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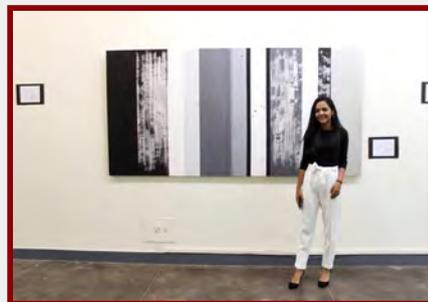
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Featured Story

2019 IBDP Visual Art Exhibition



Every year, as a part of the IBDP Visual Arts course, the D2 Visual Arts students get to curate and exhibit their work in a professional setting. For the past two years, these student artists have worked on creating their artworks, putting together their curatorial statements and perfecting display techniques.



Held at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat, this year's exhibit was titled 'Young Voices'. The artists focused on themes like 'Identity', 'Spirituality', 'Conflict', 'Rebellion', 'Looking Beyond the Mirror' and 'Nature as Reflected by Human Life' to create their artworks.



We are very proud of our young artists for putting together such an evocative and beautiful show. Congratulations to the Class of 2019 IBDP Visual Arts students!

Ms. Ranmali Hapugalle
HoD - Creative Arts

Whole School News

Advantage Elder Care ASA

During the Advantage Elder Care ASA, we get to spend time with wonderful, senior citizens. This ASA allows us to develop people skills, collaborate, overcome challenges and learn mindfulness.

Old Age Home

WE NEED YOUR HELP The Old Age Home needs a few materials, and it would be wonderful if you could donate something!

For any questions, contact: s20089@stu.stonehill.in

Materials Needed

- water jugs	- flasks
- glasses	- coffee mugs
- decorations	- scarves
- game boards	- woollen socks
- colouring books	- blankets

March 22 Deadline **Library Drop off**

We need YOU!

OUR OLD AGE HOME

The people at the old age home are relying on you! They need a few items and it would mean so much if you were able to donate something for them! There is a list of items below, so even if you could get one item, it would be amazing!

WHAT WE NEED

- water jugs	- flasks
- glasses	- coffee mugs
- decorations	- scarves
- game boards	- shawls
- colouring books	- blankets
- woollen socks	

Where? Library **March 22 Deadline**

We need the help of our Stonehill community to collect some much needed necessities, as well as a few recreational items. By donating these things you will be putting a smile on the faces of people who often feel neglected.

We thank you for your generosity.

Advantage Elder Care ASA Team

Whole School Swim Gala

The PE Team would like to invite you to attend the annual Inter-House Swim Gala, which will take place on Tuesday 19th March. Please see below, the timings that each grade level will be swimming at. More detailed information will be shared closer to the event.

Timings

- Lesson 2 (8:45 am - 9:45 am) - P4 and P5 events.
- Lesson 3 & 4 (10:05 am - 11:55am) - P6, P7 and P8 events.
- Lesson 5 & 6 (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm) - M1 - M5 events.

We look forward to seeing you at the pool.

Mr. Mark Howarth
HoD - PHE

From the Head of School

Student Achievements

In the Secondary student-led Assembly on Thursday, we learned more about the amazing adventures that students experienced during Trips Week. We also took time to celebrate some of the achievements of students in the Secondary School.

Johana from D2 won the Alumni Magazine naming contest for coming up with the winning entry of 'Beyond the Stone'.

Krutartha and Sachin from D1 won Second Place at the Oakridge Codefest, winning prize money of INR 12, 500/-.

Joseph (M3), Evander (M3) and Vincent (M4) all received certificates for successfully passing their graded [RSL Rockschoool](#) examinations with a merit.



Simon McCloskey



Stonehill Calendar

Please note that the Community Calendar and 2019-2020 Calendar are both accessible on the [calendar page of the Stonehill Website](#).

Please note that the first day of school for returning students for the 2019-2020 academic year is on **Monday 19th August**. The Orientation Day for new students takes place on Friday 16th August.

Simon McCloskey
Head of School

Host Culture Day

Congratulations to Ms. Raji and her team for an exciting Host Culture Day. It was successful, as teachers truly collaborated to ensure organisation; the scheduling and activities were well planned and executed. I continue to hear positive feedback. Ms. Raji has asked teachers for feedback to ensure she builds on the positives of this year, whilst ironing out the challenges. This is a perfect demonstration of the learning cycle.



Karen Crooke

On behalf of the staff, thank you for encouraging your children to come to school dressed appropriately for the day. This was certainly the icing on the cake!

Child Protection Workshop - Mumbai

As you are aware, I participated in a [child protection workshop](#) at the American International School, Mumbai last week. I have to admit, it was a tough workshop to participate in. The Community of International Schools (CIS) did an exceptional job with both the presenters and the organisation of the event.

The presenters included Joe Sullivan, a forensic psychologist who has worked with both perpetrators and the police. His session included information on investigations of allegations; sex offenders, their actions and psyche; and peer-on-peer abuse. It was very informative. Nancy Fajmann, a pediatric doctor, discussed abuse and its cultural bias. Doug Walker, a psychologist, focussed on the impact of child trauma on learning. Jenny Lloyd picked apart peer-on-peer abuse in an informative session that differentiated this issue from bullying. Susie March spoke about the need for sexual education in schools.

Digital issues and who is responsible for responding and educating children was eye opening; we are all responsible and should not bury our heads in the sand, as there is no demarcation line between home, community and school.

The final presenter, Stephanie Howdle-Lang, was inspirational. She is leading a programme in a Hong Kong school using the work of Ira Chaleff that teaches children to not blindly obey adults.

As the Chair of the Child Protection Committee here at Stonehill, I will be reporting back to the Child Protection Team. I will also share information with the Primary School staff. I will recommend actioning some of the material. We will always keep you abreast of any new initiatives.

In the meantime, teachers have been asked to complete a further two courses in child protection, Bullying and Digital Abuse, in order to build awareness of the signs, responsibilities and actions to take.

Learning Hub



The [SIS Learning Hub](#) takes place this Saturday, 2nd March. 200 educators from schools across the country will engage in workshops led by SIS staff. These workshops include subjects like the role of play in learning, transdisciplinarity, technology to support differentiation, engaging young learners through games, student agency and using the Makerspace. Two outside presenters will present workshops on meeting children's sensory needs and inclusion for children on the autistic spectrum. We look forward to a wonderful day of learning!

Book Week

We are celebrating Book Week at school next week!

You already have the information through Seesaw and last week's Tiger, but here are some highlights:

- The **Book Fair** where your child may purchase reading material that interests them at their level. It will run from Monday through to Friday.
- Friday is **dress-up day**. We all come to school dressed as our favourite book character. We will parade around the school and end up in the MPH for a quick get together to wrap up the week. Oh what fun! Please feel free to join us.
- Get your **extreme reading** photos into the extreme reading email address (extremereading@stonehill.in).
- [Steve Skidmore](#), **renowned author**, will be here to work with the children. He will also have his books for sale.
- **Parents and teachers will read** to children - some in their home languages.
- It will be an **inspirational week of books and reading**.

Karen Crooke
Primary Principal

Primary Learning Focus

P6 Explores the Connections Between Past and Present

For the past six weeks, P6 has been inquiring about various ancient civilizations to understand the statement 'Evidence from the past can be used to make connections to present day societies.' We began our Unit of Inquiry using the visible thinking routine of 'See-Think-Wonder', through which students observed and explored various artefacts.



The unit allowed students to develop research skills as they conducted independent research to gather information about ancient civilizations such as Mesopotamia, Egypt, Aztecs, Mayans, Rome, Indus Valley, Vikings and more. During their investigation process, students were awed as they discovered fascinating facts about the past that had deep connections and influences to our present. They discovered that the Roman water aqueducts, the planned city of Mohenjo Daro, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon and the mummification process of the Ancient Egyptians are all relevant to our present.



P6 students delved into the processes involved in collecting, analysing and validating evidence by becoming archaeologists themselves. We, the teachers, hid a few artefacts at a secret spot on the school campus. The students then had to dig the site and gather the hidden objects. P6 collected and unearthed many things. However, after close inspection and evaluation, they concluded that not everything found during excavations was related to history.

They also learned that storytelling was a major form of entertainment in many ancient civilizations. Therefore, in Language we explored fables, myths and legends and then students wrote their own fables, myths or legends. Reading fables helped them to understand that they served as ethical guides during ancient times, while myths and legends allowed them to perceive the beliefs and cultures of that time.



As we were going back in time to explore our past, we studied the concept of Time in Mathematics. We focussed on concepts like telling time, calculating elapsed time and interpreting calendars. We also explored this concept through quizzes, solving story problems and performing timed actions.

Ms. Hafsa Quadri and Ms. Suparna Mitra
P6 Class Teachers

D2 Updates

The D2 report cards will be issued today, Friday, 1st March. The D2 Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, 6th March from 1:00 - 5:00 pm at the Multi-Purpose Hall. The sign-up for this was launched on Monday, 25th February via [PTC Fast](#). Kindly book your slots as soon as possible if you have not done so already.



Narendra Mehrotra

This is an opportunity for parents and students to meet with the Diploma Coordinator, College Counsellor and their respective subject teachers.

The topics covered will be:

1. The performance of your child in the Practice Examinations.
2. Status of completion of Internal Assessments in each subject.
3. Discuss action plan for improvement in the IBDP May 2019 examination.
4. Status of college admissions with the College Counsellor.

Please contact Ms. Tanuja Arora (tanuja.arora@stonehill.in) if you have not received the information or you require any assistance.

Staff Professional Development

All Secondary teachers participated and contributed to the PD day on Friday, 22nd February. The workshops focussed on conversations regarding teaching and learning and was led by Dr. Geetha Narayanan and Ms. Padmini Nagaraja. It was an informative and productive day.

IBDP Visual Art Exhibition

The IBDP Art Exhibition by our D2 students Lea, Vithika, Arianne, Prapti, Alaina and Marie was presented at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat on Wednesday, 27th February. The opening ceremony witnessed a number of parents, staff and students - all of whom admired the outstanding exhibition by our students. Thank you to all our D2 Visual Art students and Ms. Ranmali for a magnificent show.

Secondary Assembly

The Secondary Student Council organised a Secondary assembly on Thursday, 28th February where students had presentations about their various trips during Trips Week.

Narendra Mehrotra
Secondary Principal

Introducing

Each week we feature a Stonehill Teacher in our weekly bulletin. This week we interviewed Whole School Spanish Teacher, **Fabiana Peinado**.

Qualification and certifications:

LBB in Law and Teaching Certificate in Spanish as a Foreign Language from Instituto Cervantes, Madrid.

What do you teach at Stonehill?

I teach Spanish in P8; Spanish Phase 2 in M1; Phase 1 and 2 in M2 and M3; Phase 3 and 4 in M4 and M5; and Spanish B SL in DP.

Where are you from and where else have you lived?

I was born and raised in Colombia and lived there until I moved to India.



Fabiana Peinado

What inspired you to become a teacher?

Coming from a family of teachers, I always had an affinity towards this profession. When I moved to India I got the opportunity to teach Spanish. That was when I realised that teaching was my true vocation.

What is your educational philosophy?

Inspire my students in a way in which they not only remember me as the teacher who taught them Spanish and to dance the Salsa, but also as the teacher who taught them important values that allow them to be positive influences in the lives of those around them.

What made you choose Stonehill?

Stonehill is a truly international school with a diverse community. I saw this as an opportunity to grow professionally, as well as personally. I don't regret my choice, as being at Stonehill has been an experience of great constant learning.

What is the best part of your job?

Definitely my students! I love seeing them gain confidence and enjoying their learning of both the language and about Hispanic culture. It is also very rewarding to see students communicate with me in Spanish after starting with zero knowledge of the language.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I am a foodie and I really enjoy cooking, as well as trying food from different countries. I also enjoy spending time with my family.

What is your favourite book?

'*Cien Años de Soledad*' by Gabriel García Márquez.

What is your favourite music?

As a latina I like lively music. I love listening to Salsa, Vallenato and Merengue.

From the PTA

Save the Date - Saturday, May 4th

The Stonehill PTA proudly invites you to our annual PTA Charity Gala! Celebrate Stonehill's 10th year of excellence and diversity with **your** community. This coveted yearly tradition not only serves to raise funds for our beloved adopted charities, but also brings our community together. Save the date and enjoy an evening with your friends, while making new ones! Information on time and location will be shared with you, shortly.

Save the Date - Friday, March 15th

Please join us for this delightfully informative talk given by Kaveri Sinhji. Friends and family are welcome! The event will be from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Administration Building. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you,

Team PTA



**INDIA EXPLAINED:
History & Life Culture**

You are invited to join us for an interactive session, discussing the history and present day culture of India.

The workshop touches upon many strong undercurrents that influence the way India operates today, and the dynamics among people, such as the Caste System, the Status of Women, Civic Sense, the Concept of Personal Space, the Perception of Time, Religion, Poverty etc.

Kaveri also advises you on the right approach to take to deal with culture gaps, culture shock and emotional conflicts that might effect parenting and family harmony.

**Workshop Designed and Conducted by
KAVERI SINHJI**



Kaveri is a Psychologist, Historian & Cultural Anthropologist. She is the Founder of Culture Rings (www.culturering.com) and the co Founder of The Five Oceans Club (www.fiveoceans.club).

She organises tours and explorations of the city and also conducts workshops to bridge cultural divides.

Cafeteria Menu

A detailed monthly menu can be downloaded from the [menu page on the school website](#). It contains the Continental, Indian and Boarding Menus.



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