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Dear Parents,

As teachers we are working at ways to promote one of the most important components of the PYP: the Learner Profile. The Learner Profile is the embodiment of what we consider to be important in the development of your child’s character. The same importance is given to this by the International Baccalaureate Organization which encourages us to develop these in each student as they receive an education that is Internationally Minded and Globally Significant.  It is the vehicle that we use to promote values and beliefs that drive the PYP, and it is of paramount importance that we develop and celebrate it within our school.

The Attributes of the Learner Profile are:

**Inquirers**: Students that actively enjoy learning and ask questions to find out more.

**Knowledgeable**: Students that explore concepts, ideas and issues that have a local and global significance.

**Thinkers**: Students that think critically and creatively in order to solve problems and make decisions.

**Communicators**: Students that express their ideas confidently and creatively, they work willingly and collaboratively with others.

**Principled**: Students that act with integrity and honesty, they do the right thing.

**Open-minded**: Students that understand and appreciate their own cultures, and are tolerant of other’s perspectives.

**Caring**: Students that show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others.

**Risk-takers**: Students that approach unfamiliar situations with courage and forethought, and have the independence to explore new roles, ideas and strategies.

**Balanced**: Students that understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal wellbeing.

**Reflective**: Students that give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience.

From this week we will be rewarding selected students from Grades 1-4 that demonstrate aspects of the Learner Profile here at school with Learner Profile Certificates at the weekly assemblies.

It would assist us greatly if you could begin to (where possible) use the vocabulary at home with your children, and in doing so, help us to promote the Learner Profile in our journey towards becoming an IB World School.

Kind regards,

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