



PRISM

Grade PP1

Message from the Principal's Desk

Dear parents,

Greetings!

Today I am sharing with you a simple story with a great message for all of us!

The day finally arrived. It was time for the great acrobatic balloon competition. Every insect in the garden had been training hard, and now they were preparing to begin their routines. The balloon competitions were always something really special, since they could only happen after the children of the house had had some big party. There was only a short window of opportunity too, before the parents came around to collect up the balloons.

Each time, the flying insects were favourites to win, because they could grab the balloon strings and fly off in all directions, creating all sorts of patterns in the air. However, on this occasion there were some rather unusual insects taking part: a group of ants. Of course, no one expected that they'd do anything special. They were so light that no ant had ever bothered to take part, but it was quite impressive to see all the ants all perfectly organized and prepared.



So, the competition began, and the different insects took their turns, performing beautiful manoeuvres with the balloons. As always, the butterfly and the firefly left everyone amazed with their twist and turns, and their wonderful colours. When it was time for the ants to perform, it seemed like the competition had already been decided.

For the first time, the ants shared just one balloon between them, and one by one they climbed up the balloon string; forming a thin black thread of ants. When all the string was covered, the last ant climbed over his teammates to reach the balloon. Once there, he climbed onto the top of the balloon.

This strange spectacle attracted everyone's curiosity, and they were just about to witness the most important moment: the ant opened his jaws as wide as he could... and then he stabbed the balloon with all his might! Pssshhhhhh!!!

The result was tremendous! The balloon began blowing out its air, flying madly about, here and there, doing a thousand pirouettes, while the perfectly synchronized ants, made all kinds of beautiful shapes out of the string.

Of course, that acrobatic flight ended with quite a hard landing, but it didn't matter. The originality and teamwork of the ant performance was so impressive that the crowd didn't even have to vote for there to be a winner.

From then on, in that garden, everyone understood how much could be achieved by working together. In the years to come, the balloon competitions were full of displays carried out by teams, and they put on some wonderful routines; something those individual insects could never have achieved on their own.

Acknowledgement- <https://freestoriesforkids.com/children/stories-and-tales/balloon-acrobatics>

As we draw to the end of the academic year 2021-22 I take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and patience shown during the challenging times, embracing change and forging ahead to ensure learning continues.

I would like to thank our hard working and caring faculty and staff for their sincere efforts that made a huge difference to our students and all of us at school. They were always ready to provide engaging, and joyful learning experiences fostering curiosity, along with developing the approaches to learning (ATL) and attributes of the IB learner profile. Their commitment to uphold and lead the vision of unlocking potential through the 5 developmental pillars was clearly visible in their work inside and outside the classrooms.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer break. Please do stay safe and continue spending joyful family times together.

I look forward to seeing you in June, 2022 to start the new academic year!

Anjalika Sharma

IBPYP Principal

Message from the PYP Coordinator's Desk

Dear parents,

Greetings!

As we come to the end of the academic year 2021-22, I would like to thank all our stakeholders for making this year a successful one.

Our young learners of grade PP2 had their Graduation Day and are now ready to embark on their new journey to Primary Years.

Grade 5 students had their PYP Exhibition which is the culminating, collaborative experience in the final year of the PYP.

The students explored, documented and shared their understanding of an issue and took sustainable actions. The parents, teachers, students and the entire learning community was a part of this process.

We successfully completed our first PYP Evaluation and received our reports. The visiting team appreciated our commitment to the programme. They applauded our teachers, parents and students for their efforts.



Our PYP team worked on taking the school's mission and vision ahead. They actively took forward the Happy Minds Model and continued to practice it in their classrooms.

Thanking all of you for being supportive and looking forward to seeing you in June.

Trishna Sharma
PYP Coordinator

Professional Development

Programme of Inquiry and Curriculum Review

The team reviewed the POI (Programme of inquiry) and engaged in curriculum mapping for Language and Math as well as single subjects to highlight transdisciplinary connections with the units of inquiry.

Single subject teachers reviewed their respective curricula and finalized the annual plan.

The scope and sequence documents were also reviewed as well.

Programme Evaluation-

The team once again revisited the Programme evaluation report and discussed the next steps forward.

Review of school policies

The PYP team read through school policies and shared their individual reflections. They later worked in different groups to present their understanding of the policies.

They reviewed the school policies as a team.

Planning for the five developmental pillars -

The core team for 5 developmental pillars reviewed and reflected on the implementation of the activities planned for the academic year 2021-22. They started working on the planning for the next academic year.

School Philosophy- 5 Developmental Pillars

Mindfulness and Well-being

Students practiced mindful breathing and mindful movement using bell breathing, squid and relax technique, flower pose and focus breathing. They enjoyed practicing sense awareness by creating beautiful mandala art that enhanced their focus and concentration abilities. Students further discussed growth mindset.



As part of the monthly Group Awareness Sessions for well-being, the school counselor conducted a session on gratitude.

Students discussed "gratitude" and why is it important to practice it. They engaged in different activities to understand the concept and expressed gratitude for what they have.

They further shared various ways to show a feeling of thankfulness to each other.

School Philosophy- 5 Developmental Pillars

Core Values

Students took part in various learning engagements like watching videos and listening to stories and reading books related to core value for the month, 'Integrity'.

Students reflected and discussed how they would practice integrity at home, in class, while working individually and in group.



Holistic Excellence

As a part of holistic excellence, students continued to make connections with the attributes of the learner profile during the learning and teaching. They reflected on various approaches to learning they developed and demonstrated during this term.

Students enjoyed the reading sessions as well as engaged in reading ORT books to further enhance their reading skills.



School Philosophy- 5 Developmental Pillars

Stakeholder Engagement

As the academic session came to an end, teachers and parents interacted during the parent teacher meeting (PTM) to discuss the academic progress of their child. They discussed the strengths as well as areas of improvement. They suggested follow up steps as well to further support the learning needs of the child.



Global Leadership

Students continued to develop and demonstrate ATL and attributes of learner profile by participating actively in various learning engagements and shared their understandings. They continued to take ownership of their learning by co-constructing success criteria.



Learning and Teaching- Month Review

Unit of Inquiry:

Transdisciplinary Theme:

Who we are

Central Idea:

The choices people make affect their health and identity.

Lines of Inquiry:

- Balanced lifestyle
- Choices affect our health
- Different sources of information that help us to make choices

Key Concepts:

Function, Responsibility, Perspective

IB Learner Profile:

Balanced, Reflective, Principled, Caring

Unit of Inquiry:

Students continued to inquire about different sources of information and how this information help them in making choices. They discussed about three different personas and shared their views and reflections.

Transdisciplinary Language:

Students were introduced to antonyms and synonyms, 4 W's and singular and plural words through various learning engagements. They were introduced to punctuation marks such as full stop, question mark and use of upper-case letters. They identified the punctuation marks while reading ORT books. Students had reinforcement of concepts learnt so far through a range of learning engagements.

Learning and Teaching- Month Review

Transdisciplinary Math:

Students are introduced to the numbers up to 100 through various learning engagements. They are also introduced to greater than less than concept through flash cards. They practiced number formation, identification, sequencing numbers from big to small and small to big, creating patterns, etc. Students revisited the concepts learnt so far with a range of learning engagements related.

Drama: Students had opportunity to express themselves using props. They learnt using different objects as props for enacting a character in a given situation. They worked on their expressions. They engaged in vocal exercises as well.

Music: Students practiced all the songs learnt this term. They made a choice of song for their concluding assessment task. They shared the reasons for the choice made. Students recalled the lyrics of the song. They sang following the tune along with actions that goes well with the lyrics to convey the meaning.

Dance: Students learnt different levels of moves and elements of dance through movements, particularly locomotor and non-locomotor steps such as jump, slide, walk, sway, curl, turn, pump and bend. They further worked on their expressions while participating in dance.

Learning and Teaching- Month Review

PE: Students continued learning by taking part in their physical education classes and explored the splash pool. They played with their peers and were familiar with water.

Art: Students co-constructed the assessment task and criteria to show their learning. They revisited the previously learnt art forms like tearing and pasting and drawing.



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Happenings Month Ahead

School reopening for Pre-Primary: 10th June 2022

School reopening for Primary: 15th June 2022

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