FEATURED STORIES

Spring Music Concert

Stonehill’s annual Spring Music Concert was another great example of the immense musical talent of our students. Our Private Music Programme encourages students to pursue their musical interests with specialised assistance in piano, keyboard, guitar, vocals, drums, the rock band, violin, viola and cello.

The concert saw instrumental and vocal solo, duet and group performances. Thank you to Mr. James, Mr. Uday, Mr. Siby and Ms. Ranmali for putting this fantastic show together! Here are some pictures from the event.
PTA Charity Gala – Get your Tickets Now!

This week is your last chance to buy tickets to the Stonehill PTA’s Greatest Gala – good times await! There will be great food, fabulous music. We have a fantastic Silent Auction and Raffle set up with exciting items up for grabs which include whiskeys from William Grant & Sons, lessons from the famous Lavonne Academy of Baking Science, and an array of luxurious gift certificates. For ticket inquiries please contact Melissa Chin at melissa.a.chin@gmail.com or 9108444697
Let this summer be all about Sports, Art, Tech, and Adventure!
June 18 - 29, 2018

Summers are the perfect time for children to make new friends and bond while learning new skills and engaging in a variety of activities. This holiday season gift your child an unforgettable summer at the Stonehill International School Summer Camp 2018. Here, they will be able to:

Discover the thrill of sportsmanship:
- Archery
- Equestrian
- Swimming
- Football
- Table Tennis

Live the life of an adventurer:
- Spiderweb
- Tent Pitching
- Slackline
- Camp Net
- And more

Explore their love for science & technology:
- Robotics
- Coding
- Internet of Things

Bring their inner artist to life:
- Visual Art
- Creative Art

Age: 6 – 15 years
Charges: Rs 40,000 + taxes per child
Inclusions: Two-way transport, daily meals (Indian and Continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks), goodies, t-shirts, certificates, and all activities

Address:
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To Register
Visit: www.stonehill.in/summercamp
Email: summercamp@stonehill.in

If you would like to send your child/children for this, please visit www.stonehill.in/summercamp to register.
PYP Exhibition Update

P8 students have been immersed in researching the different local and global issues they are passionate about for the past six weeks in preparation for their action plan and PYP Exhibition presentation. This will be held on 25th and 26th April.

Below, the members of each Exhibition group explain what they been inquiring into.

**Gender Equality**
Gender Equality means the equal amount of rights for men and women but we do not see this happening. There is gender inequality in all areas. We want to make clear that this is a big problem and we want people including ourselves to take action throughout our lives. Gender inequality is unfair!

**Fake news**
Did you know that Fake news website have more viewers than the true news websites? We are focusing on why people create fake news and the effect fake news has on people and society.

**Sustainable gardening**
Sustainable gardening is a method of growing plants without using non-organic materials, such as chemicals and pesticides. Our main point is to make a difference in the community and our environment. We want to make people aware of the problems caused by chemical pesticides. Composting is an easy method of recycling materials, mainly wet waste.

**Benefits and safety in sports**
We have been inquiring into the benefits and safety in sports because we love sports. How does sports help you get fitter? How can you be safe while playing sports? Be prepared to move and bring your trainers!

**Self-image**
It is important to have a positive image about your natural body and face. A negative self-image can really damage someone’s feelings. This is a big problem in our society, and it can lead to depression, social anxiety and eating disorders. Are you perfect?
Poverty
Poverty is a worldwide issue. Poverty happens when people do not have their basic needs met. More than 1.3 billion live in extreme poverty. Do you know what the Indian Government is doing to eradicate poverty?

Animal Cruelty
Do you know that french fries cost more than the penalty for animal cruelty? This topic was inspired by our love of animals. Animal Cruelty is a global issue that causes conflict between people and animals. This issue also leads species of animals to endangerment and extinction.

Impact of video games
I love video games and I want to see the good and bad side of video games. People get addicted to gaming and that can change their life forever. I play video games but I am not addicted. My topic is about the impact video games have on people.

Plastic waste
Did you know that there is so much plastic in the world it could go around the world 4 times? We would like to spread awareness on how plastic is damaging the Earth and what will happen if we don’t stop wasting plastic.

Quality education through the use of technology
Have you ever wanted to create a controller to play Super Mario Bros? I will be talking about the reasons why robotics, technology and makerspaces should be included in classrooms, how technology changes teaching and learning in schools and much more!
Important Upcoming Primary Dates

- Thursday 26th April - PYP Exhibition
- Friday 27th April - P5 Field Trip
- Tuesday 1st May - National Holiday - School closed
- Thursday 17th May - Early Years Fun Splash
- Friday 18th and Saturday 19th May - Stonehill Super Splash Swim Meet
- Tuesday 22nd May - P8 Transition Day
- Thursday 24th May - Last Day of Round Two ECAs

Chawla are Champions in PYP Sports Day!

All Primary students participated in the Primary Sports Day on Tuesday. Students earned points for their respective houses by competing in a variety of track and field activities. It was wonderful to see students challenge themselves, encourage each other and show significant growth in their stamina and fitness. Thank you to all the parents who turned up to cheer on the participants and to our fantastic P.E. Department for providing fun, fitness and full-participation.
Best regards,

Simon McCloskey
Deputy Head of School & Primary Principal
The Secondary Mid-Semester 2 Report will be released electronically today (Friday, 13th April) at 3:30pm on ManageBac.

Secondary Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

We would like to invite you to the second mid-semester Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences on Wednesday, 18th April from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

- The details and sign-up procedures were emailed to all secondary parents on Wednesday, 4th April.
- The registration system was launched at 5:00pm on 4th April.
- Over 900 appointments have already been booked. Please remember that reservations are on a first come, first served basis.
- If a particular teacher is fully booked, then please contact them by email to fix an appointment for 10 minutes on a different day.
- There will be no classes on that day for secondary students as all teachers will be available for the conference.
- During the PTC on 18th April, we would like students to attend these conferences with their parents wearing normal school uniform.
- If you have not received this information or have problems with login, please get in touch with Ms. Saathi Vinay (saathi.vinay@stonehill.in).

Communication in the Secondary School

There are different modes of communications used to communicate with parents in the Secondary School. To better understand the most effective ways of communication and information sharing with parents, a survey was shared via email on April 3rd with all M1 – D2 parents. This email included a list of the various modes of communication the school has with parents, along with the link to the survey. If you have not received this email, please get in touch with us. As of now, only 33 parents have completed this survey. The survey will close on Monday, 16th April at 8:00am. Thank you very much for your time.

Instrumental Music Concert

The Instrumental Music Concert was held yesterday in the MPH. It was a fabulous performance from the Primary and Secondary students and was immensely enjoyed by all students, staff and parents.

D2 Leaver’s Assembly

As most of you know, D2 students will finish their regular classes on Thursday, 19th April and head off to study leave before their exams begin on Friday, 27th April. The D2 Leaver’s Assembly will take place in the MPH on Thursday, 19th April from 2:00 – 3:00pm.

During study leave, DP teachers will be available for D2 students who need help or assistance. D2 students are not required to come to school after they finish their IB examinations. The Graduation Ceremony will take place on Saturday, 26th May 2018 at school – the ceremony is set to begin at 6:30pm.
Upcoming Secondary School Events

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| 18th April   | Secondary PTC
There are no classes for the secondary students. |
| 19th April   | Last day of classes for D2 students
D2 Leavers’ Assembly                                      |
| 20th – 26th April | D2 Study leave                                                    |
| 19th – 21st April | ISACI 4-Swimming at TBS, Delhi                                    |
| 27th April – 18th May | IB DP Examinations                                                 |
| 27th April – 1st May | WIMUN India 2018 Conference (Agra)                                   |
| 7th – 18th May | IB MYP eAssessments                                                  |

Warm regards,

Narendra Mehrotra  
Secondary Principal  
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News from the Science Department

M1 students have been engaged in a variety of activities in Science.

They have studied the physical and chemical properties of matter, and the use of measurements in describing them.
They explored the concept of density with the use of two visible thinking routines. The first routine was to think–puzzle–explore, while the second involved making concept maps.

“Iron in our cereals! No way!” was the reaction of M2 students who have been learning about the first twenty Elements in the Periodic Table.

An inquiry activity on the uses of elements in the human body led them to investigate the amount of iron in three cereals- Chocos, Ragi Chocos and Special K.

Recently, M3 students studied reactions in Chemistry. They investigated how to manipulate rates of reaction, as well as discovering the Weird World of Collision Theory. As a summative experimental exercise, M3s worked in teams of two to manipulate the rate of a chemical reaction by changing variables like, temperature, mass and concentration.

M3 students will be starting a new Biology unit – ‘Puberty and Reproduction’, shortly.

M3 students get ready for their new unit by exploring and understanding the seven life processes
Their curiosity to understand the Periodic Table led M4 students to an activity on Halogens.

Continuing in their pursuit of hot topics of scientific research, in their Physics class M4s are engaged in learning about heat transfer.
M4A students investigated, inside and outside the Physics lab, how heat is transferred through different ways.

M4 B students focussed their investigation on factors affecting the rise in temperature of substances.
M5 students have been quite busy and have recently completed their Astrophysics unit. They researched and studied planets and stars as a part of this unit.

Currently, D1 students are in the process of selecting their investigation topics. Topics that have been selected range on a wide variety of subjects like, extraction of indicators from spices; suggesting an economical fuel by calculating the enthalpy of combustion of various fuels; estimation of caffeine in tea; electroplating of nickel coins; studying the effects of current on electroplating; estimating cyanide content in the cucurbits variety of seeds; and the effect of temperature on tomato juices.

In Physics, D1 students are studying the subject of electricity by investigating the different effects of electric currents.

The transition from a group of mischievous and interactive students, to a group of serious and diligent individuals practising past papers and reviewing concepts, has been very evident in this year’s graduating cohort. This week saw the final lessons for D2 Science students before their Diploma exams. We will miss them very much and would like to wish them the very best for the future from all of us at the Science Department!

Ms. Maitreyee Banerjee  
HoD Science