the tone for joy with learning. As we reach the middle of the academic year, our journey continues with renewed purpose and enthusiasm. The past months have been filled with learning, discovery, and growth, and our community stands stronger for it. We wish to carry the same spirit of enquiry and zest for this month.

Prep 1 Visit to Skadoosh Play Area



As part of our Unit of Inquiry under the transdisciplinary theme “*How We Express Ourselves*” and the central idea “*Play helps us learn and explore,*” Prep 1 students visited the Skadoosh play area. The visit provided children with opportunities to engage in imaginative and physical play, collaborate with peers, and express their ideas through movement and interaction. Through play, they explored different ways to communicate, take turns, and solve problems deepening their understanding that play is not only fun but also a meaningful way to learn and express themselves.

The students thoroughly enjoyed climbing, sliding, balancing, and exploring different play structures that encouraged coordination and teamwork. They demonstrated confidence, creativity, and joy as they interacted with one another in new settings. This hands-on experience helped them make real-life connections to their classroom discussions about how play supports learning, cooperation, and emotional expression.

Grade 4 Guest Speaker

As part of their Unit of Inquiry under the transdisciplinary theme “*How We Organize Ourselves*,” students participated in an insightful guest speaker session led by our Director Administration, Mr. Dinakar Vinoth Kumar. The session focused on the school’s organizational structure and the various systems that support its smooth functioning.

Mr. Dinakar explained how responsibilities are distributed across different leadership levels — from the Governing Board and CEO/Deputy CEO to the academic team, administrative departments, teachers, and support staff. Students also explored how rules, routines, and collaborative decision-making contribute to maintaining a safe, efficient, and positive learning environment.

Through this interaction, students gained a deeper understanding of how organizations operate and recognized the importance of responsibility, collaboration, and effective communication in a community. The session helped them make real-world connections to governance and citizenship by seeing themselves as active contributors to the functioning of their school.



Observatory Visit

As part of their inquiry into the world around us, students had the exciting opportunity to visit the school observatory — a learning experience that sparked awe and curiosity among our young explorers. During this visit, they discovered the purpose and function of different types of telescopes and how these tools help astronomers observe the vast and ever-changing universe.

Students were thrilled to view celestial objects firsthand through one of the telescopes and were captivated by detailed photographs of the Moon, Saturn, and other fascinating bodies in space captured during night-time observations with the second telescope.

This hands-on experience not only strengthened their conceptual understanding of space science but also inspired a deeper sense of wonder about what lies beyond our planet. The observatory visits truly encouraged them to think like scientists — asking questions, making observations, and nurturing their growing curiosity about the mysteries of the universe.





MYP

In Junior school, academic continued as per the monthly cycle including SDL sessions, Humanoid lessons, STEAM tasks, Generative AI lessons, and formative assessments. Students actively participated in ISSO school sports events such as cricket, tennis, badminton, basketball, and athletics. They also took part in adventure activities like the caving peak experience in Meghalaya and various hiking expeditions.

Behavior Counselling session:

The counsellor had conducted group sessions for students of grade 7 and 8. The session focused on the theme "*Healthy Usage of Gadgets*" G7 and "*Digital responsibility*" for G8 students. They explored the purpose and benefits of gadgets, along with their potential drawbacks when used excessively.

A story-based discussion helped them understand how overreliance on devices can affect social interactions and physical activity. The class reflected on healthy digital habits and the importance of balancing screen time with outdoor and family activities. Through guided questions, students identified safe online practices such as protecting personal information and being mindful of online behaviour. The session concluded with a short reflection activity encouraging them to set personal goals for responsible gadget use.



Guest Lecture:



A guest lecture was conducted in Math for students of grade 8. The session on financial literacy explored the fascinating journey of money from the ancient barter system to the use of coins, paper currency, digital wallets, and the rise of cryptocurrencies. Students learned essential personal finance skills such as distinguishing between needs and wants, creating budgets, saving effectively, and applying the 50-30-20 rule for managing income. The concept of interest was discussed in depth, highlighting how compounding can build wealth while debt can become a financial trap if not managed wisely. The session also broadened students' understanding of the global financial system by introducing the role of banks, stock markets, taxes, and the effects of inflation on daily life. Looking ahead, students explored the future of money, including digital payments, the growing influence of cryptocurrencies, artificial intelligence in finance, and the importance of sustainable financial practices. Engaging interactive activities like a budgeting challenge and group discussions made the concepts practical, relatable, and enjoyable for all participants.

ISL Camp:





Grade 8 students had a meaningful four-day experience at the Indus School of Leadership, focused on teamwork, resilience, and self-reflection. They participated in leadership courses, trust-building challenges such as Blindfold Tent Pitching and the Mid-Rope Course, and reflective practices like Morning Pages and wellness sessions. Students also enjoyed problem-solving tasks, team games, and leadership film reflections, which strengthened communication, confidence, and empathy.

The camp concluded with a community Cleaning Drive, followed by creative student skits showcasing their learning. This enriching journey helped students build friendships, step out of their comfort zones, and develop the qualities of responsible and compassionate leaders.

DP

The month of October began with students and teachers returning from the Dussehra break. For Grade 12, teachers revisited the discussion on the marking scheme for the Half-Yearly Examinations (HYE). Progress reports were subsequently shared with students and parents, providing an overview of academic performance. This was followed by a Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) on 11th October, where teachers and parents engaged in meaningful discussions about student outcomes and developed strategies to support improved performance. The extended hours schedule continued to focus on the progression of the new syllabus and preparation for the upcoming internal assessments.

Predicted grades for Grade 12 students were formally released to support university application processes and academic planning. In addition, a Theory of Knowledge (TOK) camp was conducted from 14 to 17 October for Grade 12 learners. The camp provided an intensive learning environment where students explored diverse TOK prompts, engaged in critical discussions, and received structured guidance to finalize their TOK essay titles and outline their arguments effectively. Meanwhile, Grade 11 students continued their academic journey according to the planned monthly schedule

Sports

It gives us immense pride to share that our Under-14 Boys Football Team has emerged as National Champions at the 7th Edition of the ISSO National Games – Football (2025–26) and the Pre Subroto Cup, held from 26th to 30th September 2025 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh, under the aegis of the International School Sports Organization (ISSO).

This outstanding achievement marks a significant milestone for our school, as Indus International School, Bangalore has now qualified for the 66th Subroto Cup International Football Tournament 2026 – one of the most prestigious school-level football championships in India.



Hothur Mohammed Rayan (grade 7)
PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT



Renaud Moorchilot Menon (Grade 8)

PROMISING PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Students also brought laurels to the school by winning medals in swimming, tennis, badminton, gymnastics and karate.

Details of the same are given in Appendix 1

Placements

In the last week of September and throughout October, the College Counselling team organized several enriching events and sessions. Representatives from the University of California system and Foothill + De Anza Colleges conducted a workshop on applications to Californian universities for Grades 11 & 12 on 9th October. Professors from the University of Melbourne held a masterclass for Grades 11 & 12 on 16th October. Sessions were also conducted for Grade 9 on high school profile expectations and for Grade 10 on building strong student profiles. The team hosted

visits from five universities, including UC Santa Cruz and UC Riverside, and a “Study in Japan” session on 27th October. Three students registered for the National High School AI Hackathon, and five for the Oxford Royale Summer Scholarship Essay Competition. PSAT 8/9 and NMSQT exams are ongoing. Regular counselling activities such as meetings, coordination with stakeholders, and organizing future university sessions continue actively.

Life Entrepreneurship

In October, PYP students explored their surroundings to identify real-life problems faced by community helpers such as gardeners, guards, and delivery staff. Guided by their teachers, they conducted interviews to understand challenges, tools, and possible improvements. Building on their research, they are now moving into the Ideation Stage and Design Sprint to develop creative solutions and prototypes.

Junior School students deepened their Design Thinking journey through primary and secondary research and the Double Diamond Approach, learning the value of iteration and agility. They are now creating Empathy Maps and “How Might We” statements rooted in real user insights.

Senior School students transitioned from exploration to focused inquiry, conducting research, mapping stakeholder networks, and framing “How Might We” questions. They now advance to the Ideation phase, where ideas evolve into tangible Proofs of Concept.

Boarding

October was a month of joy, learning, and celebration. Students commemorated Gandhi Jayanti by reflecting on the values of truth, peace, and service. During Dussehra, those who stayed back embarked on an enriching trip to Hampi, exploring

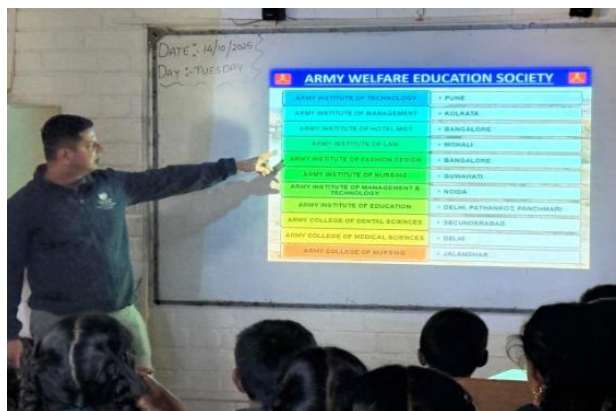
its history and culture. The festive spirit continued with a Green Diwali celebration, where students lit eco-friendly lanterns promoting sustainability. Our U14 Football Team made the school proud by emerging as ISSO Champions in Indore. Regular weekend activities such as chess, athletics, and karate continued with great enthusiasm, keeping students active and inspired.



IICS

October at Indus International Community School was filled with enriching academic and co-curricular experiences. The month began with a Career Guidance Session on *Careers in the Indian Army* led by Maj. Manu Thomas, ISL Director, who inspired Grade 10 students with insights into Army life, values, and career pathways. On the

same day, NCC training commenced with great enthusiasm as cadets learned the fundamentals of discipline, leadership, and marching under the guidance of an NCC officer. The English Communication Competition on October 25 for Grades 1–5 celebrated creativity and confidence through events like Show and Tell, Debate, and Extempore, enhancing students’ fluency and teamwork. The month concluded with a Career Guidance Session by Dr. Jyothi on October 28, where she shared her medical journey and guided Grade 10 students through NEET preparation and diverse healthcare career options. Overall, October was a month of inspiration, exploration, and growth at IICS.





Activities

We are immensely proud to share the remarkable success of Ishan Jain, who secured a distinguished 28th global rank and a score of 82 in the ICode Global Hackathon 2025. By outperforming competitors from educational institutions across the world, Ishan has clearly demonstrated superior coding ability, creative thinking, and effective problem-solving.

Three of our students — Timothy Paul, Aditya Padia, and Adhav Elumalai — made us proud by securing First Prize in the Market Mayhem competition at Inter School Business Competition Xavage, held on 15th October 2025. Their exceptional teamwork, strategic thinking, and creativity stood out as they navigated real-world business challenges with confidence and innovation.

Warm regards,

Partho Banerjee & Lakshmi Chetan

Indus International School, Bangalore

Upcoming events – November 2025

Date	Event
13th November	PYP Reports to be Published – Term 1
14th November	Children’s Day Celebration - Regular Working Day
15th November	PYP – 3 Way Conference - Term 1 [offline]
28th November	PYP Indus Day

Appendix 1:

Promising player of the ISSO football tournament

Team List

SL No.	NAME	GRADE
1	Rinav Jitin	7
2	Rivaan Kholkar	7
3	Pramuk P Gowda	7
4	Ketan Reddy Pulinati	7
5	Hothur Mohammed Rayan	7
6	Renaud Moorchilot Menon	8
7	Atreya Agrawal	8
8	Arnay Chaudhary	8
9	Shrugal Vinod	8
10	Naryan B Reddy	8
11	Rohan Ambavaram	8
12	Taewon Kim	6
13	Rohan Gauba	6
14	Dhaivik Anil Jadhav	6
15	Shrutik Chundru	8

7th ISSO National Tennis Championship 2025-26

Tennis Team from Indus International School, Bengaluru proudly represented the school at the ISSO National Games – Tennis Championship, held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat, from 10th to 14th October 2025. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to all our medal winners for their exceptional achievements and commitment to excellence.

GIRLS -TEAM EVENT

Sl.NO	NAME OF STUDENT	CLASS	CATEGORY	POSITION
1	Sanchi Bhalodia	11	Under-19	1 st Runner-up
2	Nethra Sharma	11		
3	Adapa Venkata Kala Laasya	11		
4	Prarthana H M	11		



7th ISSO National Gymnastics Under – 11 2025-26

Aaheli Sanskriti Saxena, a student of Grade 3, has brought laurels to our school by winning two Silver Medals — in the Beam Routine and Floor Routine (Under-11 Category) — at the 7th Edition of the ISSO National Games (2025–26) in Gymnastics.

The event was held at Hyderabad, Telangana, on 4th and 5th October 2025, under the aegis of the International School Sports Organization (ISSO).

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Aaheli for her exceptional performance and dedication. Her achievement is an inspiration to all young learners and a moment of pride for the entire Indus community.



7th ISSO National Karate Championship 2025-26

We are delighted to share that students of Indus International School, Bengaluru delivered an outstanding performance at the 7th Edition of the ISSO National Games – Karate (2025–26), held from 27th to 28th September 2025 at

Mumbai, Maharashtra, under the aegis of the International School Sports Organization (ISSO).

Our young martial artists showcased remarkable skill, discipline, and determination, earning multiple medals and bringing immense pride to our school community.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to all our medal winners for their exceptional achievements and commitment to excellence.

RESULTS

Sl. No	Student Name	Grade	Category	Event	Medal
1	Palla Lakshmi Karthika	6	Under-14	Kumite	Gold
2	Austin Joshy	9	Under -17	Kumite	Gold
3	Moulya. S	6	Under -14	Kumite	Bronze
4	Tantai Jin Tranan	9	Under -17	Kumite	Bronze
5	G Bhanu Prakash.	11	Under -17	Kumite	Bronze
6	Mufaddal Moizbhai Patel	11	Under -19	Kumite	Bronze
7	Sheona Reddy	11	Under -19	Kumite	Bronze
8	Rhea Rahul Asave	9	Under -17	Kumite	Bronze







7th ISSO National Badminton Championship 2025-26

It gives us great pleasure to share the outstanding performance of our students from Indus International School, Bengaluru at the 7th Edition of the ISSO National Games – Badminton (2025–26). The tournament was held from 10th to 14th October 2025 in Noida, under the aegis of the International School Sports Organization (ISSO).

Our young shuttlers showcased exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the competition. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our medal winners for their remarkable achievements, which have brought great pride and joy to the entire Indus community.

Sl.no	Student name	Grade	Category	Event	Medal
1	Vriddhi Agarwal	11	Girls	Team Championship	Gold
2	Aafrin Amlani Aziz	11	Under -		
3	Dhyani Mehta	11	19		
4	Vriddhi Agarwal	11	Girls Under - 19	Girls Singles (Individual Event)	Gold
5	Manthan Jigneshbhai Manvar	12	Boys Under - 19	Team Championship	Gold
6	Shrihan Palicherla	11			
7	Arnav V	10			
8	Kabir Tandon	11			
9	Tanish Mohanlal	11			
10	Tanya Eddula Chengal Reddy	9	Girls	Team Championship	Bronze
11	Siri Gowri K M	9	Under - 17		





Inter School Basketball Tournament 2025-26

We are delighted to share that our Grade 5 and below Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams from Indus International School, Bengaluru emerged Champions at the Basketball Tournament organized by ISSO on the 16th and 17th of October 2025.

Our young athletes demonstrated excellent teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship

throughout the event. Their spirited performance and dedication brought great pride to our school community.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the tournament!

Grade 5 & Below Boys		
Sl.No	Name	Grade
1.	Ishaan Sheth	5
2.	Agastya Naduvinamani	5
3.	Nithin Nm	5
4.	Rene Podkriznik	4
5.	Nikit Jaiswal	4
6.	Nikhil Pathak	5
7.	Reyaan Ram Ravipati	5
8.	Adharva Kang Nadakuditi	4
9.	Aarush San Nadakuditi	4
10.	Seshadhri Raghavan	4

Grade 5 & Below Girls		
Sl.No	Name	Grade
1.	Aarna Madhukar Angur	5
2.	Tvishi Omkar	4
3.	Raahini Gaur	5
4.	Aadya Nair	5
5.	Nitya Gaurav Sharma	4
6.	Aditi Sivarama Krishnan	5
7.	Simran Somani	5
8.	Samvida Venkatesh	3
9.	Uta Ito	4
10.	Vriti Reddy Maddirala	5



Trojan Aquatic Meet 2025-26

It gives us great pleasure to share the remarkable achievements of our students at the Trojan Aquatic Meet 2025, held on 28th October 2025. A total of 30 students from Grades 3 to 11 represented Indus International School, Bengaluru, showcasing exceptional enthusiasm, discipline, and competitive spirit across various swimming categories and events.

We are proud to announce that three of our swimmers were awarded the Individual Championship Trophy:

- Ishanvi Yejja (Grade 8 – Group C Girls Category)
- Agastya Naduvinamani (Grade 5 – Group E Boys Category)
- Tanwi Tejaswi (Grade 4 – Group E Girls Category)

A special mention goes to Agastya Naduvinamani, who not only secured the Individual Championship but also broke two meet records, marking a truly exceptional achievement.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our swimmers for their dedication and commendable performances that continue to make the Indus community proud.

Results of Indus Swimming Team in the Trojan Aquatic Meet 2025

Sl. No	Name of the student	Grade	Category	Events	Medals
1	Ishanvi Yejja	8	Group - C Girls	50 m Freestyle 25 m Butterfly 100 m Individual Medley 4 x 25 m Freestyle	Gold Gold Gold Gold

				Relay 4 x 25 m Medley Relay Won the Individual Championship Trophy	
2	Agastya Naduvinamani	5	Group - E Boys	25 m Breaststroke 25 m Butterfly 25 m Freestyle 4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 25 m Medley Relay Won the Individual Championship Trophy	Gold Gold Gold Gold
3	Tanwi Tejaswi	4	Group - E Girls	25 m Butterfly 25 m Freestyle 4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 25 m Medley Relay Won the	Gold Gold Gold Gold

				Individual Championship Trophy	
4	Myra Gelani	5	Group - D Girls	25 m Breaststroke 100 m Individual Medley 4 x 25 m Medley Relay	Gold Silver Gold
5	Aaheli Sanskriti Saxena	3	Group - E Girls	25 m Breaststroke 25 m Butterfly 25 m Backstroke 4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay	Silver Bronze Bronze Gold
6	Adi Nandan Kodapully	11	Group - A Boys	50 m Butterfly 100 m Individual Medley 50 m Breaststroke	Bronze Bronze Bronze
7	Siun Cotter	10	Group - B Girls	100 m Individual Medley 4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 25 m Medley Relay	Bronze Bronze Bronze

8	Dhanvi Shetty	8	Group - C Girls	25 m Backstroke 4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 25 m Medley Relay	Silver Gold Gold
9	Meera Arora	5	Group - D Girls	25 m Backstroke 4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 25 m Medley Relay	Silver Gold Gold
10	Adria Vora	6	Group - D Girls	50 m Freestyle 4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay	Gold Gold
11	Arjun Singh	6	Group - D Boys	100 m Individual Medley 25 m Freestyle	Silver Bronze
12	Aanya Kholay	11	Group - A Girls	50 m Breaststroke 4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay	Silver Bronze
13	Ariv Singh	6	Group - D Boys	100 m Individual Medley	Bronze
14	Vivaan Panda	7	Group - C Boys	25 m Butterfly	Bronze
15	Jayden Arora	3	Group - E	4 x 25 m Freestyle	Gold

			Boys	Relay 4 x 25 m Medley Relay	Gold
16	Sahasra Saikrishna	10	Group - B Girls	4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 25 m Medley Relay	Bronze Bronze
17	Miesha Jain Nagpal	4	Group - E Girls	4 x 25 m Medley Relay	Gold
18	Riaa Gauba	10	Group - A Girls	4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay 4 x 25 m Medley Relay	Bronze Bronze
19	Antra Mishra	9	Group - B Girls	4 x 25 m Medley Relay	Bronze

Medal Tally

Medals	Total
Individual Gold	10
Individual Silver	6
Individual Bronze	9
Team Gold	4
Team Bronze	2











