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# Principal's Message

The renowned American education reformer John Dewey (1859-1952) said that 'Education is not a preparation for life, education is life itself.' The Podar motto 'Excellence in Education' is a resounding echo to this very thought to which every Podarite is deeply devoted. At Podar International School, we have consistently seen deeply enriching responses to redefining our limits in all spheres of teaching and learning experience, be it framing curricula, designing assessment, training new teachers or achieving intellectual development and holistic education of our learners. Our state of art infrastructure has created a congenial learning environment facilitating appropriate educational planning and designing co-curricular programs with a focus on child development. We are also one of the very few inclusive schools in India to frame and formulate a curriculum for students with special needs in consideration of their individual educational needs, which aims at full development of their capabilities and also their independence and social participation.

Real-life application of knowledge and skills has been the hallmark of the education revolution at Podar International School. Our school has seen ample evidence of cross-culture exposure and Internationalism in classrooms and outside. We also encourage community service led by our IB learners which not only ignite the social entrepreneurial spirit in them but also help them acquire essential life skills which shapes them to be principled, caring, critical and creative thinkers.

The Education World India Rankings 2022-23 has ranked Podar International School, Santacruz among the Top 10 International Schools for the 12th consecutive year. With this feather in our cap, I, welcome you to a new academic year of achieving new milestones. The stage is set, the props are ready, and our students are perched like fledgling birds, eager to spread their wings and soar to more enriching and spiritual heights.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Mrs. Vandana Lulla

Director/Principal

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# A-Level Graduation Day

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

Graduation day is a special event that marks the end of a student's academic journey and the beginning of a new chapter in their lives. At the IBDP and A level Graduation Ceremony the students were recognized and presented with academic awards and scholarships. It featured speeches from the school alumni, student representatives, and distinguished guests. These speeches offered encouragement, advice, and inspiration to the graduates as they stand on the threshold of paving the path of a career.





# IBCP Programme Launch

10<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Podar International School is proud to announce to be the first school of Mumbai to gain an IBCP authorization. This program will provide students practical and real-world approaches to learning ,design to prepare them for higher education through internships or apprenticeships, or a position in a designated field of interest. The career-related studies are aligned with student needs and progress toward further studies or direct employment. Presently, IBCP Program at Podar will flag off with career- oriented studies in Artificial Intelligence and Business Administration.





# Annual Day Concert – The Beauty and the Beast

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Annual Day - The Annual Day is an event where we witness all our students on stage. The roles on the day of the show are not limited to be a part of the drama. We motivate our Podarites to learn the art of directing a show, to learn animation required for projection during the event, the management of acoustics, costume design, dialogue writing etc. Each student on Annual day wears a hat of creativity in various fields. This year the students performed a mesmerizing musical on "The Beauty and the Beast" spreading the message that we should value inward characteristics such as kindness over other superficial qualities, such as glamour and appearance.





# Annual Day Concert – The Beauty and the Beast

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022





# Christmas Carnival

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

We, at Podar had planned a fun filled Christmas Carnival celebrating the magic of Christmas to cherish the festive glory with students at school. Parents were invited to participate and surprise the children, to make it memorable for them. They were super excited and fully geared up to celebrate this splendid event for spreading the message of sharing happiness and love. They set-up games, food and fun activity stalls, making school a perfect destination for students to rekindle their bonds with their parents and teachers.





# Christmas Carnival

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022





# IGCSE – Farewell

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Farewell is an occasion to celebrate the achievements of our graduating students and wishing them good luck as they embark on a new chapter of their lives. Our Grade 10 IGCSE students were given a hearty farewell and were acknowledged for their hard work and dedication. They were also appreciated for their contribution to the school and community. As they stepped into their future they reflected on their experiences and memories they had at school.





# Jamie Knight

9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Jamie Knight, a two time Guinness World Record holder and a Top 10 Freestyle Footballer rank holder was hosted at Podar International School to teach , motivate and train our young enthusiasts in the tricks and nuances of freestyle football.





# Jamie Knight

9<sup>th</sup> January 2023





**Podar International School - PTA Members**

<b>Names of the Members</b>	<b>Student name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Phone no.</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Dr. Mrs. Vandana Lulla (Head of the School)	--	--	9821020160	Chairman
Mrs. Neepa Raveshia (Parent)	Ryna Raveshia	4A	9769052278	Vice - Chairman
Ms. Saachi Setpal (Coordinator)	--	--	8898002015	Secretary
Mrs. Ammu Agarwal (Parent)	Dhriti Agarwal	8C	9833970270	Joint - Secretary
Mrs. Shirin Madan (Parent)	Gulnaar / Zubair	10A / 7B	9818581633	Joint - Secretary
Ms. Zahabiya Tinwala (Coordinator)	--	--	9619188680	Joint - Secretary
Ms. Yamini Saxena (Teacher)	--	--	9869772244	Joint - Secretary
Mrs. Radhika Vadhar	Yash Vadhar	IBDP 2	9821517238	Member
Mrs. Mehek Talreja	Vivaan Talreja	8A	9820608585	Member
Saloni Gandhi	Rajveer Gandhi	2A	9322225703	Member
Ankieta Jain	Ayaansh Jain	2C	9833295685	Member
Sanjh Chawla	Samik Chawla Aashvik Chawla	10C 2A	9819809644	Member
Srishti Valecha	Aditya Valecha	AS Science	9930599973	Member
Chandni Doshi	Nysa Doshi	2B	9820552653	Member
Sonal Jain	Maishaa / Priansh	7D / 2C	9819273211	Member
Riddhi Galia	Jishaan Galia	8D	9920924824	Member
Kunal Shah	Shayaan Shah	7D	9819064666	Member
Aashima M.K.	Hreshaan M.K.	5A	8779301661	Member
Shalini Singh	Mahema Singh	IBDP 2	9820974689	Member
Rajitha Abraham	Ariana Abraham	9D	9820082474	Member
Gazala Buddha	Meher / Miraan	AS Level	9870840000	Member
Preety Singh	Kimaya Singh	10F	88794 96612	Member
Smriti Jhamvar	Ansh Jhamvar	3B	9833568333	Member
Amit Jhamvar	Om Jhamvar	8B	9833568333	Member
Preethi Gopalarathnam	Akshara Madhusudan	7D	9029025804	Member
Ammu Agrawal	Dhriti Agrawal	8C	9833970270	Member
Deepa Jadhav	Mayaank Jadhav	IBCP	9892489727	Member
Smita Shanbhag	Rhea / Dia	4B / 7B	9769670358	Member
Smruti Mohanty	Khyati Swain	6B	7045732267	Member
Kamishka Gadi	Shivaam Gadi	3A	9820626632	Member
Manoj Kapoor	Leisha Kapoor	6C	8657429892	Member



# Together we grow together we thrive

## PTA in Action





# Podar International School

Affiliated to Cambridge International and International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO).  
Affiliation No: IBO – 002228 & CIE – IN420

**Date: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sep,2023**

## **Minutes of the PTA meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sep,2023**

A PTA meeting was held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sep,2023**, at Podar International School.

The meeting began with a warm welcome to the PTA. Dr. Lulla expressed her appreciation for parents for their whole hearted support in the curricular and the co-curricular areas of the school.

Dr. Lulla discussed the school improvement programme with the parents. A brief presentation was given on the various events planned. Dr. Lulla shared all the initiatives taken during the academic year.

An advisory council has been formed to discuss and take decisions on improving Teaching and Learning at school. Curriculum review has been done by adding more extracurricular activities like Skipping, Ballet, Food and Nutrition, Music curriculum from Furtado's and also added new Robotic kits. Mr. Stuart Dobson ( Senior Ofsted/ DSIB inspector School), Dr. James Abdey (Associate Academic Director, London School of Economics and Political Science - University of London), Mr. Ali Ezzeddine (IB Workshop leader) and Mr. Puneet Issar (Actor and Fitness enthusiast) visited the school for professional development for the staff.

Introduction of Managebac software for curriculum planning, installation of 7 new 65-inch TV in the basement were another initiative.

Dr. Lulla stated that the Conduct and Discipline Policy and Digital Citizenship Policy has been reviewed and uploaded on the website. Dr. Lulla concluded the meeting by briefing the parents on the upcoming events.

Dr. Lulla thanked the parent community for their steadfast support in all the endeavors of the school.



# Minutes of the PTA meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2023

Dr. Lulla presented the New Fee structure from AY- 2024 - 2025 & AY 2025 - 2026. Dr. Lulla explained the fee structure and pointed out that there is a 14% increase in fees during the academic year 2025-26. There is no increase in fees in the AY 2024-2025. The PTA approved the fee structure of AY-2024 - 2025 & AY- 2025-2026.

FOGAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IB					
Fees Structure 2024-25					
Particulars	IBDP (I) VHS	IBDP (I) (VHS-IB)	IBDP (I) (IB)	IBDP (I) (IB-IB)	IBDP Course Fees
Admission Fees	27,120	41,700	29,500		27,120
Tuition Fees	3,49,000	3,47,000	3,47,000		3,47,000
Total 1st Installment Fees (April 24 - July 24) For New Students	1,36,250	1,39,500	1,78,750		
Total 1st Installment Fees (April 24 - July 24) For Regular Students	1,41,000	1,47,000	1,41,000		
Tuition Fees	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		1,47,000
Total 2nd Installment Fees (Aug. 24 - Nov. 24) For New Students	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		
Total 2nd Installment Fees (Aug. 24 - Nov. 24) For Regular Students	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		
Tuition Fees	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		1,47,000
Total 3rd Installment Fees (Dec. 24 - March 25) For New Students	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		
Total 3rd Installment Fees (Dec. 24 - March 25) For Regular Students	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		
Tuition Fees	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		1,47,000
Total Fees for the year 2024-2025	8,12,000	8,04,000	7,99,000		7,99,000
Tuition Fees	1,78,000	1,78,000	1,78,000		1,78,000
Total 2nd Installment Fees (Apr. 25 - Sept. 25)	1,78,000	1,78,000	1,78,000		1,78,000
Total Fees of the Course	12,62,000	12,60,000	12,55,000		12,55,000

Admission charges - Rs. 2000 per week  
 Cheque Discount - Rs. 5000

FOGAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IB					
Fees Structure 2025-26					
Particulars	IBDP (I) VHS	IBDP (I) (VHS-IB)	IBDP (I) (IB)	IBDP (I) (IB-IB)	IBDP Course Fees
Admission Fees	42,120	47,000	41,000		42,120
Tuition Fees	3,49,000	3,47,000	3,47,000		3,47,000
Total 1st Installment Fees (April 25 - July 25) For New Students	2,12,125	2,19,000	2,05,000		
Total 1st Installment Fees (April 25 - July 25) For Regular Students	2,19,000	2,19,000	2,19,000		
Tuition Fees	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		1,47,000
Total 2nd Installment Fees (Aug. 25 - Nov. 25) For New Students	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		
Total 2nd Installment Fees (Aug. 25 - Nov. 25) For Regular Students	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		
Tuition Fees	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		1,47,000
Total 3rd Installment Fees (Dec. 25 - March 26) For New Students	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		
Total 3rd Installment Fees (Dec. 25 - March 26) For Regular Students	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		
Tuition Fees	1,49,000	1,47,000	1,47,000		1,47,000
Total Fees for the year 2025-2026	9,12,000	8,99,000	8,99,000		8,99,000
Tuition Fees	1,78,000	1,78,000	1,78,000		1,78,000
Total 2nd Installment Fees (Apr. 26 - Sept. 26)	1,78,000	1,78,000	1,78,000		1,78,000
Total Fees of the Course	13,70,000	13,70,000	13,70,000		13,70,000

Admission charges - Rs. 2000 per week  
 Cheque Discount - Rs. 5000



# Sports Day

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Our Annual Sports is one of the most awaited events at Podar. Our students lead their School Houses with pride in the March Past. They compete with one another for winning the best house in march past each year. The day also included felicitating our students who had participated in various interschool, independent sports tournaments. Our students displayed their individual potential on the sports field through yoga, dance, track and field events and with the much awaited tug of war. Sports day is an important event in our school as it promotes physical fitness, team spirit, self-esteem, character building, and community spirit. It provides an opportunity for students to engage in physical activity, showcase their athletic abilities, and develop important life skills.





# Sports Day

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023





# Community Service

18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

We at Podar International School are providing students with opportunities to explore their interests and talent, beneficial to the society, which allows them to develop a compassion for service to the community. Sui Dhaga Ji is a women emancipation initiative to empower women through skill development. To create social impact in the community, through student agency at the forefront, students of Grade 5 after learning the art of making soft toys from these talented women involved in the Sui Dhaggaji Project sold these gifts and proceeded the funds to support the project. Students also developed the skills of sewing, crafts, crocheting and stitching.



# Caring and Gratitude Day 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

This activity was a students' empowerment program giving every learner a chance to have a platform where they participate under the guidance of experts. During this activity, our students of Podar made stylish bracelets and necklaces out of beads/pearls, which they then gifted to their friends and family. This small gesture enhanced their social and self-management skills making them true global citizens.





# SDG GOALS

4<sup>th</sup> March 2023

SDG Goals - The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations define priorities to make a better sustainable future for people and our planet. Our enthusiastic little learners of PYP from grades 1 to 5 initiated the magnificent event of UN Global Goals Day to empower us with the knowledge, skills, pathways and actions to be effective agents to bring a change towards prosperity and growth of our planet. Our learners came up with innovative ideas by exhibiting their SDG projects. They contributed by demonstrating the key features of their learnings and experiences proving them as potential global leaders.





# SDG GOALS

4<sup>th</sup> March 2023





# PYP Graduation Day 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The transition from Grade 5 to Grade 6 is an important milestone in a student's academic journey. It builds on voice and choice, encourages independence, prepares them to step into middle school, develops social skills, strengthens study habits, and promotes positive attitudes towards learning. The PYP Graduation Ceremony oriented our young learners to adapt to new academic expectations and social dynamics. With support and guidance from parents, teachers, and school counselors, our PYP Grade 5 graduating students navigated through this transition successfully as they were ready to face the challenges of stepping into Middle School.





# Bangalore, Mysore – Educational Trip

11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Education extends beyond the walls of their classroom for our learners. The students of Podar were taken on an educational trip to the technological hub of India- Bangalore and to the heritage city of Mysore. The students turned Bannerghatta National Park into a natural classroom, learning about how animals use physics for survival instincts. They learnt about Bio-Diversity, observed animals and their food habits which affect the ecosystem. They understood the impact of climate change, reductions of Eco-Sensitive Zone around the park, alongside the chemistry of the environment which affects the climate, flora and fauna at the National Park.



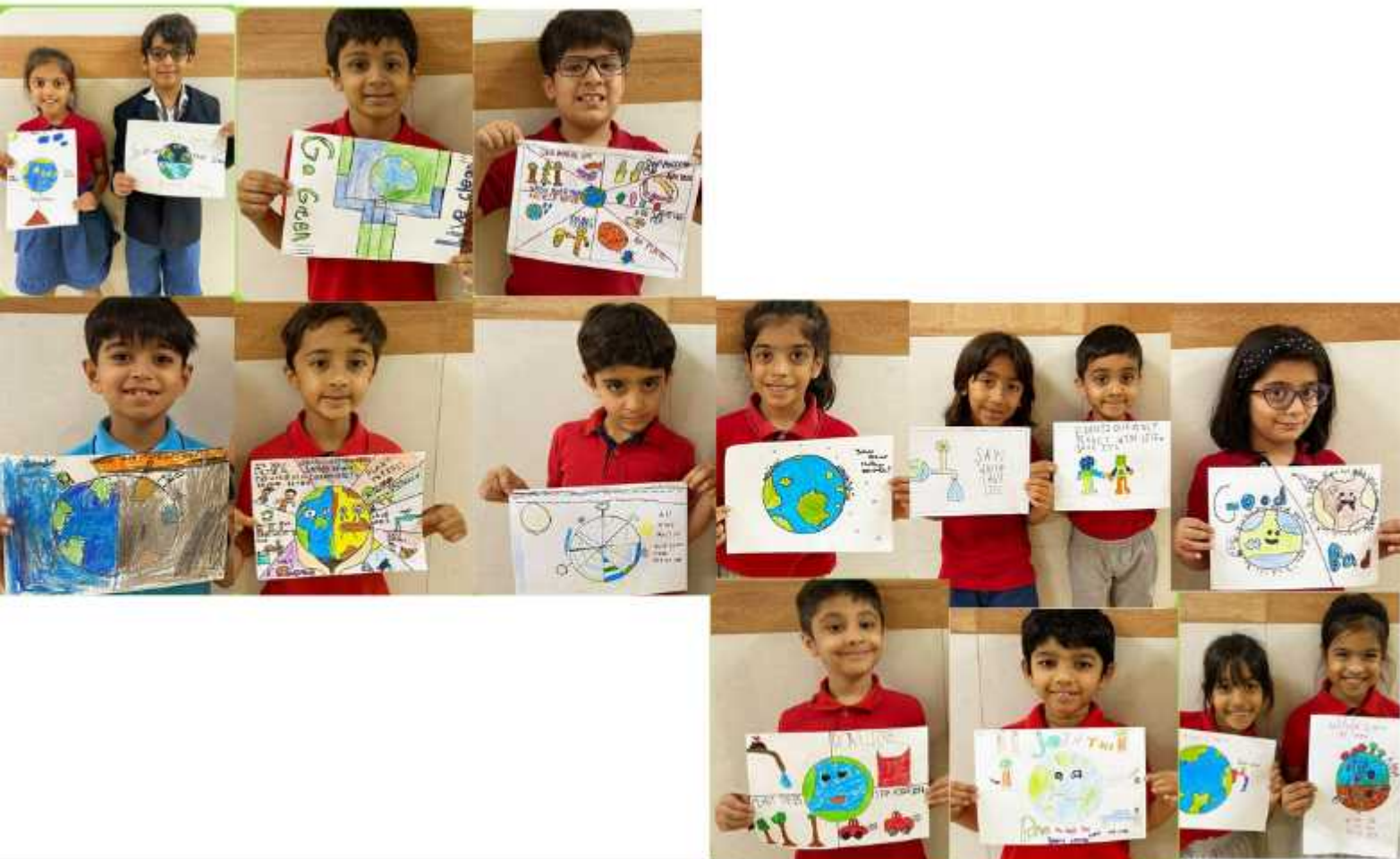


# Interhouse Creative Art Competition

## PYP – Grade 1 – 5

12<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Save the Earth - Creative Art Competition raised awareness among our learners to understand and appreciate the beauties and the limits of the world in which they live and encourage them to make the necessary changes. As the UNESCO motto echoes "Tolerance, Teamwork, Empowerment, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity", our PYP students raised an awareness of saving 'Mother Earth' through creative colorful posters. This was a student led competition portraying their vision of having a healthy environment. The event also evaluated students' knowledge and created opportunities for active participation in an inclusive learning environment. The student voice wonderfully depicted various ways through which they can make our planet a better place to live. The uniqueness of the planet was showcased through the color scheme along with thought provoking slogans to address the message.





# Interhouse Creative Art Competition

## Grade 6 – 10

12<sup>th</sup> April 2023





# Podar Premier League –

The Podar Premier League a competition with a difference has carved a niche for itself. Our students had the opportunity to be a part of the annual Podar Industry Academia Program, to take on leadership roles within their teams, such as being captain, owner and co-owner of their teams. The student led league involved them get sponsorship from vendors, design jerseys, capture media, anchor the event and also manage refreshments. We encourage students at Podar to be enhance their self-management skills and transfer skills to their voice and choice.

## Podar Premier League – Grade 9

18<sup>th</sup> April 2023





# Bangalore, Mysore - Educational Trip

11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March 2023





# Interhouse Football Competition Grade 1 – 5

5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The Interhouse Football Competition helped to develop the kinesthetic skills among students, which is important for maintaining good health and well-being. This competition aimed at building team spirit as it brought students from different grades together to support their respective houses. This created a sense of camaraderie and teamwork among the students. This competition was a fun and engaging way to promote teamwork, sportspersonship and leadership development among students.





# Advisory Council

10<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The Advisory Council at Podar relentlessly works towards providing latest curriculum development, offering expertise, facilitating community engagement, involving the stakeholders of the school, supporting fundraising efforts, and promoting innovation of teaching and learning strategies.





# IBDP Graduation Day

11<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Graduation day is a special event that marks the end of a student's academic journey and the beginning of a new chapter in their lives. At the IBDP Graduation Ceremony the students were recognized and presented with academic awards and scholarships. It featured speeches from the alumni, student representatives, and distinguished guests. These speeches offered encouragement, advice, and inspiration to the graduates as they stand on the threshold of paving the path of a career.





# Bangalore, Mysore – Educational Trip

11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March 2023





# Podar Premier League - Grade 9

18<sup>th</sup> April 2023





# Interhouse Elocution Competition

19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The Interhouse Elocution Competition fostered the nuances of the public speaking skills, such as voice modulation, articulation, intonation, audience contact and positive body language. These skills are useful for future academic and professional endeavors. This competition also helped our students develop their oratory skills through the student agency. They learned to express their thoughts and ideas in a clear and concise manner, think creatively and come up with innovative perspectives.

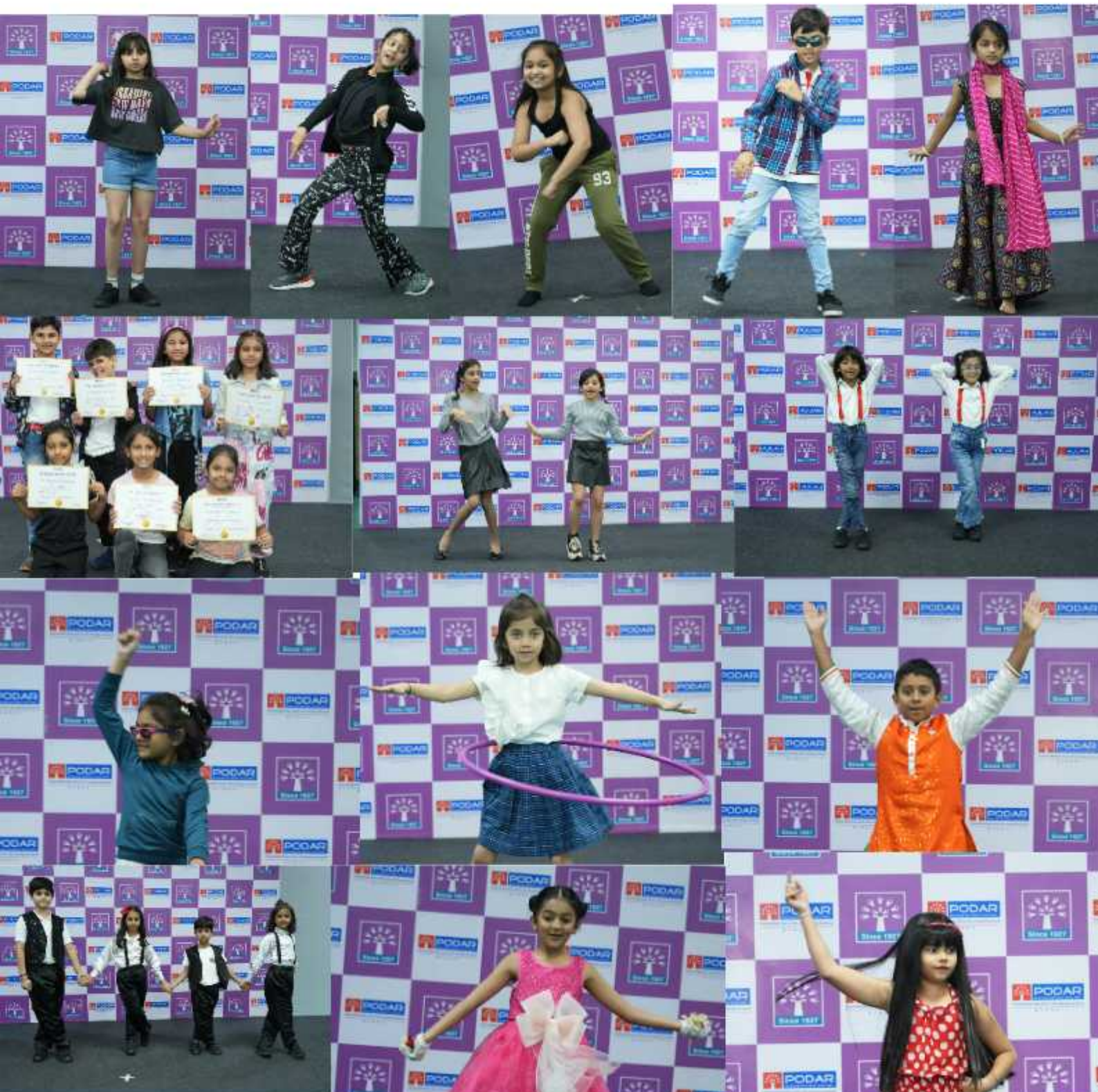




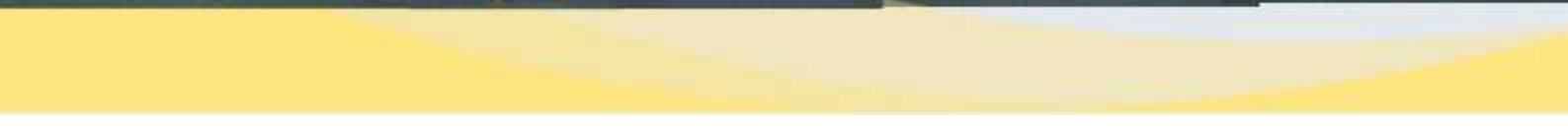
# Interhouse PYP Dance Competition – Happy Feet

25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

'Happy Feet' an Interhouse Dance Competition was organized to promote physical activity, develop co-ordination skills, enhance creativity, build teamwork, boost confidence, and promote cultural awareness among our students.









# Interhouse PYP Dance Competition- Happy Feet

25<sup>th</sup> April 2023





# Podar Premier League – IBDP

26<sup>th</sup> April 2023





# Celebrating Motherhood

27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Podar Mother's Day was organized for honoring the mother of the family and celebrating motherhood. Our Podar students experienced an amazing and unparalleled bond of love shared between children and their mothers through this wonderful event. They created unforgettable memories during the celebration and observed to commemorate the efforts of mothers and learnt to honor their value in their lives. Our students exhibited the IB learner profiles of being caring and principled. The highlight of the event was the felicitation ceremony for the beloved mothers of our esteemed teachers by a remarkable mother herself, our Principal- Dr. Mrs Vandana Lulla .





# Celebrating Motherhood

27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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# Podar Premier League -A-level

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