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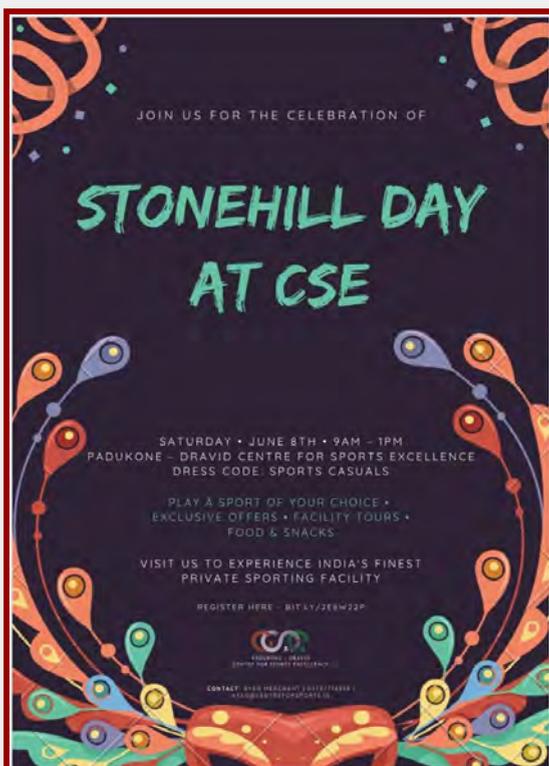
June

10th - 11th - D1 Group 4 Project
12th - Primary Celebration of Learning Awards
13th & 14th - MYP Drama Production
14th - Primary Semester 2 Reports Published
17th - Secondary Leavers' Assembly (11:00am-12:00pm)
17th - Secondary Awards Ceremony (1:30 - 3:00pm)
18th - School Closes for Summer Break (12:40 pm)

August

16th - Orientation Day for New Students
19th - First Day of School for 2019-2020 Academic Year
22nd - PYP Back to School Evening for Primary Families

Featured Story



Stonehill Day at CSE

Our neighbour, the Centre for Sports Excellence (CSE), will host a Stonehill Day at CSE for parents, students and staff of Stonehill. You are warmly invited to attend on Saturday, 8th June from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm to participate in this event. The day will include a tour of the facilities, interaction with the staff of CSE and some friendly matches. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this event. You can contact Ms. Ayan Merchant via email (ayan@centreforsports.in), or call her on +91 9727778858 for further details on the event.



Summer Camp

Stonehill will hold its annual Summer Camp from June 24th - July 5th. Designed to keep children engaged over the Summer Break, this camp allows participants to explore sports, arts, technology and adventure based activities. Gift your child a summer of fun and learning with the Stonehill Summer Camp. For detailed information and registration visit our [website](#).

SUMMER CAMP 2019
June 24th to July 5th | For ages 6 to 13 years
Timings- 07:30 AM - 03:45 PM

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Let this summer be all about Sports, Art, Tech and Adventure!

ARCHERY EQUESTRIAN SWIMMING FOOTBALL
SPIDERWEB TENT PITCHING SLACKLINE CARGO NET
ROBOTICS CODING INTERNET OF THINGS
VISUAL ARTS PERFORMING ARTS ZUMBA

For registration, please email us on summercamp@stonehill.in or visit us at www.stonehill.in/summercamp

Charges: Rs. 38,000 + taxes per child
Transportation (on selected routes), daily meals (Indian and Continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks), and all activities included

20 mins from Hebbal, towards The International Airport, Tarahurise Post, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru

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From the Head of School

Thank You

We are approaching the end of a semester that has been packed with events, activities and lots of learning. This is a very busy time for teachers who are now completing assessments, writing reports and making sure that the end of year presentations and productions run smoothly. They are also ensuring that the social and emotional needs of transitioning students are met. Our teachers have worked extremely hard to ensure that learning engagements are planned and purposeful, right up until the very last day of term. Before the end of the year, please do take the time to thank our teachers for their commitment, professionalism, care, dedication and hard-work. A few kind words of thanks and encouragement are always appreciated.



Simon McCloskey

Welcome

We are delighted with the quality of teachers we have recruited for the coming academic year. I would now like to take this opportunity to introduce you to four more teachers who will be joining Stonehill in August 2019.



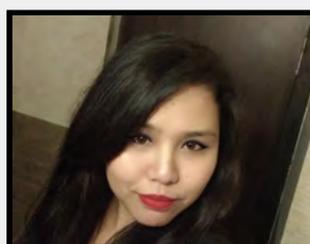
Nilofer Ibrahim will join us in August as a Secondary EAL and Learning Support Teacher. She has a BSc., B.Ed. and a Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers. Originally from Mangalore in Southern India, Nilofer has lived and worked in Saudi Arabia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Sri Lanka before moving to Bangalore. She believes that education is a lifelong journey and the ultimate objective should be to build independent, confident, responsible, caring and happy global citizens.



Purva Sharma will be joining Stonehill as a Primary Class Teacher in August. She has a BEd, Bachelor's of Engineering in IT and has IB PYP training and experience. Originally from Chhattisgarh in Northern India, Purva has lived and worked in cities across the country. She is passionate about learning and exploring, and loves to keep herself informed by reading about a variety of subjects.



Aparajeeta Brahma will join Stonehill as a Primary Teaching Assistant in August. She has a Master's in Clinical Psychology and is from Guwahati, North Eastern India. Aparajeeta believes in understanding and helping children physically, mentally, emotionally and socially. She feels that the role of an educator is to guide children to meet their full potential, and to provide a safe and caring environment where they can share their ideas and be inquirers.



Joy Soram, will be joining Stonehill in August as a Primary Teaching Assistant. Originally from Manipur in North Eastern Indian, Joy has an MSc in Psychology. She believes in assisting students to express themselves, as they accept themselves for who they are, while embracing the differences in others. In her free time, she enjoys reading.

The P3 Celebration of Learning

The P3 parents were invited to be a part of a session where they interacted with their child in the classroom routine and environment. This session was delightful.

Parents played the games the learners play, followed the routines of the day and interacted with each other, whilst completing tasks. This is a lovely way for parents to find out what happens in class, and we plan to further investigate avenues to broaden this approach.



Karen Crooke

Research on Summer Reading

Children who **DO NOT READ** in the summer can **lose two to three months** of reading skills.

Kids who **DO READ** tend to **gain a month** of reading proficiency.

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Summer Reading

This photo came into my inbox this week - something for all of us to think about. This is also the reason why teachers are keen for children to continue reading at home every day, especially when they are not in school.

I have friends who allocate a time to reading every day during the holidays; I have other friends who have a "book club" Sunday breakfast where each member of the family talks about the current book they are each reading. Whatever you do, I encourage you to make reading a part of your summer holiday.

Wrapping Up the Year

We have eight days to go before the Summer Break, and they are very busy ones. Here's a sneak peak at the events we have lined up:

- The P8 Leavers' Production (for P8 families)
- The PTA Staff Appreciation Lunch
- The PTA Support Staff Appreciation Gift Ceremony
- Primary Celebration of Learning Awards (for the awardees)
- Goodbyes to Leaving Learners
- Goodbyes to Leaving Teachers

In addition, learning still needs to be our focus. We will ensure that lessons are well-planned and well-executed until the last possible moment. Please make sure your child attends every day until the last day of term.

Karen Crooke
Primary Principal

News from the Primary Library

P8 transition

P8 students got an opportunity to explore the Secondary Library as a part of their Transition Day. During this time, P8 students were introduced to the Secondary Librarians who briefed them about the different sections in the library, as well as circulation procedures.

Students had the opportunity to create their own login IDs on Destiny/Follett, our Information Literacy software. They got to explore the benefits of having this personal login which lets you check what you have, review books, place holds and view the fiction genres available in the library.



End of Year

With the Summer Break just around the corner, we have initiated the end of year call-back procedures. Friday, 31st May was the last date for students to borrow library books. Friday, 7th June will be the last day for students to return them. Damaged or lost items will reflect in their account and any unreturned items will be marked as overdue. A reminder email will be sent to parents whose children have overdue books in their names. P8 students will need to clear overdue books before transitioning to M1.

Summer Reading Fun

Here are some ideas to get you started with your summer reading fun:

- **Make plans and lists:** What do you hope to do this summer? Where do you hope to go? What are you looking forward to reading? What reading plans do you have? Perhaps you could organise a book club with family/friends? Write it, sketch it, sing it, dance it - whatever works best for you!
- **Start a summer journal or scrapbook:** You could start a journal or scrapbook and fill it with all the special memories you make this summer. Don't forget to include all the wonderful books you come across. For any questions or any book recommendations you can email me on lamiya.bharmal@stonehill.in

Happy Holidays and Happy Reading!

Ms. Lamiya Bharmal
Primary Librarian and Information Literacy Teacher

Learning Continues

All M1-M4 students are done with their exams for Semester 2. Classes will continue running as normally scheduled and students will work on wrapping up their summative tasks. The upcoming week will also focus on end of year reflections and consolidation of learning; teachers will be sharing their feedback from the exams with students in the next week as well.

All students are expected to finish all the assessment requirements for this Semester in order to receive grades for those tasks.



Jitendra Pandey

As the year moves towards the Summer Break I would like to remind the community that it is quite important for learners to take a break to consolidate learning. So enjoy your Summer Break and take your time off. Do nothing. Sometimes - that mental break is important.

It is also important to realise that learning never stops. During the Summer Break I invite you to look at travel, reading and conversations as learning. The art teacher in me urges you to visit museums or galleries if you are traveling. For those staying back in beautiful Bangalore, this city has a lot to offer - so go out and explore.

Changes in the Report Card Structure

In the coming year, we will change the structure of the MYP report cards. We will continue to provide four reports - two Mid-Semester reports, followed by Parent-Student-Teacher conferences. The Semester End report structure will go through a change to simplify the information provided to the reader of the report.

A template and guide to these reports will be shared with the community in the next academic year. We will also be adding a Student-led conference in Semester 2 for students to formally report on their learning.

Important Dates:

- 17th June: Secondary Leavers' Assembly - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 17th June: Secondary Awards Ceremony - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- 18th June: Secondary Reports Published on Managebac
- 18th June: Last Day for Students - Buses Leave at 12:40 pm

Animal Farm

We are hosting a production of George Orwell's *'Animal Farm'* by M1 - M3 students on Wednesday, 13th June and Thursday, 14th June. The performance will take place in the Secondary Hall. After the highly successful M4 production of *'1984'*, we are very excited and eagerly looking forward to the M1-M3 production. I encourage you to RSVP for this event to the email ID on the poster.

From the Interim MYP Principal

M1- M3 Drama Students Present



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George Orwell's
Animal Farm

Date:

13th and 14th June

Timings:

5:00 pm - 5:20 pm Snacks and Beverages

5:30 pm - Audience to be Seated

Jitendra Pandey
Interim MYP Principal

Academic Rigour Continues

Though D1 students have completed their Semester end examinations, the academic work is not done. D1s had a session on the Extended Essay to track their progress and identify areas that need work. They have completed their first reflection session on Managebac. Their aim is to complete a draft of 2000 words by the end of the Summer Break.

D2 Update

D2 students are in the process of getting in touch with their Universities and making final travel plans. We wish them the very best.

IBDP Exam Results

The IBDP results for the D2 May 2019 exams will be released on 6th July. Students can access the results online through candidates.ibo.org. I am confident that the results will reflect the dedication and commitment of our Graduating Class of 2019.

D1 Group 4 Project

The orientation and planning for the Group 4 collaborative project work started this week. D1 students will be working on their investigations on 10th and 11th June. There will be no regular classes for D1s during those days and they will be involved in teamwork, data collection and analysing their findings. The broad umbrella topic is 'Increase or Decrease' and students can look at the correlation from the lens of any two subjects.

Transition from M5 to DP

The week after the exams will focus on transitioning the M5 students to the Diploma Programme. We will be having orientation sessions for students on some of the basic skills required to do well at the IBDP level. The subject teachers will ensure that we work on bridging the gap in terms of concepts required for the DP. Students will also get an opportunity to further discuss their subject choices, especially in connection to what they would like to pursue for their undergraduate studies.

Important Upcoming Dates for DP Students

- 10th - 11th June - Group 4 Project
- 17th June - Student Council Leavers' Assembly
- 17th June - Secondary Awards Ceremony

Manpreet Kaur
Interim DP Principal



Manpreet Kaur

Introducing

Each week we feature a Stonehill Teacher in our weekly bulletin. This week we interviewed Secondary Teacher, **Shuba Thomas**.

Qualification and certifications:

BE (Civil), PGDip in SLD and MA in Inclusive Education.

What do you teach at Stonehill?

I am a Learning Support teacher for MYP students.

Where are you from and where else have you lived?

My family is from Kerala, though I was born and brought up in Bangalore and have lived here my entire life.



Shuba Thomas

What inspired you to become a teacher?

My son had some specific difficulties with learning through his school and college years. To support him with his difficulties, I intuitively started finding strategies to help him engage with his learning. This sparked my interest in supporting children with different learning abilities.

What is your educational philosophy?

I firmly believe in creating an equitable playing field, where learning is accessible to all students.

What made you choose Stonehill?

The inclusive nature and the sense of community in the school influenced my decision to join Stonehill.

What is the best part of your job?

The best part is to watch a student grow in self-confidence, as he or she breaks through a barrier in one particular area of learning, and to see this positively influence other areas of their lives.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I am an avid runner. I also enjoy dabbling in painting with oil paints and watercolours.

What is your favourite book?

I thoroughly enjoyed reading *The End of Average* by Todd Rose. Over the years, I have enjoyed getting lost in the Yorkshire Moors, vividly described by veterinarian James Herriot in his series of books.

What is your favourite music?

The music of the '80s takes me to my happy place.

From the PTA

PTA Staff Appreciation Lunch

To celebrate and show our Stonehill Community's wonderful Admin Staff and Teachers how much we care and appreciate all they do for our children, the PTA will hold a Staff Appreciation Lunch on Monday, June 10th from 12:00 - 1:00 pm.

Please contribute towards a delicious lunch for them by signing up on [this link](#).

Team PTA



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