



# CIS Herald

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## February Events

9<sup>th</sup> February – Math Inter House Quiz to be held for grades 1-5

17<sup>th</sup> February – Football Theoretical workshop and friendly match for ECA football students and CIS Football Teams.

23<sup>rd</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> level WIZ Spell Bee

# Welcome

We welcome Ilana Chakraborty in Class 3A

# WORKSHOP



Mrs. Sushmita Ray from Junior School completed her training on Core Skills organised by British Council. The training was conducted over a period of 6 months and is a programme to support teachers, helping them to integrate a range of core skills into the curriculum including critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and imagination, collaboration and communication.





**Children of Pre Nursery kept themselves warm and busy during the entire month of January, 2018. They had a fun filled activity week when they came to school in their warm pyjamas, cosy winter wear, 'funny socks' and enjoyed lip smacking hot chocolate to ward off the cold. The highlight of the month was their annual picnic to the Tollygunge club. They were delighted to travel together in the school bus, play in the grounds, meet the friendly horses and eat their favourite snacks amidst the lush greens of the club.**







As a part of the ISA Project on 'Popular Games of India and Australia', grades Nursery and Upper Nursery visited the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan [Salt Lake Stadium] along with their teachers on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. They took a guided tour of the stadium and played football under the supervision of a FIFA-2017 coach. The children were excited to walk and play in the stadium where legendary players like Messi, Maradona and Zico had once played. They walked through the tunnel which the players use to enter the stadium. This was a unique experience for them and the excursion gave them an opportunity to see one of the best football stadiums in our country so closely.











As an ongoing part of our project on International School Awards [ISA], Mr. Yan Law, a renowned football coach in Kolkata, was invited to our school to show the gear and equipment used to play football. He conducted an interactive session with the Primary children and teachers on the rules and the skills required to play the game.





# VISITORS

Sammagnah's mother, Mrs. Bardhan, is a talented art teacher. She came to the Upper Nursery classroom to do a craft activity with the children. She created a simple and beautiful doll using a tea-strainer. The children loved dressing up their dolls and added a personal caption to them.



Aaradhya's father, Mr. Didwania visited our classroom and conducted an interactive session with the children of Upper Nursery on the positive and negative use of technology in our daily lives. Mr. Didwania is a Technology Officer and explained through a PPT how different types of technology help to make our lives easier.





Ariadna's mother, Mrs.Kol, brought a piece of Russia in to our classroom. She wore a traditional dress and got a bag full of traditional wooden toys and handicrafts to the Upper Nursery. A PPT was shown about the famous people of Russia and their great discoveries. The children enjoyed listening and watching a traditional folk tale "Kolobok". Mrs.Kol also did some Russian dance steps with the children. It was wonderful to learn so much about Russia.



Mrs. Divya Saraogi, Divit's mother, visited the Upper Nursery to conduct a craft session with the children. She helped them to make footballs with paper plates. It was a fun and easy craft activity which was based on our ISA project.





# TRIP TO VICTORIA MEMORIAL

The students of Class I went for their class trip to one of the most famous attractions of Kolkata, The Victoria Memorial. It was an interesting trip for them as they have learnt about the monument in their Social Studies class.

We visited the monument on a crisp winter morning of Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The moment the children entered the premises they were welcomed by the mighty statue of Queen Victoria in black marble sitting on a throne. They walked into one of the many well maintained gardens to enjoy the open space. They loved running around freely and playing to their heart's content.

The students were guided to the different rooms to see old weapons, cannons, exquisite oil paintings and beautiful marble sculptures depicting the life of the past. They were filled with wonder to see a three dimensional model depicting life in old Kolkata with its charming old buildings with their typical doors and windows.

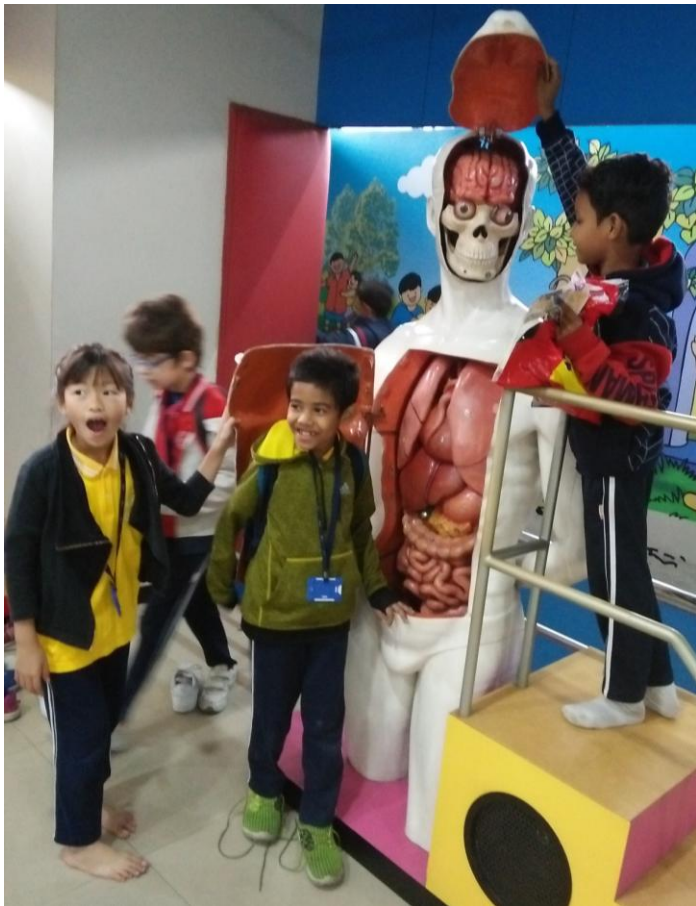
The children enjoyed the vast surroundings with trees, ponds and beautiful plants and flowers. The visit also enlightened the children with a rare glimpse of history of the British rule in India along with Kolkata and its rich legacy.





# Science in Action at BITM

The students of Classes 2 and 3 went to the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 as a part of their annual educational class trip. They were escorted by the respective class teachers – Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Mokha, Mrs. Datta, and Mrs. Sarkhel along with Mrs. Ahuja.





It was an exciting trip for the students as they started the day with a visit to the Children's Gallery, where they explored the various wonders of science. The students were then escorted to the Chroma Key Show in the TV Gallery where they were amused to see themselves on T.V... flying in the sky! The children were extremely thrilled when they were asked to put on the 3D glasses to enjoy the 3D show on the Galapagos Islands. After the 3D show, the little ones participated enthusiastically in the "Science Magic Miracle", where a number of scientific experiments were conducted. The students finally proceeded to the much awaited visit to the "Underground Mock-up Coal Mine", where they attentively listened to the Staff who explained how coal is extracted and transported in the mine and the safety measures for the miners, while exploring the mine.





# Fort William



On the 19th of January, 2018, the pupils of Class 4, along with their teachers, Ms. K. Marwah, Mrs. U. Das, and the ECA Coordinator, Mrs. C. Roy, visited The Fort William, a historic 17<sup>th</sup> century fort situated in the lush Maidan area in Kolkata, on the Eastern side of the Hooghly River, and the headquarters of the Eastern Command in India

The pupils, escorted by the Army personnel of the Kumaon Regiment, were taken on a guided tour starting from the Georges Gate, one of the significant entry points in this expansive area. They were then shown the moat around the fort, the soldiers Barracks, the Treasury Gate, the Ball Tower, the Market, the Library, St. Patrick's Church, the Black Hole - the Prison where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and other freedom fighters had been jailed, the cannons, the ammunitions used in olden days, the Museum, the War Memorial. At the conclusion of this extensive tour, the pupils relaxed in the beautiful, peaceful environs of the 'Vatika', and then prepared to return to school. This excursion and their simple, spontaneous interactions with the soldiers who were explaining the historical background of the Fort gave the pupils an insight into the history of Bengal, the architecture of the Fort, and the lives of the Indian soldiers.





# The Oxford Junior Literary Festival 2018



The students of Class 3 attended the OJLF 2018 on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at the St. Paul's Cathedral ground where they were escorted by their Class Teachers Mrs. T. Datta, Mrs. S. Sarkhel, ECA Coordinator Mrs. C. Roy and Sports Teacher Mr. A. Samad.

Eminent author, actress and child-rights activist, Nandana Sen and singer Usha Uthup inaugurated the festival while extending a warm welcome to all the children. Usha Uthup set the mood for the fest with her foot tapping numbers followed by Nandana Sen who spoke about her books, films and how she works for the safety of children.

“Big Little Book” Award Winner author, Nabaneeta Dev Sen soon graced the stage for a dramatized reading of one of her fairy tales which was followed by an interaction with the students. Talking about her love for children and literature for them, Mrs. Sen said that she always tries to make her fairy tales positive and often has young girls as protagonists in her stories.



Nandana Sen presenting her new book and interacting with the children.



Nandana Sen interacting with Shivani Bhunia of 3A



Usha Uthup at what she does best!



After the dramatic reading session, children enthusiastically participated in the session conducted by Nandana Sen where she played games with them based on anagrams, synonyms and antonyms. This was followed by the presentation of her new book “Talky Tumble at Jumble Farm”.





The fest was an enriching experience for the students where they interacted with eminent authors and also enjoyed melodious music.

## In Concert

The pupils of class 4 began their day in a different manner on the 15th of January, 2018 by attending a concert in the auditorium of the South City International School in the morning. They were accompanied by teachers Mr Mukherjee, Mr Bose, Mrs Roy, the ECA Coordinator, and Ms Marwah.

The musicians were internationally acclaimed pianist Mrs Jennifer Heemstra, who has been working in Kolkata to use her craft for social change, improvement and reform, the renowned cellist, Dr Ms Carrie Pierce, and the talented teenaged cellist, 18 year old Mac Wyn. They performed for and inspired the pupils of our school who were amongst the youngest Western classical music enthusiasts in the large audience that memorable morning.

In what proved to be a very educative and edifying experience, Mrs Heemstra acquainted the pupils with the work of Vivaldi and Bach, played short piano pieces the pupils could relate to, and then the cellists performed. There were lively and also solemn pieces in orchestra together with piano and cellos to show harmony, teamwork, symphony and coordination as well as rhythm and character, mood and emotion [like joy, anger, sorrow] in music. The instruments were then shown to the pupils to explain how musical sound is produced.

At the end, Mrs Heemstra played the theme song from "The wizard of Oz" and also "The Hungarian Rhapsody".

The pupils went up and interacted closely with the musicians after the concert and shortly before departure.





# From the ECA Coordinator's Desk

## Taekwondo Belt Exam

The Belt Exam for the ECA Taekwondo students who are being coached in the martial art form for the session 2017 -18 was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The exam was held for the Green, Yellow, Red and Blue belt students of Grades 1-5 appeared. The belt exams provide a platform to assess the students' progress during the session.







### **ECA Robotics – Preparing for the culmination ‘Spark’**

The ECA Robotics students of the Junior school are enthusiastically working on their Robots for the annual exhibit – ‘Spark’. They are gearing up with the programming and construction of their exhibit, promising a great display of their understanding of the Future Technology.

### **Inter school Tennis Tournament**



CIS participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Interschool Tennis Tournament organised by the Bengal Tennis Association at Salt lake Stadium from 15<sup>th</sup>– 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The Junior Boys team from CIS played the league matches against Don Bosco, Park Circus, St. James School and La Martiniere for Boys. They displayed great sportsmanship skills and gave a tough competition to the other participating schools.



# "BLISSFULLY BLYTONIAN"

Calcutta International School was invited to participate in an inter-school meet, "Blissfully Blytonian", hosted by the Junior Section of Mahadevi Birla World Academy on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018. Meeheeka Mukherjee, Sayantani Halder, Ria Misra, Evangeli Saha and Arya Bhutoria represented CIS at the meet, where they were escorted by Mrs. T. Datta



The students and teachers were ushered into the magical world of Enid Blyton with a wonderful dance performance by the children of the host school, dressed as "Noddy". After the Principal's address, children got engaged in a variety of activities. They were reorganised into teams by merging with the participating schools. The aim of the event was to provide the children a platform to foster cognitive and kinaesthetic agility and to inculcate the importance of amicable teamwork and compatibility.





# Parenting in the Age of Social Media

Social media has overtaken our lives and the lives of our young ones. In this context, Mrs Farishta Dastur Mukerji, the school counsellor, conducted workshops with the parents of the Junior School from 29th January to 2nd February, 2018 on the topic 'Parenting in the age of Social Media'. This is the first in a series of workshops she will be conducting with them. At the workshop, Mrs Mukerji shared educative videos and research based data about the effect of social media on the mental health of young children. Brainstorming sessions led us to some parenting tips along with ways by which we can allow our children to use social media positively.



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