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Greetings from the Boarding!

Time has past by so fast & now we have hardly a month left before the exams. In the meaningful time that we've spent at school, plenty of events have taken place at the CIS Boarding house. This is our first edition to the boarding newsletter and we are pleased to announce the inauguration of this new committee. Not many are aware of its existence but soon it's going to spread.



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IB 1 Excursion

By: Sharad Kiswani



For the first IB excursion, we visited a beautiful place called Coorg. Though I had never heard about this place, the anticipation as to what was in store was killing me. We started with a bus ride from the school at 8:30am with the hope of making a lot of new friends as well as having a memorable time there. The ride to Mahindra Club Virajpet was like a long roller coaster ride. Even with the many potholes in the road, it was an enjoyable bus ride because of the beauty and variety of nature visible to us.

As soon as we reached we had our lunch and afterwards the activities began. We had an activity instructor who made us play social games so that we got to know each other. That first night, we also had a disco party. All of us danced and enjoyed a lot before we had the mouth-watering dinner at the Aroma restaurant.

The next morning, we went for a nature walk. It was undesirable, yet fun. We saw different kinds of flora, spotted a leech or two and many spiders who made their habitat there. Afterwards, we had our breakfast and went rappelling. We had to hike up to the top of a waterfall area. This was a scary experience because if someone decided to act foolish then they would get seriously hurt. The steepness was a shock to many. Somehow everyone made it to top of the beautiful and refreshing waterfall. The breeze was amazing. It was an everlasting experience!

We came back and had intercontinental lunch and dinner at the resort and we also had an IB reflection role play drama where we had to act everything out of what we did in the past 2 days. It was so crazy!



Day 3 started with an Indian breakfast after which we bid adieu to the place and we left towards our next destination, Club Mahindra Kodagu Valley. The ride was as bumpy and as swirly as all others. It took a lot of time but we enjoyed more this time as we were more familiar with each other. After we reached we had a warm welcome and an aromatic lunch at the Green Cardamom restaurant.



In the evening, the teachers that accompanied us on the trip introduced us to the IB Diploma Program. We got introduced to a lot of things. Though it was confusing at first, it seemed clear later. After the conference we had some time for recreation and relaxation and at night we had a special dinner for the CIS students and teachers by the restaurant Coffee Blossoms.



The next morning was the second last day there. We had breakfast and soon after we had our second IB introduction conference, which lead us deeper to the program. We had an appetizing lunch and a sight seeing program to a waterfall and a garden, which was so mesmerizing. The beauty was breath-taking. We returned back and then we were allowed to sleep in our friend's rooms because it was our last night there. Before dinner we danced around a bonfire in the rain, which was very musical and enjoyable. The Indian music brought everyone's feet around the fire. The last night was the best as we had a scrumptious dinner together and made a toss to the best moment of our life.



Next morning, we left for Bangalore. We had lunch on the way and reached school in the evening. It was a very nice start towards the IB program and I look forward to have an even better time on the excursion to Thailand.



Ice-Breakers Evening

By: Sukanya Sharma

On 7th September 2013, we folks had Ice-Breakers! The annual games to welcome and get comfortable with all the new members of our family. Well, what can I say, being new here myself I would say it was some kind of an experience. We were divided into six teams. Mr. Raghush made sure that all the friends were separated and that the people who don't really talk to each other so often are in the same team. Yes, it was hard but at least everyone made a few new friends. Mr. Regis planned three games for us to play.

The first one was 'Internet Download'. It may sound crazy but what we did was crazier. We all had to get a table tennis ball from one end of the room to the other through half open pipes and if your connection breaks (if the ball drops), you download your file all over again. Once completely downloaded, the file should be dropped successfully into a tiny cup at the other end. The hard part was for the teams that made it to the final, they had to carry a marble through the pipes!!

The second game was called 'Star Trek 25th Generation'. We were transported to outer space where our objective was to get from the alien planet to earth on our space ship. If we fall off into space then we have start all over again. The idea was to get your whole team over the fastest. Our space ship comprised of three plastic doormats. It was interesting some of the ideas the teams came up with. The most innovative and time-saving idea I think was riding over on someone's back.



The third and last game was called 'Jungle Attitude'. Yes, it is related to animals. This game was a parody of 'Rock Paper Scissors'. Instead of Rock, Paper and Scissors; we had Lion, Elephant and Mouse. We had to enact the animal and before the game we got 30 seconds to decide as a group which animal we want to send into battlefield. It was erratic yet amusing. In fact one of the teams was so preposterous that instead of the three given animals they decided to enact a machine gun! Three cheers to their wild imagination!

It was an amazing evening and fun-filled evening. Though, I believe the best part was when the teams who were sitting cheered for the teams that were playing. It brought a spirit of togetherness and friendship. The key to winning was teamwork which I believe every team displayed an immeasurable amount of. Though many of them just met, the way all the teams worked together, whether they won or lost, was worth watching.

We ended the splendid evening with a delicious Ice-Breakers cake; a small celebration of Prashant's birthday; a very big thank you to all of our boarding parents including Mr. Regis and a mouth-watering, delightful dinner which everyone enjoyed. Ice-Breakers, the one evening every year where all of us in the boarding just get together, forgetting everything else, just to have a little fun and to make entrancing, long-lasting memories.



Creativity, Action & Service

By: Drishti Kishor

Being allotted to an NGO was just another task for the CAS. Well, that's what each of us had felt until we actually met those cute little kids.

My way of looking at those kids did change, It wasn't for the sympathy but instead for their high spirits. Being brought up in a place not so well resourced and also without parents needs a great deal of courage. Many of the kids out there have actually been a part of the war and seen their tiny hands separate from the firm hands of their parents.

They are being educated and are being brought up in the best possible way living their lives with a smile on their face and gleaming eyes. Having a talk with those kids and getting to know more about their lives and their day schedule makes me overwhelmed as they are bound to those four walls but still they have no sorrows or complaints. It makes me realize how wrong I was, how happiness can be found even in the smallest of things.

Seeing their bright faces and how they welcomed each one of us and opened up with us without hesitation and believe me it feels really good when at the end of the day you try to recollect all that you did and all those memories appear right in front of your eyes.. How many times have I annoyed my parents to buy me things? How many times have I disrespected my parents? How many times have I not valued the things I have? The list seems endless but the realization does come into existence now. Being blessed by god and having such loving parents who fulfill all our demands, each one of us need to be grateful of what we have .We need to learn how to share, how to use our knowledge and values to help each other out. It's high time we step out and look at the world around us and do our best to help out those who need us.

These kids have the potential all they need is the right guidance. Spending a few hours with those kids might take away some of our time but for them it means a lot more than we can imagine. This bond that would build up between the kids and us would benefit the both of us because this is mutual learning. Their lifestyle may be different from ours but they can still share their emotions and thoughts.

We indulge with them in activities like football, quizzes so much more. By the end of this year we would certainly have made some difference in their lives if not a lot. So to all the people reading this please do make a move and look into your hearts and express that love to the world not for the sake of it but for that inner satisfaction. The most beautiful feeling in this world is being the reason behind a smile on a child's face and I am very fortunate to get a chance to achieve that.

Editors' Note:

A very warm welcome from the editors of the CIS Boarding Newsletter.

When we set out to create this newsletter we agreed that we would be sharing with you all the events that would be taking place in the boarding. Even though we are IB students and we have so much other work too, we will still be taking out some of our time and create a new edition of The Boarding Chronicle every month for all of you. We can't do this without your help. Everyone has to contribute at least one article for the newsletter.

Feel free to leave comments on our articles, to share your thoughts and suggestions or ask to the author a question. We appreciate your support and are so happy to have you all as readers of The Boarding Chronicle.

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