

*“Cultivation of the mind is as necessary as food to the body”.*

*- Cicero*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2015!

Winter break was a wonderful blend of peacefulness and rejuvenation. How nice to have extra family time and may be spend quality time with friends you can't seem to schedule during the rest of the year! Many children enjoyed cousins and grandparents who live elsewhere. Re-connection is very important with extended family. Returning to school and meeting up with classmates is special again. For a while, getting back into routine can be hard, but teachers are all geared up with interesting and fun-filled activities. We really missed these little ones during this two-week separation.

We must remember that as parents, our job is to prepare our children to become independent of us. Try to make one of your New Year's resolutions as to always try to give your child more responsibility. It makes them proud that you show

them they are getting bigger. And even though we want to just hold on to them and keep them close, they need to spread their wings. We wish you all good luck and cheer in the year ahead.



### Highlights

December, although being a short month, was filled with a lot of fun and excitement. We, at the Indus Junior School, celebrated our first Musicians Day and hosted a Christmas Carnival. Our PP1 & PP2 students staged a dance performance at the 'Narnia' play which was much appreciated by the audience.

Christmas was celebrated with full fervor and students exchanged gifts with each other. We had a great ending to the year of 2014 and we look forward to a more exciting year ahead!

### Musicians Day



It was a pleasure to watch all the children perform with great confidence on the Musicians Day which was held on the 6th of December. Research shows music has a positive effect on learning, healing, and neurological development. Therefore, we at the Indus Junior School, provide musical exposure and experiences to our children in several



ways ranging from vocal to instrumental development.

Individual music lessons have been a part of our curriculum where the child's talent is nurtured. Children created a variety of sounds by using



percussion instruments such as the hand bells, tambourines etc which were played in time with the beat and well-coordinated. This helped them develop the ability to perform accurately and confidently. We, at Indus, provide opportunities for practice and consistent exposure to music in order to produce mastery and lifelong appreciation.

### Christmas Carnival

The Christmas Carnival was held at the Indus Junior School on 20th of December. The school was decorated with Christmas embellishments to set the carnival mood. The carnival had different types of exciting activities for children which included the bouncy castle, magic show, bowling, tattoo painting, card making and various game stalls. It was a fun filled day for all at Indus Junior School which was abuzz with loads of entertainment.



### Important Dates:

- January 5th : School re-opens after Winter break

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- January 9th : Reports go online

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- January 13th : Parent- Teacher meeting (PTM)

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- January 14th : Sankranti Holiday

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- January 23rd : Sports Day

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- January 26th : Republic Day celebrations

Warm Regards,

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