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

We hope everybody had a great winter break. School has started and everyone around you is studying. Even then, the boarding still manages to organize fun events for the boarders. The past few months were really busy especially for the IB students hence we weren't able to share the events happening in the Boarding with all of you. But now, here we are with another edition full of news and updates of every event that has happened around the CIS Boarding. KEEP CALM & stay updated with all the latest event's through the 'Boarding Chronicle.'

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.

Happy Reading!

# #Throwback to TERM 1 Events



# Indomart Café updates

## By: Sahil Mirchandani (IB1)

The Tuck shop... or as many of us know it, 'The Indomart' has become rather essential to all us boarders and food lovers. Me, being a member of the tuck shop committee and a fellow boarder, has clearly noticed the vast improvements since the start-up. We now have a beautiful decorated neon-blue checked counter front covering and a billboard sign that lights up in the evening-night. I mean, COME ON...! What could be cooler than that? This leads me to report that we have got this



'super-duper cool' brand new ice-cream freezer, storing over 10 different kinds of ice-cream! Guess what is the number one selling product now...? ICE\_CREAM! Sometimes, if we are lucky our secretary Naren, also known as 'the dj of the indomart' would play his exhilarating songs, to lighten up the mood. Personally, I think the tuck shop is great, and I am not the only one: (Please see

the short survey of some Indomart customers at the end of the article"). Most members of the tuck shop committee would not have benefited from this enriching experience of working at the tuck shop if not for the wonderful support from Mr. Regis, Mr. Raghush, Mr. Anthony and Prashant, the leader and founder of the tuck shop. I still remember the first day of the tuck shop and the opening. Looking at what it has become, it is a truly tremendous improvement and I would like to thank all of you guys for this. Everyone of us on the committee has realized that we are impacting the lives of the boarders like no other committee and this is a strong motivator to keep improving and providing an ever-better service to all the boarders. In this line of thinking we are seeing the tuck shop slowly turning into a café, with a seating-cum-garden area coming up near the entrance of the girls hostel... If you think that we have achieved all we could imagine for the tuck shop, trust me, this is just the beginning...!



Random answers to random questions asked by Mr. Regis to random boarders and boarding team members:

What do you think of Indomart? How often do you buy from Indomart? What do you buy there?

Sai-Priya → Cool / twice a week / NOOODLES!!

Naren → Amazing / every day... Coz I volunteer there / ICE-CREAM Yeah!

Ms. Bernadette → I loved it at first / As rarely as I can, which is too often / ICE-CREAM

Mr. Anthony → Not bad, a good effort / once-in-a while / noodles and other things.

# Boarders & the Chocolate Factory

By: Naren Dushant (Grade 9)

Jus Trufs, one of Bangalore's finest chocolate factories and the best place to get chocolate truffles and chocolate fudge milkshakes!

I visited this chocolate factory with my fellow boarders on Saturday, the 11th of October. As we entered the chocolate factory, the owner, Mrs Trufs, greeted us with a smile and the best chocolate milkshakes in existence! After that tasty treat, she took us on a tour of the factory.

We were first brought to the production counter. There, they showed us the ways in which they moulded the chocolates, tempered it and basically, how they made syrup turn into chocolates that tasted like heaven.

After the production counter, we were taken up to the fourth floor of the building, which was an empty hall. There was a projector proudly displaying the words "Welcome to Jus Trufs". An employee named Mamu proceeded to give us a presentation and spoke grandly to all of us about the machines and the way the factory worked.

After the presentation came my favourite part! All of us had to wear interesting little hair nets, that looked a bit little like my sports cap at home before we dug in and started rolling balls of chocolate, dipping it into chocolate sauce and decorating it. It wasn't only chocolate truffles, we also got to decorate cupcakes. It was so much fun as we were all laughing and creating weird and wacky designs, some of which made no sense at all. Even though, there were many fun instances along the way, the absolute best part was that they let us keep the boxes with the chocolates and cupcakes we decorated! I could already imagine myself sneaking midnight snacks.

Finally, it was time to pack up and go. After all that we had experienced, I think we had all definitely gained experiences that surpassed the expectations we had when we initially signed up.

I would really recommend all of you reading now to go there, maybe not for the tour if you don't have time, but just to enjoy the cafe's ambiance and exquisite dishes.



# Interview of Diwali Dance 2014

By: Mr Regis

## Interview of the IB2 Diwali Dancers

It's been a while since Diwali, but if you liked the IB2 performance at the Diwali show, and want to know more about who, how, and why, read on....

They were not expected...

They took the stage by storm... and everyone by surprise!

They are: Prashant, Sharad and Samin, The IB2 DD's (Diwali Dancers!)



Personally, I was mesmerized by their performance, the confidence they exuded, the fun they were having on stage was contagious, and they earned a roaring applause. So I asked them a few questions to understand how this unique performance came to enthrall us all.

(At the start of the interview Samin is not there....)

**Mr. Regis:** So guys, first thank you for giving me the opportunity to ask you a few questions, I know that after the Diwali mega event, you have been extremely busy ... (laughter). So, what made you decide to do this performance?

**Prashant:** I think we had always wanted to do this for a very long time. We wanted to do it last year, but last year, we were such a big group and nobody took the decision to put their mind and complete focus to it. Every time we had a free period, we would go and fool around but it never worked out, as we were too big a group. So this year we decided it would be a small group of me, Sharad and Sam. Sharad knows a lot of steps and Sam is a really good dancer, so we did not want any more people.

**Mr. Regis:** Whose idea was it at the start?

(hesitations... they look at each other... smiles...)

**Sharad:** ... was it yours..?

**Prashant:** Yeah, I think it was mine...

**Mr. Regis:** Your performance was so well choreographed and orchestrated, you seemed to have prepared an awful lot, and yet I have heard that it was not so. Can you let us know more about your preparation?

**Prashant:** ... a week, about a week actually. We just practiced a lot. Coincidentally, my, Sharad and Samin's free periods were almost the same. So every time we had a free period we would end up somewhere practicing in a room...

**Mr. Regis (surprised):** ... You mean, you were practicing at school..?

**Prashant:** Yes, at school and at night as well, after the second prep...

**Mr. Regis:** So you mean to say that you kind of 'extended' for yourselves the IB2 privileges.... Is it allowed for IB2 to practice for Diwali during free periods, is it written somewhere...?

**Prashant, Samin and Sharad:** We are not sure... (smiles)

**Mr. Regis:** No Comment... OK, and was it difficult to choose the songs? Did you argue a lot?

**Prashant:** Yes, at first we wanted 4 songs, but then we did not have steps for the last one so we decided to make it 3. We watched youtube videos and got the steps from that.

**Mr. Regis:** I thought your dance was going to last one minute tops, and then you went on for a good 3 minutes.... right?

**Sharad:** It was about 4 minutes +

**Mr. Regis:** Not that it was boring no, but how did you manage to memorize all these moves in such a short time? Did you have some sequences repeated over?

**Prashant:** Well, in Indonesia when there are some weddings we have to perform some dances, so I had some idea as to what to do and I gave my suggestions and also Samin, he gave his suggestions...

(Samin finally turns up and joins the interview.)

**Mr. Regis:** So Samin, how did you get pulled into this?

**Samin:** It was a sudden plan. I spoke to Mr. Vishwas before the show and he encouraged me. He said, yes, you should try. It was one month before the show and he said, you guys try it.

**Mr. Regis:** Where you included in the show list of performances, from the start?

**Samin:** Yes, ... actually not. We finalized the dance quite late and so we had to ask Mr. Vishwas to add it. We had to kind of beg to be allowed to perform, as we put it together late. I think he thought it was not going to happen till a couple of days before the show. I think he kept it as a special appearance.

**Mr. Regis:** Was there a moment of doubt when you thought, "this is not coming right and we are not going to be able to do it"?

**Samin:** Yes, at the beginning, we had moves we did not like and it was messy, so we felt we were going nowhere. Also, at some point to end one of the songs, for the last few seconds, we did not know what move to add. So we watched a lot of videos and we got inspired.

**Mr. Regis:** Were there some moves that you picked up from a popular dance video?

**Prashant & Samin:** Yes, the last song, Saturday, Saturday, yeah.

**Mr. Regis:** What do you think was your best move?

**Prashant:** The solo performance that Samin did.

**Samin:** For me it was the last step. (He stands up and demonstrates.... Laughter) Yeah, that's the step.



**Prashant:** The most creative part for me was when we got off the stage. We did not just go off like that. We made it in a way that the last part ended in a bow, for style.

**Mr. Regis:** Do you think you have created a precedent, for the next batches of IB2 students to emulate you?

**Samin:** When we got off the stage, there was a lot of cheer, I heard a lot of 'well done' people were excited, so I am pretty sure they are encouraged to do it next year.

**Sharad:** We have set a bar, for the next batches.

**Mr. Regis:** Do you think the IB1 students will do something like this next year?

**Samin & Prashant:** No doubt, the IB1 are full of enthusiasm, they are very active, they will raise the bar even further.

**Mr. Regis:** One last question. Are you preparing a surprise dance for prom? I am not saying you should...

**Samin:....** I doubt, we have a lot of IAs.... and prom last year was a lot of awards and a DJ, no live performance.... (then thinking)... actually, we can...

**Prashant & Sharad** (with a serious look on their face): We will think about it... (laughter)

**Mr. Regis:** Let's talk about the future. Do you think you are going to burn the dance floor at uni? Can we expect some 'hot' youtube videos of your stage performances in 6 month time?

**Prashant:** yeah, why not, (laughter) and we will share them with you as well!

**Mr. Regis:** Cool... we will show the school at assembly time, why not? We will say: Look at the CIS alumni, inspiring talent at uni...(laughter)

**Prashant & Samin:** .... and you know what, if we drop by Bangalore, the three of us, we can visit and throw in a performance once again!

**Mr. Regis:** That would be really awesome! You can come back for the winter show, when you are on your break from uni, and perform for us. The first Alumni dance performance! (Laughter). You guys are risk-takers! (more laughter!)

Thanks guys, and looking forward to that epic moment!



## Term 1 Awards:

We would like to congratulate everyone who received an award during the Term 1 awards assembly. Great Job guys! To those who didn't receive any work, keep on trying cause if you aim for the moon, you'll definitely land among the stars.

## Quote of the Month:

"Design is not just what it looks like and feels like. Design is how it works."  
- Steve Jobs

## February Birthdays:

14<sup>th</sup>- Mahesh Virwani  
19<sup>th</sup>- Seo Young  
21- Hannah Cannaux  
26- Sakina Adenwala  
28- Hiya Ghaghda

## Jokes:

Teacher: "What is the chemical formula for water?"

Student: "HIJKLMNO."

Teacher: "What are you talking about?"

Student: "Yesterday you said it's H to O!"

# The Junior Masterchef Committee

By: Chae Yun Park

There was one activity that was held in the boarding in the middle of November, on a Sunday... The Masterchef committee finally made a progress and we were at the kitchen for the very first time to make momoes for all the boarding members! It was a very successful activity in comparison to my expectations. I had a lot of fun working with my team members. Moreover, we underwent a number of obstacles while making the momoes but we were able to find a way out and make them on time. We made both veg and non-veg ones. I personally prefer eating the veg ones but for a change, both were quite delicious. I was rather surprised to see people crowding up wanting to try out the hot momoes that were just taken out from the steamer pot. We not only made steamed ones but, we also tried the fired ones as well. Though it was easier to make the steamed ones, both tasted equally good. In no time, all of them vanished and we were praised with compliments from everyone. We hope to get another opportunity to cook more delicious food for our fellow friends once again!



# The School Production

By: Sai-Priya Dayne Paladee (IB2)

The 4th of December was very eventful for boarders and non-boarders alike. It was the day of the first performance of 'Through the Looking Glass'; a play by the drama students of CIS. Students, parents and teachers showed up promptly at 6:30, either decked out in dresses or casually dressed in shorts. Having come relatively early, my brother and I scored prime seats directly in front of the stage. I was extremely excited as many of my friends were performing. Right from the start, the play was funny, nonsensical and intriguing. The most unexpected part was the presence of 5 different Alices. Before long, I realized that they weren't portraying the movie version of the story, even though parts of the movie's soundtrack was used. It was an interesting take on the story I already knew. The acting was amazing and it was unusual and impressive to see people I knew take on such impersonations. Personally, my favorite characters were the White Rabbit and the Mad Hatter. I laughed till I cried at the part where the Hatter was begging the Queen to spare him. It was hilarious! This play was definitely one of the best school events I've been to and I can't wait for the next play the drama kids put up!



# The Boarding year end Dinner

## By: Anindya Ghosh (IB1)



The Sun beat down hard as a few of us were gathered around the parking area all dressed up. A slight buzz of excitement filled the atmosphere as more students trickled into the parking area for the bus. The buses drove in once everyone had arrived at the parking area. A warm glow of happiness and excitement seemed to radiate from everyone. This was it. Our long awaited boarding dinner.

The ride was relatively long. It took us about an hour and a half to get to Barbecue Nation. "Was the long ride worth it?" we asked ourselves. Fortunately, it was. Well, if one looks past the fact that it was very very cold that night. Which was surprising because I could have sworn it was boiling earlier that evening. Ah, Bangalore weather. Never fails to amaze me. Anyway, it took us about fifteen minutes to settle in. The teachers took to a table in the corner while the students divided themselves into various groups. Then the wait started yet again. But this time, the wait seemed longer. A roar ripped through our stomachs as hunger slowly began to set in. The wait never seemed to end.

About fifteen minutes later, the first wave of barbecues came in. We were relentless, attacking the barbecue like a bunch of wild barbarians. With in no time, we demanded for seconds, and then for thirds and then yet another round. We ate till our body could not take anymore, only to realize that we still had main course and dessert to eat.

We hung around the restaurant for about three hours, running around taking pictures with everyone for a while, until it was time for us to head back to the buses. A collective sigh of content filled the room as students started to make their way to the bus.

This was most certainly a night to remember.



# The Table Tennis Tournament

## By: Shubhang Gupta (IB1)

The Boarding Table Tennis Tournament had been postponed for far too long, waiting for a suitable 'free day' and when it finally took place on Thursday 15 January (Sankranti), it was a great success. There were perfectly calibrated tables in the middle of the prep hall, and a properly designed tournament plan that incorporated all participants as either players or referees. Table tennis is one of the fastest games in the world, and fast it was; from the service to the delivery of the shot, all plays were made fantastically in most of the several matches that took place. Rehan, and Suphakt made some fantastic plays, and Nikhil Raina won the tournament with his graceful control over the table. Alongside, the girl's matches were taking place, which I have to say, were not as enthusiastic as the boys, but we definitely expect an improvement in subsequent tournaments, especially after seeing Akanksha Gupta inspire all the players with her beautifully placed shots. Akanksha shined through the girl's matches and won the tournament alongside Nikhil. I'm sure a lot of the boarders would like to excel at the game of table tennis at further events including myself, and achieve better positions in the competition.

This event has had the effect of inspiring a lot of boarders to play table tennis and changed their opinion about it. It used to be considered the slow and weak game, but students have come to realise that it is a tactical and fast game that requires a good level of fitness to play.



# An Evening with Ahdaf Soueif

By: Akanksha Gupta (IB1)

*They say when you read, it's always difficult to understand what the author/poet is trying to convey and the only way to find out the truth is from the author. But that is very rare, isn't it?*

*Why, you asked?*

*Well, because to be realistic the famous playwrights, stories, novels and poems we read, half of the authors are already dead and the rest are on the other side of the world! It is really difficult to reach out to them just to satisfy yourself to find the true meaning of the text and stop making your mind wander everywhere just to know the reasons behind why the curtains are blue and not red?*

*One of the famous short stories by Ahdaf Soueif ' Sandpiper ' is in the course of English Language in IGCSE, which is one of the curriculums provided in our school. It was an honor to meet her as few of us did her short story in igcse, and we are thankful to CIS for giving us such an opportunity and also to Ms. Devika who took the responsibility to make it happen.*

*"Although the evening did not go as we had anticipated it was nonetheless wonderful as we learned more about the author through her sharing of experiences" - Deepshikha*

*We discussed less about the books, it was more about her experience with conflicts between Palestine and Israel, which enriched our understanding of the history of Egypt. "It was eye opening! I learned a lot about the war between Palestine and Israel." - Hani*

*"It was very informative and a thrilling experience." - Hiya*

# UN Verdentum Project

## By: Kavesh Mulani (IB1)

Verdentum was an unforgettable experience. It was a project organised by the UN to bring students together and get them to collaborate and come up with ideas to help fix the current situation the world is in today. The project we had taken part in this time was regarding the change in global climate trends. We spoke to people from all over the world coming from schools in China and in the Netherlands. This all started on the 11th of December and it lasted for over a month up to the point where we planted two trees by the swimming pool area in January. Over this period of time, we video called the two different schools from China and the Netherlands, we researched and found out a lot more than we already knew about global climate change and we all had to make our own posters to help raise awareness of the global climate change that has been happening. The Verdentum team, consisting of Sharad, Prashant, Sahil, Manesh, Manika and myself had all contributed equally to the discussions that had taken place and had all enjoyed with an absurd amount of unexpected laughter also playing an important part in this. So a message to you from all the Verdentum members, "Go green if you don't want to be considered mean!"

What's the Boarding Chronicle?  
The CIS Boarding Chronicle Team has been formed on September 2013 with a purpose of sharing the happenings at the boarding's every month with you with our newsletter.

Boarding Chronicle Blog:  
<http://cisboardingchronicle.blogspot.in>



Colour of the year:  
Marsala

#Guest Writers Wanted!!  
Anyone interested to write an article for our 'The Boarding Chronicle', please let us know. Your help would be highly valued.

# Editor's Note:

To begin with,

I still remember the day when the first few boarding committees were made. Who knew that one of the many committees would one day reach a long way and have its own blog today. Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

As the Chief Editor of the Boarding Chronicle, I would like to notify everyone of you that the committee has officially completed 18 months since the Boarding Chronicle was first initiated at the CIS boarding. I would not only like to thank and appreciate everyone who got involved in its creation but also to those readers who spent time off their busy schedule to get updated with the boarding events including students, teachers, parents and our lovely boarding manager and parents. Mentioning names would take too much space but I would like to give my humble gratification to every single one of you. But, there are two people who helped me throughout this journey and the Chronicle would have not been possible without their help and support. Mr. Regis, thank you for providing me with this once in a lifetime opportunity and for always being my constant support since the beginning. And, Sukanya thanks for always being there helping me out chasing people to get their articles done!

With the completion of 10 newsletters, my journey in the Boarding Chronicle stops here. It was a pleasure to be a part of this committee. It was my first experience as an editor and by leading the team I have learnt a lot personally. I hope this tradition continues along with your support towards the new editorial committee and I would love to get myself updated with the Boarding Chronicle in the years to come. Before I forget, have a pleasant time reading the 10th edition of the Boarding Chronicle. I hope it spices you up with the events that happened in the boarding since the past four months. Hope to hear your thoughts or suggestions about the newsletter. That's all for now.

Happy Reading!

With a hearty thanks,

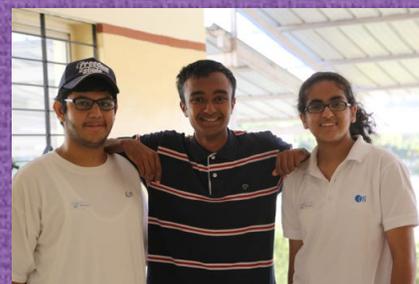
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