



Calcutta International School Primary and Junior School

Living value of the month



CHEERFULNESS

If everyone was Cheerful there would be no sadness,
Just a world of Happiness. Life would be so glad!
Lots of smiling faces we would always see,
Just a world so joyful, no more misery.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could be this way,
Just a happy world each and everyday.
Smiles on every face filled with such delight,
The world would be a happy place cheerful and so bright!



Pre Nursery children performed a skit on how they could make an unhappy friend feel cheerful once again. A few children shared their feelings by mentioning the special occasions when they feel cheerful. This was followed by a song "It's a Beautiful Day" It made everybody feel happy.



Guest speakers in Pre Nursery for the topic - **Jobs People Do**

Ms Khanna visited the Pre Nursery class and addressed the children. She encouraged them to play the role of a teacher which brought a lot of excitement and enjoyment into the lesson. The children took a tour to the art room and the library. They met the art teachers, Mr. Bagli and saw a display of various art work. They were fascinated to see so many brushes and paints. They were equally happy and excited to see so many colourful books in the library. The librarian Ms. Sara narrated a story to them.



The security guards and the house keeping staff of our school visited the Pre Nursery class. They explained to the children their duties and responsibilities in maintaining the safety of the school. They spoke about their role in keeping the school clean. They showed the materials and equipments used for cleaning the school. The children were taken to the school garden to where they had an interaction with the gardener. He displayed his tools and demonstrated how he used them to maintain the school garden.



Caring for each other makes our relationships better - For our assembly the girls of **Nursery** performed a dance on a song called "**Caring**". The boys enacted two short skits on taking care of our elders, our friends and our belongings.



Sharing toys with their peers was also a part of learning the value **"CARING IS SHARING"**. Children prepared interesting charts at home and spoke about it.



An Elocution competition was held in the **Upper Nursery**. The children recited poems of about six to eight lines each. They spoke with clarity and confidence and surprised us with their wonderful performance. The winners were awarded certificates by Mrs.Nayar and Mrs. Majumdar who were also the judges.



In Upper Nursery A a VIP's mother narrated a beautiful Korean story which she translated in English using illustrations. The story was called "Cloud bread". It was an unusual and fascinating story and took the children on an imaginary trip to the clouds. She also conducted an activity, wherein every child made a sound instrument using plastic, paper and rice grains. The children enjoyed this craft.

Daddy's Day Out

The Daddy's of Upper Nursery A came to play a football game with the children. There were two teams – Arsenal and Manchester United. About eight fathers participated in this game. They had a great time playing football in the school field. Thankfully both team scored two goals each,so everyone was happy.



GRADUATION DAY!



The Graduation Ceremony of the Upper Nursery batch 2015, was held on 4th May. The children looked very distinguished in their black and white attire and the graduation hats. It has been a great journey for these children from Pre Nursery to Upper Nursery. We celebrated this occasion in the presence of the parents and other faculty members of CIS.

Glimpses of the year, special moments, achievements and memories of the children of the Upper Nursery was nicely captured in a power point presentation. The children sang songs and recited poems for the audience. This was followed by giving out the graduation certificates to our tiny tots by Mrs. Nayar. We wish all our children the very best as they take a big step forward and move to class1.



Vernacular Elocution Competition



The vernacular elocution competition was held on 28th April 2015, in Junior school. Classes from I to IV participated in the contest.

They recited poems both in Hindi and in Bengali. This event is an annual affair in our school which promotes healthy competition among the students and also most importantly, inculcates a sense of appreciation of literature among the students. The panel of judges were Mrs. N.Nundee, Mrs. S.Singhal (Bengali classes I and II), Mrs. T.Yadav, Mrs.N.Khaitan (Hindi classes I and II), Mrs.A .Agarwal, Mrs.N.Chowdhary (Hindi classes III and IV), Mrs.S.Mukherjee and Mrs.D.Roy (Bengali classes III and IV).

The event was conducted by Mrs.S.Ahuja and Mrs.V.Burman (in Hindi),and by Mrs.S.Ray and Mrs.A.Banerjee (in Bengali). The students came up to showcase their skills. Each contestant's selection of poem was exceptional and they tried to deliver it to the best of their ability. Mrs. S Majumdar delighted the audience by her wonderful and humorous recital of a poem while the judges were busy preparing the results of the contest. Our Junior Principal Mrs. P Nayar commended the participants on their confidence. The judges gave useful tips to the students on how poetry has to be rendered and advised them to cherish poetry throughout their lives. Later Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Chowdhary, Mrs. Majumdar and the judges handed over the certificate to the winners.



Book Launch by Class 3

Every child in Class 3 is an author! And the authors of Class 3 launched their books on 4th May, 2015.

Teachers were invited and asked to launch the books. These are books that contain the best writings each pupil has written in school. The writings ranged from fiction to poetry, to factual accounts of school trips and research reports. The authors took this opportunity to express their gratitude to all their teachers. The event ended in a light and sweet note:feasting on crunchy butter short bread cookies and sipping cranberry juice.



Madhubani Painting Workshop

Class 4 attended a Madhubani painting workshop conducted by Mr. PrabhakarJha, Mrs. Poonam Devi and Ms. Mala Jha (Traditional Madhubani painters from Bihar). The workshop was held on 6th, 7th and 8th May 2015, in our school premises.

The special painting technique taught, helped our students to understand the folk art traditions of India and created awareness and appreciation for a different art form.



Make everyday Earth day

The junior and Primary school students celebrated Earth Day, a tradition in our school, on the 22nd of April 2015, with enthusiasm and a sense of commitment. Each class threw light on a particular aspect of protecting and nurturing Mother Earth.



The children of **Pre nursery** did several art and craft activities for Earth Day. They painted and decorated newspaper bags using old magazine paper. They painted a tree using their thumb impressions on the reverse side of their T-shirts that they worn on the annual sports day. The children planted seeds and enjoyed the process of the baby plant emerging from the seeds as the days went by.

The children of **Nursery** prepared unusual craft items using recycled material. They used shoe boxes, bottle caps, magazine papers, plastic bottles etc. It was all displayed on a table outside their classroom. Both the sections got together and watched a video on Earth day. They danced and sang along with it.



The children of **Upper Nursery A** were dressed in white and blue. They saw a video on the new T.V. screen that was put up in class. It was about saving the Earth by "Going Green". They were inspired by this video and took a pledge to "Go Green". Each one drew a picture of the Earth with a round stencil and coloured it.



Children of **Upper Nursery B** wrote a short composition on all that they can do as little soldiers to help the Earth. Several ways were discussed to save the Earth through different activities. It was concluded that each one's contribution helps to save our planet.



The young learners of **Class I** wore eye-catching t-shirts painted by them with the theme of saving the earth. They also sang a song "This is Our World" which sent a message to everyone to do their part in loving, preserving and protecting the Earth.



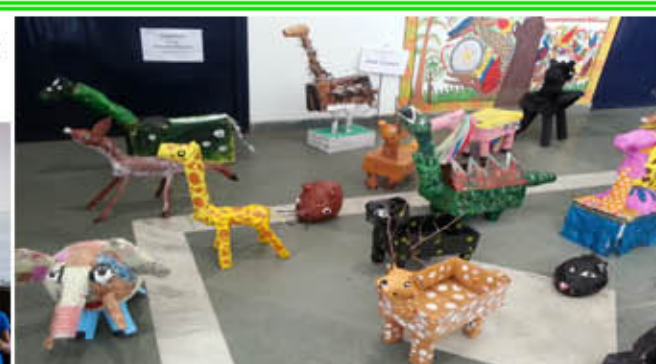
The **Class II** students recited a poem called "Every Day is Earth Day". They researched on why whales are endangered mammals and spoke about it. They also recited a poem called "Leave the Whales Alone, Please".



Class III spoke on sparrows and the wetlands of Kolkata – Both of which are endangered. They talked about how the sparrows are disappearing owing to pollution and loss of habitat. The wetlands which help to reuse waste matter in a unique and scientific manner is also disappearing due to extensive constructions.



The students of **Class IV** made presentations on Air pollution, Space, and Water and shared their knowledge with everyone.



In search of a new planet
The children created their own imaginary animal with found objects like boxes, bottles, sticks etc.

Darjeeling Himalayas and the Sunderbans. The emphasis was on the students to appreciate the various resources of a region and understand how these have influenced the culture of these regions. Class 2 worked on the endangered ecosystems of the world like the rainforest and the polar regions. Class 3 and 4 were engaged primarily in the study of faraway lands in the Southern hemisphere. Class 3 was involved in the study of Australia and New Zealand. Their studies involved not only learning about the physical features of the two countries but also the historical and cultural aspects. Class 4 did a detailed research and study on South America as a continent.



The month long research and study ultimately culminated in a fun filled day of various activities organized by the students consisting of presentations, songs, dances, enactments, food fiesta, a quiz and playing of traditional games. A program based on presentations, skits and Latin American dances by classes 3 and 4 was enjoyed by all the students of the Junior section. An exhibition of all the beautiful models and charts created by the students was held through the day. There were also exotic treats from South America and New Zealand created especially for the festival by some equally enthusiastic parents of children from classes 3 and 4. The exuberance and excitement of the students, their involvement in the various learning activities and the sharing of knowledge that took place through the day made the festival a grand success!

CIS celebrated Rabindra Jayanti on 8th May, 2015.

The Primary school children came dressed in their traditional clothes. The boys looked like Babus in their dhoti and kurta. The girls looked pretty in their sarees and flowers adorning their heads. They all performed Tagore's songs, poems and danced to some popular tunes. The assembly was conducted in Bengali to set the mood of the day.



In Junior Department the function opened with an English translation of Tagore's play, 'The Post Office' performed by Class 3. Mr. Koushik Bose, the Drama teacher selected three excerpts from the play and ably directed the children, bringing out the sweet poignancy of the play. Abhyudaya Hazra of Class 3B performed the role of the 'dahiwalla' with sensitivity. The C.I.S. choir, consisting of students from Classes 3 and 4 trained by Mr. Tathagata Mukherjee sang two songs depicting 'Boishakh' or Summer and 'Hemanta' or late autumn.



Classes 1 and 2 danced joyously to songs that describe the beautiful seasons of Bengal. Class 2 also recited a poem on 'Sarat' or Autumn. Considering the importance Rabindranath Tagore gave to aesthetic education; poetry, theatre, dance and music, this programme was a fitting tribute to the great man.



Class 4B performed a play for their assembly titled "The invention of shoes" based on Rabindranath Tagore's play "Juto Churi"





An assembly for Mandarin speaking children was conducted by Ms. Tai Yu Hui. The children of class 3 and 4 put up a performance through drama song and dance.

Korean Elocution



German Elocution



SCHOOL VISION DOCUMENT WORKSHOP-CIS (8.5.2015-9.5.2015)

- Mr Sunil Sangra, Professor of Strategy and Innovation, Birla Institute of Management Technology, Delhi, conducted the workshop.
- On May 8, 2015 (Friday) Mr Sangra met array of people starting with Mrs Shetty (60 min) followed by three board members, Mrs Nayar, two senior school teachers, two middle school teachers, two junior school teachers and two other staffs one to one for 20 to 30 minutes each. He discussed with them various issues before the school and where they wanted to see the school after ten years.
- On May 9, 2015 (Saturday), Mr Sangra conducted a whole day workshop (9a.m to 4p.m) with board members, management and teachers, a total of 34 people. He made everyone think discuss and articulate the values and vision for CIS. At the end of the workshop we had shared statements of Purpose, Vision and Values for CIS.
- A task force was formed which will reframe these shared statements as Vision and mission of CIS.

