



CIS Herald

November

December



December Events

Volume 6

15th December 2017- Junior School Sports

18th December 2017- Distribution of report cards

20th December 2017- Last day to hand over report cards to the class teacher

21st December 2017- Last working day for students

22nd December 2017- Last working day for teachers

23rd December 2017- Winter vacation begins.



Prestigious Award



We are happy to inform that CIS has been awarded the first position among the International Day Schools in West Bengal and Kolkata by Education World – India School Rankings 2017-18.

**“To exist is to change, to change is to mature,
to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly...”**

- Henri Bergson

Change is inevitable. This universal truth was the inspiration behind this year's Junior School End of the Year Production, **Melange**. It was staged on 21st November, 2017 at the Vidya Mandir Auditorium. An impressive and spectacular show of dance, drama and music, **Melange**, was a remarkable success. George Bernard Shaw once had said “Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.” The essence of this thought was reflected in “**Melange**”, where the spirit to explore new roles and ideas surged onto the stage from the students of Pre Nursery to Grade 5.

A special effort was made towards integrating dance, drama and music with academics. What we witnessed was the culmination of the hard work, determination, effective planning and meticulous execution between teachers and students.

In a fast changing world CIS is a school known for its learner centric, individualized and holistic education which enables our students to remain grounded and be able to lead themselves and others without being swept away in a sea of change.







Upper Nursery



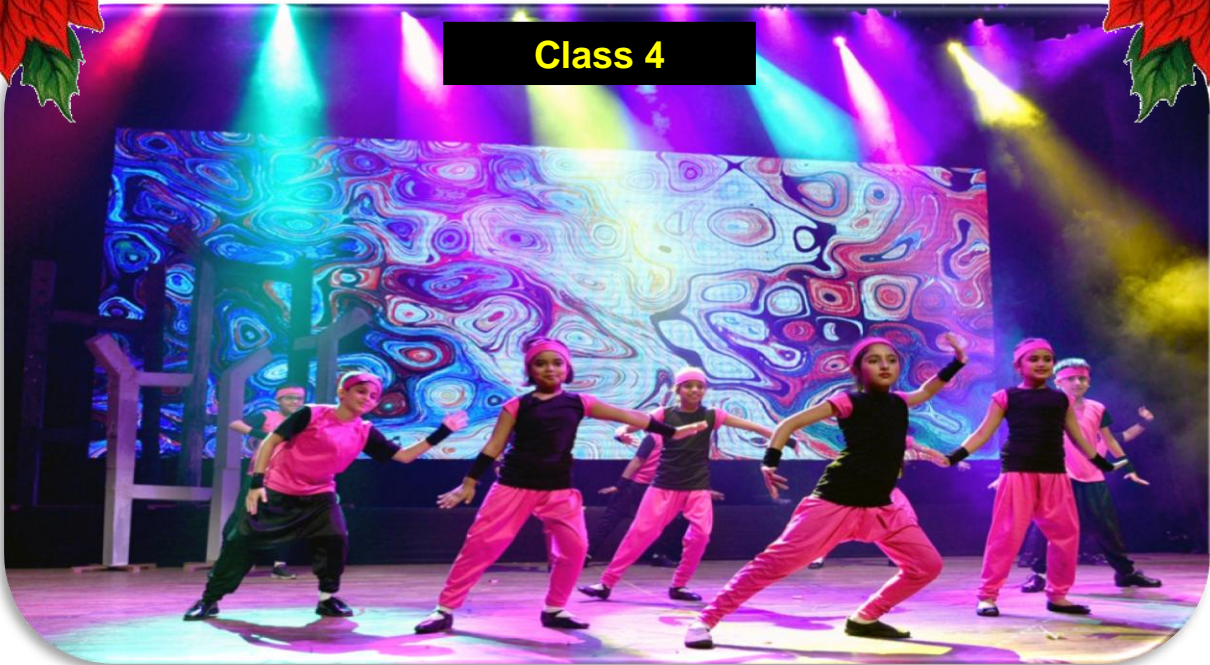
Class 1

Class 2





Class 3



Class 4



Class 5

BACKSTAGE





“Appreciation can make a day, even change a life.”

Margaret Cousins



A big thank you to the parents of Class 3 for showing their appreciation for this year's Junior School End of the Year Production.



Children's Day

In accordance with the tradition of CIS, Children's Day was celebrated on the 14th of November in the school campus amidst a lot of gusto and fervour. As the children entered school on this special day, they were pleasantly surprised. The atrium and the classrooms were decorated with red and white balloons. The everyday classrooms became magical with warm messages from the teachers.

Children gathered in the IGR for a special surprise. Ms Kashmiri Marwah, initiated the programme by stating that Children's Day is celebrated nationwide on the 14th of November every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of independent India's first Prime Minister - Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. He was known for his sincere love for children and his desire to secure a safe and happy childhood for each child, along with the right to education.

Junior Principal Mrs Pratima Nayar then welcomed the pupils. She said that school years are the most significant for each child and that it is important for every child to be healthy, alert and active. Mrs Neelam Choudhary addressed the pupils and expressed her love for them. All the teachers of the Junior School chorused their greetings. The surprise was finally revealed, much to the thrill of the children who had been waiting expectantly.

A puppet show was organized for the children of the Primary and the Junior Section. It was put up by "Dolls Theatre Group" and carried meaningful messages for them. Each child was also delighted to receive a goodie box. During the rest of the day, children engaged themselves with indoor games and were also shown movies in their respective classes. As the day came to an end, children went back home with a smile on their face and jubilation in their heart.





One Nation Reading Programme

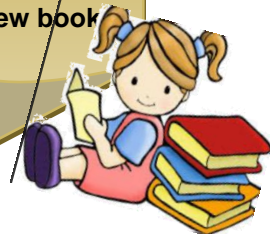
"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax; all you need is a book."

-Dr Seuss

Keeping this thought in mind, the One Nation Reading Together Programme was organized at CIS on 24th November, 2017. It was conducted by our Librarian, Ms. Sarah Louis Iyer in the Music Room. Children from Classes 1 to 5 along with the teachers got engrossed in silent reading for "...reading is dreaming with open eyes".

The little ones of the Primary Section enjoyed the stories which were read aloud to them and heartily participated in the group reading session. The objective of the session was to reiterate the message- "Reading can open a whole new world."

At CIS, a regular reading practice is encouraged by all teachers. This programme gave us the scope to highlight the importance of reading in a child's life. In this context, we are happy to inform that the CIS Library along with the class libraries of the Junior School have been replenished with new books to encourage the young readers to continue dwelling in the world of reading.





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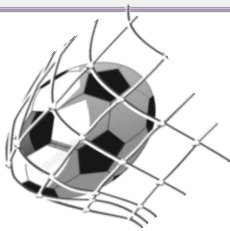
From the ECA Coordinator's Desk



Taekwondo



It has been a great start for our Taekwondo enthusiasts. The new students of Grades 1 and 2 are preparing for their Yellow Belt. For this they are learning the following skills – Stance, Blocks and Punch and Kicking. The other students of Classes 2 and 3 are learning Speed Training to develop all Basic Kicks. They are preparing for their Green Belt and so they are learning Poomasae 3 Jang, Back Kick and Turning Kick. Classes 4 and 5 are ready for Red Belt Training and hence are learning Jumping Kick, Poomasae 5&6 and Advance Kick.



Football Fever



To continue with the FIFA fervour, CIS organised a premier Football Fest from 30th October to 3rd November 2017, on the school campus. The Fest was declared open by the Chief Guest, Mr Thean Law, an eminent Footballer and Coach. The welcome address was delivered by Junior School Principal, Mrs Pratima Nayar, in which she spoke about sportsmanship skills and team spirit.

The Junior Boys Football Team played against La Martiniere for Boys School and the NGO sponsored teams - Premier Soccer School and Denzy's Rovers. The Junior Boys Football Championship trophy was won by Premier Soccer School and the Runners Up trophy went to La Martiniere for Boys School. Veer Nadir Babaycon of CIS was awarded the "Best Player of the Junior Boys Football Tournament".

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As a part of the Football Fest, a friendly football match was organised between the ECA football students of Grades 1 and 2 on 2nd November 2017, during their ECA session. The little footballers displayed wonderful teamwork with high level of enthusiasm. Soon after, their parents also engaged themselves in a friendly football match.





A friendly football match was organised between the ECA football students and parents of Grades 1 and 2 on 2nd November 2017, during their ECA session.



A Session on Mental Wellbeing



An interactive session on 'Mental Well Being' was held on 9th November, 2017 at CIS. It was attended by the students and teachers of Classes 4 and 5. A talk was delivered by Counsellor, Mrs. Farista Dastoor Mukherjee, emphasising on the importance of sharing our inner thoughts with people whom we are comfortable with. This helps to ease out our worries and makes us feel better. Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Choudhary were also present and urged students to approach their teachers to discuss their worries and concerns. In CIS, we believe in nurturing healthy minds and healthy bodies.

From the Counsellor's Desk

A two day group session on "Bullying" was conducted with the students of Grade 5A in the month of November. The session started with a power point presentation about "Bullying and Its Types". The focus was on identifying the list of behaviours that can or cannot be termed as "Bullying". This was followed by an open forum discussion, in which anonymity was maintained. The reporting done by the students was addressed and suggestions were offered in order to resolve issues related to "Bullying". Towards the end of the session, Mrs. (Mitra) Chatterjee focussed on the components and importance of taking into account the perspectives of one another.



VISITORS



Ishi's mother, Mrs Jelum Biswas came to the Upper Nursery to narrate some motivational stories to the children. Ishi, being the VIP of the week had selected her favourite books to be read in class by her mother. She had the children totally engrossed while she read these stories in the most interesting manner. These inspirational stories were about kindness, friendship, courage and fulfilling your dreams. They enjoyed the story telling session immensely.





Symposium on Human Values Education: Why and How?

On 11th November 2017, Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Mrs. Neelam Choudhary, Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar, Ms. Lakshmi Khanna, Mrs. Sushmita Ray, Mrs. Sujata Ahuja, Mr. Sudipta Bardhan and Mrs. Tanbir Datta attended a symposium on Human Values Education at the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta.

The Coordinators of the Symposium were Prof. C Panduranga Bhatta and Prof. Ranjan K. Mitter. Besides the Coordinators, Ms. Alokanda Roy, renowned social activist, Mr. Gautam Mohan Chakrabarty, Kolkata Police Commissioner (Retd.) Prof. Saibal Chattopadhyay, Director IIMC, Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, Dean Academic, IIMC, Prof. Shekhar Chaudhuri, Director, Calcutta Business School, Mr. Gautama, Director-Secretary of the Palar Centre for Learning (PCFL-KFI) had been invited to share their experiences in the symposium. Honourable Sri Harsh Vardhan Sringla, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh was also present to deliver the inaugural address.

The symposium focussed on “**Human Values Education: Why and How?**” in schools and its relevance. It was a fruitful experience as it made an earnest attempt towards framing a Human Values Education Syllabus and methods of teaching it. The seminar established that we educators have to make a persistent effort to practise human values as we are the role models for the children. Values can’t be injected or dictated, they can only be handed down. The symposium was an inspiration to continue to implement values in our everyday teaching, integrating it across the curriculum. In the near future, we, at CIS, have planned to implement portions of what we discussed in the symposium into our school context along with our regular Value Education classes.



TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

"Journey Back to School"

Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Mrs. Neelam Choudhary and Mrs. Chitra Roy attended a workshop organized by Edu Excellence from 22nd – 25th November, 2017. It involved visits to the best boarding schools of India – The Doon School, The Welham Boys in Dehradun along with Woodstock School in Mussourie. The three-day visit to the schools, attempted to make the teachers understand what makes them a brand, their history and culture, their curriculum and pedagogy. It also gave an insight into their teacher development processes and best practices. The team of teachers who visited the schools look forward to incorporate some of the best practices gathered at the workshop that can be applied to our school system.

**Interesting interaction
with Mrs. Susan Long,
Head of Learning
Support Woodstock
School**



**With Amy Seefeldt, Director of
Centre of Imagination Woodstock School**



**With students of
Welham Boys and
their teacher**

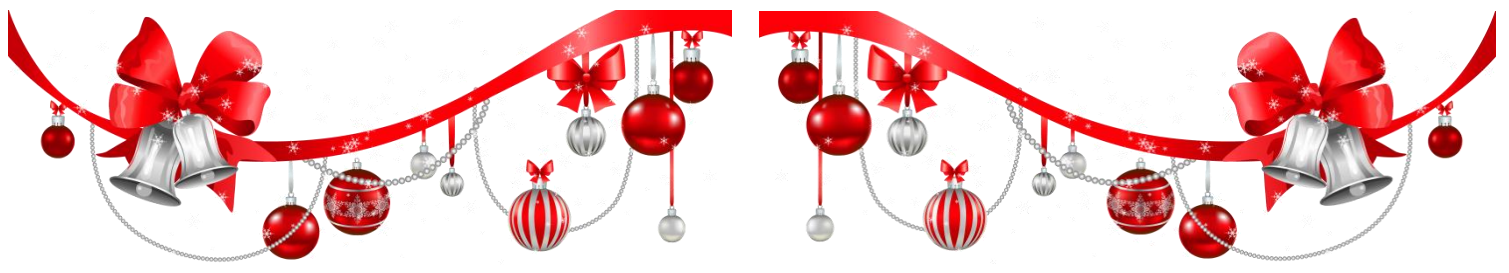


**With Headmaster of Doon
School, Mr Matthew
Raggett**



**It was a pleasure to meet
Yashmit Sutodia an ex
student of CIS currently
doing the IB Diploma at Doon
School.**





Interclass Table Tennis Tournament for Girls



The Interclass Table Tennis Tournament for Girls was held at CIS from 30th to 7th November 2017, between Classes 4 and 5. Evangeli Saha of 5A emerged as the Winner of the tournament, followed by Aurna Banerjee Chowdhury of 4B, who secured the Runners Up position.

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*We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy
New Year*