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PYP Newsletter

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SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

To create:-
a unique and memorable place

to learn and cherish within a clean safe and caring environment of both physical and human outlook

to produce well informed, productive and involved citizens who will be bold cheerful, self-motivated, self-confident

and inquisitive life-long learners and successful contributors of the immediate society and ever changing world community.



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Dear Parent,

Greetings!

We have had a great start to the school year! The school looks really bright and cheerful with all the old and new people around working to their best of abilities.

The first two months of this semester has been a mix of multiple tasks, some challenging, some straight forward. Beautiful weather with rain has been very welcoming to most of us.

We have welcomed many new students, staff and many new families to SPIS this term. We hope you enjoy your time in our school community and we look forward to getting to know you

better.

Our new teachers who have joined the SPIS teaching community to strengthen the PYP team more - are,

Mr Alex Eleson as

-Grade 5 home room teacher,

Ms Bidhya Eleson

-Grade 3, Home room teacher,

Ms Chehak Kumar

- Grade 2, Home room teacher,

Ms. Ujjwala Pawar,

ICT teacher and

Ms Deepali Kadam

as the PE Teacher.

We are glad to inform you that Mr Kamalakanth will be joining the PYP team as an art teacher on the 1st of October.

I would like to take this oppor-

tunity to welcome them to our community in the hope that they will find this a very rewarding place to be.

This last month has seen the emergence of the H1Ni virus due to which, the school remained close and to offset the number of working days, we have planned to work on a few Saturdays.

I am sure you would have received a mail regarding the same.

Radha Saisredhar
PYP Coordinator

PYP : Recent happenings

With great pleasure, I would like to inform you that, Purav Patel and Mahima Gupta of Grade 5 have been elected by our PYP wing as the **Junior Head Boy** and **Junior Head Girl** respectively.

Congratulations to both .

Great news for the Non vegetarians: Non vegetarian

food will be provided for lunch in addition to pure vegetarian menu. Students who prefer to have non veg food can avail the same.

Entre Nous - Kids Idol 2009: What a wonderful moment!

The little ones swayed gracefully to the music and dancing to the beats.

All the Students of PYP from

UKG to Grade 5 and along with them the students of Grades 6 and 7 participated in the dance audition which was organized in our school.

About 30 students were selected to participate in the final round of the Dance audition.

Academics

Transdisciplinary
Theme

Central Idea

Lines of Inquiry

We believe that using an inquiry approach and combining skills from different disciplines in our lessons will help our students develop deeper understandings of what we are presenting.

As always, we welcome your involvement and participation. If you have a particular expertise (or just a special interest) in the areas described in our newsletter, we would love to hear from you. Though there has been a delay in start due to swine flu, I would like to inform you that we are in the fourth week of our first unit.



LKG

Who we
are

Increasing awareness of our personal characteristics and abilities, and those of others, allows our self-identity to develop.

Key concepts: form, perspective, reflection

Related concepts: identity, relationships

Learner Profile: Communicator, Knowledgeable

Attitude: Curiosity, Appreciation, Independence

Skills: Social skills, Self management

- Physical, social and emotional characteristics
- My role within my family
- Recognizing similarities and differences between myself and others

UKG

Who we
are

Friendships enrich our lives and require nurturing in order to develop

Key concepts: causation, responsibility

Related concepts: conflict or cooperation, interdependence

Learner Profile: Caring, Open minded

Attitude: Appreciation, cooperation, Respect

Skills: Social skills, communication skills

- How friends are made and kept
- Why friends are needed
- Characteristics that develop healthy friendship

Grade : 1

Who we
are

Homes reflect personal identity and local culture.

Key concepts: form, connection, perspective

Related concepts: creativity, diversity

Learner Profile: Caring, communicator

Attitude: cooperation, Independence

Skills: Communication skills, Thinking skills.

- The concept of home
- Different types of homes
- Circumstances that determine where people live

Grade : 2

How the
world
works

Understanding the properties of air allows people to make practical applications.

Key concepts: function, causation

Related concepts: Force, energy

Learner Profile: Principled, Thinker

Attitude: Independence creativity

Skills: Research skills

Thinking skills

- The evidence of the existence of air
- What air can do and how we use it
- The relationship between air, light and sound

Grade : 3

Who we
are

Different biological systems are at work to support life functions in human beings.

Key Concepts: Function, Responsibility

Related concept: systems

Learner Profile: Reflective

Attitudes: Respect, Commitment, Responsibility

Skills: Self management

- The various systems in the body and how they work.
- How we keep our body systems healthy.
- Our responsibility in maintaining healthy body systems.

Grade : 4

How we
share the
planet

Biodiversity relies on maintaining the interdependent balance of organisms with systems.

Skills: Thinking skills and Social Skills.

Key concepts: connection, responsibility

Related concepts: balance, biodiversity, interdependence

Learner Profile: Caring, Communicator

Attitude: Empathy, Cooperation

Skills: Thinking skills and Social Skills

- Interdependence within ecosystems, biomes and environments
- Ways in which organisms are interconnected in nature
- How human interaction with the environment can affect the balance of system

Grade : 5

Who we
are

In an attempt to meet human needs, societies have determined human rights and responsibilities.

Key concepts: Causation, change, connection

Related concepts: Choice, systems

Learner Profile: Principled, Caring

Attitude: Cooperation, Commitment

Skills: Social skills, Self management skills

- making our classroom work as a community and the connection between rules in a community; rights and responsibilities
- ways that decisions are made about rights and responsibilities.
- ways that nations and international organizations aim to protect human rights.

Events and celebrations

Ganesh Chaturthi



Ganesh chaturthi was celebrated in our school for 7 day. Pooja was performed every day followed by arthi and offering to the lord.

International Literacy Day



International Literacy Day: Was celebrated on the 8th September, 09. The students of Grades 2 to 5 participated in 'Character walk and talk'. Each grade selected a story that they have read or familiar with.

Students dressed up and enacted as one of the characters that fascinated them much from the story. The students demonstrated to be knowledgeable and confident.



English Recitation

English Recitation competition: In connection to the International literacy Day, our students of PYP took part in the English recitation competition. The students recited group poem representing their class and an individual poem.



Hindi Diwas

Hindi Diwas: Hindi Recitation and elocution competition was conducted in connection with the Hindi Diwas Day. The PYPian of grades 4 & 5 sang a song in Hindi. All students were given a participation certificate by Our Head of School.



PYP Elections

PYP Election: Election was one of the most interesting and exciting event of PYP.

Students of Grade 5 were nominated to stand for the post of Junior Head Girl and Junior Head Boy. These nominated candidates chose a symbol for them, put posters across the corridor, and went on door to door campaign with their team supporters.

Voting slips were prepared and the actual voting took place on 31st August, 09. Students and teachers of PYP took part in the election. Results were announced following a proper procedure of counting.



Investiture Ceremony

The investiture ceremony of the student council for the academic year 2009-10 was held on the 22nd September, 09 in the school atrium.

The IB PYP Coordinator administered the oath to the Junior Head Boy - Purav Patel and Junior Head girl - Mahima Gupta.



PYP Coordinator administering the oath

Junior Head boy—Purav Patel

Junior Head girl—Mahima Gupta

PYP Trekking -an adventure trip

PYP trekking - night out: Extremely thrilled were our PYPians of Grades 3, 4 & 5, who went out to Bilhar, near Panchgani on 12th Sep, 09 and returned on 13th Sep, 09 the next day.

The following weekend, i.e, 19th and 20th Sep, 09, the little ones of Grade 1 and 2 had a night out adventure camp organized within our school campus. The students absolutely enjoyed all the adventurous games and activities with complete involvement.



Ozone day

World Ozone Day: We had a special assembly conducted by the 5th graders, following which, the students prepared posters relating to World Ozone Day.



Boarding House : A home away from home

The students, teachers and the house parents of our boarding house celebrated Navrathri on campus on 24th Sep, 09. It was a fabulous evening with Ravana dahan - The idol of Ravana put on fire spreading the message of 'Victory of Good over Evil'.

There was music, and dance followed by great dinner. Every one enjoyed in spite of the heavy rains.



Finally, I look forward to a happy, fun and educational year ahead. We are developing the school in many directions and improving the learning that we share with the students. I hope to see as many of you as possible around the school soon. Our school website is getting updated too—in a few weeks' time you would know more of us from our website also.

It's very important for us to hear from you. Please feel free to give your feedback.

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