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Happy New Year!

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Chinese
New Year
Celebration



James and Barbara Liao, parents of Chloe and Isabel Liao (students of CIS), organized the Lion Dance in the school grounds, to acquaint the students with the kinds of festivities that are a part Chinese New Year celebrations.

The Lion Dance is a form of traditional dance in Chinese culture in which the performers mimic the lion's movements, wearing colourful lion costume. The members of the troupe were led by Mr. James Liao himself, along with Shane Khan, Amit Khan and Aja Yadav who were also experts in nan chuk, kung fu, karate, and other martial arts.

The happy monk and the lion are two characters in the dance and are representatives of earth and heaven respectively. They perform, to drive away misfortune and bring in good fortune every new year. The clashing cymbals and drums accompany the dancers. The Chinese Lion Dance is often mistakenly called the Chinese Dragon Dance. The lion however, is not a native animal of China. It was brought into China by the Silk Route from Central Asia and Persia.

It was so exciting to watch Chinese Lion Dance in school on the 13th of January, Friday in the basketball court during the morning assembly. This was in celebration of the Chinese New Year. There were two men inside the lion costume. I could see the hard work the men inside the lion had to put for each move. They must have practiced very hard! I wondered how they make the 'lion' stand on its 'legs' so well. Another interesting part was when the 'lion' threw towards the audience, small lemons and oranges which some lucky students got!

I was so thrilled to see several trained persons doing heart- stopping tricks and stunts, including difficult martial art skill such as nan chuk. One person I personally spoke to told me that he had to learn this for 9 years and his inspiration was Bruce Lee. Indeed it was a very interesting morning for my friends and me.

As described by Shome Deepto Sarkar - 4A

Winter Fun

We had a week of Winter fun in the primary department. Each day of the week was allotted to a special dress code. The children were super excited as they dressed in cosy jackets, soft pajamas, smart blazers, cute caps, warm muffles, colourful gloves, padded mittens and funny socks.



Finally we culminated the week by having a Hot Chocolate Day at the Picnic in Eco Park. They drank several cups of the hot chocolate which was generously prepared by the mothers of the primary children.



Children of Nursery enjoyed a winter day in the sun. They all came dressed in orange and treated themselves to delicious, juicy and sweet "Oranges"

The children had fun moulding and shaping clay to make pots and bowls on a potter's wheel with the help of Mrs. Kanoi, a parent of the school. She demonstrated the technique involved in pottery. Children were excited and fascinated by this wonderful experience.



OUR FUN FILLED CLASS OUTINGS

The children of the Primary department went for an excursion to Eco Park on Friday, 20th January, 2017. They were super excited to ride on the school bus. The drive was a fun filled one with games, songs, chatter and laughter! On our arrival, we found a picnic spot and settled down to eat. Thereafter, they picked their cricket bats, frisbees, balls, racquets etc and headed straight to the large expanse of garden to play and explore the park. The treat of delicious hot chocolate and fun finger food added to their joy. By noon, we headed back to the bus. Some of the children were exhausted and chose to grab a short nap.



A Fun Day In The Lap Of Nature

Students of classes 1 and 2 went on their class outing to Eco Park, New Town on Wednesday, 25th of January. There were 66 students in all accompanied by their respective class teachers Mrs. Mokha, Mrs. Singhal, Mrs. Ray, Ms. DuPratt along with Mrs. Mukherjee, Mrs. Choudhary, Mr. Chakraborty. Geeta didi, Sangeeta didi and Arun dada also went with them.

It was a fun filled day. The children enjoyed playing games like badminton, football, frisbee and skipped with their playmates in the vast open spaces around them. They played on the swings and slides and enjoyed exploring the tree house. Mr. Chakraborty engaged the boys in a game of cricket. Students were taken on a nature walk, where they identified the different trees, flowers and heard the chirping of the birds. They enjoyed walking barefeet on the lush green grass. The students of class 1 were also asked to identify the different shadows they saw around them as part of a Science activity.



What a wonderful way to spend the morning picnicking with friends at Eco Park!!!

Excursion To Agri Horticultural Society

We, the children of class 3 went to Agri Horticultural Society on the 20th of January. We assembled in school at 8:15. Everyone was dressed in their house T- shirts and track pants.

This trip was an extension of our studies and there we had to work in pairs. The bus ride was enjoyable as we sang songs and snacked. When we reached there, we first went to the indoor plants garden. Our teachers asked us to try to name some of the plants, when we could not they helped us. Then we went to the cactus house. In the cactus house I saw a very creepy plant. It was very thorny. Before it was time to go, we had play time. I had a lot of fun. This was the best excursion trip till now.

As described by Alisha Kampani 3 A



A Day Spent With The Honourable Indian Army

The students of classes 4 and 5 went on a school excursion to Fort William on Friday, 20th January. As soon as we got off the bus, we were greeted by Soldier, Sahab Singh. He

briefed us about the history of Fort William from 1696 till date. We entered through St Georges Gate, one of the 4 main gates. We then went on a long trail, guided by the soldiers, and walked through tunnels and over small bridges. We were led to a huge library, full of pictures, arte facts, bookstand and memorabilia. This place had once been a church, by the name of St. Peter's Church. Thereafter, we were taken to see the cell in which Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had been imprisoned, and we also saw how he had escaped. Next we visited a war and artillery museum.



After this, we were then taken to a beautiful garden in the center of which was the Amar Jawan Jyoti, lit in memory of the Indian soldiers who had lost their lives in wars. Then, we were allowed to eat, rest and play in the lawns around. Here, we were served food by the Jawans. We took their signatures in our notepads and clicked many pictures. We were given commemorative caps by them.



We thanked all the soldiers who had guided us and finally got into our class lines to board the big red buses to return to school. We learnt and saw a lot and had fun too!

As expressed by Zoya Gupta 4 A

Teacher's Perspective

Interviewee – Mrs. P. Nayar, Junior School Principal

Question – Mrs. Nayar, did you enjoy taking us to Fort William?

Answer- It was an enriching experience for the students. The importance of Fort William was explained and the students realized the role and the importance of the army in our country

Interviewee – Mr. S. Bardhan

Question - Did you like the excursion with us?

Answer- Yes, very much indeed, as the students were disciplined and they learnt a lot.

Interviewee – Mrs. S. Sarkhel

Question-What did the students like most, in your opinion?

Answer- They liked to see the real arms and ammunition, and they were deeply interested to see the cell where Netaji was imprisoned.

Interviewee – Mrs. A. Banerjee

Question- Do you want to visit Fort William again? Why?

Answer- Yes, because it was an unique experience and the museum and library in the Fort was filled with an excellent collection.



Coffee Meet

A coffee meet for the parents of Class 3 was held on Wednesday, the 18th of January, 2017 at 8.30 am in the music room with our Junior School Principal Mrs. P. Nayar, Section Head Mrs. N. Choudhary and the respective class teachers, Mrs. T. Datta and Mrs. S. Ahuja. Also present were Mrs. I. Mokha and the School Counsellor, Mrs. D. Chatterjee. The discussion began with the upcoming Progression tests. Mrs. Nayar and the core subject teachers spoke about the respective subject papers, how they are conducted and how children should prepare for the same. Mrs. Chatterjee informed the parents that she is about to start monthly sessions in class to promote groupactivity, anger-management and self development. Meanwhile parents came up with many positive suggestions about various matters. For instance they suggested that the school counsellor can conduct sessions to sensitise children about cultural differences, team work, handling issues like bullying etc. They also suggested that they can be updated aboutthe prices of the food items sold in the canteen. Parents also came up with the idea of a common jersey for ECA. All suggestions of the parents were welcomed whole heartedly.





SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

On Friday, the 27th of January, 2017, all the pupils of Class 4 A put up a Talent Show for the Junior School Assembly in the Music Room. Their performances, solo or group, included acrobatics and gymnastics, magic shows, asking riddles, singing and writing a play script and enacting it. The pupils also anchored the show themselves, and organized and managed the programme well. They were guided by Mr. Kaushik Bose, the Drama teacher, and Mr. Tathagatha Mukherjee, the Music teacher. Throughout the entire enactment the students were supervised by their Class Teacher, Ms. K. Marwah.



Creative Writing Competition

The students of Class 5 participated in a Creative Writing and Narration Competition at the Kolkata International Book Fair on the 30th of January, in the Milan Mela Grounds. We feel proud to announce that Archisha Dasgupta secured the second place and Rahini Kothari following the third place. Heartiest congratulations to the winners, and congratulations to all other participants from CIS.



BTA TOURNAMENT

Calcutta International School participated in 8th Inter School Lawn Tennis Tournament, 2017. This tournament was organised by Bengal Tennis Association, which was held in their club premises in Salt Lake. From the Junior Section of CIS, Krishay Sutodia of class 4 A participated in under 14 years age group boys category. It is a pleasure to announce that our school boys, over 14 years age category won the Runners' – Up Trophy. Well done.