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GO!**

**"The magic in  
new beginnings  
is truly the  
most powerful  
of them all."  
– Josiyah  
Martin**

## EDITOR'S NOTE

As the warm summer days fade away, a new season approaches; bringing with it the excitement and anticipation of another School year. We are thrilled to welcome you all back to School and embark on a journey of learning, growth, and discovery together.

In this first edition of Primebytes in the new Academic Year, we aim to capture the essence of this fresh start and celebrate the joy of being back in the classroom. You will find features on classroom activities, teacher snippets and parent experiences. We will introduce you to some of our remarkable teachers who have joined the AAIS community.

We encourage you to actively engage with this monthly newsletter and make it your own. Share your thoughts, ideas, and experiences with us, as we believe every voice in our School community deserves to be heard.

So, let's embark on this new academic year together, with open minds and hearts, ready to learn, make new friends, and create lasting memories.

We hope you enjoy this edition of our Primary School Magazine and here's wishing you a fantastic year ahead!

Happy reading and welcome back!

# SNEAK PEEK INTO THE YOUNG WORLD

We were thrilled to welcome our young learners of ELC who stepped into AAIS for the first time. Most of them found it hard to say goodbye to their parents as they set foot into a new world. They left their loving handprints and made it a day to cherish and treasure.

They enjoyed the various sand, water, and art-themed play areas. The learners' ability to balance themselves while walking on the balancing bars was astonishing to watch.

Later, a new friend "Peppy" visited us during circle time and captured our learners' curiosity. She demonstrated the class routines and brought our little inquirers to set the essential agreements.

Our little ones busily created bright caps with the summer theme of watermelon, oranges, and lemons as takeaways. It was a day of mixed emotions for our learners who wrapped the day with priceless smiles on their faces.



# A WORLD OF WONDER



Our little learners were all excited and happy on the first day of School.

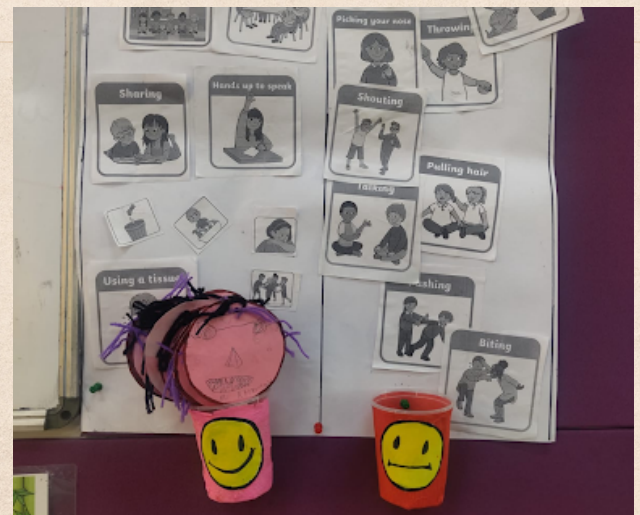
They illustrated their feelings on the black board. During Circle Time, we introduced each other and also shared our vacation stories. We played some games and activities like "Dancing to the tune", "Freeze dance" warming up to take on the new day.

During the English Centre time, our little learners actively engaged in some activities such as "Letter hunt", "Uppercase and Lowercase Letters matching". Learners were completely immersed during the Math Centre time, "Jump on the number when called out". As part of the Play invitation, they pretended to be a chef or a customer during their Pretend Play and also performed the puppet show for their friends and teachers.



# THE KINDNESS CLOUD

We kick-started the Academic Year by setting up Essential Agreements in place. Learners sorted out acceptable and unacceptable behaviours and made face cut-outs for the same, as a follow-up to engage in self-reflection, throughout the day. They engaged with two stories: 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'Jarvis the Jelly' exploring the Learner Profile Attributes 'Caring' and 'Open-mindedness'. They enjoyed making a 'Kindness cloud', wherein they chose to share the qualities of their peers.

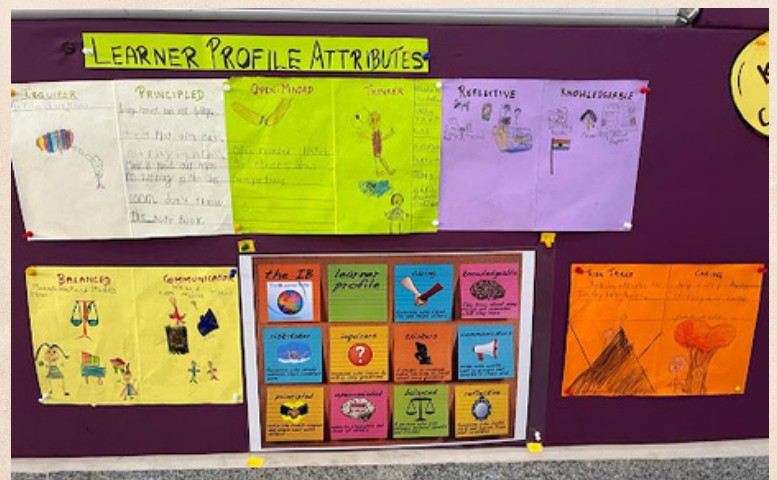


# COLOURFUL DISCOVERIES

As the School gates swung open, students flooded in, eager to meet their friends and teachers after a long break. The air was filled with laughter and excitement as old friendships were rekindled. The second graders were enthusiastic and excited to begin this new School year.

We established a few key agreements, as a class, during the morning Circle Time, to make sure every student gets an equal opportunity to voice their opinions. Students talked about their summer travels and shared their experiences there. They also linked these to a few Learner Profile Attributes.

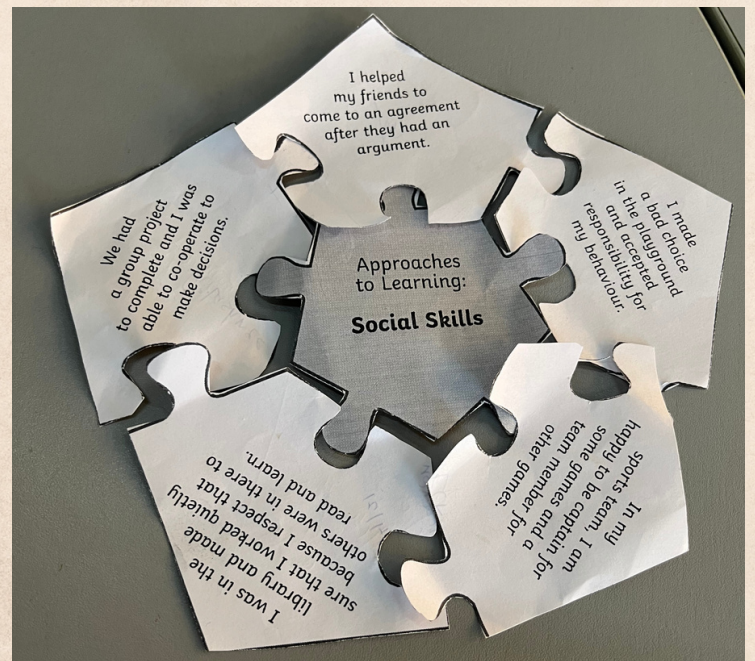
Groups of learners engaged in stories and dialogues about the Learner Profile Attributes and the Approaches to Learning. In pairs, learners worked collaboratively, to create posters making use of "I can statements" to communicate their understanding. As the first week of School came to a close, a sense of anticipation lingered in the class. The foundation had been set for an exciting and transformative year ahead.



# WE ALL FIT TOGETHER

Another eager bunch of students eagerly waiting to start the new School year is what best describes our Third Graders! Throughout the week, they were engaged in various activities that helped them get to know each other and their teachers. They created their own door displays and revisited the key concepts. And they eagerly created their posters for Approaches to Learning, wherein they mentioned how they will use and develop these skills, as a learner in Grade 3. In small groups, they represented their understanding of the Learner Profile Attributes in the form of a poster.

The first few weeks of School were a great success. The students settled in well and adapted to the new routines and procedures put in place to ensure their safety and well-being. We spent time getting to know each other, building relationships, and establishing classroom expectations.



# REDISCOVERING THE SELF

To help create a positive and inclusive learning environment, we started off with Icebreaker games and activities that encouraged students to get to know one another. These activities allowed them to break the ice, build connections, and foster a sense of friendship within the classroom. By engaging in these games, our aim was to create a supportive community, where every student feels valued and respected.

In addition to icebreakers, we also engaged in sharing "All About Me". This provided an opportunity for each student to share their interests, hobbies, and personal experiences with their classmates. Students were able to celebrate their unique qualities, while also discovering commonalities among their peers. These activities fostered a sense of belonging and helped strengthen the classroom community.

We also focused on recalling the Learner Profile Attributes and our Approaches to Learning through different activities during these initial days. We aimed to remind our learners of the characteristics necessary for success in their learning journey.

We believe that the first two weeks have laid a strong foundation for the year ahead. They have helped our students develop a sense of belonging, embrace their unique qualities, and set the tone for a positive and inclusive learning environment. We look forward to continuing this journey with our students and working together to support their growth and development.



# UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL

The first week has been really exciting. While returning students radiated a mix of familiarity and enthusiasm, reconnected with friends, and confidently navigated the school corridors, the new joiners are finding their place and settling into the welcoming embrace of the School community. The atmosphere buzzed with animated conversations as friendships blossomed during group activities and icebreaker games.

The Grade 5 students are demonstrating their perseverance and enthusiasm to learn by jointly creating a set of essential agreements for a nurturing classroom as they gradually adjust to the challenges of new learning strategies. To gain insights into the concepts, students engaged in collaborative activities such as a scavenger hunt. They were also introduced to constructing various graphic organizers like the Frayer's Model and Concept Map. Additionally, students worked on making various displays to personalize their classroom.

With a spirit of inquiry, reflection, Grade 5 looks forward to agentic learning experiences.





# FROM CLUES TO CALCULATIONS

In the realm of education, finding ways to engage students and foster their critical thinking and problem-solving skills is a constant pursuit. What if we could transform the abstract world of Math into a thrilling adventure? Grade 5 students did a Math Scavenger Hunt—an innovative activity that brought Math concepts to life, while promoting collaboration and excitement among students.

The Math Scavenger Hunt unleashed their inner adventurers, challenging them with a list of Math-related clues and questions they solved or found answers to. The clues were designed to incorporate the different IB PYP Math concepts.

The Math Scavenger Hunt offered an opportunity to delve into various math concepts and applied their knowledge of number sense, measurement, data handling, and patterns. Each clue presented a chance for students to apply their knowledge and skills in real-life scenarios. Overall, this activity not only strengthened Mathematical skills, but also developed critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration—the very skills that students will carry with them into their future endeavors.



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# INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

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**"YOGA IS THE JOURNEY OF THE SELF, THROUGH THE SELF, TO THE SELF."  
- BHAGAVAD GITA**

In alignment with the global observance of International Yoga Day, our School organized a special event that aimed to promote physical and mental wellness amongst our students and their families. The enthusiasm and active participation shown by our students and their parents truly made this event a resounding success.

Under the guidance of our experienced Yoga instructor Ms.Aarthi Seshadri from Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram along with our PE teachers, our young yogis of ELC 2 - Grade 2 embarked on a journey of self-discovery and mindfulness. They showcased their flexibility, balance, and grace through various yoga poses and sequences. It was a delight to witness the dedication and enthusiasm with which our students and their parents immersed themselves in the practice of yoga. Students of Grade 3- 5 also participated in the Yoga Day celebration, as well, and performed several asanas with the guidance of our PE teachers..

Beyond the physical aspects, the event also emphasized the importance of cultivating a peaceful and harmonious mind. Our participants were introduced to breathing exercises and relaxation techniques Through these activities, students and parents alike, were able to experience the transformative power of Yoga on their overall well-being.

This event served as a valuable opportunity for our students to bond with their parents, while engaging in a healthy and mindful activity together. The presence of parents added a special touch to the celebration, fostering a sense of community and reinforcing the importance of a holistic approach to education.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who wholeheartedly participated in this event and made it a memorable experience for everyone involved. Your support and active involvement in our School community are truly appreciated.

# INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



It is essential to spend time with our children and impart to them the importance of both physical and mental wellness.

I admire what the school, teachers, and parents are doing to set a great example for future generations.

Sanjana Mathew, Mother of Reia, ELC 2

The instructor was so good in not just teaching us, but also in keeping such young kids focused during the session. Am really grateful to the entire team of AAIS for making this a successful event.

Mother of Sai Sanshrey V, ELC 3

# FROM NEW STUDENTS

My first day in School was good. I made new friends and like the teachers. I love the PE schedule. My favourite subjects are Tamil and English. I am also very interested in Math. Looking forward to an amazing year.

**HRIDAY, GRADE 3**

When I was waiting in the Great Hall, I felt scared, But when my friend Amrish came, I felt happy. I made a lot of new friends. I love my PE classes. I like Math because it is my favourite subject. Looking forward to a long time in this School and to more friends.

**JAIRAM, GRADE 4**

My first few weeks in my new School were good. I made new friends and I like all my subjects. I love sports and playing football during PE is something I look forward to. I am looking forward to a good year with Akshar Arbol!

**AMRISH , GRADE 4**

I have been given the opportunity to be the class monitor and lead the sports team for Grade 4 and 5 for the first 3 months. I feel happy to be with my friends and teachers. I hope I will continue to learn and grow through this year.

**ISHIKA, GRADE 5**

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# FROM THE COUNSELORS' DESK

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Summer break has finally come to an end and it's high time we start getting used to the new routine of waking up early in the morning, coming to School everyday, completing homework, and having lots of fun learning new things.

Whether you are new to the School or in the new grade, it can take some time for you to get used to the new routine. Here are some things to keep in mind to prepare yourself for the new academic year.

**Be positive!**

Look forward to the new School year with optimism and enthusiasm. The first day is usually the hardest. Once you come to School and meet your friends who are also sailing in the same boat as you are, you'll slowly start settling into the routine.

**Adapt a healthy lifestyle!**

Make sure you have regular and reasonable hours of sleep and adequate nutrition. Taking care of your physical health means taking care of your mental health too.

**Make new friends!**

One of the best things about coming to School is meeting new people and collaborating with them to learn and grow together.

**Learn and explore!**

Be ready to learn and try new things. After all, growth only happens when you step out of your comfort zone, learn, and explore.

**Seek help when you need it!**

If you are stuck anywhere at any point, do reach out for help. We are here to hear you and help you out.

Our best wishes to all of you!

***It's a new beginning, a fresh, bright year. So open your mind, and push out the fear. The best is yet to come!!***

# GET TO KNOW SOME OF OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

As an educator, I consider myself not only as a teacher and a facilitator, but also a co-learner. Since Day one, AAIS has given me nothing but opportunities and a lot of scope for development. I learn everyday from the students and fellow teachers. When I first stepped into the school, I was amazed to see the importance that is given for mental Health, not just for the students, but also for the teachers and parents. I'm extremely happy that I got the chance to work with a warm and inspiring team of teachers. The first few days have given me an amazing welcome. I cannot wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for me.



**Ms. SOUNDARYAA**



**Ms. PAVITHRA**

As they say, "A teacher's professional efforts will affect the fate of the earth - Anonymous

I am beyond happy to work in AAIS as a PYP teacher . Nothing replaces the feeling which you get when you walk into School early in the morning , the greetings you get from your co-workers , the refreshments you get during the break hours , the most hearty blessings you get from the Housekeeping staff and the t purest bonding you get from the children in the classroom. I couldn't have asked for more.

# GET TO KNOW SOME OF OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

Being a part of AAIS as a Student Counsellor has been an absolute delight. The remarkable sense of warmth and the evident commitment to prioritize the mental health and well-being of each individual in every aspect of the School's operations is truly inspiring. I am thrilled about the promising beginning and eagerly anticipate engaging in interactive



**Ms. ISHWARYA S**