

The Communique

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Aarti Nigam, Principal

"Knowledge is power, Information is liberating, Education is the premise of progress in every society, every family..."

- Kofi Annan"

Dear parents and students,

Welcome to the Foundation Year of Pavna International School. It has been nearly two months since we opened the gates of PIS for our students. Every day has been a unique learning experience for each one of us. We look forward to a year of active learning for students along with the support of you parents. Throughout the year there will be different opportunities for students, parents and teachers to engage in collaborative activities which is the core of Cambridge curriculum.

This first edition of our newsletter is another communication tool between the school and the parents. The newsletter will regularly apprise you of the events and achievements of the students. We will also be informing you of the forthcoming activities and assessments.

The first parent-teacher interaction is scheduled for 21st May. Our children are going to showcase their first musical - 'Charlie and the chocolate factory'. This production will launch the Reading Week from 23rd to 27th May.

I would like to thank the Editorial Team for their efforts in putting together this first edition of PIS newsletter, **THE COMMUNIQUE**.



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#BeYourself



Stephen Sibthorpe - Director of Academics

I would like to welcome you to the Pavna International School newsletter!

We are proud to offer our students a high quality British-style International School education within our beautiful campus. Once work on the school sports facilities are completed they will rival those of many of the best schools in the UK. With well-equipped classrooms, a breadth of subject choice, and dedicated teaching staff, PIS is an excellent choice of school for any parent looking for the best possible education for their child.

Our students are encouraged to be polite, respectful, considerate, and to gain a 'global awareness' and understanding of the 'interconnectedness' of our planet. Students make the necessary links between subjects from our Early Years Foundation Stage and through into Primary schooling, so that our younger students gain a better understanding of the world around them. This understanding continues into early Secondary and culminates with the International General Certificate of Secondary Education examinations and A Levels.

Through our curriculum, we encourage inquiry, academic excellence, creativity and innovation. We develop well-rounded individuals with self-confidence, self-discipline, and a 'can do' attitude to life.

We look forward to building a robust partnership with you over the coming years and please do spread the word that 'PIS is here!'.



Michael Leahy - Head Primary

What a wonderful start we have made to this new school year and the shared experience of being part of a brand-new state of the art international school. The students have been fantastic, adapting to new teachers, new friends and a new way of learning. I have been particularly impressed by how friendly the children have been. I am sure they will keep this up. We have had a number of marvellous events so far this term, including a Celebration of International Dance Day, World Earth Day and also two great class assemblies from Stage 5 and Stage 6. Well done to all the students who participated in these assemblies and demonstrated their creativity and good communication skills.

A big thanks to our teachers who have worked so hard to get the school up and running and make the start of Pavna International School so successful. Without students and great teachers we have no school! Thank you for your support too, as Parents, for entrusting your children to us and supporting your child's learning at home. Many children are now bringing home reading books regularly and we thank you for your support in ensuring your child reads the book at home, and then returns it to school in the same condition. So far, all the children have been very responsible in this regard - 'Responsible' being one of the Cambridge Attributes we have been focusing on this term so far.



Theater Art

Dramatic activity is already a natural part of most children's lives before they start school in make-believe play. In drama classes, children learn actively and interactively to explore, discuss and deal with difficult issues and express their emotions.

Extra Curricular Activities

In Pavna International School Aligarh ECAs hold a special place as they are crucial in honing the talents and developing critical thinking, self-realisation and social skills in the students.

Each ECA aims to be student-centric and to maximize student participation in the activity. The primary goal is for students to have fun while learning important life skills and developing mastery of certain skills. It is imperative to pick or participate in at least two activities for primary as well as secondary students. Fitness and physical well-being is an integral part of our curriculum. There are many games & sports to boost their agility and reflexes. There are varieties of ECAs from which students can choose as per their interest.



Cricket

"You don't play for the crowd. You play for the country"- M.S. Dhoni
PIS aims at preparing sportsmen to play at National and International levels. Cricket is everyone's favourite game.



Basketball

Experienced & qualified coaches train the students using the best modern coaching techniques and practices to make them play like the professional players.

Tennis

PIS introduces tennis to 6+ years old students. The goal is to encourage kids to be passionate about sports and to lead a healthy life. They play tennis under the supervision of Tennis specialists.



Textile

It includes the training- from choosing the fabric to select the print design and learning many ways of stitching it together to make it look fabulous. They learn screen & digital printing, to select motif for printing, different weaves etc.





Horse Riding or "equestrianism"- includes discipline, the disciplines of riding, driving and vaulting.



While playing **chess** the brain is challenged to exercise logic, make decisions both visually and analytically.



In **science club**, students conduct experiments and work as scientists making models & improving their own models.

"**The camera** is the instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera." The students learn the tricks and tips of photography to capture beautiful moments to create memories.



"**Music** has its own language of expression". Every child is unique in talent. In music class, their talent is identified and they get training – both in vocal & instrumental music.



Art classes are a perfect place to bring out creativity in the children. The experts help in unleashing their potential and to showcase their talents at various occasions.



Engineering the future

Dance

Dancing allows one to express oneself. And this is exactly what learners at PIS Aligarh learn here, to express themselves. They learn classical, western, free style dancing and funny dance moves too.



Robotics

In today's world technology has taken a lead over everything. Children learn to design, to construct and use of robots (machines) to perform tasks done traditionally by humans.



Industrial Design

It combines art & engineering to create products that people use daily. In industrial designing, children learn to develop the concepts for conceptual / manufactured products by being creative and innovative.



Sculpture

Sculpture represents many aspects of our society and are excellent for symbolism. Individualized sessions are conducted for the students to develop the skill of perception, looking at the world from their point of view.

Assemblies aim to create, nurture and sustain a sense of community. It is a time when the learners assemble in the school auditorium, share information and begin the day jointly. It offers a moment of reflection before the working day begins. Innovative use of performances, backdrops and audio-visuals/multimedia make it more interesting and effective.

World Earth Day (21 April and 22 April, 2022) – Our first Secondary Assembly was about Earth Day, where the students were made aware of the date and purpose of Earth Day. Students were informed of how they can help to improve our environment now, so that future generations may be able to enjoy a cleaner environment. Students were also made aware of some of the creative ideas out there to achieve better environmental protection and prudent use of resources in a world where climate change seems set to become more of a problem. "If you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem". Students shared their thoughts to save earth through short speech, poster, slogan, crafts, artistic creations and poetry recitation. Everyone made commitment to save the planet. The assembly was culminated with a plantation and care of saplings drive.



International Dance Day and Id-ul-fitr (28 April and 29 April, 2022) – Dance is a performing art form that communicates emotions deeper than our language. International Dance Day is celebrated globally on 29 April every year across the globe. Students were made aware about this important day with the help of video, speech and quiz. Learners presented their favorite dance steps. School's YOUTUBE dance Channel 'PIS DANCE' was launched.



Celebration of events and festivals in school fosters togetherness and builds a strong cultural belief. Children came to know about Eid-ul-fitr, its mode of celebration, prayers, fast, delicacies etc. with the help of audio-visual presentation.

Stage 7 (05 May, 2022) – 'God created mothers because he could not be present everywhere' – Based on the theme of Mothers' Day, students from Stage 7 presented a heart-touching short role play. Speech based on the day covered most of the facts related to this day. A heartwarming melodious group song was sung by the students to showcase their emotions for their mother in a hilarious manner. Students also stated the effort they will do to make their mother feel special this Mother's Day.



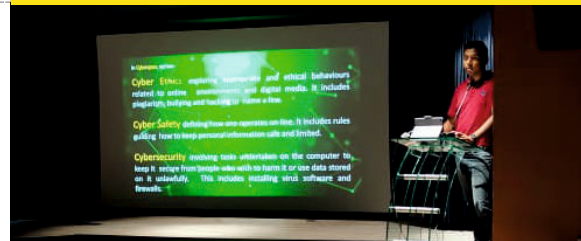
Stage 6 (06 May, 2022) – 'Engaging and innovative activities at Pavna International School' was the theme for Stage 6 assembly presentation. Joyful learning activities, dance performance, sand art, hands on potter's wheel were recorded and presented through a video. Each one of us is powerful enough to bring positive changes. A presentation based on 'The power of one' was shown to convey this message to the students.



Stage 5 (12 May, 2022) – Enjoying various spheres of learning at Pavna International School was the focus of this assembly. Various moments of activities were captured and presented in the form of a video. It included innovative activities related to different subjects, games, exploration, creation and finding solutions. Being responsible is one of the important attributes of human behavior. It was highlighted through a short role play and video.



Cyber safety (12 May, 2022) – An interactive session was organized to make the students aware of safe mode of online activities on various platforms. Cyber ethics, cyber safety, cyber security, cyber crime and cyber bullying were the main points covered with the help of effective presentation. An interesting animated video was shown to make the students understand the ways to keep ourselves and our details safe from cyber frauds.



A diet rehab corner where taste and nutrition go hand in hand. Menu changes everyday and students are given an opportunity to relish an assortment of delectable cuisines like Indian, Chinese and Italian. Servings include seasonal fruit in the morning, lunch and a packed evening refreshment.



Bytes & Gulps; PIS CAFETERIA



OUR LIBRARY: Reader's Cave



Reading is something that can take you to the snow-capped mountains, green valleys, kingdom of a great emperor, utopian society, period of regency or to a futuristic world in an instant.

Reading gives flight to your fancy.... imagination.



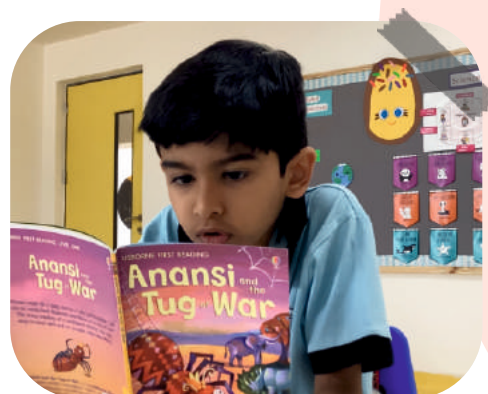
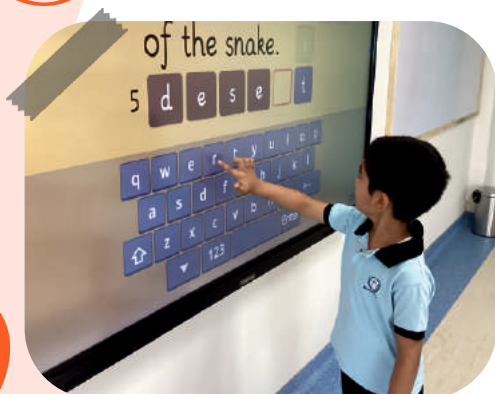
Reading is a way to peep into the lives of great leaders & celebrities.

At PIS we ensure to make reading a pleasure and mindful activity.

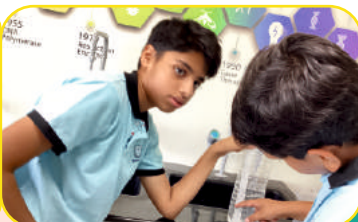
The ambience of the library acts as a catalyst to motivate the children to read on their own.



Generating a buzz...



Painting the Canvas with our Imagination





Darsh Chola

It has only been a month since I have joined Pavna International School, and I already have such an amazing experience to share. The curriculum that we follow here is international which is great exposure in a small city like Aligarh. I really like the infrastructure of my school, we have a Block which consist of the classrooms with an indoor playing area and the B Block where we have all the laboratories, music room, art room and also my favourite AI lab. Not only Academics but the variety of sports is huge, we have football, cricket, tennis, badminton, basketball and a lot more. Our day starts at 9 AM and by 3 PM we are done with our academics and then we have ECA (extra-curricular activities) ranging from industrial designing, horse riding, robotics to tennis, cricket and many more. I have chosen industrial designing and horse riding and in my short experience I would say the opportunity to get to know industrial designing is the best activity I have done in my life and horse riding is a great sport, it gives me immense thrill and also brings a balance of mind and body.

"Be yourself" is the Motto of our school and is truly justified because we feel nothing but ourselves when we are in school campus. We are encouraged to innovate and find out what we like the most by a very dedicated team of teachers.

We have an in-house cafeteria which serves us very nutritious and delicious food. One more thing I really like is the uniform, it is really cool and comfortable. Innovation and technology are the two sides of one coin and this is what our school wants us to follow, that's why we have been given iPads to work on along with that we also respect and follow the traditional way of studying. The teachers are really polite and they don't want us to mug up anything so we do a lot of experiments and analysis to understand the concepts. Even though it has been only a month I have been working on many interesting projects like in robotics I and my classmates have built a working windmill with Legos and in industrial designing we are currently working on making a wheelchair for a paralysed dog and we are also working on full-fledged working go karts. Our teachers demonstrate and allow us to do it from scratch. Apart from that I am also learning an international language – French.

I really want to see my school blooming and prospering with hundreds and thousands of students enjoying and learning in this campus.

THE BANDWAGONS OF PIS



BE THE ONE; not just one among many.

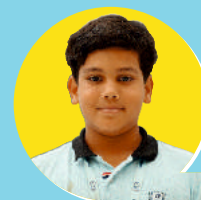
The Cambridge way of learning can make the difference.



Saanvi

BE YOURSELF - We the students of Pavna International School learn through experiments which provide us freedom to express ourselves. Here we grow beyond books and we have flexibility to choose subjects whichever we want to learn and to make our future. In my school there are many extra-curricular activities through which we grow overall. Music, drama and dance are professionally taught. We do activities like industrial designing, textile designing after academics. We are making projects in these classes. We play basketball, table tennis, tennis, cricket, do horse riding and many more. If the student is fond of taking pictures, he/she can also learn photography here.

In PIS there is friendly and supportive school environment between teachers and students. So, I took the unique opportunity to groom myself internationally in the coming robotics world.



Aarjav Jain

On my first day I made many new friends and meet many new teachers, I was very excited. On my first day we did not do any study we just had intro, fun and discussion. We have our first ever Industrial Design class in Extra Curricular Activity (ECA) in which I feel very relaxed. We feel very proud because our school is the first international school (IGCSE BOARD) in our city Aligarh. I feel relaxed in one class in ECA and that is cricket.

In PIS we don't have any kind of hectic schedule, we have 55 minutes class. There are many breaks in between in which we do fun. Our timing is from 9 am to 5 pm. We have a cafeteria in which we get our food.

The best thing that I like is we get homework on Friday only because we have got Saturday and Sunday weekend off.

I love my school.