

*Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school".*

*- Albert Einstein*

Dear Parents,

What an exciting and great start to the year ahead! It certainly is going to be a wonderful year of growing and learning. The transition programme has been a real success with the children and most of them have settled down extremely well into their classes and school routines. The children seem to be much more confident of themselves and they all have established good relationships with their peers and the adults around them. Thank you for the part you played in supporting your children and their school experiences.



### Curriculum

Our settling- in period has come to an end and the implementation of the curriculum has begun. Please ensure you look at the diaries everyday and kindly sign it regularly as that would indicate to the teacher that you as a parent are aware of what's going on in the class. You will receive a class specific newsletter from the class teachers in the beginning of every month informing you of what the teacher's learning objectives for the month will be. It is important you are aware of this as you can support your child accordingly.



### Friday assembly

The Friday assembly began this month and these assemblies enlighten children about various topics/themes/ profiles/attitudes taught during the week. Each class will take turns presenting their assigned topic during these assemblies. The assembly also recognizes, appreciates and rewards students for their achievements throughout the week. This will help them to work towards their goals as they know their efforts will be acknowledged in front of the whole school.



### Differentiation

As we all know children develop at different paces and rates and have varying abilities. No two children learn and develop the same way. Keeping this fact in mind we have a policy of 'differentiating' work for the children in order to meet their learning needs and abilities.

#### How can you support your child's learning at Indus?

At Indus we strongly believe that the learning community consists of students, teachers and parents and, only by working together, can we ensure the smooth running of the programme and the ultimate learning experience for our children. There are many ways you can support your child's learning journey, here are a few:

- Maintain regular contact with your child's teacher through the student diary and PTMs
- Share learning with your child
- Assist your child with school tasks at home and express an interest in what they are learning
- Attend information sessions/ open forums/ end of unit celebrations/assemblies at the school



### Leadership Curriculum

We have begun teaching the Leadership component of the curriculum over the last week through animated discussions in the classroom, particularly with our older children in Prep 1 and Prep 2. The focus in our Leadership Curriculum this month has been 'Goal Setting' and helping children understanding the importance of goals. We encourage students to set goals in three key areas which include; academics, community and personal goals. Children have also begun inquiring into the concept of Leadership through such questions as; 'What is a Leader?', 'What does a Leader do?' & 'What does a Leader look like?' Each of these questions are connected to happenings in the child's everyday life and peer interactions so that Leadership becomes a very relatable and relevant concept.

In the coming months, children will have discussions on the core values of love, empathy, respect and discipline and will begin to explore the meaning of each through activities and engagements.

### Monthly Attitude

One of the essential elements of our curriculum is the promotion of a particular set of attitudes—appreciation, commitment, confidence, cooperation, creativity, curiosity, empathy, enthusiasm, independence, integrity, respect and tolerance.

Each month, as part of our Leadership Curriculum, we will explore one of the twelve attitudes that the IB curriculum values as part of being 'Internationally Minded'. The attitude of the month of June was 'Enthusiasm' and the quality that we will explore for July is 'Appreciation'. We will dedicate July as the month to focus on appreciating the wonder and beauty of the world and its people!

## Events for the month of July

- Goal setting week : 29 June- 3 July, 2015
- Eid-ul-Fitr Holiday : 17 July, 2015 (Subject to change)
- Tea with Grandparents : 24 July, 2015
- Fire Safety drill : 30 July, 2015

Please find more information on the above in your child's diary soon.

**Looking forward to another fantastic month ahead!**

Warm Regards,

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