



Calcutta International School Primary and Junior School

Living value of the month



Being caring is being kind.
And giving someone a helping hand.
Caring is reaching out and being a friend.
Being nice to others - that's our plan!
Caring means to spread joy,
To share a gift or a toy.
Caring is to love this world,
The trees, the flowers, the bees and the birds.
So don't just stand by,
Reach out, be kind and caring
And make this world a place for sharing!

Junior School Sports held on 7th February 2015, was a spectacular event!



A drill with hoops by Nursery and Upper Nursery



An action song imitating animals by Pre Nursery

Junior School Annual Sport Day was held in the school grounds on the 7th of February this year. The Chief Guest of this event was Mr. Agnihotri an IPS officer, and the Guest of Honor was Mr. A Garodia. Mrs. P Nayar, the Junior School principal, warmly welcomed and introduced the guests. This was followed by the March Past, the flag hoisting by the school head boy Akash Majumdar. The school song was sung with great fervor. The chief guest addressed the gathering, most eloquently and declared the sports meet open. The youngest children of our school, from Pre Nursery took part in a drill display for the first time and this made the program unique! All in all there were 48 exciting events including a teachers' race, parents' race and a staff race. Each race was designed or planned to test a specific physical skill. This year the overall champion was Red House followed by Green House and then Yellow House. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Ms. P. Ray. The vote of thanks was given by the Head Boy Akash Majumdar. After the prize distribution, the school flag was lowered. Mrs. P Nayar, Mrs. N Chowdhary, Mrs. S Majumdar and all the teachers of the Primary and Junior Department worked very hard together to organize this event. The Middle and Senior School teachers were also present to make this event a grand success.

The primary department had a fun filled picnic at the Horticultural gardens in Kolkata - Alipore.

We got to see some of the flowers from the Flower show that were still in full bloom!!
The children were super excited about the bus journey and were in a great hurry to reach the picnic spot.
We played, ate and walked around the garden .



One Nation Reading was held on 27th February, 2015



"The Beauty of Nature is the Nature of Beauty"

Pre Nursery



With guest speaker Ms. Nundee on a nature walk.



Look! what we found in the garden



Making a nest with grass and twigs that we found in the garden

Fun activities with paints in Nursery.



Making lots of dots with our fingers



Spray painting with a toothbrush

Counting with beads



VIPs create magic in the Upper Nursery.



A father who heads a large Siwss NGO out of kolkata, with their work spreading from Sundarbans, to remote parts of Orissa and Hyderabad visited the Upper Nursery during the VIP week. The NGO covers many social issues such as malnutrition. He spoke about the role of the NGO that helps these children to regain their health. He showed a measuring band called MUAC (Middle Upper Arm Circumference) which is used to measure the circumference of a child's upper arm which indicates if the child is malnourished or not. He discussed the importance of eating healthy food and maintaining general hygiene. He demonstrated the correct way of washing hands to ensure that all the germs are removed. The children enjoyed learning this new technique and picked it up very well. The VIP's mother introduced herself as a Jewellery designer. She got her beautiful collection of jewellery made by her using semi precious stones. She spoke about the origin of these stones and process it has to through before it becomes an ornament. Every boy and girl was given a necklace or a bracelet to wear from her collection and this made them feel very excited. It was an educative and productive session by the VIP's parents.

An enthusiastic mother came to talk to the children about the value of **Caring**. She narrated a story about how two children take care of their sick mother with love and affection. The students of the class got the opportunity to enact the story as well. She further discussed what caring is, whom do we care for and how we can demonstrate this virtue in our daily lives. She prepared a craft activity for the children to do in class. They made a "Caring Tree" and wrote on it whom they care for, eg: parents, siblings, pets, friends etc.



A father who is a captain of a ship visited the class and shared the adventurous role of being on a Merchant Navy ship. He showed the children a wonderful powerpoint presentation on his laptop on how a ship is made, describing the different parts, the various features and the activities on a Merchant Navy ship. He mentioned there are many kinds of ships made to carry things like cargo, oil, food and cattle. He also spoke about the life boats and the rescue operations on a ship. The children were introduced to a host of new words like Deck, Crew, Bulk, Navigation, Radar, Propeller, Moor, Gangway etc. It was a very good learning experience for all of us. The VIP's mother then went on to do a craft activity with the children. She brought colourful socks and wool and taught the children how to make the most unusual puppet in a very simple and effective manner. They were thrilled with this activity and their sock puppets at the end of the day.

A creative mother of a VIP made a model of an African Safari. The boy was dressed as a forest ranger and took us on a journey in his toy Jeep. His mother discussed the famous five animals of the jungle. She took the children on an imaginary journey through the African jungle. As a follow up activity she had the children make pencil stands with different animal motifs using a string and a clay pot. The students had a great interactive session with her and enjoyed the safari.



Assembly on Gratitude

The children of Upper Nursery, enacted a story of a young girl who gets lost in the dark and is saved by the light of a candle. Now every year, when it's really dark she lights a little candle to express her gratitude. The importance of gratitude was discussed. The children learned to focus on the blessings that are sometimes taken for granted for example a warm home, a loving and caring family and compassionate friends.



The festival of colours **Holi**, was celebrated in the primary department on 26th February. The children recited short poems in English and Bengali. They danced to old hindi songs on Holi. The story of 'Holika' was narrated to them. The vibrant colours of the costumes and the happy faces of the children made it a memorable day!



Session on Good touch and Bad touch with the children of Upper Nursery



An interactive and informative session on "Good touch Bad touch" was conducted by the school counsellor Ms Debalina Chatterjee with the students of upper nursery (both sections). They were divided into 4 groups (8 in each group) so that each student can get a chance to interact freely with the counsellor. The Initial part of the session was an interactive discussion which focussed on identifying positive and negative emotions related to different situations. In sequence to this, the counsellor went on to explain the importance of physiological reactions and the role of the body in response to the environmental changes/emotional changes. The conclusion of this session was defining and differentiating good and bad touch, the concept of private body parts and how to take safety measures when confronted with dangerous situations. An animated movie was shown on this topic. An activity booklet on good touch bad touch was handed over to the children to colour and read.

Brothers are Super Heroes... They are smart, brave and strong!!
 Sisters are Princesses... They are special, loving and talented!!



Sibling day was celebrated in CIS on 20th February 2015. There were 27 participants in all. The older siblings who took part were from CIS itself, some were from the junior school, middle school and senior school. The baby siblings were accompanied by their parents. The children came in fancy dresses as various characters of their choice and all of them had to say a line about themselves and their sibling. It was a delightful event that was conducted in CIS for the first time. It was a such a pleasure to see the bonding ,love and affection between the brothers and sisters which is so invaluable. In the background a rainbow decorated the stage with values like **love**, **respect**, **forgiveness**, **generosity**, **sharing** and **trust** which are the essential ingredients of a brother sister relationship





Enjoying an outdoor activity as part of their Science lesson **Shadow**.

Class 1

String Art done by the students.



“Donating shoes for a cause”..... students donating shoes as part of the CAS programme in school in collaboration with Titus. For each pair of old shoes donated underprivileged children will get a new pair of shoes.

Learning by doing.....



The students of Class 1 enjoyed looking through the black cardboard box and learning that light helps them to see colours and objects. Darkness is the absence of light. They understood how the Earth rotates on its axis and how day and night is caused using the torch and the globe. Sharing their findings and discussing them facilitated better learning.

Class 2



Creating a real life shopping experience in class where children became both shopkeepers and customers. This fun filled activity involved skills of addition, billing techniques and the skill of handling money and returning the correct change.



Making masks depicting both the angry and happy moods on either side of the face. The children described their masks and feelings relating it to their personality. This was followed by a creative writing.



Feeling different materials in science to evaluate their properties.



Nature Walk

To be a part of nature while walking through school, looking at the different trees and plants that make our school feel like home. A look at the “vegetable garden” makes the walk more fruitful.

Students of Junior School enjoyed a demonstration by the New Age Jazz pianist Mr. Arka Chakraborty on 10th February 2015.



Junior School students and teachers participated in a Reading Together programme on 27th of February 2015.



Class 3

In the French class an activity called “**Live Comics**” was done. Here the children wrote their lines on a sheet of paper and made appropriate expressions while their partners stood across them and read the lines from a distance.



The students painted clay tablets in their art lessons. Mr Bagli helped them to make clay tablets with clay. They looked like the clay tablets of ancient Sumer. They created the motifs of their choice and painted them.

Class 4



Children collected information on famous French Personalities like Zebba, Albert Camus and presented this information through their charts.

The Bengali students prepared charts on Saraswati Puja and shared information on the Goddess of Knowledge through their presentations.

Class 4 working on Clay modeling.



A class competition was held in elocution in both classes 3 and 4. The winners were awarded certificates to facilitate them.

A reading programme conceptualized by The Reading Agency in collaboration with the Arts Council England and the BBC, and implemented in libraries and schools all over the world was held in December 2014 at the British Council Library in Kolkata. The children had to read at least six books and write reviews on them. They had to choose these books from a collection whose underlying theme was the **Mythical Maze** that led them to an unexplored world of weird and wonderful creatures from myths and legends.

The Reading Challenge prize distribution ceremony was held at the Book Fair in January 2015. Children received a certificate and a prestigious medal for successfully completing the programme and earning an A+ in the book reviews.

Students who were awarded with medals and certificates:



Shreya Ghosh
class 4B



Prangan Bhojak
and
Ruhani Dutta Gupta
class 2A



Vivhaan Kothari
class 4B



Vaibhav Saha
class 1B

The last day of school before the midterm break, the festival of **Holi** was celebrated through an assembly. Students of classes 1 to 4 celebrated with poems, songs and a beautiful play. The teachers also presented a festive song.

