



CIS HERALD

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April Events



Cambridge Primary Checkpoint

18th April 2018 to 20th April 2018

Progression Test - Classes 3 and 4

16th April 2018 to 27th April 2018



Earth Day Celebrations

Junior Department - 23rd April 2018

Primary Department - 24th April 2018



ABHIMANYU CHATTERJEE

New student - Class 4 B

And The Award Goes To...



We are proud to announce that 'Digital Learning' has adjudged CIS Junior School as one of the top schools of India in their 2017 ranking.

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM CIS



VISITORS FROM WALES

A three-member delegation of teachers from Wales, in association with British Council, Kolkata, visited CIS on 16th March, 2018. The objective of the visit was to learn and understand the integration of Arts with academic and non-academic subjects through innovative approaches inside and outside classrooms. The team comprised of three teachers - Gareth Morgan, Lisa Williams and Andrea Woods.

They were welcomed with a short introductory session, where they interacted with the Senior School Principal, Dr Munmun Nath, Junior School Principal, Mrs Pratima Nayar, Junior School Section Head, Mrs. Neelam Choudhary, Middle School Section Head, Mrs. Sharmila Mukherjee and ECA Coordinator Mrs. Chitra Roy.



The teachers of Junior Department interacted with the visitors and made a Powerpoint presentation on how art is integrated with various subjects in school. The delegates also shared their ideas of such integration in their schools. They walked through the corridors of Junior and Primary Departments, interacting with students and teachers and appreciating the board displays.



The visitors appreciated the time spent at CIS where a lot of exchange of ideas regarding the teaching-learning process took place.

They also showed an interest in conducting workshops at CIS on their next visit.

Overall it was an enriching experience.

'Ralph and Lauren visit Pre Nursery'

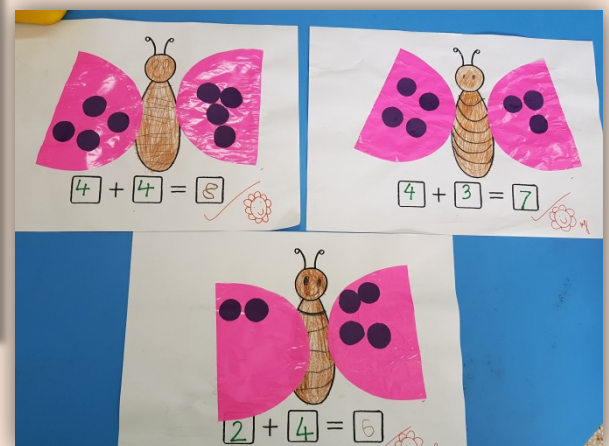
Ms. Bhambani's pet guinea pigs, Ralph and Lauren, visited the children of Pre Nursery as a part of their learning about 'Pet Animals'.

They were excited by the arrival of these unique visitors and fed them fresh grass.



Integrated Learning

Art and Craft was integrated with Math and English through fun activities in Nursery.



The budding speakers of Upper Nursery A and B participated in a Recitation Competition for the first time. The competition was a success and all the participants were given certificates by the judges, Mrs Nayar and Mrs Majumdar. They were pleased to hear the children recite with such confidence and poise.

WINNERS

Upper Nursery A

1st Position- Prerna Kanoi ,

2nd Position- Ariadna Eva Kol and Ishi Jhelum Biswas,

3rd Position - Samartha Bhardwaj and Rayan Karan Samtani

Upper Nursery B

1st Position: Viren Chakrabarti,

2nd Position: Rayansh Kundu, 3rd Position: Wamiq Mollah





'Popular games of Australia and India' ISA Project – Primary Department



The Primary Department had a Kho-Kho session on 23rd March, as a part of their ongoing ISA Project where the students were exposed to this traditional game.

A national level Kho-Kho player, Mr. Debasish Chakraborty shared his personal experiences and spoke to the students about the rules and skills required to play the game.

An exhibition match was played by the students of Grade 5 with Mr. Chakraborty as the referee. The students of the Primary Department were an enthusiastic audience and cheered for both the teams.

The game was played in a fair and friendly manner.

At the end of the match, the visitor interacted with the players.



Mr. Samad, the P.E. teacher, conducted an assembly by showing an audio-visual on the four games - Cricket, Football, Boomerang and Kho-Kho, that students have been learning about in their PE lessons. He then conducted a quiz on different aspects of the four games. The students were awarded a chocolate for every correct answer.



The ISA project of the Primary Department- 'Traditional and Modern games of Australia and India' culminated with an exhibition on Thursday, 29th March 2018.

A wonderful display was put up in the school atrium, comprising of student's art work, drawings, informative charts and equipment required to play the games that highlighted their understanding of the project.

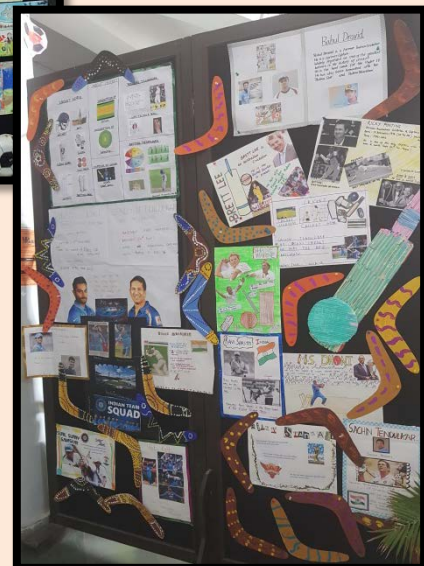
The project enabled the students to learn the skills of the games, inculcate values of cooperation and honesty and respect differences in the culture of the two countries.



Mrs. Nayar kick starts the event together with an enthusiastic audience.



The Innovative Board Displays



VERNACULAR ELOCUTION COMPETITION

The competition of the Junior Department of CIS was held on 16th March 2018, in the AVR.

It took place class wise and the selected students recited eloquently in their respective vernacular language. The judges were highly impressed and appreciated their performance.

Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Choudhary encouraged the students to appreciate and take pride in speaking and learning the regional language, as well as their mother tongue. Every participant was acknowledged with a certificate of participation.



Class I



HINDI - Judges

Mrs. S. Ahuja, Ms. K. Marwah

WINNERS

Class I

1st Khyaati Kothari,

2nd Krishiv Poddar,

3rd Varish Mohta

Class II

1st Manasvi Sharma,

2nd Dhruvanshi Ray,

3rd Myrah Ali



Class II



Class III



Class IV



Class V

Hindi Judges – Mrs. A. Agrawal, Ms. A. Tewari

WINNERS

Class III: **1st** - Meeheeka Mukherjee, **2nd** – Aanya Sinha, **3rd** - Trisha Dasgupta

Class IV: **1st** - Deepro Roy, **2nd** - Sampreeta Maheswari, **3rd** - Aadya Shakti Aggarwal

Class V: **1st** - Alizah Ali, **2nd** - Saamya Sinha, **3rd** - Prangan Bhojak



Class I



Class II

Bengali - Judges

Mrs. M. Roy,
Mrs. S. Majumdar

WINNERS

Class I

1st Natarsha Roy,
2nd Reyna Bhawal,
3rd Srijato Das

Class II

1st Srijan Saha,
2nd Rajanya Deb,
3rd Oripa A. Lasue and
Dibyesh Sanyal



Class 3



Class 4

Bengali Judges

– Mrs. P. Ray,

Mrs. P.

Roychoudhury



Class 5

Class V: 1st - Evangeli Saha and Sreeja Sarkar,
2nd - Mihiri Basu Mahagama, 3rd - Ruhi Chitra

WINNERS

Class III

1st Archisha Banerjee,
2nd Anoushka. S.
Ganguli and
Kaavin Raja

Class IV

1st Rohit Dey,
2nd Sayantani Halder,
3rd Rwitoban Biswas



As a part of international study, the students of Grade 3 learnt about the attributes of a global citizen. They created posters to depict this in their Value Education lessons. These colourful illustrations were exhibited on the display board along with their handprints and flags of different nations.



ARE YOU A GLOBAL CITIZEN?

To be a global citizen you must...

1. Understand we were born of this world.
2. Protect our country, the world, when called upon to do so.
3. Stand up and defend against the injustices we see.
4. Understand the interconnectedness.
5. Respect and value diversity.
6. Take action in meaningful ways

– Adapted TeachUnicef.org





As a part of the International School Awards undertaken by CIS this year, the students of Class 1 have worked on a project titled 'All Around the World', based on a book written by Liz Holliday.

Through the stories in the book, the students were introduced to some famous cities around the world. They learnt and gathered information about four of them: Kolkata, London, Paris and New York. They did a comparative study of the places of interest, the rivers that flow through the cities, the languages spoken and the food habits of the people of these cities.



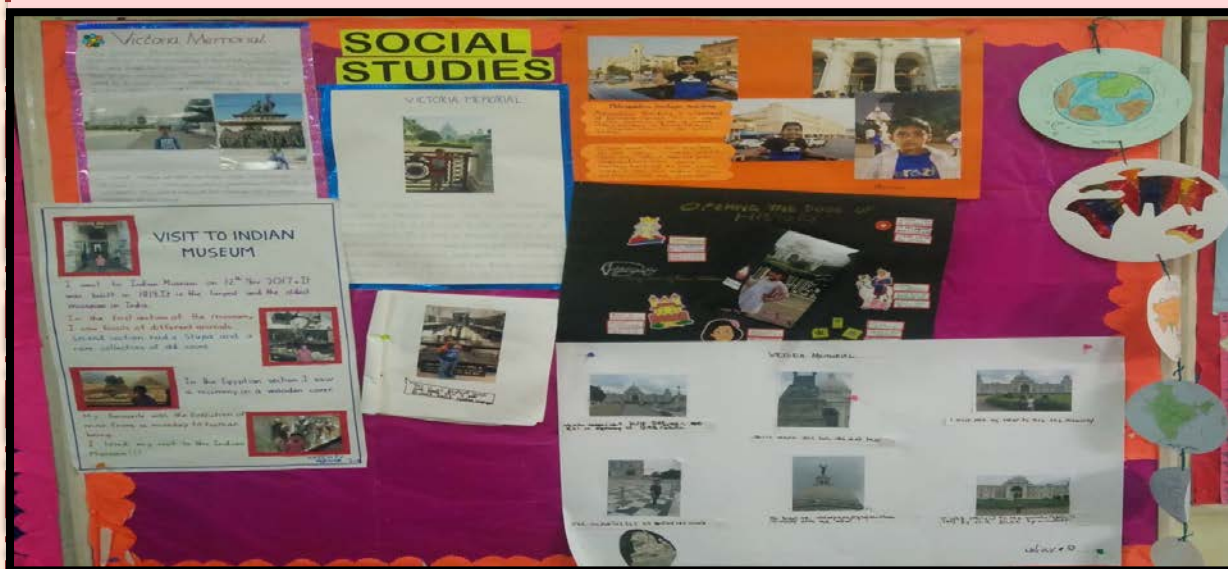
The book followed for this project

The Board Displays



The children have also worked on a project in which they visited different places of interest in their City of Joy (Kolkata) and made charts on the same. As a part of their class trip, they were taken to Victoria Memorial to show the British influence in our city. Later, they made a presentation on their trip during their class assembly, held on 21.3.18.

The children's performance in the EYP this academic session was again based on different countries of the world.



Poems written about Queen Victoria after the visit to Victoria Memorial



Class Assembly

Queen Victoria
Queen Victoria was a pretty queen.
she never was mean.
She has a huge garden.
When you enter Victoria Memorial
You can say pardon.
Victoria Memorial has lots of stones.
They are the colour of our white white bones.
Queen Victoria did not rule over queens.
Do you think she ever ate beans
Victoria Memorial was made
When Queen Victoria died.
Don't you ever think she lied.
Don't forget her.
I wish she lived forever.

Natarsha Roy

Queen Victoria
Victoria was a beautiful queen.
She planned to rule Kolkata with her soldiers.
Now everything is past.
Queen Victoria is a statue now.

Vaneesha Ved Dhote 1B

FANTASTIC FOOD FEST

The project concluded with the grand finale – “The International Food Festival”, held in their class room on 23rd March, 2018. Students sampled different global cuisines. Teachers and students from the other classes were also welcomed to taste the delicious spread.

Mrs. S. Sarkhel, French teacher of Junior School was the special guest who introduced France, the language and French songs through her very captivating power point presentation. This was followed by a French song sung by Mrs Sarkhel in her melodious voice.



Mrs Nayar and Mrs Choudhary encouraged the students by their presence and appreciated the effort that they have put in the project. However, this event would not have been possible without the support of the parents whose wholehearted cooperation made this project a grand success.



TEACHER WORKSHOP



Mrs. Farishta D. Mukerji, the school counsellor, conducted a workshop on **“Corporal Punishment: Teacher Protection”** on 16th March, 2018 at CIS.

It was attended by the teachers of the Junior School.

The aim of the workshop was to make the teachers aware about the legal provisions within the school setting, as stated in the RTE 2009.

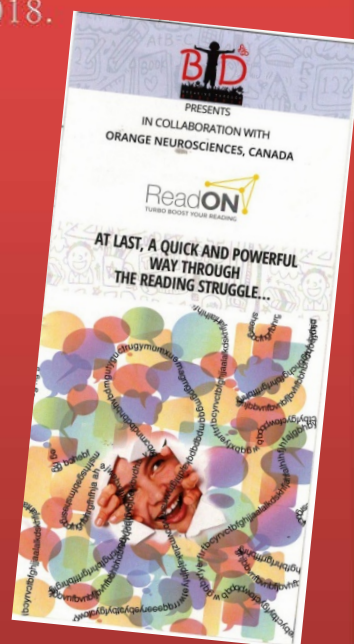
The RTE 2009 lays down certain dos and don'ts concerning punishment/ negative reinforcement for children in schools. The teachers were made aware of what they are allowed to do within this framework.



Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Choudhary, Mrs. Majumdar and Mrs. Dastur Mukerjee were invited by BTD to attend a conversation on dyslexia on Tuesday, 20th March 2018.

BTD is an organization that provides a scientific understanding of students with specific learning or language difficulty with the objective to facilitate remedial assistance. As part of this endeavour, they have collaborated with Orange Neurosciences, Canada to launch a reading programme ReadON for children struggling with reading. Dr. Vinay Singh of Orange Neurosciences conducted an interactive session with the educators from the schools of Kolkata and gave an insight into the fifteen week programme.

It is an easy and enjoyable programme that aims to improve the reading fluency of the students thereby building their self-esteem and confidence.



From the desk of the ECA Coordinator



Table Tennis at CIS

The Inter House Table Tennis Tournament for the boys of classes 3-5 was held between 12th March to 15th March, 2018.

Red House, represented by Ahan Law and Aryan Poddar of Grade 5, emerged as the winner. The Runners up position went to Green House, represented by Neelabh Gangopadhyay and Rajyavardhan Inan Todi of the same class.

Session End ECA Robotics Display

Robotics display 'SPARK' by grades 3, 4 and 5 was successfully held at CIS campus on 13th and 16th March, 2018, under the able guidance of coach Niyati Bansal and team Kidotronics.

It was a brilliant display of robots which clearly showcased a perfect blend of creativity, engineering and science.





After the wonderful display,
ECA Robotics students (2017-18)
were awarded Certificates of Appreciation.

Friendly Football Match

CIS believes in channelizing the power of women in every walk of life. In this context, a friendly football match was organized on 10th March, 2018 at CIS campus, under the able guidance of coach Yan Cheng Law. ECA Football students (girls) of Grades 1 and 2 formed teams and played with each other. Members of the Junior Football Girls Team from Grades 3 -5 played against the NGO team, Premier Soccer School. CIS Junior Football Girls team won two matches out of three. We wish the footballers all the best and look forward to many more such tournaments in the future.



NGO Team from
Premier Soccer School

CIS Junior Football
Girls Team with
Grades 1 and 2 (Girls)





The ECA session end Lawn Tennis Tournament was successfully conducted on 19th, 20th and 22nd March, 2018 at CIS.

Beginners and intermediate players participated in the Red Court tournament and advanced players participated in the Green Court Tournament.

Aryan Tibrewal from 3A secured the second position while Riyan Roy from the same class secured the third position in Red Court.

The entire tournament was monitored by coach and referee Mr. Shabaz and Mr. Emran of “Enrico Piperno Tennis Centre”, who have ably guided the students throughout the entire ECA session 2017-18.

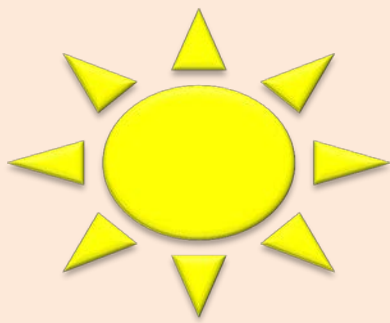


Parents, first and foremost, it is important to... understand and recognise the activities your child is naturally gravitating towards.

It's important also to ensure that your child likes what he or she is doing. I believe in exposing children to as many hobbies and extracurricular activities as possible.

- Viswanathan Anand -

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**Get Stronger
Each Day!**



- Wear cotton clothes.
- Do not use a lot of body powder or deodorants.
- Avoid junk food. Eat light home cooked food.
- Take a bath every day.
- Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.
- Avoid being in the sun for a long time.

*'You can find magic wherever you look.
Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.'*

Dr. Seuss



Good Reads

(recommended for ages 8 to 10)

by Mrs. Preeti Roychoudhury, HOD, English

Title	Writer
Matilda	Roald Dahl
A Voyage of Discovery 1: From the Land of the Amazons to the Indigo Isles	Francois Place
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
Pippi Longstocking	Astrid Lindgren
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down	Jeff Kinney
The Merry Adventures of Harshabardhan and Gobardhan	Shibram Chakraborty translated by Arunav Sinha
Spinning Yarns: The Best Children's Stories From India	Deepa Agarwal

Are You an April Fool?

The first day in April is the day most commonly called "April Fool's Day". Practical jokes, silliness, and foolishness are a big part of the day. Nobody is exactly sure where the tradition started, though many people think it can be traced back to a change in the calendar in 16th century France.

When King Charles IX introduced the Gregorian calendar in 1582, it changed the first day of the new year to January first. Before that, it was celebrated during the week of March 25 - April 1. Those that refused to acknowledge the change continued to celebrate on April first and were considered "fools" for not changing. It became commonplace to play jokes on these people.

Now, people all over the world use April Fool's Day as an excuse to play practical jokes on friends. These are not mean-spirited tricks, just silly jokes. Many newspapers, radio personalities, television shows, and Internet web sites participate in the celebration.

One of the most famous April Fool's Day hoaxes was carried out in 1957. The BBC television news show, Panorama, announced that Swiss farmers had grown a wonderful "spaghetti crop" and showed a video of them picking spaghetti from trees! In 1998, Burger King advertised its new Left-Handed Whopper on April Fool's Day, saying that all of the condiments were placed especially for the left-handed eater. Both of these practical jokes fooled tons of people!



Ms. Archana Tewari, Mrs. Neelam Choudhary, Mrs. Sukanya Singhal,

Mrs. Sushmita Ray and Mrs. Tanbir Datta