

**PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME  
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

**MESSAGE FROM HEADS**



**MS. GEETHA GOPINATHAN**  
**IB PRINCIPAL**

As the Principal IB programme, I am happy to welcome you all to the another milestone of learning journey. It gives me immense pleasure to share with you the first edition of Arion's Voice. At the end of every three months, we will be sharing the newsletters showcasing the glimpses of school events to provide you all with the information about all our approaches to learning.

The academic year 2023-24 began with innumerable achievements, well-organised school events and activities. Our students' enthusiastic participation in events like intramural competitions, internal competitions, school assemblies, observances of UN days, whole school celebrations, and interschool competitions were exemplary. The Student Council formation marked another milestone in the leadership curriculum of the school. Through field trips, industrial visits, and students initiated actions we as a learning community contributed to the welfare of the society we live in. With that note, we are looking forward to having much more intense and rigorous learning contributing to the construction of a peaceful world. Welcoming many new families to Manchester to what promises to be an even more action-packed semester.



**MS. SARANYA C**  
**IB PYP COORDINATOR**

At Manchester International School, IB Primary Years Programme offers opportunities to inquire through the lens of concepts to acquire 21st-century learning skills. Student Agency operates as a tool to accomplish the constructive approach in PYP. Students have the space to design and demonstrate their knowledge and conceptual understanding.

Technology plays an integral role in accelerating the learning process. Every child's ownership of learning is evident from their technical skills. We strive to enhance their inquiry-based learning styles and stage knowledge through their actions to build a sustainable world.

As a learning community, it is our responsibility to develop a learning platform to cultivate the attributes of a learner and ensure their physical, emotional, cognitive, spiritual, and social well-being to transform them into global citizens. Involving children in international projects, events, and talk shows, integrated with UN Sustainable Development Goals, help enrich their caliber to address global challenges and evolve as better humans.

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**THE LEARNING COMMUNITY  
MEET THE PYP TEAM**



**At Manchester International School, our mission is to provide a dynamic educational environment, by encouraging excellence. All students are challenged to reach their maximum potential by learning at their functional level to provide a solid foundation of skills, knowledge, and values. This foundation enables each student to become a well-educated, productive adult who will be able to cope with an ever-changing world.**

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## PYP INTERNAL COMPETITIONS



### International Asteroid day- Poster making competition

Asteroid Day is observed annually on 30 June to mark the date of Earth's largest asteroid impact in recorded history, the Siberia Tunguska event.

At Manchester International school to commemorate the historical happening and to raise awareness among students about the importance and effect of the impact of asteroids, the students from IB PYP1 to PYP5, participated enthusiastically in the poster-making competition. The foremost aim of the Poster Making Competition was to kindle knowledge about asteroids and their effects and to gain apprehension, with the help of creativity. The event ran for an hour and kids illustrated their understanding through meaningful art.

### World Youth Skills Day- Skillathon

To commemorate World Youth Skills Day 2023, the IB PYP of Manchester International School organized a "Talent Hunt Show" under the theme "Who we are". The objective is to spread awareness focusing on effective inter generational acquisition of skills, including through role modelling, mentorship, coaching, and other forms of interactions across-generations for a transformative future.

The Talent Hunt Show stood as a platform for the students to represent their talents in diverse fields. It not only helps the participating students to show their abilities but also motivates other students to come up front and show their hidden potential. From dance to drama, song, art and, speech, to sports activities, and many more, we had a tidal wave of participants who put their heart and soul into preparing themselves and exhibiting their talent in this event. All students actively participated in both the on-stage and off-stage categories of events and showed enthusiasm and dedication in their efforts. The cherry on the cake was the parents participation in the show. Parents of our PYP students expressed their artistic skills through their glass paintings, model making, and much more.



### Literacy Day- Newsreading competition

To celebrate the International Literacy Day, a news reading contest was organised for the students of IB PYP1 - PYP5.

Students from IB PYP1 to PYP5 actively collected information and presented news to the audience. The prelims for the competition happened in the respective classrooms on the 8th of September 2023 and the final news reading competition happened on the 11th of September. This competition stood as a captivating platform for students to build a passion for effective communication and art of report writing. Our little PYPians proved that a newsreader's role is not limited to delivering information; but also to engage the audience, build trust, and convey a sense of authority and reliability. The presentations used by students for the background, showcased their digital literacy skills.

Overall this contest provided a platform for our students to hone their skills, promote journalism, entertain and inform audiences worldwide.



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**WINNERS**  
CORNER

INTERNATIONAL ASTEROID DAY  
POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

*#1st Position*



Akshara D  
PYP1



Advikha Pradeep  
PYP2



Subiksha Senthilnath  
PYP3



Harmithasree S  
PYP4



Mrittika A  
PYP5

*#2nd Position*



Dishen Adway A  
PYP1



Varunavi S  
PYPPYP2



Krish Ayanikkal  
PYP3



Tiahra Aggarwal  
PYP4



Sean Liam Ezekiel  
PYP5

*#3rd Position*



Aadhvik Sai M  
PYP1



Madhumeera  
PYP2



Saaikrish  
PYP3



Niyati V  
PYP4



Sara Paramaguru  
PYP5

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**WINNERS**  
CORNER

WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY  
TALENT SHOW

*#1st Position*



Prahalad V  
PYP1



Magizhan  
PYP2



Diya Shravas VS  
PYP3



Niyati V  
PYP4



Vihaan S  
PYP5

*#2nd Position*



Akshath Krishna B  
PYP1



Mithun B  
PYP2



Dhruv Bhagirathan  
PYP3



Sangamithra  
PYP4



Shibani  
PYP5

*#3rd Position*



Adharva  
PYP1



Siddharth  
PYP2



Vikash Selvaraj  
PYP3



Amitav Kumar  
PYP5

*#offstage*

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**WINNERS  
CORNER**

**WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY  
TALENT SHOW**

*#1st Position*



Akshara  
PYP1



Joshnee  
PYP1



Lakshith  
PYP 2



Saswath  
PYP 3



Anirudh  
vaibhav  
PYP 3



Aadhira  
PYP 4



Sean  
PYP 5



Pradhyun  
PYP 5



Sashmitha  
PYP 3

*#2nd. Position*



Dishen Adway  
PYP1



Dahlia R  
PYP 2



Srisha Srinath  
PYP 2



Anugraha  
PYP 3



Ahrav  
PYP 3



Samanta  
PYP 3



Tiana  
PYP 4



Harmithasree  
PYP 4



Mritika  
PYP 5

*#3rd Position*



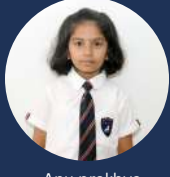
Vidhura RJ  
PYP1



Tharshahiran  
PYP 2



Mansi  
PYP 4



Anu prakhya  
PYP 3



Yasmith  
PYP 3



Sanjana  
PYP 3



Siddarth  
PYP 5

*#onstage*

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**WINNERS**  
CORNER

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY  
NEWS READING COMPETITION

*#1st Position*



Dishaan M Kishore  
PYP1



Advikha Pradeep  
PYP2



Vikash Selvaraj  
PYP3



Harmithasree  
PYP4



Aadhira M Sowdiah  
PYP4



Pradhyun  
PYP5

*#2nd Position*



Joshnee Vivek  
PYP1



Diya Karchan  
PYP2



Anirudh Vaibhav  
PYP3



Adithya Veera  
PYP4



Mrittika A  
PYP5

*#3rd Position*



Prahalad  
PYP1



Madhumeera  
PYP2



Subhiksha Senthilnath  
PYP3



Sean Liam Ezekiel  
PYP5

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**WINNERS  
CORNER**

**ONAM & RAKSHABANDHAN  
PAIRED DIY CONTEST**

*#1st Position*



Tiahra Aggarwal  
Sanjana



Harmithasree S  
Kanya



Amitav Kumar  
Vikash Selvaraj

*#2nd Position*



Anirudh Dheera  
Dhruv Bahirathan



Vanshik Ranjith  
Adhithya Veera



Srisha Srinath  
Aadhira M Sowdiah



Sasvath RJ  
Subiksha



Samuel Naik  
Viyaan Vignesh

*#3rd Position*



Sean Liam Ezekiel  
Ashwath J



Brahadeesh Aadithya  
Mithran



Dahlia Rajkumar  
Shibani



Sangamithra  
Samantha



Shruthinehaa S  
Dishaan M Kishore



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### INTRAMURAL COMPETITIONS

#### QUIZ COMPETITION

Inter-house competitions stands as a key factor for raising self esteem, developing self-confidence and giving opportunities for leadership and teamwork beyond those already available within school. Keeping this in mind we organised an inter-house storytelling competitions for PYP 1 & 2 and Poem Recitation competitions for PYP 3 to 5. The theme of these competitions focused on the Sustainable Development Goals, #3:Good health and wellbeing, #5:Gender equality, #13:Climate action, #14:Life on land, and #15:Life below water. Through this our little PYPians gained awareness on leading a sustainable life.



#### STORY TELLING & POEM RECITATION

Quiz competitions enhance students' retention, organisation of knowledge, time management, critical thinking skills, and metacognitive thinking.

To inculcate the competitive spirit and enrich communication skills, the Inter-House Quiz Competition was organized for the students of PYP1 - PYP5 on the theme "Know your country". The participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The preliminary round was conducted in class through MCQs and one person per house was shortlisted from each grade. Since we have four houses, four students from each grade representing each house were qualified for finals. And then the finals took place on 2nd of August in the multipurpose hall. The students were highly enthusiastic and it was a touch decision for the judges to conclude the winners. After a series of tie breakers, Kanthaka won the quiz championship, followed by Chetak first runner-up, Pankti as second runner-up and Sarangi as the third runner-up.



#### TACK & FIELD EVENTS KHO-KHO & FOOTBALL

Intramural sports competitions foster a long-term relationships between students with similar goals or objectives in mind and if they have sufficient sportsmanship about it. Our kho-kho and football matches was a very exciting challenge for our four great houses. There was a wide spectrum of inter-house team sports played by the students. The matches were easily the most exhilarating in comparison to the previous years and were brimming with team spirit and camaraderie.

The track and field events conducted for PYP1 & PYP2 triggered the athletic spirit among the students. The day was filled with thrills, spirit, and cheers. The football matches and kho-kho matches for the PYP3 - PYP5 students ended with a semi-finals for the top two teams in the upcoming days. In kho-kho Pankti and Chetak qualified for the finals, whereas in football 4 teams were qualified for the semi-finals.



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**WINNERS  
CORNER**

**QUIZ COMPETITION**



**KANTHAKA**  
Winner



**CHETAK**  
1st Runner-up



**PANKTI**  
2nd Runner-up



**SARANGI**  
3rd Runner-up

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**WINNERS  
CORNER**

**STORY TELLING & POEM RECITATION COMPETITION**

*# 1st Position*



**KANTHAKA**  
Tharsha hiran  
PYP2

*# 2nd. Position*



**CHETAK**  
Joshnee Vivek  
PYP1

*# 3rd Position*



**CHETAK**  
Lakshith  
PYP2

*# 1st Position*



**KANTHAKA**  
Sean Liam Ezekiel  
PYP5

*# 2nd. Position*



**SARANGI**  
Pradhyun  
PYP5

*# 3rd Position*



**KANTHAKA**  
Tiahra Aggarwal  
PYP4

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### PYP INTERNAL OBSERVANCES

#### UN Public Service Day - PBL I

Schools play a vital role in tackling these serious global concerns and achieving the SDGs as the centres of learning. For raising awareness on the 17 goals in education settings; promoting critical and contextualized understanding of the SDGs; and mobilizing action towards the achievement of the SDGs, we initiated the SDG related PBL process. In this process, the students from PYP1 to PYP5 began to comprehend and analyse the necessity to achieve the SDGs. Their determination towards identifying the causes and effects and constructing action plans was remarkable.



#### INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

The International Day of Friendship was proposed by UNESCO and adopted by the UN General Assembly to promote a culture of peace. The world faces numerous challenges that undermine peace, security, development, and social harmony. This day helped our students to develop a moral compass and taught them how to interact acceptably in social situations. Our little PYPians shared the love for their friends through greeting cards, friendship bands and DIY gifts. This day stood as a platform for them to reflect on the love, support, and laughter they bring and express gratitude for their friends. Overall this event proved that friends are integral to our emotional well-being, personal growth, and happiness.



#### INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN DAY & WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

World Humanitarian Day and World Photography Day are two distinct yet interconnected observances that celebrate humanity's capacity for empathy and creativity. It offers an opportunity to reflect on the power of compassion, selflessness, and the artistry of photography in documenting our shared human experience.

To commemorate World Humanitarian Day and World Photography Day, the students from IB PYP1 to PYP5 took action towards being humanitarian by contributing selflessly to their fellow humans and towards animal welfare as well. And they also displayed their contributions through a gallery walk of photographic memories. This event served as a reminder of the remarkable human qualities of compassion and creativity. These observances remind us that, in both acts of compassion and acts of artistry, we find the essence of what it means to be a human.



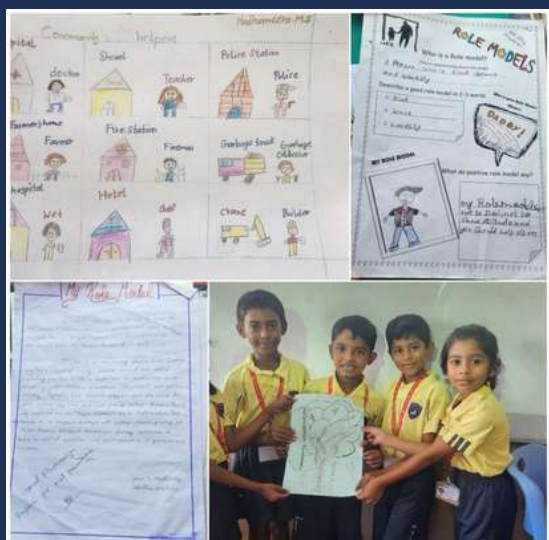
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## PYP ACADEMIC GLIMPSSES

### #UNIT OF INQUIRY



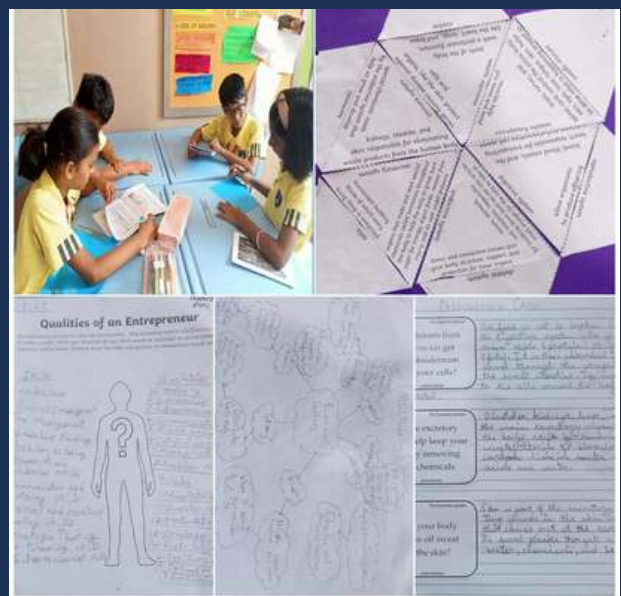
#PYP1



#PYP2



#PYP3



#PYP4



#PYP5

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## PYP ACADEMIC GLIMPSES

### BACK TO SCHOOL



The new academic year started with an impressive ceremony carrying the solemnity and serenity of a new beginning. The Assembly was formally inaugurated by the Head of School and the academic heads along with student representatives symbolising the co-constructed journey of education. It was a memorable day, that left lasting impression.

Back to school activities were planned for building a sense of community and friendship in the classroom. This included activities in connection with social-emotional learning, self-assessment, and listening activities.

### 3 WAY CONFERENCE



Successful people have always had clear, focussed goals. Having students set their own goals and monitor their progress is most effective when teachers can create a culture, rather than following prescriptive steps. Getting students to understand where they are in their learning is a steep challenge with the potential for a huge payoff when you are seeking to build school and classroom cultures where improvement and growth flourish.

Goal setting helps to set reasonable but aspirational goals for improvement and continue to drive their learning with frequent reference to those goals. When implemented well, these goal-setting practices have a significant positive influence on student outcomes and school cultures. The IB PYP 3-way conference held on 1st of July was a successful event where students along with their parents, teachers and specialists, sat together and analysed student's present level of achievement and scope for growth. This was synchronous with the understanding that students do better when they feel in control of their learning.

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## PYP ACADEMIC GLIMPSSES

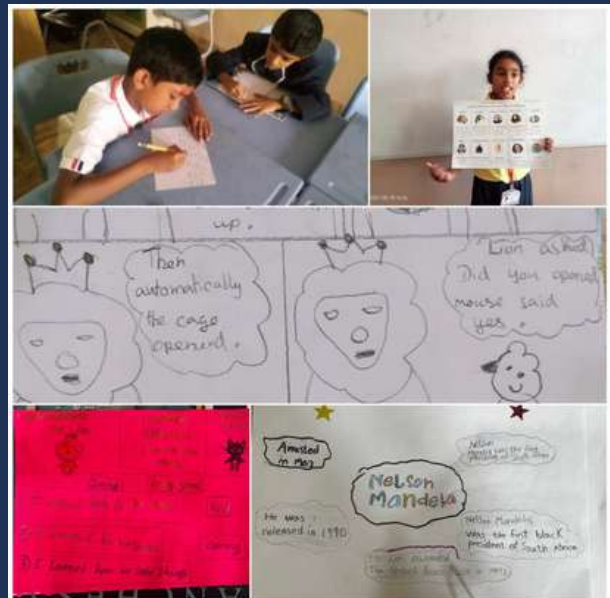
### #LANGUAGES – READING, WRITING, LISTENING & SPEAKING, VIEWING & PRESENTING

### #NUMERACY – CONSTRUCTING, TRANSFERRING, & APPLYING



### #SDG – ACTION

### #LEADERSHIP



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## GUEST LECTURE



### Mrs. Poornima, Mental Health Counsellor Coimbatore Cancer Foundation

Life takes on meaning when you become motivated, set goals and charge them in an unstoppable manner. A guest lecture provides students with unique ideas and viewpoints that they would not have received in a regular session. The lecture was presented by Mrs. Poornima, Mental Health Counsellor, Cancer Foundation, Coimbatore, on the topic, "How mental health and brain health are connected", to the students of PYP4 and PYP5. The session ran for 1.5 hours between 10.30am to 12 pm and the topics that were discussed included emotions, happy hormones, addiction, trauma and mental well-being which was enhanced by fun activities that helped children connect with the topics that were discussed.

It was a highly interactive session and students openly expressed their thoughts. The students gained information about various opportunities available to them to take care of their mental health. The lecture was a thought provoking one for the students and emphasized on the importance of mental well-being and the things to be kept in mind to achieve a growth mindset.

### Ms. Dhevasenaa, Corporate Lawyer

Inviting guest speakers into the classroom is a classic teaching strategy that we equip in our IB PYP to provide students with access to other perspectives, adds variety to the classroom routine, and demonstrates that learning is a collaborative enterprise. On the other hand it also helps them in exploring different professions and career opportunities.

The guest lecture by Ms. Dhevasenaa, a corporate lawyer on the rights and responsibilities under the theme "Who we are" created a major impact among the students of IB PYP3. Her presentation focused on diverse aspects of laws like how and why people need to follow rules and take on different roles to become global citizens. She raised an awareness about the behavior and choices of kids in different scenarios. She also explained their rights and responsibilities and their importance in their daily lives. She portrayed the characteristics of a global citizen and how they can contribute meaningfully to their community. Students were able to effectively identify the strategies required to become global citizens. She emphasized how their rights and responsibilities contribute to becoming global citizens. The session was informative for the students and it helped them to enhance their social and self-management skills. Overall it was a highly interactive session, and the students were able to connect and communicate their understanding throughout the lecture.





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## PYP FIELD TRIPS

### Field trip #1 VYAAN FITNESS STUDIO

We as IB learners learn from the places we visit, people we see, and things we do in our daily life. To enhance the knowledge on the units on health and fitness, self-awareness, under the theme "Who we are", our young learners from IB PYP1, PYP4 and MKIDS Year3 were taken on a field trip to Vyaan Fitness Center on 24th of July. This trip took us into an exciting world of self discovery and mindfulness. As we stepped into the fitness center the air was filled with energizing music and the vibrant atmosphere motivates us to take part in this journey of self awareness

We had some fun exercising and engaging activities like jumping, running, and playing games. This helps us understand that being unique means having different levels of strength and perseverance. The fitness center gave us a space where we can connect with our emotions and thoughts. It shows us that taking care of our bodies has a powerful impact on how we feel about ourselves, and celebrates the amazing individuals that we are!



### FIELD TRIP #2 POLICE MUSEUM

Visiting the places relevant to our unit of inquiry plays a vital role in the IB for both students and teachers. In connection with the units on role models, rights and responsibilities under the theme "Who we are", our IB PYP2 and PYP3 had a field trip to Tamilnadu police museum on 25-07-2023. This trip enhanced the educational experience for all students and provided the students with an opportunity to apply their knowledge. This visit helped our children to understand the role of police in the community and how they can be good citizens.

Head constable Ms Sunitha explained about the museum which showcased the tradition and culture of police from the olden times to the modern times. The collection of all DGPs photos and photos of City Commissioners, all kinds of police rifles and guns, fingerprint kits, ancient cameras, 17th and 18th-century idols, explosives and bomb detective equipment. The display of police department medals and shields stood as a motivational factor for our young learners. Overall it was completely an informative trip.



### FIELD TRIP #3 TNAU

In connection with the second unit of inquiry on the theme How We Organize Ourselves, our students of IB PYP1 - PYP5 were taken on a field trip to Tamil Nadu Agriculture University. This field trip to TNAU offered our participants an immersive and educational experience on various aspects of agriculture, from crop cultivation and livestock management to cutting-edge research and technology applications, and government's contribution towards the welfare of the agricultural sector.

The energetic students from PYP1 to PYP5, along with their teachers went for a field trip to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU Coimbatore). The field trip proved to be an enriching experience that broadened horizons and deepened understanding. It showcased the significance of agriculture in our lives and the ever-evolving efforts to address global challenges. Through interactions with experts, participants left the premises with a newfound appreciation for the world of agriculture and the possibilities it holds for a sustainable future. By visiting the agricultural university, participants gained a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the field of agriculture.



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### SIXTH SENSE I #SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT



“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.”- Kofi Annan

As an end-of-unit reflection, our IB PYPians reflected in a transdisciplinary way on what they have learned in the first unit on the theme “WHO WE ARE”. Students from PYP1- PYP5 inquired into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social, and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; and what it means to be human. In the words of John Holt, “Children do not need to be made to learn because each child is born with what Einstein called the holy curiosity of inquiry”. Therefore they exhibited their learning using GRASPS, a design tool to develop a performance task with an emphasis on context and role-playing, and performances along with a gallery walk of the students’ work. Parents actively participated and encouraged the students. The sixth sense resonated with the words of Benjamin Franklin, “Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”

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## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES STUDENT AGENCY PYP5 - STUDENT LED CLUBS

<p><b>INNOVATORS HUB</b></p> <p>Club: Design Thinking Lead: Sean Liam, Vihaan</p> <p><b>PRODUCT / ACTION PLAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CREATIVE PROJECTS</li> <li>• CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENT</li> <li>• PROTOTYPE MODELLING</li> <li>• IMPLEMENT IDEAS</li> <li>• IDEAS TO ACHIEVE SDGs</li> <li>• APP DESIGN</li> <li>• STRATEGIES</li> </ul>	<p><b>VOICE OUT</b></p> <p>Club: SDG Lead: Kamyra, Harmithasree</p> <p><b>OUTCOMES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating awareness on SDG</li> <li>• Understand the importance</li> <li>• Explain the targets of SDG</li> <li>• Construct solutions</li> <li>• Problem solving skills</li> <li>• Understanding the cause</li> <li>• Watch TED talks</li> <li>• Connect with real life</li> </ul>	<p><b>Business Wizards</b></p> <p>Club name: Financial Literacy Club lead: Harshaan, Rudra Arin, Mahath</p> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect math in real life</li> <li>• Understand GDP</li> <li>• Import and Export</li> <li>• Economic activities</li> </ul>
<p><b>FONT Masters</b></p> <p>CLUB NAME: CALLIGRAPHY LEADS: SIDDHARTH, PRADHYUN, SHIBANU</p> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEVELOP FINE MOTOR SKILLS</li> <li>• DEVELOP COORDINATION</li> <li>• ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY</li> </ul>	<p><b>LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!</b></p> <p>Club: Theater Lead: Subiksha and Pranav</p> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance organizational skills</li> <li>• Builds confidence</li> <li>• Develop Communication skills</li> <li>• Develop creativity</li> <li>• Improves verbal and non verbal communication</li> <li>• Encourages team work and collaboration</li> <li>• Develops empathy</li> <li>• Enhance expressions and emotional connectivity</li> <li>• Improves body language</li> <li>• Spread awareness</li> </ul>	<p><b>Know your planet</b></p> <p>Club: Know your planet Leads: Amitav &amp; Tejas</p> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <p>Knowledge on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History and Geography</li> <li>• Maps of countries, states, continents</li> <li>• Historical events around the countries</li> <li>• Population</li> <li>• Economic growth</li> <li>• Human development index (HDI)</li> <li>• Disaster management</li> <li>• Usage of tools like compass, thermometer, survey tapes</li> </ul>
<p><b>KITCHEN PARTNERS</b></p> <p>Club name: Culinary Club lead: Shruthi and Hassini</p> <p><b>OUTCOMES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning and organization</li> </ul>	<p><b>TALKING TITANS</b></p> <p>CLUB : Public Speaking LEAD: Mrithika, Saidev, Dev Adithya</p> <p><b>OUTCOMES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen language skills</li> <li>• Good communication skills</li> <li>• Good facial expressions</li> <li>• Improve confidence</li> <li>• Enhance body language</li> <li>• Tone and inflection</li> <li>• Clarity in voice</li> <li>• Script writers</li> <li>• Proper grammar and vocabulary</li> <li>• Explore and understand types of speech</li> </ul>	<p><b>CODE ZONE</b></p> <p>Club: Coding Leads: Adwalth, Dhananjayen</p> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problem solving</li> <li>• Computing skills</li> <li>• Creativity</li> <li>• Digital literacy</li> <li>• Explore features of AI</li> <li>• Creative thinking</li> <li>• Digital transformation</li> </ul>
<p><b>AUTHOR'S CORNER</b></p> <p>CLUB NAME: BOOK READING CLUB LEAD: ANIRUDH HARISH, SARA</p> <p><b>OUTCOMES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve language skills - reading, writing and vocabulary.</li> <li>• Develop creativity.</li> <li>• Gain moral values.</li> </ul>		

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## PYP ACTION #STUDENT AGENCY



### Group action

#### PYP Assembly - #Advocacy #4 Quality Education

The PYP Assemblies play a very important role in building the organization skills of the students. It forms the portal for our young learners to exhibit their talents, perform acts, and get applauded for their efforts and achievements. But above everything else, this assembly is one of the ways to initiate student-initiated action beyond the classroom walls. The students spread awareness of global goal #Quality education through drama, posters, speeches, and songs.

### Group action

#### Toys' add Joy - #Social Justice #3 Good health and well being

Our IB - PYP students inquired about their identity, abilities, and characteristics; beliefs and values of role models; rights and responsibilities; health and wellbeing; learning needs and development. In conjunction with all these units of inquiry as a community we would like to take action contributing to the SDG Goal #4Quality education and #3Good Health and Wellbeing. As a part of our action, we raised our voice to attain social justice by taking part in the initiative taken by the Coimbatore Cancer Foundation to donate for the kids at PSG hospital's cancer ward. We as a learning community encouraged all our members to be a part of it. As a source of distraction and comfort from the painful procedures involved in cancer treatment, toys can act as a cause for the development of feelings of joy and optimism in children dealing with cancer. They too can experience the aspects of mental growth arising out of the simple act of 'play', just like any other group of children. For most of us, toys are generally available in our homes just lying around in a dusty old box in some corner of the storeroom. If we were to imagine the extent of the positive impact it would have on these children spending most of their lives inside the walls of a hospital ward, our own happiness would know no bounds. We collected some toys, colouring books, color pencils in our learning community and planned to donate the same at the PSG Hospital, Santham Palliative ward Activity Room, semi private ward.



### Individual action #3 Participation - #1 No Poverty & #2 Zero Hunger

In conjunction with the Humanitarian day our PYPians initiated an action contributing to two major SDGs - #1 No Poverty and #2 Zero Hunger. An action is considered to be both an application of learning and an opportunity for students to engage in a form of contribution or service. To initiate individual action, as part of our ongoing efforts to nurture compassion, empathy and global awareness, on the observance of World Humanitarian Day, our PYP1 - PYP5 students proposed an action plan. As this year's campaign anchors on the theme "The Human Race with the slogan, it takes a village", they aimed to raise awareness among the learning community, by organizing a "Being a Humanitarian" campaign.

Their actions like rescuing and providing medical help for a street animal; feeding a street animal; helping the needy people on road sides, by providing them food/clothing/medicines; volunteering at an animal rescue organization; volunteering at a local homeless shelter; Visiting an elderly person in a nursing home or hospital; donating basic medical supplies to nearby orphanage/ needy children; volunteering at NGOs - showcased their caring attitude towards the society.

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## CELEBRATIONS



### International Yoga Day

Yoga day at Manchester international school was observed in the most solemn ceremony. Students from grades 1- 12, performed the sun salutation with so much accuracy and perfection, streamlining the body, the mind and the self. Yoga postures for enhancing concentration, for maintaining balance, both physically and emotionally were also performed with great devotion. The Rhythmic yoga , extracting various, postures and movement from the Indian dance was the highlight of the day.

### International Music Day

Music is at its best, when we are one with nature's sound. Manchester International School's Music Day was celebrated being in sync with this year's theme, "Music on the Intersections". highlighting the immense influence of music has in unifying communities and individuals, the Music department organized a mellifluous event. This was also a platform for students to demonstrate their musicality presenting their talents both on vocals and instrumental. Some students took the audience for a surprise with their exceptional talents.



### Independence Day

On August 15, 2023, Manchester International School proudly celebrated 77th Independence Day, marking 76 years of freedom. The official ceremony commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by our Correspondent Mrs. Priya Moorthy which was followed by the elegant March Past by members of the Chetak, Sarangi, Pankti and Kantaka Houses, and The School's Scouts. Primary school students demonstrating diversity were dressed in various States costumes led the parade. The school choir and members of the Dance Club added a grace and rhythm to the event.



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### Onam & Rakshabandhan

We celebrated two festivals, Onam and Raksha Bandhan, which are an integral part of the cultural heritage of India. The festivities were conducted with grandeur and devotion, allowing students to experience a glimpse into a past era that they may have only read, heard, or seen in literature or media. These celebrations were organized to provide students with a chance to explore and learn about different cultures.



### Krishna Jayanthi & Teachers day

Combining two celebrations, one purely religious and the other very religiously noble, the Teachers Day and Sri Krishna Janmashtami, students were given a glimpse of the tradition and practice behind the two.

The morning assembly completely anchored by the Primary School Students demonstrated the role of a teacher and the consciousness one should maintain when becoming a Guru! The celebration of Janmashtami started from highlighting the role of a Guru and then moving on to understanding the consciousness of the self! Through Speeches, Dances and Songs the intersecting nature of both the celebrations were joyfully observed!



### Investiture ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony of the Batch of 2023-24 was held on 8 September 2023, in the school auditorium.

The Correspondent Ms. Priya Moorthi was the guest of honour of the day and the Head of school Mr Rajesh Vasudevan presided over the session. The School Council led by Sanjay Narayan Damodaran of the International curriculum and Sri Gauranga of the CBSE took the oath and were invested into the office in the solemn ceremony witnessed by the members of the Parent Advisory Board, Faculty Members and Students from across the school.





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WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK!!!

Saranya Chandrasekar

PYP Sixth Sense I 2023-2024

PYP1 PYP2 PYP3

**Prajeeth PYP 1**  
It's a very good initiative, we appreciate the tutors encouraging the students. Keep igniting the spark of curiosity and knowledge in your students.  
Thanks & Regards  
buvana

**Regarding the performance of Prahlad.**  
We, as the parents of Prahlad, felt overwhelmed seeing his perform on the stage, without fear and with the clarity on what he is doing... all crew to the staffs who groomed him up so well since his day 1 at Manchester. We always felt like he is going to a home away from home, with the way the staffs treat all of us, right from the bus staffs to the HOD. We feel honoured to be a part of Manchester family. Expecting more :)  
Thanks & Regards,  
Mr & Mrs. Vasudevan  
Parents of Prahlad.

**Yazhisai PYP 1**  
Program was really a refreshment to the eyes as watching kids walk & talk about their future endeavors. It helps them to understand more about their peers as well.  
  
Also to mention, new materials given to them is of good quality content and well prepared. Daily cluster word ideas are insightful and interesting. Kudos to the entire team Manchester IB.

Very happy to see all the kids on stage it's not really simple to present them on stage. Thanks to all the teachers for their great efforts.  
Parent of Magizhan

Great to see our child performing well, it's an outcome of their knowledge and skills towards their goals... we thank you for the teachers efforts. M/o siddharth

We are glad to see my kid performing so well, it was a clear outcome of the tireless effort of the kids and teacher's as well. Sixth sense fostering a child that values excellence and support the development.  
M/o Tharsha Hiran

Good effort by all the teachers..thanks to all M/o Shrisatvik

Thanks to all the teachers. Really great effort. Well organized.

**A.Aniv dharesh PYP3 IB**  
I am proud to be a Manchesterian's mom. The kids are very well trained and they rocked. We are waiting for the upcoming rocking performances. Thank you for making our kids to shine like a star. Keep going.....  
S.Deepika, parent of A.Aniv. dharesh PYP3 IB.

**Could see progress and efforts of teachers put on Children when outcome is excellent. Expecting more events like this, Superb**  
F/o Dhruv

**Wonderful Performance from PYP3**  
It is good to see the progress of the kids in the onstage. It's really an opportunity for the kids to make an onstage performance as a part of curriculum. This encourages kids to build self motivation. It was also a brilliant idea to Display the off the shelf activities done in the classroom. Thanks to all the teachers and kids as well to make such an event.  
Best Regards  
Srividhya Parent of Krish Ayanikkal..

Thanks to all the teachers

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I 2023-2024

PYP4 PYP5

It's a very good initiative, we appreciate the encouragement given to the kids. Parents event was very engaging and entertaining.  
Sumangali Prabhuram  
M/O Nairit Prabhuram

**Falling in love with IB curriculum all over again!**  
Be it the opportunities the children receive to perform on stage or the teachers' efforts to bring out the best in each child or the way the sports teacher was part of the entire learning just because their central idea and LOI's were relating to health and fitness, we are really happy we chose this curriculum for our daughter!  
Looking forward to many such events where our kids steal the spotlight!  
Thank you Saranya mam, Sri Vidhya mam and all other teachers who made sure the event was a success..  
- Revathi & Balaji  
Parents of Aadhira M Sowdiah

**Sixth Sense 1 Feedback**  
A brilliant opening to this year's

**Kumaran R., F/o Dhananjeyan K.**  
Hats off to our remarkable 5th graders for a captivating sixth sense program on stage. Your performances were outstanding. A big thank you to our dedicated teachers and management for their role in making this event truly excellent. Your hard work and support shine through brightly.

**Kamya's Parents - Awesome display of talents**  
Starting from the welcome address through the thank you note and everything in between was a thorough display of talent from the young kids.  
  
It was well coordinated, kudos to the effort from the teachers and the coordinator, and everyone involved behind the screen.  
  
We enjoyed every bit of it.

**Sivakumar - f/o VS Harshaan**  
The Sixth sense event was very well planned and executed. Congratulations to all the kids who showcased their presentation skills in many forms like singing, dancing

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- Jayashree&Shribalaji

**A.Dishen adway PYP1 IB**  
I am proud to be a Manchesterian's mom. Very well organized and trained. Kids really rocked. Keep rocking.  
S.Deepika, parent of A.Dishen adway PYP1 IB

**The show was really nice every one showed there own understanding. Every one showed there talents Thank you for making our child's understand.**

Vishyarth parent:  
Great event,Kids roll model motivation for kids

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**Good to see all the future role models**  
It's a great effort by the kids and the teachers to motivate them to strengthen their mind and achieve their goals  
M/o Srishasrinath

**Kudos to all the Kids and Staffs!**  
Thanks to all the staffs who is doing a wonderful work on the students, for inculcating the students with indispensable knowledge and preparing them with skills to stand out in life! Being a parent makes me very happy and confident that my child is getting a right exposure to be nurtured..  
M/o Advikha Pradesp

**really good efforts by the teachers thanks for all .**

Good effort by all the students. Their supportive teachers have pushed them to overcome their fears. Would strongly recommend to give bigger phrases/ screen space in the forth coming events.

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