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SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES



The children of Pre-Nursery performed during their special assembly on 5th of April. They sang joyful songs ushering the Spring season. Pre Nursery A put up two delightful plays titled '*Jack and the Bean Stalk*' and '*Chicken Licken*'.

Pre Nursery B presented the old time favourite-'*The enormous Turnip*'. The narration was done by Vairaj Jhunjhunwala, who stole the show. Everyone was dressed wonderfully for their roles and were super confident.



Visitors from different Walks of Life

Pre Nursery had professionals visiting them to learn about the work that they do.

Mr. & Mrs. Sengupta involved the children in role play and explained how actors entertain audience through their 'pretend play'.



Mrs. Singh, who is a baker went out of her way to share her baking secrets and initiated everyone to decorate little cupcakes.



Mrs. Law spoke about the work of an architect and showed interesting slides of some exclusive buildings. She helped the children design a house of their choice with different shapes of paper.



Mr. & Mrs. Jhunjhunwala who work in a Foundry, provided each one of us with hard hats and explained how metal is melted and used to construct useful things like a Wok.



Dr Chakraborty who is a Physician made the children hear his heart beat through the stethoscope. It was a good learning experience for all of us.

Thank you parents for your valuable time.

On 21st April, Mrs. Chopra (Arisht's mother), a parent of Nursery A visited the class to share her trekking experience to the Everest base camp with the children. It was an interactive session; Mrs. Chopra explained the equipments required for trekking as well the training she had to take to prepare for the trek. Children were enthralled and actively participated in the discussion. Mrs. Chopra also spoke about effects of global warming on the environment and the importance of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.



“Little Master Chefs” of Upper Nursery B, using fruits to make a healthy dessert.



Both the classes of Upper Nursery had their **Math Quiz** this month. All the children participated very well and each one had a role to play in the quiz. Some of the questions were really challenging and but the children handled them very well. They were alert and quick to in their responses. It was an enjoyable session for all of us. Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Majumdar were our special guests during this event. Here are the winning teams:



Upper Nursery B - Srijato Das, Patrick A.Ellison, Anvi Surana and Advay Bagla.



Upper Nursery A – since there was a tie, there was two winning teams.
Team A – Anvi Nathany, Yugveer Agarwal, Avyan Sharma and Khushagra Mohta.
Team B – Tanay Rampuria, Vivaan Siotia, Aryashi Saraogi and Syona Ghosh.

The children of class 3A and 3B put up a value based assembly on the 7th April 2017. It was our first attempt to showcase what we have been learning in our Value Education classes with Ms. Khanna. The children of both sections prepared their own script for two brilliant plays. One was on **Honesty** called "In the mind of the student" and the other one was on **Responsibility** called "A change for the Better". The narrators and actors smoothly carried forward the play and gave the message loud and clear on how to be Honest, trustworthy and clear in our hearts. They also emphasised the need to take on responsibility for themselves their belongings and maintaining cleanliness in schools and public areas like parks. This was followed by a Power point presentation prepared once again by the children on both these values. We had three budding musicians who provided back ground music for the play.

Well done children!! Keep up the wonderful things you do!!





"A SIMPLE ACT OF KINDNESS"

Class 4 has been learning about Generosity in their value education class. I was so pleased to note that many of the children have come across to be very considerate and thoughtful by nature. In the process of discussing ways in which we can show kindness to others so we came up the Generosity Drive initiated by Mrs Nayar. The children made handmade note books to be donated to less fortunate children going to school. They also donated pencils, crayons, colouring books, story books, diaries and soft toys. We hope many more children get inspired by this act and continue to be generous with each other and especially towards the needy.



OPEN AIR THEATRE

The students of class 4 experienced Open Air Theatre, as a part of their class activity. The outdoor acted as their natural set. A boundary was created and according to that space, they were set free to enact and express their thoughts.

The idea was to unlock their potential and come out with forms of self expression. Mr. Kaushik Bose guided and supported the students in their acts.





Pre Nursery painted an Earth Day logo on t-shirts.



The children of Nursery A "Reused and Recycled" materials to make interesting handwork. They reused a plastic bottle to make a bird feeder. Old t-shirts were recycled to make pillows, cushions and bags.



UPPER NURSERY B

Getting to know more about Mother Earth.



On the 21st of April, a special assembly was dedicated towards the celebration of "Earth Day" in the AVR. The children of classes 1 and 2 exhibited through drama, music, poetry and art how the Earth can be a greener and cleaner planet to live in.



Class 1 A used shadow puppets to give out the message - Trees are indispensable to animals and birds.



Class 1 B portrayed through a play, the woes of a park which was being littered. Children realized this and took up the duty of cleaning the park. The message was to keep the environment clean.



Class 2 A conveyed through a play, the message, that when humans cut forests for constructions, animals are forced to escape to cities. The lesson learnt was that human beings must not encroach into the jungles, the natural habitat of birds and animals.

Class 2 B put up a placard play, 'Man and Machine.' They showed how man uses machines irresponsibly and wastes resources and energy indiscriminately. The whole programme was conceptualized by Mr. Kaushik Bose, the Drama teacher.

The pupils of class 4, took a solemn pledge in words and in writing while celebrating Earth Day on 22nd of April, 2017. They pledged to protect animals and trees, to save water, paper, electricity and to save the Earth from further environmental destruction. They demonstrated their concern through powerful messages written in the English lesson, and paintings made in the Art class. These were put up for all to see on the display board outside the class.



Inter House Table Tennis Tournament

An Inter House Table Tennis Tournament for boys of classes 4 and 5 was held on the 6th of April, 2017. Dhiman Narayan (5 A) and Yashvardhan Agarwal (5 A) were the champions from the Red House. Devesh Khaitan (5 A) and Tejas Bhardwaj (5 A) were the 1st runners up from the Green House. Kushagra Kanoi (5 B) and Advik Harlalka (5 B) were the 2nd runners up from the Yellow House.

On the 10th of April 2017, the same tournament was held for the girls of classes 4 and 5. Rahini Kothari (5 B) and Praha Chakraborty (5 B) were the champions representing the Yellow House. Followed by Jeeya Garg (5 A) and Evanjali Saha (4 A) who were the 1st runners up from the Green House. The 2nd runners up were Tritee Basu (5 A) and Shriyadita Sengupta (5 A) representing the Red House.

A big heartiest congratulations to all the winners. Keep it up.

GRADUATION DAY!

The Graduation Day of Upper Nursery was celebrated on April, 28th, 2017 in the school AVR. It is the most prestigious ceremony in the Primary Section, a momentous occasion in the lives of all the children, parents and the teachers and yet again builds another memory in our hearts to cherish.

The children in their formal black and white outfits and graduation hats look so confident; ready to take the big step to Class 1. They took a pledge of Love and Kindness with a vow to be Kind, Courteous and Respectful towards every individual. All eager parents and even grandparents were present there to congratulate the new graduates as they received their certificates from Mrs Nayar and all the teachers who have taught them in the Upper Nursery.

The children of Upper Nursery A entertained their parents to the song "Que Sera Sera." The song "Life is a Rainbow" was performed by the children of Upper Nursery B.

Parent speakers who spoke on behalf of the parent body expressed their heartfelt appreciation towards the management, teachers and staff for their dedication and contribution for laying the foundation for the Primary years of their children.

To add to the celebration the teachers presented two songs. The children were amused.

The ceremony ended with a power point presentation of Glimpses of the year gone by, followed by refreshments for the parents and children.

By Mrs Sharmila Majumdar (Primary Section Head)





Ms Reema Pawa



Ms Farah Farooque





Pottery Workshop A Reflection

A Pottery Workshop was held on the 2nd of May in the school premises. Mrs. Kanoi, a creative and involved parent had come to our school with a potter's wheel. She showed us how to create bowls, jars, ring holders, pencil holders, candle stands etc. She made us do the work with the help of the following steps:

1. First we washed our hands.
2. Then we put the clay on the wheel.
3. Next the electric wheel was switched on and we started shaping the clay.
4. Gradually we carved out the pots.
5. After that we painted the pots in colourful hues and the decoration was completed.
6. The finishing task was drying the products for a day or two.



Aadya Almal 3 A
Brishti Roy 3 B



Math Festival

On the 5th of May, the Junior Section of Calcutta International School celebrated the 'Math Festival' in the school premises. It was one of its kind, CIS being the pioneer. The aim was to showcase how Math can be integrated with other subjects in the curriculum. A variety of charts, models, puzzles, presentations, games and a maze was made. These were displayed in the different classrooms as well as in the school atrium. Children took turns in visiting various venues and enjoying and enjoyed the sheer fun and thrill involved in learning Maths.





Rabindra Jayanti Celebration

The Junior Section of Calcutta International School gathered in the Music Room to pay tribute to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on 9th May 2017 at 8.30 a.m. The assembly was teacher driven. Mrs. Tania M Roy and Mrs. Tanbir Datta took us through the various aspects of Tagore's life – family, education, early writings, travels, his western associations and so on with the help of a very colourful and animated PPT. In between our teachers – Mrs. Sushmita Ray, Mrs. Sukanya Singhal, Mrs. Subhashree Sarkhel sang beautiful songs of Tagore in their mellifluous voices along with Mrs. Rwitaja Bannerjee Das who displayed her wonderful dancing skills. Teachers like Ms. Sarbani Ganguli, Mrs. Mousumi Guha, Mrs. Gargee Mukherjee, Mrs. Urmita Das and Mrs. Antara Banerjee put up a hilarious play based on Tagore's story 'Ichhapuran'. It was directed by Mrs. Sukanya Singhal who was also one of the narrators of the play alongside Mrs. Sushmita Ray. It was overall an informative yet entertaining morning where we learnt a lot of amazing facts about Tagore, enjoyed lovely songs and ended up in splits while watching the play.



A follow up by Students

There were a few follow up activities after the programme wherein the children of classes 1 and 2 sequenced the play with illustrations. Class 3 illustrated Tagore's educational ideas. Classes 4 and 5 wrote about their thoughts about Tagore's view on education, nationalism and as a world citizen.



On 10th May 2017, the Primary Department celebrated Rabindranath Tagore's 156th Birth Anniversary. The children participated enthusiastically through dances, songs and poem. This assembly was beautifully conducted by Mrs. Urmita Das.



TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

Phonics and Spelling become Fun and Easy through Jolly Phonics

Primary Department teachers along with Mrs. S Singhal and Mrs. S Ray from the Junior Department attended the Jolly Phonics workshop in school on Saturday, 6th May 2017. This brilliant day long workshop was conducted by Ms. Shainaz Jussa, Director, Phonickids and Facilitator of Jolly Phonics. A technique taught to the children in gradual progression helps them blend sounds together to say ('synthesize') a word. They also learn how to use the letter sounds to read and write words. Through this method, a wide range of spelling concepts and patterns are taught, enabling children to extend their knowledge in order to spell words accurately.



SUPERBRAIN YOGA



We had a wonderful session of 'Superbrain Yoga', conducted by a parent Mr. N Bihani, father of Hredaan Bihani of Upper Nursery B. This session was attended by all the children and teachers of Nursery and Upper Nursery on 3rd May 2017. He introduced the children to this unique kind of yoga, which if done regularly helps to increase one's memory, alertness and capacity to work. Our Heartfelt thanks to Mr. Bihani for conducting such a valuable session with us.

Junior School Prize Day Term 2

The Junior School Prize Day Ceremony was conducted on the 11th of May. It is a day when prizes are awarded to students who have produced a very high standard of work, good conduct and full attendance in school during the academic year. Mrs. Nayar our Junior School Principal, along with Mrs. Choudhary, our Section Head and the respective Class Teachers of 1 - 4 gave away the certificates. A big congratulation and well done to all the achievers. We look forward to your even better performance in the next session.

Graduation Day. Class 5, Batch of 2016-17



The Graduation Day Ceremony, the last calendar event of the academic year, was held on the 12th of May. The students of class 5, batch of 2016-17 were solemnized as young graduates of the Junior Section moving on to the Middle School. The ceremony was attended by all the parents of the graduating students. The school choir and the students of the out going batch sang melodiously. The teachers also presented a song wishing the students all the best for their future. It was a memorable day for the young graduates.



Mrs. P Nayar our Junior School Principal awarded the Outstanding Students Trophy to Dhiman Narayan. The parent speakers shared their valuable thoughts on behalf of the parent body and mentioned how happy they are with CIS and the way the school has nurtured their children all through the primary and junior years



Mr. Chiranjivi Sahoo



Mr. Mohit Kampani



Another successful academic year comes to an end. We thank all of you for your support and cooperation. We look forward to another fruitful year. Happy Holidays!

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