



News at a Glance!

Updates from October - December 2017. A most eventful half-semester!

The Academy Professional Development Centre 2017 PLES graduation ceremony



The PDC celebrated its first graduation ceremony in Telangana for 32 government school teachers in December 2017 as part of an official MoU with the Telangana State School Education Department. Course participants completed Tiers 1, 2 and 3 of PLES (Professional Learning for Educators Series), a competency based professional development programme. PLES is designed to build teacher capacity in English classroom delivery; update teachers in current pedagogy and methodology; develop interactive learning techniques and student-centred teaching methodologies. [Read more here.](#)

Academy Junior School - music, sport, literature and much more



The Academy hosted the 2017 Hyderabad IB PYP Network Literature and Theatre Fest on Friday 17th November 2017. Over 100 students from ten Hyderabad schools came together to explore stories and different forms of telling them. [Read more here.](#)

Dragon Days, the much anticipated Junior School play, was performed on 1st Decemberto a riveted audience! The musical tells the tale of a small village in Switzerland called Stumbledorf, whose citizens desperately need a hero to save them from a monstrous dragon –only to find out that the dragon is a friend, not a foe. [Read more here!](#)



Brilliant weather and an enthusiastic audience made this year's Junior School sports day even more cheerful than usual! [Read more here.](#)

Snapshots from the Academy Senior School

Fun for all at the Yule Ball!

Grade 8 students hosted a Harry Potter themed event to encourage reading and celebrate the imagination in early December. The Ball, a formal dance held during the Triwizard Tournament in the fictional Hogwarts, served to promote values of diversity by hosting delegates from multiple countries. [Read more here!](#)



HOUR OF CODE: Every single student and member of staff was given the time and opportunity to code their own computer programme during Computer Science Education Week which ran from 4th – 10th December. [Read more here!](#)



Students from grades 9-12 participated in the annual Academy Model United Nations, held in November 2017. Priyodarshini Das, the Academy's MUN coordinator, commented, "I think the most important aspect was the leadership quality of the students, as it was an entirely student-led conference. These students really took initiative."



Academy theatre students from grades 7-10 performed the play 'Mukoon' on 24th November at the Amravati Theatre Festival in Vijaywada. An original screenplay by drama faculty Chandrasekhar Indla based on the short story by Vaikom Mohammad Basheer, the play was the only one selected for the children's category of the festival! [Read more here.](#)



Festive Greetings!

The Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad wishes all our students, staff and parents a very happy 2018!

Picture by Alisha Surani (grade 11)

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