



WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2015

We all are on the quest to become better human beings. No other force empowers us to become our greater selves like **Gratitude**. The more grateful I am, the more authentic I become.

When you practice gratitude, you are filled with contentment. When you are content you are not disturbed by the detours of life. **Gratitude assures you that no matter what you go through in life, something good will come out of it. Gratitude changes your perspective about life. When I am able to be thankful for every moment in my life, I can enjoy the beauty of it and appreciate it at every level.** Gratitude opens the heart and unleashes the true power of love. I shift from being an unloving and ungrateful human being into a compassionate and grateful human being.

The children of the Primary department took the initiative to prepare charts and posters at home on Gratitude. The teachers held discussions, introduced songs and poems, skits and stories on this value. This helped to create an awareness among the children to be thankful for all the little and big things in life and appreciate them.

Ms. Lakshmi Khanna

Living value of the month

## GRATITUDE



### The Carnival held on 16th of December marked the end of a fruitful academic session in 2014.



The CIS Carnival had a totally different dimension this year. Each class in the primary department used a different art and craft technique to prepare the gift items. There was a display of thumb printed gift tags, envelopes, texture painted cards, block printed wrapping papers, dough magnets, bubblewrap printed cards and envelopes. The display of our craft items looked very attractive and colourful. Within an hour of opening the stall we sold out all the goods like hot cakes! The children thronged at the games stalls as well waiting to take a lucky dip and try their luck at the car racing game.

Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar



Preparing the craft items for the carnival was an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all of us!



We express our gratitude to all our children, teachers, parents and staff for their wholehearted participation and cooperation for making The Carnival one of our major achievements of 2014.





Conducting a language activity on phonic sounds.

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Making a collage of the underwater creatures.



**Mothers of the VIPs create magic once again in the upper Nursery.**



A Russian Mother dressed as Snow Girl, the daughter of Santa Claus visited the Upper Nursery in December 2014. She conducted an unusual activity wherein the children were put in two groups - boys and girls. In each group one child volunteered to stand still like a snowman. The others were given white tissue paper to wrap up the standing child from the feet up to the head. A muffler, carrot nose and a cap was added on and that made a perfect snowman !! The children were so happy with the results of this fun activity. They could actually see two live snowmen created by them! The results were quite amazing.



A mother narrated a story of the Knight and the Dragon. The VIP child was dressed as the knight and his father played the role of the friendly dragon. It was a lovely story enacted out with a lot of props. Each child was given finger puppets to hold. The story carried the message of Love and Friendship. As a follow up, the children were given a craft activity to do in class. Small green pegs were used to make the most unusual and cute little dragon which they clipped on their jackets and took home at the end of the day.

**GRATITUDE IS THE BEST ATTITUDE**



As part of the class project the children of upper nursery visited some of the junior and senior classrooms to talk about the value of the month. They shared their thoughts on gratitude and then gave each student one small paper flag on a toothpick and asked them to write their gratitude message. This exercise was much appreciated by the teachers and students.

**A VISIT TO KANGAROO KIDS**



The children of the Primary department went to Kangaroo Kids to see an exhibition on "Marine Life". The bus ride to Kangaroo Kids was the most exciting part of the trip. Each room in the school exhibited a variety of water creatures and their habitat. A couple of small interesting skits were enacted by the teachers. There were live geese, crabs fish, a tortoise and a water snake at the exhibition to add to their excitement.





## A fun filled fiesta in the grounds of Calcutta International School



On the 16th of December 2014, the school grounds was bursting and burgeoning with activity, colour, vibrancy, vitality, music, entertainment, art, culture, food and handicraft displays. The Junior School teachers and students were filled with joy and energy, and the air palpably radiated with enthusiasm. The stalls which were filled with handicrafts made by the young pupils attracted many buyers. The teachers and parents proudly saw the beautifully designed handmade products being sold quickly. Class 1 appealed to all the visitors to "Lend a Hand" - saying loud and clear that they had made beautiful bags for a good cause. The pupils of Class 2 displayed an array of exquisitely designed wrapping papers and gift bags using the block printing technique. Class 3, not to be undaunted had potted lovely nasturtiums and glass painted tea light holders just waiting to be taken to decorate homes. Class 4 displayed their work unparalleled, in terms of perfection and brightness, their pictures of aboriginal art. These stalls were very attractive and all the goods were sold quickly to eager buyers. The students, teachers and members of the administrative department had all worked very hard since October to put this sale together and it was indeed a grand success!



Inaugural ceremony

Children enjoying the art exhibition

The school choir

Foot tapping and vibrant dances



Children worked hard to produce the attractive products

The teachers went for a fun-filled picnic to IBIZA on the 5th of January, 2015.

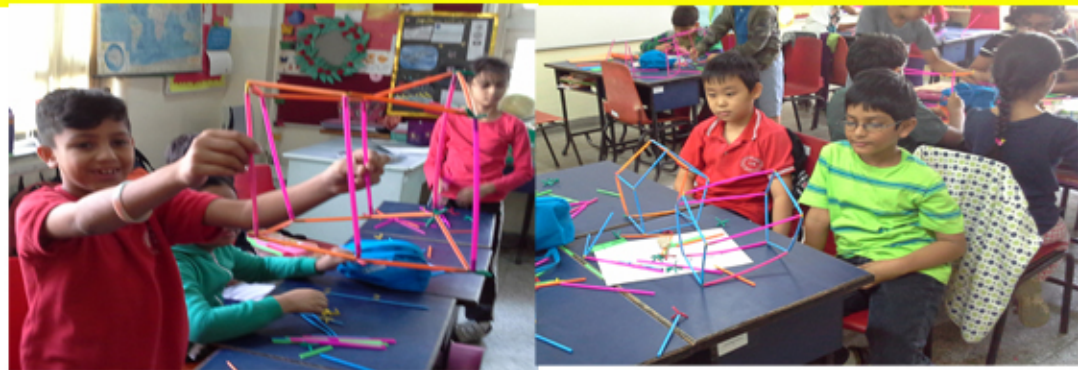






**Initiation into the habit of reading the newspaper.**

The students of class 1 enjoying a break from the daily routine. They are engrossed in reading Telekids, a newspaper which comes to school regularly and is read by the reading



**Class 3** students working with jodo straws and preparing 3D shapes. The difference between a prism and pyramid becomes much clearer while preparing these shapes using jodo straws.



Students of Class 4 presenting their project on Symmetry. The project was a power point presentation. The different types of symmetry and how symmetry can be witnessed in art, architecture, nature, shapes and letters were all explained by the students in great details.

**Class 4** collaborated to prepare booklets and charts to depict the different aspect of the ancient Roman civilization

**Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached!**



The school celebrated the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on 12th January. On this occasion class 4 prepared projects on the life and works of Swamiji and watched a short documentary on him.

Our school participated in the Inter School Science Fest "ALCHEMIA" in Gems Akademia International School on 16th January 2015.

The theme was Advancement and Development in Science and Technology in 2050. Junior school students took part in two events, Cartoon making and Best out of waste. Tejovrisho Guha of class 4B created "Super Storing T shirt" from an old T shirt which won the 2nd position in the Junior category.



**The students of class 3 and 4 who have worked well in Term 1 and achieved merits for their efforts in academics.**



<<[hearandwatch.blogspot.in](http://hearandwatch.blogspot.in)>> is the address of the one-author blog <<[Languages- the audiovisual way](#)>> which hosts poems, articles, short stories, etc in different languages read by students who are learning those languages themselves. The blog was created with the intention of motivating students towards academics and propagating different languages. It contains a wide range of performances from poems of Jacques Prévert, recited by senior students to simple interactions in French by students of Grade 3. Students of any age, of any institution and of any language can have their performance uploaded. However, for security reasons, only the owner of this blog, Mr. Debojyoti Guha, teacher of French language in Calcutta International School can upload any file on this blog.



Mrs. Nayar, principal of Junior School and Mrs. Majumdar, section head of Primary department attended a **One day Early Childhood Education Global Conference** in Mumbai, on January 23rd, 2015. The conference was addressed by globally reputed early childhood care and education experts. The 2 keynote addresses and panel discussions were on :-  
a) Child Safety - a neglected issue in pre-primary education. b) Are pre-primaries succumbing to parental pressure for advanced reading, writing and numeracy.  
The conference was attended by principals and senior managers of primary education.