

# Calcutta International School

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#### SALAD MAKING



To inculcate good food habits from the beginning, Pre-Nursery enjoyed an activity on salad making. The children watched how the teacher prepared the dish using cucumber, tomato, corn, salt and lime. They picked up new vocabulary such as chop, peel, dice, sprinkle, squeeze, pour, toss, mix, dressing, colourful. Most of the children relished the salad during snack time.

#### FOOD CRAFT



An 'Insect' food craft was organised in class. The children used bread slices, grapes, jam, biscuits, gems and sour punk candy sticks to depict various insects like caterpillars, lady bugs and spiders. They enjoyed eating them later.

## The children of Nursery dressed in pink and purple for the 'p' sound week.



They also went for a nature walk where they observed a variety of "Plants" with different kinds of leaves.



The children of Upper Nursery A were taken to the General Laboratory for the first time. They saw an experiment on the "Water Cycle" which enabled them to understand the process clearly.



Mrs Agarwal, Jagrit's mother came as a visitor to the Upper Nursery A. She did a craft activity with the children. Very patiently she demonstrated the technique of folding paper and making a fan. The children made a Tri -Coloured fan in preparation for the upcoming Independence day celebration.



## morning assemblies



On 7th July 2017, Class 1A staged their first assembly for the Junior School in the Music Room. The theme was welcoming the new academic year and affirming the values that the first graders would learn. This can only be achieved if they have friends by their side, in every step of the way. The whole assembly was conducted by Ms. A. DuPratt, Class Teacher of 1 A.



'Taking One More Step Forward' was the first assembly of Class 1B which was held on the 21st of July 2017 in the Music Room. The students spoke about all the new things they have been introduced to in their new class: from climbing up the stairs, learning various new subjects, choosing books from the library to their ECA classes. They were guided by Mrs. S. Singhal, Class Teacher 1B

## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

#### And I will always be the best, ME that I can be .... '

Students of 2A lent a different dimension to the song 'What I am....', when they spoke about themselves in their class assembly – what their names meant and how special each one of them is in their own beautiful way. Through this assembly, children were made aware that they must be respectful towards all and acknowledge and appreciate every person for what they are.

Friday, the 28th of July was made a special morning for us, with the presence of a special guest. Hiranya Ghatak, a seventeen year old student preparing for his B level Open Basic Education Examination from Manovikas Kendra was a part of the assembly with his parents.

Hiranya, a talented young boy, who falls under Autism Spectrum Disorder, enthralled the students and teachers present with the music that he played on the synthesizer. The two songs, 'We Shall Overcome' and 'Que Sera Sera', seemed more meaningful and beautiful after his wonderful rendition. We are proud of our students as they acknowledged Hiranya's presence and appreciated his performance with due respect.

It was indeed a special morning for us all!









On the 27th of July 2017, the young pupils of class 4 and 5 watched an internationally acclaimed award winning childrens film, Gattu in the multiplex theater in Acropolis. The pupils were accompanied by Ms. K. Marwah, Mrs. A. Banerjee, Mrs. R. Ghose and Mrs. T. Yadav. They enjoyed this movie centered around a street child named Gattu and his journey being rewarded admission in a school at the end.

The pupils enjoyed the movie thoroughly and understood the message in it, which was, 'Reach for the stars and you will get one'.

## **Musical** Recital

On the 7th of July 2017, the students of Classes V and VI, VII were treated to a concert of exquisite tones and sounds. Jennifer Amstree and Chelsea Conye- a gifted duo of pianist and a trained opera singer played and sang a wide range of pieces from musicals and jazz, moving onto opera (Tonrandout from Pucini). The show reached its grand finale with a fusion of musical elements, jazz and opera called "Room 142"

Children enjoyed the show and sang along with the performers. A popular song by John Legend had the students onstage jamming with them.

Special acknowledgement goes to Mrs. Daga, a very proactive parent who has been associated with 'Think Arts'. Time and again she has always shown initiative to hold programmes based on creative art at CIS.





## **Teachers' Workshop**

#### **CIE Extension Training**

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In Mumbai on the 7th and 8th of July 2017 at C.P. Goenka International School, Juhu. This 2 day programme was attended by Junior School Teachers Mrs. T. Datta and Mrs. G. Mukherjee and it was conducted by Rod Journeaux and Tanya Valecha. Various strands of the curriculum like effective ways to teach creative writing, use of language of time, important components of a good lesson plan, organising activities etc. were addressed. Overall it was an enriching and fulfilling experience.



### Cambridge Primary English Introductory Training

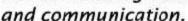
The Introductory Training on Cambridge Primary English (0844) was held in Chennai on the 10th and 11th July 2017, at HLC International School (Chennai), and conducted by Mr. Rod Journeaux. This programme was attended by Junior School Teacher Ms. A. DuPratt. It aimed to introduce the CIE English curriculum through key teaching ideas and approaches. The training was based on the structure and the purpose of the Cambridge Primary Curriculum Framework with the help of many hands on activities.



#### Workshop on Core Skills

Mrs. Sushmita Ray along with two teachers of Senior School attended the workshop on Core Skills organised by British Council at Lalit, The Great Eastern Hotel on Saturday, 22nd of July 2017.

This day long workshop was an introductory session to the training that will be conducted over a period of 6 months. The programme is to support teachers, helping them in integrating a range of core skills into the curriculum including critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and imagination, collaboration







### **JOLLY PHONICS ORIENATION**

A Jolly Phonics Orientation for parents of Pre Nursery was organized on 14th July, 2017. This session was conducted by the Pre Nursery teachers. This session gave the parents an insight into the Jolly Phonics programme. Each letter sound is introduced with a story, song and an action to make learning more dynamic and fun-oriented.



The Orientation for The Nursery and Upper Nursery Parents took place on 20th and 21st July 2017, respectively in the music room. The teachers and the new parents were introduced by Mrs. Majumdar ,Section Head- Primary . The class teachers had prepared a power point presentation to talk about the school guidelines, new rules and the curriculum.

The orientation brought about clarity and understating between the parents and the teachers for the new academic year.

## From the ECA DESK (2017 - 18)

ECA commenced on the 3rd July 2017 for the session 2017 -18 with 10 in campus activities, ranging from rigorous outdoor sports like Football, Basketball, Cricket, Lawn tennis to indoor sports like Table Tennis, martial art-Taekwondo as well as performing arts like Western Dance. The students may also hone their photography skills under the guidance of a professional photographer and test their level of patience in a game of Chess. The students have also opted for learning technology that deals with design, construction and application of Robots. At CIS through ECA a platform is provided, keeping in view the needs and capabilities of each child thus helping each one to learn a life skill.

Wishing all students a fun filled learning during the ECA classes in the session 2017 -18.

## **Check Point Success**

On the 28th of July, Mrs. Nayar felicitated the Teachers of Junior School who were instrumental in guiding the students of Class 5 in their Cambridge Check Point Exam 2017. It is our pleasure to announce that all the students have secured excellent grades. Wishing them good luck in the Middle School.



