

IB NEWSLETTER



IB CONTINUUM MONTHLY DIGEST

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS & KEY EVENTS

KEY EVENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND SHARED EXPERIENCES

Independence Day Celebrations 2025: The school community celebrated Independence Day with patriotism and reflection, honoring the sacrifices of freedom fighters who shaped the nation's independence. Learners engaged meaningfully, with MYP and DP students demonstrating discipline through an intramural house-wise march past, while PYP learners expressed culture and tradition through a graceful classical dance performance. The event also marked the declaration of the student council election results, which showcased student voice, choice, and leadership. Adding to the spirit of togetherness, parents engaged in a friendly cricket match with the school team, Manchester Super Kings, fostering joy, collaboration, and community spirit. This experience deepened school-parent partnerships and celebrated unity beyond the classroom.

World Photography Day: Our school celebrated World Photography Day with great enthusiasm, recognizing photography as an art that captures emotions, stories, and timeless moments. Learners from PYP to DP showcased creativity in art and photography across themes like "Through My Eyes", "Future AI", "People Around Me", and "Everyday Beauty". Parents and students engaged in appreciating the displays, which highlighted the power of photographs to tell stories and preserve

Student Council Election: Our students successfully organized the school-wide Student Council elections, taking charge of every step from collecting nomination forms to conducting personal interviews, managing campaigns, overseeing voting, and declaring results. This hands-on experience allowed them to exercise leadership, make decisions, and demonstrate responsibility. Through this initiative, students not only gained practical skills in organization and communication but also experienced genuine student agency, shaping their school community and leading by example. Their initiative inspired peers to participate actively and voice their opinions, reinforcing the values of democracy, teamwork, and civic responsibility.

World Cafe - Voices of the world: Our learners began their World Cafe experience under the theme Voices of the World, embodying the qualities of inquirers, thinkers, and communicators. With curiosity and respect, they shared their ideas and actively listened to diverse perspectives, showing open-mindedness and empathy. Each contribution reflected principled and caring attitudes, connecting local and global viewpoints. Through collaboration and reflection, students demonstrated balanced thinking and a commitment to understanding others. This engaging session highlighted the IB learners' dedication to valuing every voice and learning from the world around them. It nurtured international mindedness and strengthened their sense of global citizenship.

ENGAGING LEARNING ACROSS LEVELS AND DISCIPLINES



Odyssey: Odyssey was filled with creativity and connection as students showcased their talents through the Theme Play, while MYP students engaged audiences with captivating storytelling. The month also brought the warmth of Friendship Day celebrations, where games, laughter, and meaningful moments highlighted the joy of togetherness.

Action day 'Get Fit with MKids': Our "Get Fit with MKids" event was an inspiring celebration of health, energy, and learning together! The highlight was seeing our Year 3 children become true wellness ambassadors – they joyfully taught parents simple exercises, led lively Zumba sessions, and confidently spoke about the importance of active living and a balanced diet.

This initiative was directly linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being, as it encouraged families to adopt healthier habits while making fitness fun. By empowering children to share their knowledge, we also reinforced SDG 4: Quality Education, nurturing confident communicators and responsible global citizens. A heartfelt thank you to all our parents for their enthusiastic participation and support.



From Festivity to Inquiry: Krishna through the lens of IB: Students connected Krishna Jayanthi with units, blending tradition and inquiry. The celebration fostered joy, reflection, and meaningful transdisciplinary learning.

Sixth Sense I: This Summative Assessment process stood as a vibrant celebration of student voice, choice, and agency. From ramp walks and civic campaigns, to drama and wellness circuits, PYP 1-5 learners brought their Unit 1 inquiries to life through rich transdisciplinary experiences. Parents actively joined the journey, supporting and witnessing learning in action. The showcase truly reflected inquiry-driven, learner-led IB PYP learning.

Band-it: Inter-school Competition: The Band-It Festival, India's largest inter-school performing arts competition, celebrates talent in music, dance, and drama. After the preliminary auditions conducted at school, students prepared and recorded their performances for the first-level submission to the Band-It team.

Under 8 Inter-school Football Tournament at Yuva Turf: The PYP3 students, selected through an internal process, are going to participate in the 5-a-side football tournament with structured training. This opportunity helps them build balance, commitment, and teamwork.

'Play and Belonging in Vrindavan': At MKids, our Krishna Jayanthi celebration turned into a joyful inquiry-based learning experience where children explored the themes of Play and Home in Vrindavan. They connected to Krishna's childhood through meaningful activities – playing traditional games, dressing up as little Krishnas and Radhas, building creative models of Vrindavan homes, and walking the ramp with festive pride. Through stories, songs, and creations, children reflected on what home means to them and experienced the cultural richness of the festival. The celebration nurtured curiosity, creativity, and values of love, belonging, and joy – making learning come alive through tradition and inquiry.

MKids Celebrate the Spirit of Independence: Our young learners celebrated Independence Day with pride and enthusiasm. The children joyfully engaged in flag-making activities, explored the colors and meaning of our national flag, and expressed their thoughts on pride and patriotism through discussions and sharing. These simple yet meaningful experiences helped them understand the spirit of freedom, love for the country, and the value of unity.

Eco-Friendly Ganesh Chaturthi: At MKids, children celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi by joyfully making eco-friendly clay idols and art works, exploring the meaning of the festival through stories and discussions, and learning values of wisdom, togetherness, and care for nature. The celebration beautifully combined tradition with sustainability.

PYP3: Global Citizenship: Visit to Humane Animal Society: Learners witnessed compassion in action by exploring animal care and empathy. They reflected on responsibility, ethical choices, and kindness in global citizenship.

PYP2: Personal History: Visit to Thatha Paati Elders Foundation: Students connected with elders' life stories to understand identity and traditions. The visit nurtured empathy and appreciation for wisdom across generations.

PYP1 & PYP5: Landforms & Natural Disasters: Visit to Nilgiri Biosphere Park Visit: Learners inquired into landforms, observing features shaping the Earth's surface. They reflected on natural disasters and ecosystems' resilience in recovery. The visit deepened their understanding of interdependence between humans and the natural world.

PYP4: Economic Activities: Visit to SITRA: Students explored textile production, linking industries to local and global economies. The visit fostered curiosity, critical thinking, and sustainable perspectives.

Ganesh Chaturthi Intramural Arts Celebration: Students celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with vibrant group dances and soulful songs, showcasing house spirit and collaboration. The celebration beautifully blended culture, teamwork, and festive joy across the school.



MYP5 RESULTS: We proudly celebrated the achievements of our MYP 5 cohort as they received their final results, reflecting their dedication, resilience, and academic integrity. Their performance is a testament to their growth as reflective, principled, and knowledgeable learners, prepared to embrace the challenges of the Diploma Programme and beyond.

GRD Museum Visit: MYP 1 and 2 students explored cultural heritage and historical inquiry through a reflective and engaging visit to the GRD Museum, enhancing their ATL research and thinking skills.

MYP Mid-Term Assessments: Learners engage in authentic assessment tasks that promote critical thinking, self-management, and meaningful reflection.

Independence Day: Honoring our national identity through student-led initiatives that foster international-mindedness and cultural appreciation.

World Youth Day: Empowering youth voices and promoting active global citizenship in alignment with IB's mission to create a better and more peaceful world



Ganesh Chaturthi: A CAS Initiative of Gratitude:

As part of their CAS, DPI students celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi in alignment with SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being by showing gratitude to the school's non-teaching staff. They prepared and shared traditional snacks such as kolukattai, sundal, and pori, fostering inclusivity, well-being, and community spirit.

The celebration also included a reflective speech on Vighnaharta – the remover of obstacles, emphasized removing modern-day obstacles like stress, unhealthy eating, and inactivity by Pranitha, and a mindful yoga session led by Aashrutha. The highlight was the heartfelt joy of the support staff on receiving the snacks, making the festival both meaningful and memorable.

World Youth Day: DPI students took part in a letter-writing activity session based on the prompt, "If I could change one thing in this world, I would tell today's youth to...", where they wrote thoughtful messages of hope, advice and inspiration for future generations. This experience encourages reflection, empathy and a sense of responsibility as global citizens.

Career Counselling session: Representatives from O P Jindal Global University, India, conducted a session for our DP students on academic pathways in Law, Business, International Affairs, Public Policy, Liberal Arts, and Journalism. The session outlined career opportunities, admission routes, and global exposure offered by the university. Our students found it informative and valuable for their future planning.

ATL Skill Activities (MYP 1 to 5): Developing essential Approaches to Learning skills through collaborative and student-centered learning experiences.

Krishna Jayanthi Celebration: Exploring cultural diversity and traditions, encouraging learners to be open-minded and respectful of global perspectives.

Guest Lecture on Mental Health & Tobacco Awareness: Promoting well-being and informed decision-making as part of our holistic approach to learner development.

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration: Students brought Ganesh Chaturthi to life through dynamic performances and artistic expression, showcasing cultural reverence and creativity with clay modeling, dramatic monologues, and vibrant music and dance

MYP 5 E-Assessment Orientation: Empowering students to articulate their learning journey by sharing insights into the MYP eAssessment process with parents and peers.

World Humanitarian Day: Learners commemorated World Humanitarian Day by reflecting on global challenges and embracing empathy, compassion, and service as part of their journey toward becoming caring and internationally minded individuals.

Shaping Student Futures: Counsellor Meet 2025:

Our school counsellor, Ms. Kavya Sreenivasan, attended the Gen Next G2 Conference 2025 held in Bengaluru on the 22nd and 23rd of August. The event brought together counsellors and university representatives to share insights on higher education trends, admission processes, and future career opportunities. Through her participation, she has built valuable professional connections and gained knowledge that will further support our students in planning their academic and career pathways.

Krishna Jayanthi Celebration: Students celebrated Krishna Jayanthi by watching the life story of Lord Krishna and exploring the traditions of Krishna Jayanthi. To deepen their understanding, a quiz was conducted, making the session engaging and interactive. The activities helped students connect with cultural values.

Guiding Peers: MYP5 eAssessment Orientation

DPI students actively participated in the MYP5 orientation, sharing personal experiences, strategies, and reflections to guide their juniors. Their insights helped MYP5 students better understand what to expect and approach the year with confidence. The session promoted collaboration and encouraged a positive mindset toward upcoming challenges.

Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM): This was held for the DP2 batch after their Mid Term 1 assessments. The session helped parents and teachers exchange insights and plan strategies to further support students in realizing their full potential.

KEY DATES – SEPTEMBER 2025

■ WHOLE SCHOOL

- Sept 08 - Celebration - Onam & Teachers Day
- Sept 10 - Investiture ceremony
- Sept 12 - School Event: Aura 360 – Design. Debate. Dominate.
- Sept 22 - 27 - Sports week
- Sept 28 - Pooja Holidays begin

■ EYP & PYP

- Sept 1-8 - PYP Book Week celebration
- Sept 8-12 - MKids Phonics Carnival
- Sept 12 - Odyssey – MKids & PYP
- Sept 15 - PYP Sixth Sense II
- Sept 30 - Observance - International Day of Peace & International Day of Sign Languages
- Sept 24 - PYP Monthly Checkpoint Quiz – Aptitude & Reasoning

■ MYP

- Sept 04 - Career Guidance Session(MYP 4 & 5)
- Sept 13 - PTM - Mid-Term I (MYP 3 & 4)
- Sept 15 - Intramural Drama competition
- Sept 20 - PTM - Mid-Term I (MYP 1 & 2)
- Sept 26 - IEO (Olympiads)
- Sept (Last week) - Competitive exams (Spell Bee Olympiads)

■ DP

- Sept 04 - Career Guidance Session – Imperial College, London & Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
- Sept 15 - Intramural Drama competition
- Sept 18 - ICO Olympiad Exam
- Sept 19 - University fair - University Fair – 35+ universities from India & abroad participating
- Sept 20 - Leadership conclave - Insight Summit