

EYE ON THE WORLD

The best of the International Primary
Curriculum from around the globe



Welcome all!

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year to everyone! 2010 is an exciting year for the IPC; it is our 10th birthday. Some of you were involved in the initial launch but many of you have joined us since that time and may not know of the history behind the IPC. Here, in a nutshell, is where it began:

The IPC all started through Fieldwork Education's involvement with Shell schools. We had worked for several years introducing and supporting the UK National Curriculum to Shell's English-speaking schools but by the middle of the 1990's Shell was adopting a much more international workforce and that inspired a need for a more international curriculum. Graham Reeves – who remains a hugely valued member of the Fieldwork Education team – was given the enviable job of travelling the globe to find the best curriculum solution for Shell's international schools. But he was unable to find anything that fully met the learning-focused, internationally-minded, engaging and skills-based criteria that had been set. So along with many valued colleagues in Shell schools and elsewhere we began the development of the Shell Schools Primary Curriculum Project. Word very quickly spread about the project and several schools outside of Shell expressed an interest in what we were doing. It was this that resulted – in the year 2000 – in the birth of the International Primary Curriculum and at that point, Fieldwork Education took sole responsibility for the IPC's growth and development.



A student from Beacon Academy, Indonesia takes part in Ice Cream Day as part of the IPC Celebrations unit.

Just ten years on, the IPC is now the curriculum choice of schools in 58 countries around the world with over 250,000 children presently learning with the IPC. Many of our schools are making links with each other; sharing learning experiences through the same IPC units, or sharing local community lifestyles, experiences and traditions; celebrating differences and similarities through every link. We are proud to be a part of such a powerful, positive and embracing learning community and are thrilled that you are part of it too. Happy Birthday everyone!

With best wishes,

Janice Ireland, Anne Keeling and the IPC Team

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Just some of what's going on with the IPC around the world



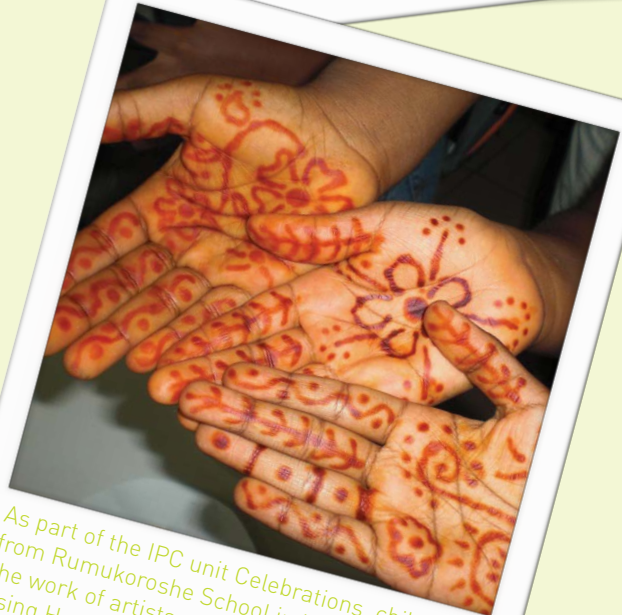
Primary 7 students, Ata and Listia learn how to conduct a scientific investigation about friction as part of the IPC unit Energy, Force, Light and Sound at ISG Jubail in Saudi Arabia.



Students at the British School of Indonesia race rafts designed and built as part of the IPC unit Go With The Flow.



Primary 1 students at Beacon Academy researched masks as part of their IPC unit Celebrations. The children have a go at recreating these masks on their friends using face paints.



As part of the IPC unit Celebrations, children from Rumukoroshe School in Nigeria learn that the work of artists can be seen on bodies by using Henna to decorate the hands of the girls as part of the celebration of Diwali.