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Teachers as Life Long Learners



This weeks late start morning enabled teachers to work collaboratively and to support each other in their professional development.

Learning is not confined to classrooms nor is it just for students. Our highly professional staff apply themselves to a range of professional development opportunities including advanced university studies, international workshops and conferences, professional readings as well as ongoing in school training programs. Our late start morning on

Sunday saw staff sharing the expertise they have brought with them from international schools around the world.

Teachers work well beyond the hours that students attend school to ensure that they are keeping up with the latest research and findings in education to ensure that our students are experiencing world's best teaching and learning practice.

During next weeks break we have many ISD teachers heading to other countries to take part in workshops and conferences. We look forward to learning more from them upon their return.

Have a great break and we look forward to catching up after Eid-ul-Fitr.

Craig Salmon

Open Day Appreciation

I would like to extend a very special appreciation to the many families who attended our Primary Open Day. We were thrilled to have our classrooms filled with families and friends. I know that our students certainly enjoyed sharing

their classroom activities with parents. We hope to offer similar opportunities during the coming year and families who were unable to make it last week may be able to take up the opportunity next time.



Meet our Staff



Profile

Inayath Mohamed

Teacher: Grade 5M

Place of Birth: Colombo Sri Lanka

Embarrassing moment:

I once asked for a fried fisherman in Spanish when I meant to order fried fish!

Quirky question: I have collected currencies from 43 countries. Guess which central American country starting with 'G' this includes?

Dates to remember:

Sept 15 @ 8am:

Parents New to the PYP Workshop

Sept 20-24:

School closed for Half Term break

Sept 27

Classes resume

Sept 28

Holiday —Durga Puja

Oct 19:

Late start morning - staff

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Non-Uniform Day, Thursday, September 17



This is a notice to all Primary Parents that there will be a Non-Uniform Day this coming Thursday, September 17, 2009. This is a free dress non-uniform day, and students participating should bring 50 taka for this event. Money raised is being collected by the SRC students and distributed to the Ashik Foundation.

Inquiry Learning

“Inquiry” is a peculiar word you might often see on a notice board or a flyer that gets sent home at the International School Dhaka. Teachers and students here refer to this word when talking about their learning. Inquiry is a form of learning that calls on students to construct meaning through asking questions and making connections to understandings they already have about the world. It is through these questions and connections that a meaningful foundation of learning for your children is built.

Inquiry is at the heart of the PYP, the Primary Years Programme, and helps guide our teachers and students to practicing inquiry. Simply put we agree that learning is always evolving through a series of steps and connections. These steps should lead to new steps and connections. It is through each unit of inquiry, at each grade level, on our entire

programme of inquiry at ISD, that inquiry becomes real.

Inquiry is not something that just happens. A lot of planning and collaborating goes into each inquiry unit. Well before your child is engaged in a particular unit, classroom teachers and specialist teachers collaborate together to plan units of inquiry. During this time, teachers discuss important key concepts that should be understood by your children, as well as the skills and knowledge that is important to teach. By understanding key concepts, students experience learning at a deeper level, and can make several connections to these concepts based on prior experiences and knowledge they have already gained.

Learning activities in a unit of inquiry may include:

- Exploring, wondering and questioning
- Experimenting and playing with possibilities
- Collecting data and reporting findings
- Researching and seeking information
- Solving problems in a variety of ways.

It is our hope and aim to support and challenge each and every child through inquiry learning. You can help us in our endeavours by reinforcing inquiry at home or on your holidays. Before taking a trip or reading a book, ask your child what they already know and help them formulate a list of questions they can explore. Later ask your child to report back to you what they have discovered or how their thinking has changed. You may be surprised and impressed by their ideas!

*Jake Dibbert,
PYP Coordinator*

Learner Profile Awards

Being a good communicator can be...



*...helping everyone.
Abraul, 1G*



*...pointing and doing actions.
Alia, 3B*



*...not hurting other people.
Kushaal, 2D*



*...communicating with others and not being rude to them.
Sarang, 4G*