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"It is, in fact, nothing short of a miracle that the modern methods of instruction have not entirely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry."

-- Albert Einstein, Physicist

ALL SCHOOL

ISH Charity Fun Run

Thanks to all those who participated in and/or donated to this year's ISH Charity Fun Run. Although two bandh days during the week created some level of uncertainty as to whether the event would be held, over 120 runners and walkers ended up participating in the ISH Charity Fun Run. Some ISH students gave distinguished performances during the Fun Run. Among those students were: Gebriel (Grade 12); Sophie (Grade 9); Jaydev (Grade 8); Maya Juman (Grade 6); Lawrence (Grade 4); Bethan (Grade 3); Dhir (Grade 2); Luisa (KG 2); Elijah (Reception); Siddoni (KG 1).



Varun (Grade 6) being congratulated on his performance in the ISH Charity Fun Run

Football and Cricket Tournaments Hosted by ISH

ISH hosted Football and Cricket Tournaments for under 14 students under 16 students on Saturday, 30 January and Wednesday 3 February. Ivy League Academy, Hyderabad Public School, Oakridge, Indus International School, Sreenidhi, Jubilee Hills Public School and of course ISH participated in these tournaments.

The Under 16 Tournament began with a draw in the first match. There was some nervousness during that tournament. In the second match, the boys started to relax a little with Nikil and Seogki coming close to scoring against Indus. Suman was excellent in goal, making it very difficult for the opposition. ISH often looked dangerous when Siddharth and Joel Vaz got possession. The two best performances came in the last two matches against the two best teams, the teams from Oakridge and Ivy League. Other notable performances were from Valmik in defence and Hyung Soo in midfield.

The Under 14 Team found it tough going since they had only one player who was fourteen, with the rest being a year or two younger. The physical stature of some players from other teams posed a challenge. Once the ISH boys got used to this challenge, they started to get some chances. Irfan, in particular, was magnificent in midfield, putting in some skillful tackles and leading as a captain should. Rohan and Saad worked hard in defence. Although the team did not win a trophy, the players learned from the experience.

The Under 12 Cricket Team coached by Mr Raju put in some admirable performances earlier this year and they performed with similar skill at the Saturday Tournament. Naqash was outstanding with the bat, scoring over 40 in one inning and 57 in another! Rahul also did well with the bat, scoring over 20 runs. Other talented bowlers were Daniel and Mario. The team made notable progress under Mr Raju's guidance. The Under 12 Cricket Team were narrowly defeated in the final and came away from the tournament with a second place trophy.

Congratulations to the members of all the team and thanks to Mr. Prasad, Mr. Gibbons, and the other coaches who help ISH students to develop their athletic prowess and other features of the ISH Learner Profile.

ISH Senior Boys Finish Second

On 6 February, ISH hosted the 1st Annual James A. Naismith Inter-School Basketball Tournament. Five teams including the ISH Warriors, participated. The ISH Warriors posted a 1-1 record in league play, with a hard-fought win over Indus, followed by a loss to Oakridge. In the Semi-finals, the Warriors ousted Sreenidhi. Unfortunately, the Warriors fell a little short in the final against Oakridge. The Warriors were awarded the Runners-Up Trophy. Congratulations to the team for their effort and performance.

Striding Flamingos

Striding Flamingos had its launch on Saturday, 6 February. On that Saturday morning, parents and girls gathered to stay fit and simultaneously develop a more positive self-image through fun activities that were incorporated in the run.

Striding Flamingos is an extra-curricular activity for girls in India aged 9-13 years (Grades 3 to 8). The program focuses on a combination of educational, physical, cognitive, emotional and social development. The objectives of the program are to build self-esteem & confidence in the girls through running. The program runs for 8 weeks with 1-hour sessions each Saturday.

In each session, the girls will be taught the basics of effective running including warm-up, stretching, self-pacing, and cool-down. The girls will also participate in activities involving creative thinking, role-playing, character-building and listen to short lectures on specific topics like self-image, self-esteem, confidence, leadership, healthy living, fitness and peer pressure. These are areas critical for the holistic development of girls in the pre-teen and early-teen years. With the combination of learning & activities, the girls will progressively run greater distances each week as they build their endurance. The skills they gain have application in everyday life. The program culminates in a team effort to create a work of art.

This program is based on the premise that running empowers body and mind and fosters creative and independent thinking and a positive self image. The program is co-sponsored by ISH. For more information contact Mrs. Indu Gangadhar at stridingflamingos@gmail.com



ISH girls participating in the launch of Striding Flamingos

Charity Lunch & Cultural Show for ISH Partner Schools

For many years, ISH has partnered with the Intercultural Cooperation Foundation (ICF India). The NGO funds two schools: the Manchi School south of the new airport and the Ambod Thanda School about 100KM south of ISH. Together, these two schools educate about 1,200 under-privileged children. Most of the children are first generation learners and are not charged for their education. ICF was formed 18 years ago.

ICF India is holding a fund-raising lunch and cultural show from 11:00am – 1:30pm on Sunday, February 21 at the Manchi School. The cultural program will include an instrumental program and a tribal dance performed by students at the Ambod Thanda school. The students at Ambod Thanda are mostly from the Lambada tribe.

Those wishing to attend the lunch & cultural show should contact Dr. Govind Singh Thakur at 97-01-33-00-27 or Mrs. Leela Rajasekhar at 98-49-71-99-56. Organizers of the event may also be reached by e-mail at icf@sify.com



Students at the Ambod Thanda School during a visit by some members of the ISH Community in January 2010

Swimming Lessons

All students from Reception to Grade 8 will take part in swimming as part of the Physical Education Curriculum. Students in the High School may also choose swimming as an option. Swimming classes will start the week of Monday 15 February and continue until Friday 23 April. In addition to learning about water safety, students will learn at least three of the major strokes. It is compulsory for students to wear goggles and bathing suits and to bring a towel. A swimming cap is optional. Swimming caps for students with long hair is strongly advised to avoid the hair going into their eyes. In terms of bathing suits, girls should not wear bikinis and boys' bathing trunks should be above the knee.

ISH is on the Web

Past issues of ISH News are available at www.ishyd.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday, 13 February	Bonus classes for Grade 12 students, 9:00-12:15
Tuesday, 16 February	Middle School Benchmark Testing (full day)
Wednesday, 17 February	Middle School Benchmark Testing (Morning)
February 22 – 26	Holiday – No School
Friday, 19 March	Elementary School Production

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade 1 Field Trip

Grade 1A and 1B students visited the Meteorological Observatory at ICRISAT on Wednesday. As the children are learning about Weather in science, they were very excited to look at instruments for recording temperature, wind speed, and wind direction. The students were curious and asked a lot of questions.

Grade 1 students enjoyed the weather report presented in the Grade 3B Assembly. The students noted that the planets got their names from the Roman Gods.

Grade 3B Assembly

On 11 February, Grade 3B had their Assembly presentation. The presentation explored various unusual features of the planets, the Sun, the Asteroids, and the black hole in the solar system. Concepts were presented as Breaking News by the news reporters from locations on the different planets. The presentation was dynamic and involved detailed research work and a PowerPoint Presentation.

Elementary School Production

The Elementary School production this year will be "The Jungle Book." The production will take place on Friday, 19 March. Practices are on in full swing and each child's presence in school every day is essential to ensure the smooth running of the rehearsals.

ISH Toddler Group

Due to popular demand, we are presently exploring the possibility of restarting the Toddler Group here at the ICRISAT campus. ISH Toddler Group is for children between the ages of 18 months and 3 years. If you are interested to enrol your child please let the school office know as we would like to know the numbers to see if it is viable to restart the program.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Middle School Benchmark Tests

The Middle School Benchmark Tests will take place next Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 February. Please help ensure all students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 attend school on both these days. Students cannot prepare for benchmark tests; the curriculum covered in classes throughout the year is what prepares them for these tests. To the Benchmark Tests, each Middle School student should bring some pencils, a black pen, a ruler, an eraser, a pencil sharpener and scrap paper.

ISH High School Students Attend TEDx Conference

On Sunday 31 January, the International School of Business (ISB) here in Hyderabad hosted a “TEDx” conference. TEDx is, an independently organized TED event (Technology, Entertainment, Design) that invites speakers to give short, cutting edge presentations. ISH sent a group of Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12 students to the conference.



TED and TEDx events are quite distinctive in the diversity of presentations they offer at a single conference. The presentations at this TEDx Conference included an Indian Classical dance performance, a lecture on stem-cell research, and a talk on a digitally-integrated environment in which devices in a person's home talk to one another and communicate with devices at the person's workplace.

The conference started at 9am. Upon entrance to the conference, each participant was given an identification card with her/his name already printed out, and a blank space to write down interests and passions. Breaks and lunch provided the chance to mix with other participants and to informally chat to the presenters.

One student noted that it did not take long to find another student his age who shared some of his same interests. "Within minutes we were bosom buddies, and talking as if we had known each other since the day we were born." Thanks to Ms. Meera for organizing the event and to Ms. Meera, Ms. Nair, and Dr. Newmark for accompanying the group.

Information about TED, including their free online videos of TED presentations, may be found at <http://www.ted.com/>