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OIS NEWSLETTER EDITION 4

OIS TEAM

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Dear OIS Community,

It has been an eventful few weeks here at the school with the PTM, parent workshops in the Primary School, RENWEB slowly being introduced, Macintosh laptop carts and IPADs arriving to the school, the list goes on! I personally feel fortunate having been able to visit a few classrooms and witness teaching and learning going on.

Last weekend several of us from the school were away attending a conference of The Association of International Schools in India, in Hyderabad. We were lucky to spend some time engaging in discourse on emotional intelligence and its role in education. We were also able to attend an extensive workshop on the “Common Ground Curriculum Initiative” conducted by the creator of the PYP, Kevin Bartlet. Apple India was a co-sponsor of the conference with a whole range of IPAD workshops and how the device could be used in education. As we are now starting to use our newly acquired IPADs in our classrooms, this workshop was especially useful. If you have an IPAD at home and are trying to figure out how to make the best use of it go to www.learningintouch.com and you will find lots of apps for all age groups that could be used at home, in the car, or anywhere your child has access to an IPAD.

In this edition:

Our CIS/NEASC visit went really well. Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time to come to school and meet with the visitors. I had a chance to discuss the day with both visitors and they spoke highly of our school. While the official report is still pending I think we are well on our way to membership in these organizations. We certainly have plenty of work to do to meet all of the standards of both agencies in terms of full accreditation, but this is the first step on the way to continual school improvement.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your feedback, constructive criticism and helpful suggestions. It is very simple, unless I know what is wrong, I will not be able to fix it, so please do let me know. I would also be happy to pass any words of praise on to any of our staff members to be sure that they know how much you appreciate the work they do. As always, I welcome your feedback, especially about the PTM (as it is fresh in your memory) and any other issues, which are on your mind.

Until next time,



Dr. Vladimir Kuskovski

Head of School

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A message from the Vice Principal

Following feedback from the school community, and after discussions with the leadership team at OIS, I would like to inform you of some upcoming international assessments we will shortly be undertaking in selective grades at the school.

We have decided to participate in the International School Assessments (ISA) conducted by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on the mornings of Wednesday, October the 12th and Thursday, October the 13th. For this year, we have selected grades 3, 5, 7 and 9 to sit the assessments.



We have decided to conduct these assessments to inform us about how well the students compare in our school to similar schools, and to give us some important information to help us strengthen our curriculum at grade level, and to align whole school scope and sequences. The areas that will be assessed are mathematical literacy, reading and writing.

No preparation is needed for the assessments as they are designed to give an everyday snapshot of students' capabilities. Homeroom teachers will speak to students about this and it will be treated as a normal school day(s) albeit with slightly different timings in the mornings.

If you would like to read more in detail, please follow the link www.acer.edu.au/tests/isa where there are example questions and reports.

Please contact me directly if you require any further information.

Alexander Simester

Vice Principal

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The Parent Teacher Meeting, 23rd September, 2011

Last Friday was the first of our parent teacher meetings of the year. Some of the logistics for the event were capably handled by a group of students from Grade 11-the Student Hospitality Officers. Their responsibilities included meeting and greeting parents as they entered the school, guiding parents to the correct teachers and helping with the catering.

Many parents commented on their professionalism and helpfulness. On behalf of OIS, I would like to thank them. They were:

- ✚ NIHARIKA DEWAN
- ✚ SUMEET KOTHARE
- ✚ SHRUTI SHOOR
- ✚ VAISHALI HARIRAJAN
- ✚ SHUBHI BAKLIWAL
- ✚ SHARDUL KULKARNI
- ✚ AARUSHI VERMA
- ✚ NEIL SANGHRAJKA
- ✚ ASHWIN RAMNARAYANAN
- ✚ YASH PATEL
- ✚ RASHI DALMIA
- ✚ RITIKA SALUJA

OIS Student Council AY 2011-12

The newly elected student council has made a promising start to the school year. They have already revised their constitution, which includes an article stating that the body will be lead by a President and Vice-President and these will be voted on Friday 30th September during a special assembly. They will have the important responsibility of managing the Council and representing the student body of the school. The Council has also been busy discussing possible options for a reward system for the school.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL:

GRADE V:

- MALAIKA FERNANDES
- SADIE SAPIANO
- ARYAN IRANI
- PAVI RAJESH

GRADE VI:

- VARUN SIVAKUMAR
- ARTH VIDYARTHI
- ADVAIT DESHPANDE

GRADE VII:

- STEVIE SAPIANO
- SHRESHTHA RAMANI
- ISHITA KUMAR

GRADE VIII:

- VARUN SIVAKUMAR
- ARTH VIDYARTHI
- ADVAIT DESHPANDE

GRADE IX:

- MEGHA RANGAN
- ANURAG GOPALKRISHNAN
- HAMZA GORE

GRADE X:

- YASH CHARI

GRADE XI:

- SHUBHI BAKLIWAL
- ARSHAN MERCHANT
- NEIL SANGHARJKA
- AKSHAYE SUBRAMANIA
- SHRUTI VALLURI

Good luck for the coming year!

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PE...

The PE Department is one of the largest departments in the school teaching PE from Nursery to Grade 8 and organising OIS Sports Teams up to Grade 12 (U18).

We have a Team of seven teachers with specialism across a wide range of sports including swimming, cricket, basketball, gymnastics and football (soccer), to name a few.



As OIS grows so does the demand for PE & Sports. In the future the PE Department hopes to be teaching or providing PE lessons across all grades in the school including 9-12. In addition to this, the PE Department is working hard to develop a high quality PE & Sports Programme that will enable OIS to

compete at the highest level, while also offering and providing our students opportunities to participate in a variety of activities - 'sports for all'.

Students have already begun to represent the school in competitions of which we are very proud. Recently, we have seen students & teams compete in Swimming (ASB) - 4 Gold medals, 6 Silver, 6 Bronze, Tennis (DSO), and Football (SIS), with forthcoming events in Cricket, Swimming, Football, and Basketball. The winners were:

WINNERS LIST:

1. STEVIE SAPIANO

2. ILLRIA SARUP

3. ROHAN RAO

4. VAISHALI HARIRAJAN – Selected for state competition.

External events have also seen our students achieve success in squash, martial arts, and roller skating.

Well done to all of you! We are very proud of your efforts and achievements. If any of our students participate in activities outside of OIS then please do inform us. We will try our utmost to support them all.

Please feel free to contact the PE Department at any time.
Thanks for your continued support.

Mike Hurn
Head of PE.



TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More!!!

INVITATION TO PARENTS.....

We are pleased to invite you for an *Afternoon with Mr. Viral Doshi*.

Mr. Doshi is a renowned Education Consultant in Mumbai, Dubai and London. A Cornell University graduate, he has been a leader in this field over the last 15 years and has successfully guided students into Universities and careers across the globe.

Mr. Doshi will be spending an afternoon at Oberoi International School on the 14th of October from 3.30pm to 6.30 pm. He will be providing information about higher education opportunities abroad and within India through an interactive Q&A session.

We invite all 10th, 11th and 12th grade students and parents to attend. This session will take place in the Multi-Purpose Hall on the 7th floor. High tea will be served.

All the parents who would like to attend the session are requested to register by clicking on the 'REGISTER HERE' link below at the latest by October the 7th, 2011 to ensure a place.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

or

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEF5bzljUnFjUUJaY3pZdEgxSjg2Mmc6MQ#gid=0>

Ulka Adivrekar
Sanjana Shah



Career Counselors

GRADE XI – FIELD TRIP

The 11th grade ESS and Biology HL students went on a field trip on Tuesday September 13th, to the Bombay Natural History Society's (BNHS) Nature Reserve at Goregaon East. BNHS is a semi-moist deciduous forest area, having 1600 species of plants in an area of 33 acres. We went on the field trip to study different species of plants and animals (arthropods) in this forest area.



For the study of flora, we used the *Line transect* method. In this method, we observed and tabulated the species' diversity along a 100 metre line. We studied arthropods and other insects using the *Quadrat* method. A *quadrat* is a cordoned-off area which could be of any measure, to make a square. We used a 1 metre by 1 metre measurement for our *quadrat*. The line transect was time-consuming and hectic because it was extraordinarily difficult trying to identify all the plant species by their scientific names. The *quadrat* method was interesting for us, since we worked in small groups and observed insects with the help of a magnifying glass.

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We were lucky enough to see fascinating sights such as a Wandering butterfly, the heartbeat of a snail, a web-suspended caterpillar and many varieties of mushroom. Though we did not encounter leopards, we did get to see the leopard butterfly!

Write up contributions - Drishti Desai, Niharika Dewan, Vaishali Harirajan, Shruti Shoor and Vaibhav Ranga.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY.....

Since the publication of the last newsletter, a lot has been happening in the Primary School. You have probably noticed that I am not referring to the school as being PYP. The Primary Years Program is the framework we use as a basis for our curriculum, however in terms of organization, Early Years consists of Play School – SKG, and Grades 1 – 5 can still be referred to as PYP.

We have had 2 parent workshops- the assessment in PYP and Language arts in PYP. I would like to thank all parents for attending the workshops. We have really enjoyed the opportunity to interact with you and hope to get further opportunities to do so in the future.

Today (Friday) saw two great assemblies. Grade 4 presented the culmination of their Unit of Inquiry, which was migration. JKG jelly beans also sang a song for the Early Years department.

UNIVERSITY VISITS SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2011

1. Texas Christian University, USA
2. University of Miami, USA
3. St .Olaf College, USA
4. University of California Davis, USA
5. University of Connecticut, USA
6. Richmond University, UK
7. State University of New York Plattsburgh, USA
8. Pennsylvania State University, USA
9. Colgate University, USA
10. Knox College, USA
11. Pepperdine University, USA
12. Carleton College, USA
13. Northwestern University, USA
14. University of East Anglia, UK



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Most grades have now started new Units of Inquiry. I am sure you have received the letters about what your child is studying.

I would also like to thank parents for attending the PTMs on Friday 23rd September. It is a vital part of your child's education that we communicate with each other to improve the opportunities for them and work together to develop potential.

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We hope you enjoyed reading the second edition of the OIS Newsletter for the Academic Year 2011-12.

With best wishes,

OIS Team

