

# ISH News

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"The best teacher is the one who suggests rather than dogmatizes, and inspires his listener with the wish to teach himself." -- Edward Bulwer-Lytton

## ALL SCHOOL

### Student Enrollment for 2010-2011

Enrollment for next year is looking robust with more companies opening offices in Hyderabad and business prospects improving. The increased business activity is bringing more expats to Hyderabad, especially expats from the United States and Europe. Accordingly, after a year of economic uncertainty in Hyderabad, enrolments will grow. The increase in enrolments is especially sharp in the Middle School and High School. ISH expects that all three Middle School grades will be at the preferred class size of 15.

ISH continues to be the school of choice for the expat community in Hyderabad. 85% of ISH students come from abroad. Almost 50% of the student body is from the United States. In total, ISH enrolls students from 27 different countries.

### Securing Student Places for the 2010-2011 School Year

In order to secure a student's place at ISH in the coming year, parents should provide a fee advance of 50,000 Rs per student. The fee advance helps ensure that a student's place is not given to a new student applying for admission. The fee is simply an advance and will be deducted from the first semester fees.

ISH limits student admissions so as to ensure that students have the resources, infrastructure, teachers and optimal class sizes that will allow them to excel.

### School Photographs

The school photographer has been in school to take photos of all our students before the break. These photographs are on sale at the Elementary School Office.

### Whole-School Summer Bazaar

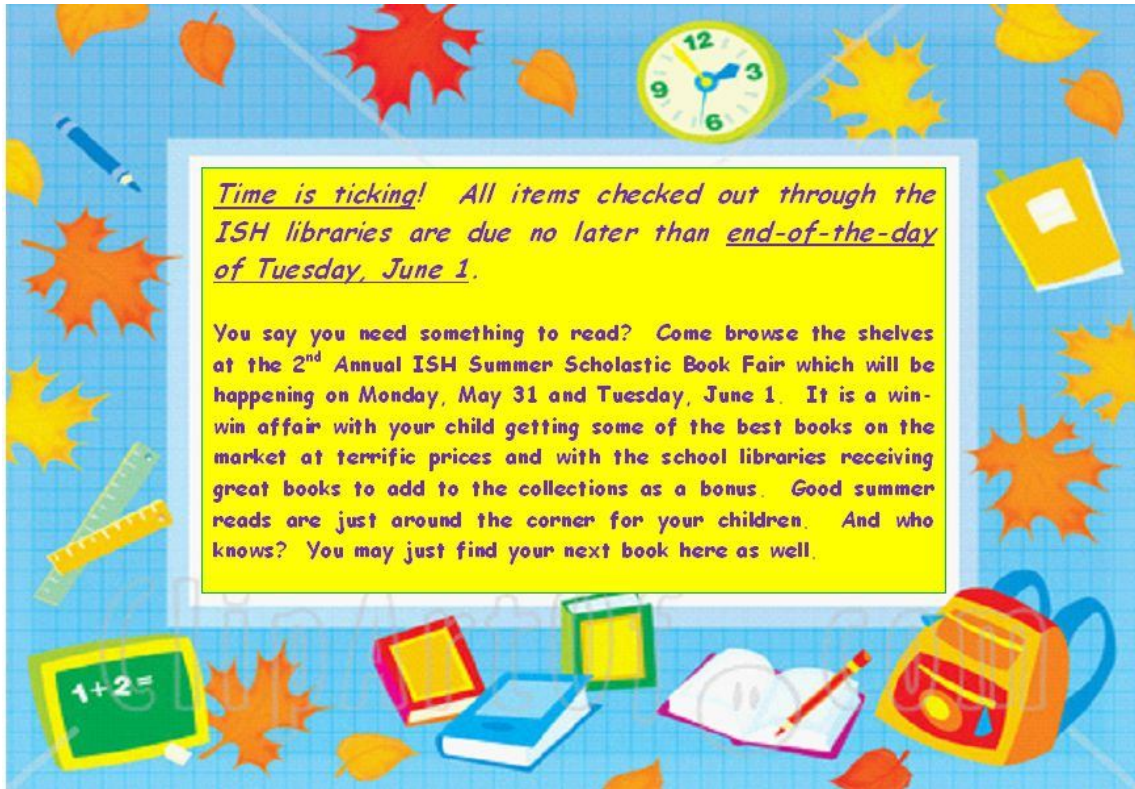
The summer holiday is quickly approaching and some members of the school community will be moving to other countries for the next school year. The Student Council and the PTA have teamed up to launch a school-wide Summer Bazaar from 10:00 am-noon on Tuesday, 1 June. The Summer Bazaar will be an opportunity for students, parents, and staff to mingle and savor the camaraderie of being together before we part. Some of the things on offer are food and beverage stalls; games; the Scholastic Book Fair; yard sales; student-created bags; a balloon artist; and a tattoo artist. For more information and/or to volunteer assistance, kindly contact Ms. Padmaja Yalamanchi at 924-634-6724.

### Saying Goodbye

This year as every year we have also teachers leaving ISH. Mr. and Mrs. Crawley are returning home after many years abroad. Mrs. Padma will be supporting her daughter in her studies and Mrs. Martha has taken a position at Atlanta International School in the United

States. Ms. Maggie Hewitt and her husband Jonathan, together with their two children, will be returning to Australia to be closer to the family. ISH wishes them all good luck and success in whatever they are going to attempt. They will be missed.

### Year-End Library Matters



### Dates to Remember

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| 31 May – 1 June | ISH Scholastic Summer Book Fair (All School)  |
| 1 June          | Summer Bazaar (All School)  |
| 2 June          | Chocolate Day in the Middle School  |
| 2 June          | Extended Essay Presentations by Grade 11 Students   |
| 4 June          | Third Annual Peace Tree Day (Elementary)  |
| 4 June          | Peace Tree Day Celebration (Elementary)   |
| 4 June          | Last day of 2nd Semester (1/2 day for students)<br>Distribution of report cards & yearbooks |
| 16 August       | First Day of the New School Year for Students   |

### ISH is on the Web

Past issues of ISH News are available at [www.ishyd.org](http://www.ishyd.org)

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### Staffing in the Elementary School Level

We are all looking forward to Mrs. Wilma Murdoch who will join ISH in a consultancy capacity. Wilma comes from Australia where she was teaching teachers at University level. Wilma has spent 1 day week over the last month getting to know staff and children – especially in Early childhood programme and we are all excited about her joining the ISH team next school year.

New Grade 5 Teacher for 2010-2011. Grade 5 is a pivotal year for Elementary School students as it builds a foundation for the Middle School Programme. ISH conducted an extensive search and found that the best candidate for the position was already on the ISH staff. That teacher is Mrs. Urmila. Mrs. Urmila has a firm understanding of the ISH philosophy and methodology. She is deeply committed to the school and to the students. She brings to the job not only her experience at ISH, but also experience as a Middle School teacher at the Nasr School in Hyderabad. The combination of Elementary School and Middle School experience makes her especially well-suited for the Grade 5 position.

### **Developing Science at the Elementary**

The Elementary School is privileged to welcome Ms. Oyuna Tsydenova as a consultant for Science in the coming academic year. Ms. Oyuna holds a Ph. D. in Environmental Chemistry and has awards and publications to her credit. She has lots of ideas for strengthening the Science curriculum and guiding teachers with their planning of individual lessons and activities, at all levels of the Elementary. We look forward to a fruitful year ahead.

### **Third Annual Peace Tree Day**

The Student Council (STUCO) is excited about the Third Annual Peace Tree Day celebration. Part of this excitement comes from procuring the movie, *The Peace Tree*, which will be shown to the Elementary School students. Peace Tree Day is an opportunity for students and teachers to work together to further the causes of peace. Through the planting of trees, making of peace symbols, and various other fun and purposeful activities, participants can help make the world a better place. The event will be celebrated in the Elementary School on Friday, 4 June. Kindly contact Mr. Wayne at 970-308-8852 for more information.

### **A Trip to the Lake**

"Calm and peaceful," were the words Sheena from Grade 2 used to describe her experience by the lake. Grade 2 made a trip to the lake on the ICRISAT campus with Ms. Stella and Ms. Urmila on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of May. The objective was to accomplish a piece of descriptive writing. The students spent a contemplative half hour drinking in the unique sights and sounds. They captured their observations on paper. Back in school, pencils raced as they relived their brush with nature and poured out their impressions in words. They were encouraged to record their thoughts in an appropriate written format. What they all wanted to know was: "When are we going again?"

### **Trekking The Himalayas**

Mrs Indu Gangadhar, ISH parent recently went to the Everest Base camp with her friends from Hyderabad. She presented a slideshow of this memorable trip to Nepal with the kids from grades 3, 4 and 5. The children were awed to see the pictures of Mt Everest and the Himalayan mountain ranges, the Tea houses where they stayed, the sherpas and their lifestyle, animals and transportation, vegetation, weather, snow and glaciers! The children were excited to hear the experience, see the pictures and also asked questions about the challenges faced by Indu's group as they made it to the Everest Base Camp. At the end of the presentaton, the children agreed that they would want to try this too!

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL**

### **The Year Ahead in the Secondary School**

ISH will be welcoming a number of new teachers to the Secondary School in the 2010-2011 school year. These teachers will help make teaching and learning more hands-on and more dynamic. The Secondary School will be strengthening its music program by involving more music teachers, adding more time in school for Middle School music, and the move to 3 purpose-built Music rooms. Mrs. Iryna Tsarenko and Aleksandra Mikołajczyk together with Mrs Janet Hoisington will be working together the secondary school music programme.

Other notable changes will be a more coherent approach to extended learning, more creative uses of technology, the introduction of a Middle School Project, greater integration of Indian culture into the curricular and extracurricular offerings, more field trips, a more interdisciplinary approach, and more study of literature in Grades 9 & 10. Admission numbers

continue to look strong in the Secondary School; the number of students in the Secondary School will grow, creating more socially and academically stimulating classroom experiences. The preferred class size at ISH remains 15, allowing for a good degree of individualized and differentiated learning & teaching.

Other new staff will be Mr. Clive Denby from the UK who has taught in Africa for a number of years, most recently at the United World College in Lesotho. He is an experienced teacher of Biology, General Science and Geography.

#### **Extended Essay Presentations by Grade 11 Students**

The Grade 11 students will provide a brief summary of the research done thus far on their Extended Essays on Wednesday, 2 June. Each presentation will be followed with questions & answers. This presentation sessions is designed to encourage students in their research and to provide them a forum for learning about one another's work and gaining feedback.

#### **Chocolate Day in the Middle School**

On Wednesday, 2 June, the Middle School will be having a Chocolate Day. On Chocolate Day, Middle School students will explore the history, chemistry, and economics of cocoa and chocolate with representatives of Lotus Chocolates. The highlight of the day will no doubt be the chocolate-making sessions that the students will do.