



We take Responsibility...We show Responsibility



What is Responsibility and what does it mean to you?

The students were asked to identify and speak about their responsibilities at school and at home. We discussed how they can help to make a better world by being responsible. Similarly, we discussed the responsibilities of a teacher, a fire fighter, a doctor etc. They were given the opportunity of being good responsible helpers in the class by performing day to day tasks like putting away their toys, getting their materials ready etc. Children heard stories, learnt poems and songs on "Responsibility".

A special assembly was held where a doctor, Dr. Smita Gutgutia was invited. She showed the children a PPT presentation on how we can be responsible children and citizens of our country. She spoke about her role as a doctor and a mother.

The children of Upper Nursery sang a song titled, 'That's my responsibility.' Children were all dressed in Green and wore a crown that said "I am a responsible star" The session was rounded up by a creative meditation session. Many children prepared charts at home on responsibility and displayed their enthusiasm.



STORY TIME

The story of 'The Thirsty Crow' was narrated to the children through live demonstration of how the water level of the pitcher rises after putting stones into it one by one. Children had collected these stones when they went for their nature walk.



Children of **Pre Nursery** are sorting some beads according to the colour and threading them in a string. This activity helped them to identify and recognize colours, learn counting while strengthening their motor skills.





Sharing and learning

Children are learning new words everyday, putting consonants and vowel sounds together. They were encouraged to make a picture of a "kit" of their choice, be it a medical, tool, make up, swimming or cricket kit and talk about it in class.

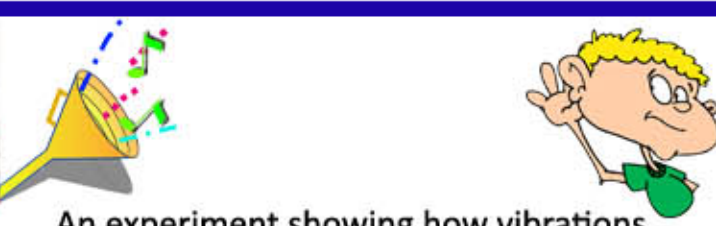


Nursery explored the different "Jobs people do"

Dr. Siotia, a cardiologist father of one of the children visited the classroom. He talked to them about the human heart. He described it as a small fist and that daily exercise and healthy eating is necessary to keep the heart healthy.

Estimating quantity

The Nursery children were involved in a fun activity where they were shown objects from the classroom and they had to guess or estimate the quantity.



An experiment showing how vibrations created by sound helps things to move.



A story about the 'Runaway Chapati' was narrated in class. As a follow up activity the children of Upper Nursery B tried their hands on decorating a chapati at snack time with various vegetables and fruits and made it look like the "Chapati man" in the story. They savoured their own chapatis with much enthusiasm.

The children of Upper Nursery explored the world of 'sound' in Science. They happily played different musical instruments to determine the various sounds and their pitch. They learnt that it is the movement of air inside the musical instruments that make sounds through vibrations.



A mother volunteered to show the children of Upper Nursery, how to make a French chocolate dessert called Parfait, assemble Mexican gobbles and decorate chocolate cupcakes with a variety of ingredients and toppings. She had attractively displayed the fresh cream, cherries, chocolate chips, strawberry syrup, and other goodies. The children happily put it all together and ate on the spot. What better way to "Happiness"



The children of primary department enjoyed their day out in Tollygunge Club. They were thrilled to have a close encounter with the horses.



The Junior School Annual Athletics Meet of Calcutta International School was held in the school grounds on Saturday February 6th 2016.



The much awaited event of the year, 'CIS Junior Sports Day', was a great success with every child looking their best and participating with full enthusiasm.

The Chief Guest was Mr Prashanta Banerjee, a well known football player of national and international repute, and the Guest of Honour was Mr A Marda, a parent of the school. The event started with the ceremonial March past under the watchful eyes and guidance of Miss Gurung and Mr Samad our Sports teachers. This was followed by the flag hoisting by Anoosha Banerjee, head girl of CIS, the solemn oath taking and the School Song. The principal, Mrs. Nayar in her address stated the importance of sports and games in our daily lives. The Chief Guest then addressed all those gathered and formally declared the Sports Meet open. In all, there were 61 events. This included the marchpast drill displays, fun races, flat races hurdle races, relays, tug of war, parents and teachers race and the Staff race. The overall winning house was Green House, followed by Red, and then Yellow.

The Sports Day concluded with the prize distribution, the vote of thanks by the head girl, the ceremonial lowering of the school flag and the victory run. The success of this annual event is a result of the careful planning and many hours of hard work, tireless supervision and care put in by Mrs P Nayar, Mrs N Choudhary, Mrs S Majumdar, our sports teachers and all the other teachers of the Junior School. This was in collaboration with the members of the Administrative Department and the staff of CIS.



The World Needs Your Smile!!

The Living Value of the month was **"Happiness"**. The children of the primary department were beaming with happiness as they discovered ways of being happy and making someone happy. It was wonderful to see the number of charts that they were bringing to school on Happiness. They made cheerful yellow sunflowers, painted happy faces, heard happy stories, listened to happy songs, played happy games, watched happy vidoes and did the happy dance. All of these instilled this value deeper in them. A special assembly was held in which the guest was our very own drama teacher Mr. Kaushik Bose who came dressed as a clown and surprised the children. He made them laugh hysterically with his funny clown act. One of the mothers Mrs Ghosh, read out a heartwarming story on happiness. Pre-nursery and Nursery sang a song while the upper nursery children did a dance on the happy song by Pharrel Williams. Everyone was dressed in yellow and the room was decorated with sunshine yellow smiley faces. At the end of the assembly each ones face was radiating with happiness and joy. **The realization we all had was that the more happiness I give, the more I receive. This is THE way to be Happy.**



It was a fun-filled exciting day for the students of classes 1 and 2 on the 28th of January 2016. They were taken to Popillo Farms in Madhyamgram for their school trip. The students enjoyed looking at the flora all around the farm, playing different games and having a little picnic with their friends.



Class 3's Visit to Eco Park on 9 February 2016

We travelled north from school to go to Eco Park. Fifty years ago this area was full of paddy fields, bamboo groves, ponds and marshy land. In Eco Park what interested me were the butterfly garden, the golf area where we played, the pebbles, the ponds, the flowers, the butterflies, the bees and the birds. I saw a grove of bamboo trees, marigolds, dahlias, petunias and powder puffs. The birds we sighted were mynahs, wagtails, egrets, a drongo and a tree-pie. We saw twenty different species of butterflies and few moths in the butterfly garden. There were many different plants and trees as well. There was one butterfly that looked as if it had eyes on its wings. One that had three shades of blue on its wings with black. I had never seen so many butterflies. It was a really exciting place.

Darsh Sharma, 3A.

The best thing about Eco Park was the Butterfly Garden. Our teacher took a butterfly out from a jar. There were many butterflies like the tailjay. Butterflies were flying above us. Many plants were around them. A rotten apple was lying on the table and butterflies were sipping it! There was also a small pond. The butterfly was holding teacher's finger with her legs when she put it in to take the butterfly out of the jar. When the butterflies could not find sunlight, they rested on a flower. Then we could see the wings clearly. The wings were beautiful because of their bright and outstanding colours. Some were black, some were deep yellow and some had green wings.

Sreeja Sarkar, 3B.



Class 4 went for an educational trip to Eco park where they visited the Butterfly garden to study the life-cycle of butterflies and their types. Children also released butterflies in the garden. They surveyed the park and recorded their observations on a survey sheet provided to them.



The students of Class 5 went for a day trip named "Walks in Kolkata". They visited few very interesting and historical places of old Calcutta such as Shobhabazar Rajbari, Balaram Mandir, Kumortuli, St John's Church and "The bakery and Wilson" at the Lalit Great Eastern Hotel. The students experienced the pipe organ at St Johns and even performed with the musician. The trip ended with a lunch at the bakery with the history being narrated by a staff. The students enjoyed and learned the history of their own locality.



Horse Riding Championship

Tollygunge Club probably has the oldest riding club in the country and currently has 40 horses in its stables. It is the only place in Kolkata where people can be properly trained to ride. The club riders have performed well in competitions and shows. The Club's young riders even have had the honour of representing the country abroad in show jumping dressage and have also won several accolades, including laurels, at the Junior National Equestrian Championships.

This year the equestrian championship was held on 16th and 17th of Jan 2016. Siddharth Debgupta, Student of Calcutta International School, I-B won the second prize in under14 years category. Siddharth has been learning horse riding for last 2 years and this is the consecutive 2nd years where has been ranked as one of the winners for this championship.



Children from the junior department took part in the "Kolkata Literary Festival 2016", which was held in the Apeejay House.



Children participated in "Pix a tale" and "Rhyme time" competition.



We are very proud to announce that Rupanwita Bagchi of Class 1B who participated in the Golf Junior Skill Competition in Tollygunge Club on 20th and 21st of February 2016 secured the 3rd Position. Well done Rupanwita!



"A Letter can reveal a Thousand Thoughts"

In this world of technology, the students of Year 2 are excited to learn about communication through hand written letters and postcards with family and friends. At once they decide to write to their teachers about their Christmas holidays. This letter writing activity in class helped the students to reflect and organise their thoughts in order to communicate effectively. They are delighted when they receive a reply to their letter, probably for the first time in their lives, something they will cherish and treasure forever. A response from the reader at the end of the activity helped the children to become confident and responsible in their approach towards learning



Mayurakshi Sarkar, Mashiat Aubhro, and Eshaan Kothari from class 5, took part in an Art event called **SHOHOR KOLKATA** on the 12th of February at Mahadevi Birla World Academy. They had to paint silhouettes of Kolkata on canvas using acrylic colours. They were accompanied by Mrs Rina Mitra, our Art Teacher



The pupils of class 5 did a marvellous presentation on their favourite newspaper reports. Each pupil spoke lucidly, and had been guided by Mrs A Schafranski. They revealed in their presentations how aware they were of The Fourth Estate, or the media, and how concerned they were about issues like pollution and even exploitation. They presented their reports from the newspapers they get every day in school. Mrs P Nayar heard each pupil, and complimented them on their presentation skills, their sensitivity and their awareness, and added how important newspapers were for young learners



Inspire youth to play

A programme based on developing the game of Basketball in our country was organised by Reliance Foundation Jr. NBA. Coaches NATHALIE RESHAR and ADRIANA GALIMBERTI from USA visited our school and had a coaching session with different age groups. They are happy with our Basketball infrastructure and overall performance of the children.





A nationwide spelling contest was organised by **“WIZ NATIONAL SPELL BEE”**, in association with Calcutta International school.

Each participant was issued a spelling booklet and based on the model test paper given in the booklet, the first selection round was conducted by **“WIZ NATIONAL SPELL BEE”**, on 07.10.15 in the school AVR. On qualifying at this round, the selected students then participated in the next level on 29.02.16, in the school Reading Room, which was an inter school city round, (written) and will be followed by the district and state round, and finally the national round.



The UK Reading Challenge

Calcutta International School conducted the UK Reading Challenge 2015 in association with the British Council, The Reading Agency UK and Arts Council of England. The Reading Challenge supports the development of children’s reading skills and helps them become confident and enthusiastic readers. It is the world’s largest reader development campaign for children aged 5 to 13 years. It runs through public libraries and schools across 30 countries and over 7,50,000 children participate in the challenge every year borrowing an amazing 18 million books from the libraries.

For many children, the Reading Challenge is just the incentive they need to turn them into readers for life. The challenge began on 21.09.15. After six weeks of reading and ensuing workshops, there were several award winners of this Challenge. Out of 39 students 14 students won medals and certificates, 8 won Commendation letters too. All participants received certificates for the participation.



Calcutta International school along with CAMLIN, conducted the eagerly awaited early Sit & Draw competition **“CAMEL ART CONTEST”** for the academic session 2015 -16. You will be glad to know that last year 7.5 million students from all over India and Abroad participated in this competition and created a new record.

The contest was conducted in mid-2015, under the guidance of the art teachers, and the entrees were selected by CAMLIN, and the selected winners were awarded certificates and medals.

