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IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

- 11th -15th PYP Creative Arts Informances
- 15th -19th D1 and D2 ESS and Geography Field Trip
- 21st -23rd ISACI M4 - D2 Girls Basketball, TBS, New Delhi
- 21st -23rd ISACI M4 - D2 ISACI Boys Football, IS, Hyderabad
- 28th M4-M5 Art and Design Field Trip & Workshops
- 29th Boarding Excursion
- 29th Professional Development Day (School Holiday)
- 29th -1st Exeat weekend

FEATURED STORY

PYP Creative Arts Informances Week



“The PYP Creative Arts Informances at Stonehill was truly delightful-boom whacking, glockenspiels, chinese folklore put to music, as we listened, observed and learned alongside our children”, Elizabeth Fernandes, PYP Teacher & Parent.

After this week's first ever season of Informances, there won't be any excuse for Stonehill's Arts students to say 'nothing' when their parents ask them what they did in art, music or drama class.

The working performances gave parents an opportunity to see some of the exciting things our Arts students do and saw students collaborating to present workshops in melodrama, storytelling and music-making.

P6 Art and Drama students told true stories and worked with their parents to build the greatest book never published, while the P4 students brought the annual migration of half a million wildebeest all the way from Africa. Well done to all of you, and may the next Informances be just as exciting or....informancing?



Allistair Quirke
PYP Art Teacher

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

The Primary and Secondary Cross Country Run is coming soon! Please see posters below for more details!



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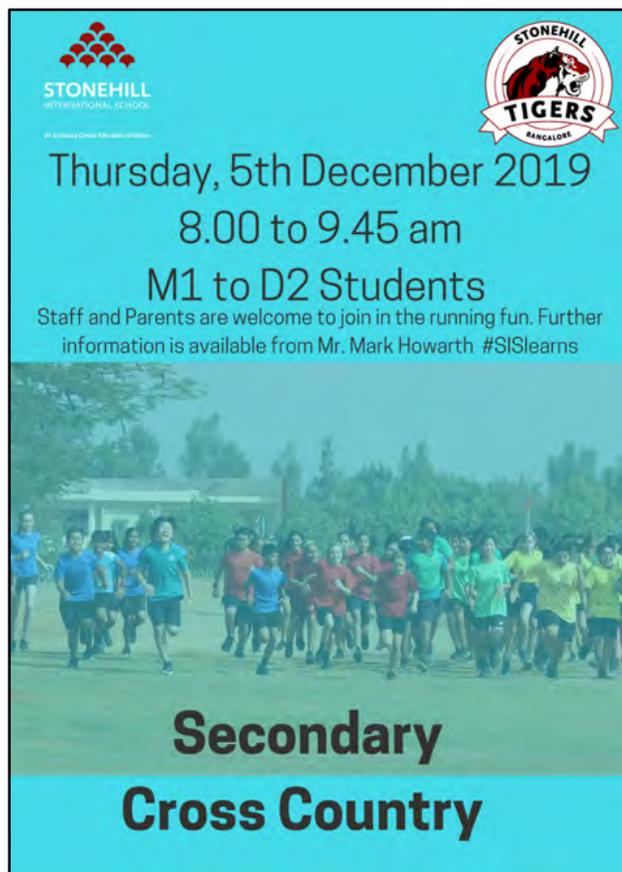


Wednesday, 4th December 2019
8.00 to 9.45 am
P1 to P8 students

Staff and Parents are welcome to join in the running fun.
Further information available from Ms. Vandana D'cruz & Mr. Avinash Kumar- #SISlearns



**PRIMARY
CROSS COUNTRY**



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Thursday, 5th December 2019
8.00 to 9.45 am
M1 to D2 Students

Staff and Parents are welcome to join in the running fun. Further information is available from Mr. Mark Howarth #SISlearns



**Secondary
Cross Country**

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Stonehill Families and Friends,

We have had an extraordinary week of activities. A highlight this week has been the Primary Creative Arts Informances Week, that was filled with creative energy and spirited learning by both, our students and our parents, who attended. I was pleased with the elements of inquiry and fun, both of which are very much a part of the Primary Years Programme here at Stonehill.

A special thank you to all parents who attended the Secondary Parent/Learner/Teacher Conferences that was held 'arena style' in our Multipurpose Hall. The Conferences led to effective communication on student achievement, expectations, and both teacher and parent support.



Brian Brumsickle

Lastly, on 14th November, we celebrated Children's Day here at Stonehill. The celebrations continued on Friday, when all students, faculty, and staff were gifted an ice cream in celebration of all our children at Stonehill.



I want to thank interested parents who have taken the initiative to participate with our School in being proactive in dealing with the growing challenge of acceptable air quality here in north Bangalore. Thankfully our air quality this week has been much healthier than last week.

I appreciate your continued support in our School as well as related school activities. As always, if you have any questions, please contact us and we will be glad to help in any way we can.

Warmly,

Best wishes,

Brian Brumsickle
Head of School

FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY

The Primary Creative Arts Informances

This week we have experienced our first Creative Arts Informances. Teachers, learners and parents worked together to express their understandings of the performing and visual arts opportunities that our children have access to during the school day.

These holistic sessions provided many opportunities to learn, revise and teach. Having our learners adopting a variety of roles is very much in line with the IB PYP Approaches to Learning in the social domain.



Karen Crooke



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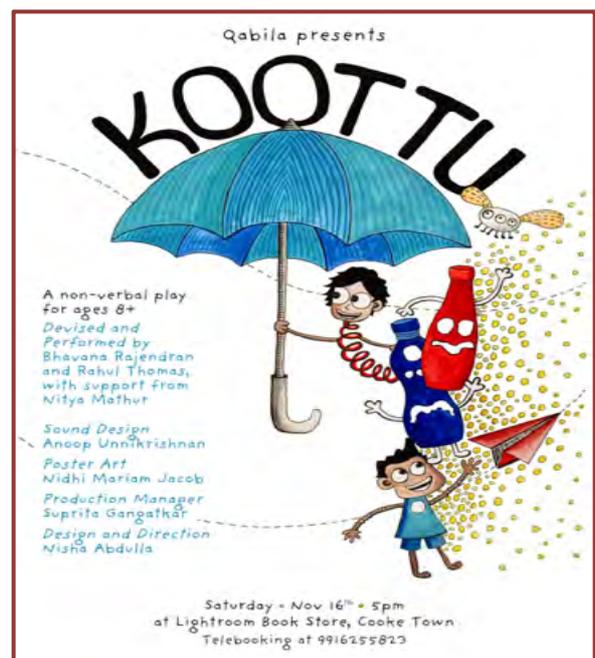
Koottu-a non-verbal play for ages 8+ seems like a wonderful opportunity for your family and friends.

See the poster for details.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best Regards,

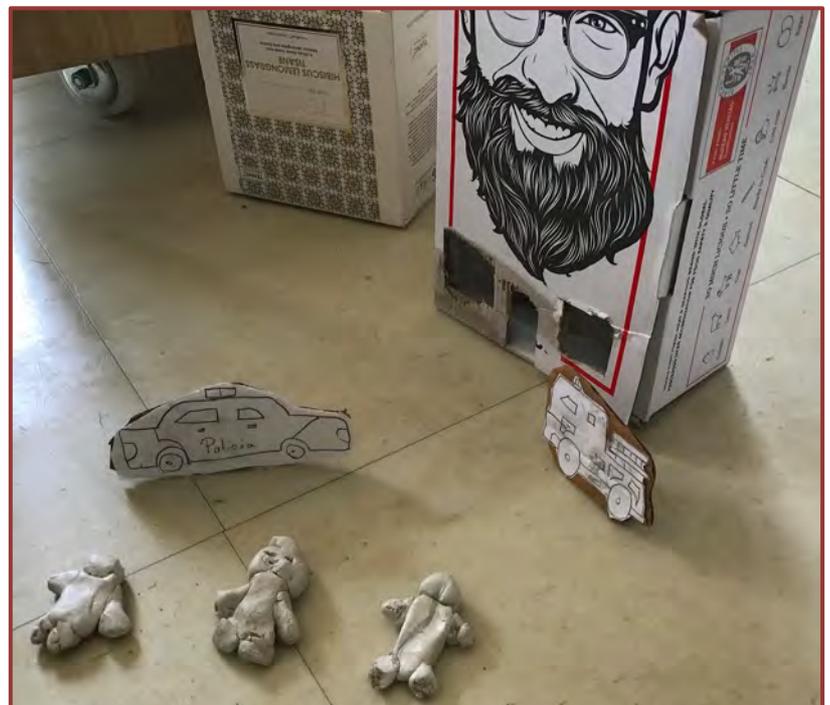
Karen Crooke
Primary School Principal



PRIMARY LEARNING FOCUS

Spanish in the Primary Years Programme

P7s have been learning about “People who help us in our community”. First, we learnt vocabulary and then we did an activity where you could choose to make either a word search or a board game about people who help us in our community. After that, we made a diorama about the people who help us in our community; for example, in our school it would be the security guards and teachers. We brought in boxes from our home in order to make our dioramas. Then we designed and built it in school. Here are some examples of our work:



Text by Akshaan, P7 and Photos by Kian P7

Photos by Ms. Gwenola Colleu, PYP/MYP Spanish Teacher

Authentic Learning

Over the past week various Secondary School students at Stonehill have been engaged in a number of activities that have allowed them to connect their learning to more authentic situations.

Firstly, on Tuesday, 5th November, a sizeable number of D1 Economics and Business and Management students attended Xavage '19 at The International School of Bangalore, to participate in various business-related forums and activities throughout the day. Our students performed admirably and came away with a number of awards from the different competitions.

On Wednesday, 6th November, we invited Kriti Thakur from Jigsaw Thinking, to work with our D1 students on their CAS projects. All Diploma Programme (DP) students are expected to engage in projects that serve a genuine need in a chosen community. One of the struggles DP students often face is being able to figure out who needs what. Ms. Kriti runs an organization that focuses on 'Design Thinking', and this is a process that we are encouraging with our students so that they do the necessary research and investigation before jumping into a project. Ms. Kriti will continue to work with our students throughout the year.

Finally, on Friday, 8th November, three of our M4 students, Melisa, Kshama and Manmohini, attended a poetry slam at Bangalore International School. Working with Ms. Jennifer Browne, the students wrote original poetry as well as a combined poem, and performed their work in the auditorium near Bangalore International School.



Joe Lumsden



Melisa, Kshama and Manmohini with the American performance poet Rudy Francisco

It is great to see so many activities happening in which students can be engaged with real-world, authentic challenges. This is one of the best ways for us to inspire our students to see the relevance of their education and schooling.

Joe Lumsden
Secondary School Principal

SECONDARY LEARNING FOCUS

November is El Dia De Los Muertos

The M1s are studying a unit about festivals in Hispanic countries and they have been learning about The Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos in Spanish.



The Day of the Dead is a Mexican festival celebrating your family members who have passed away. In Mexican culture, death is viewed as a natural part of the human cycle.

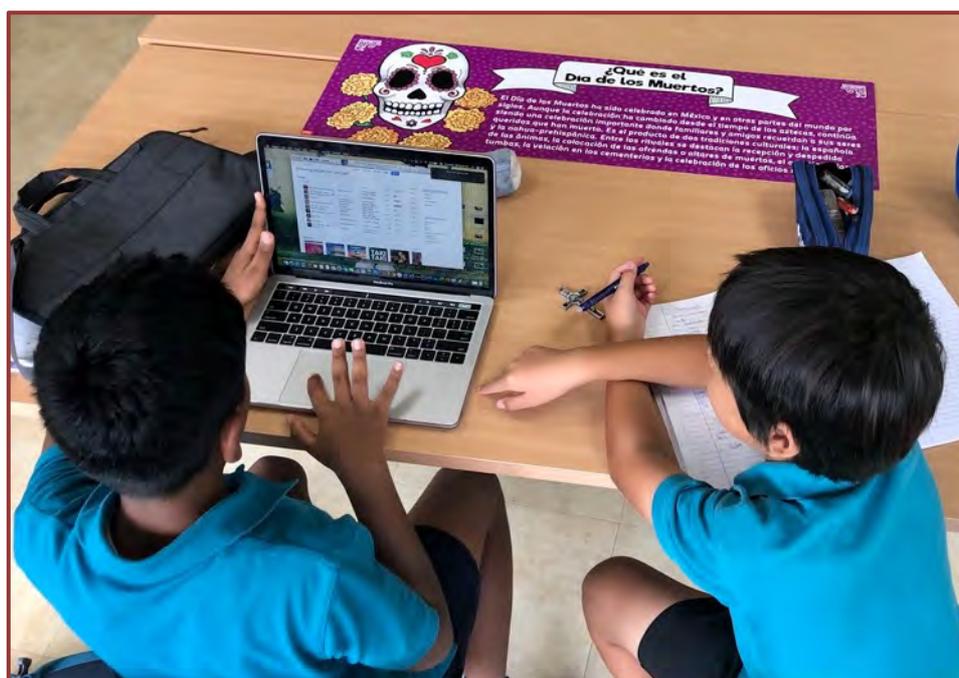
Mexicans view it not as a day of sadness but as a day of celebration because their loved ones awake and celebrate with them. The Day of the Dead is celebrated on November 2nd and is considered to be one of the most important celebrations in Mexican culture.

People put flowers [flores], candles [velas] and photographs of their ancestors in the offertory [altar] in their house or at the

graveyard to respect and celebrate them.

In class we got into groups and Ms Dorothee gave us posters about the Day of the Dead.

We worked together and found out what these new words meant. We then presented the posters to the rest of the class.



Scarlett and Samara, M1

FROM THE HEAD OF BOARDING

Bonfire

There were loads of activities organised last weekend. On Friday, 8th November, our boarding community had a bonfire party. The boarders had a lot of fun sitting around the bonfire and roasting marshmallows on a stick.

Halloween

The bonfire was followed by a pumpkin carving contest. It was great to watch the students displaying their creative skills.

The senior boys were declared winners by Ms. Veena and the students enjoyed the friendly competition.



Glen Johnson



Cooking

The boarders prepared evening snacks for the boarding community on Saturday, 9th November, with help from Ms. Manpreet Kaur and the boarding staff. We were all very impressed with the quality of the bread rolls and paneer pakoras! They looked absolutely amazing and tasted great too!

Welcome

This week welcomed Mie Axelsson, a D1 student, who joined us as a weekly boarder. She has made an excellent start and we are thrilled she is part of our boarding community.

Stay connected: Please follow Stonehill Boarding [@BoardingSIS](#) on Twitter. We capture special moments from our boarding programme and share relevant information on boarding activities.

Upcoming Events: November/ December

15 th -19 th	D1 and D2 ESS and Geography Field Trip
20 th -24 th	BISP Soccer 7s – Phuket
21 st -23 rd	ISACI M4 - D2 Girls Basketball at TBS New Delhi
21 st -23 rd	ISACI M4 - D2 ISACI Boys Football at IS Hyderabad
29 th	Professional Development Day (School closed for students)
29 th - 1 st December	Exeat weekend

Glen Johnson
Head of Boarding

INTRODUCING

Each week we feature a Stonehill Teacher in our weekly bulletin. This week we interviewed PYP EAL Teacher, Madhavi K Sindhe.

Qualification and certifications

Master of Arts in English Literature, Post Graduate Diploma in Creative Teaching and Bachelor of Education.

What do you teach at Stonehill?

I teach English as an Additional Language(EAL) for the Primary Years Programme.

Where are you from and where else have you lived?

I am from Bangalore. I was born here and I have been living in Bangalore.



Madhavi Sindhe

What inspired you to become a teacher?

I was passionate to become a teacher since my college days and one my English professors was my main inspiration. I believe that teaching is the best job in the world as we have the opportunity to inspire young minds to become valuable future citizens of the world.

What is your educational philosophy?

I believe in providing a holistic approach to education which inspires students. It should be student centred where they have opportunities to be more interactive. The learning environment should be stimulating in which students are encouraged to ask questions and reflect. I believe teaching and learning is an ongoing process.

What made you choose Stonehill?

I think Stonehill is a great school and is one of the best international schools in Bangalore with a clear vision and mission. I am proud to be a part of the Stonehill community.

What is the best part of your job?

I love to see students achieve their goals and see their progress. The best part is to see the students smile at the end of a lesson.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy designing dresses for my daughter and listening to songs. I love to explore different fabrics across India.

What is your favourite book?

'Wise and Otherwise' by Sudha Murthy.

What is your favourite music?

I love listening to old Hindi songs.

PTA NEWS

Dear Stonehill Community,

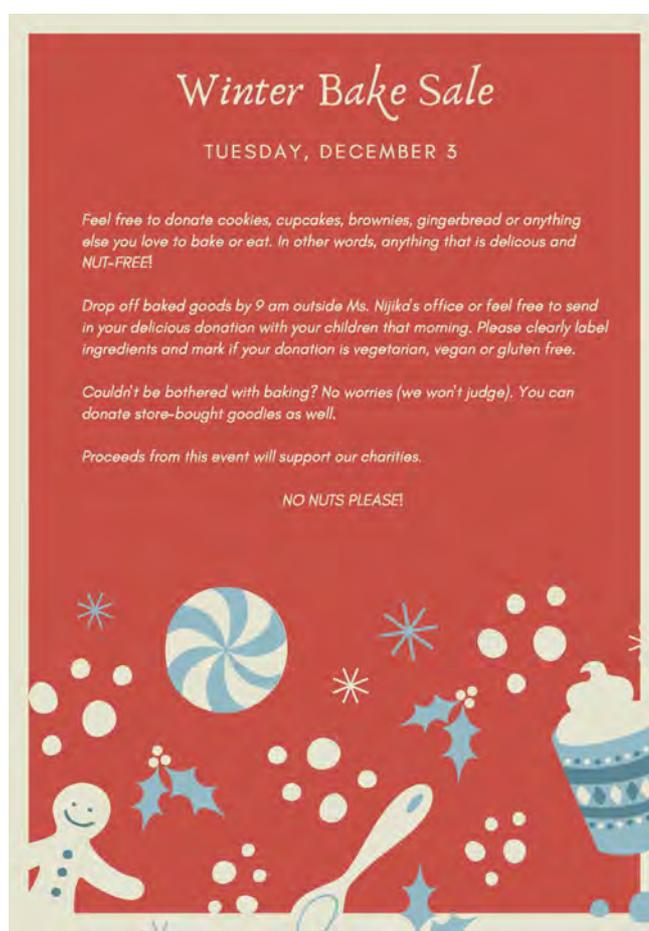
The PTA is running a holiday card contest and is eager to see what winter, Christmas and the holidays mean to you.

We invite students to send in their artwork, an original photo or a graphic, for a greeting card to pta@stonehill.in. You could also submit your entries in the drop off box placed outside Ms. Nijika Bharadwaj's (Primary Secretary) office.

Don't forget to include your full name and grade. Winning entries will be printed on greeting cards! The last date for entries is November 19th at 4 pm. Winners will be announced on November 25th. Exciting prizes include Amazon gift vouchers!

We are also pleased to announce our Winter Bake Sale is on Tuesday, December 3rd.

Please see the flyer below for more details and sign up to send a donation by clicking on this link www.PerfectPotluck.com/FWEN2945



Warm Regards,

Team PTA

STONEHILL CAFETERIA MENU FOR NOVEMBER 2019

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



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