

JUNIOR HERALD

THUNDEROUS START!

ECA has a special place in CIS curriculum. We at CIS believe in holistic growth of each child and so we stress a lot on Extra Curricular activities right from grades 1 to 10. As our tiny tots of grades 1 and 2 are just stepping into the arena of self reliance and sportsmanship hence they are introduced to just four important extra curricular activities that stress more on bodily kinaesthetic skills and fine motor skills. These include Taekwondo, Table Tennis, Western Dance, Creative Computing and Robotics within the campus and Golf at Tolly Club as an off campus activity. ECA activities are compulsory for grades 3-8 as the students are assessed on the same and grades given to each child during their assessment.

We had a thunderous start to our ECA classes this session 2016-17 with 11 within the campus activities and 1 off campus activity. We have introduced few new ECA classes on popular demand like western dance, drama and photography. Viewing the enthusiasm and demand for Robotics, we have introduced creative computing and robotics in grades 1 and 2 this session.

A rare occasion - Celebrating 25 Brilliant years in CIS !!



This year on 18th June 2016, Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar, Section Head, Primary Department completed 25 years of dedicated service in nurturing the youngest learners in the school year after year.

To honour and felicitate Mrs. Majumdar CIS presented her with a beautiful Silver Salver. All her colleagues got together and celebrated the milestone event, with festivities which included songs, dance, charming mimicries, a fashion show by the teachers, memorable speeches, gift hampers, the lighting of 25 candles on a cake, food and lots of fun. Mrs. Talukdar and Sagarika Guha (Mrs. Majumdar's mother and sister) graced the occasion with their presence. Mrs. Majumdar was overwhelmed and nostalgic to receive a collage with her photographs of over 25 years. This event was conducted by Mr. S Ghosh in the AVR.

Mrs. Nayar spoke eloquently of her long and wonderful association with Mrs. Majumdar. In return Mrs. Majumdar also expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers past and present and to the institution which has given her a platform to teach for all these years and helped her to remain physically and mentally healthy and active for a quarter of a century.





MORNING ASSEMBLIES

At Calcutta International School, every Friday morning the Junior School meets in the music room to bring forth aspects of life, which are worth sharing. Each class by turn puts up a performance. The theme/topic is discussed between the Class teacher and the students and it is a collaborative effort.



The pupils of **Class 1A** put up a beautiful programme on the 8th of July, titled "**HAPPY SPONGES**" in the Junior School Assembly. They showed us how easily we can spread love and affection amongst those with whom we interact. The message was that concern and love for others is an important value. A good deed is always rewarded. Mrs I Mokha, the class teacher, explained this while displaying a dry and a wet sponge showing how easily humans receive the important gift of love.



Class 2A had their first assembly on Friday, 29th July 2016. The enthusiastic members of this class called themselves as a "**HAPPY CLASS**" and spoke on Values. They highlighted four important values "**Cooperation, Respect, Tolerance and Unity**". The assembly concluded with a "**Happy Song - I Feel Good – I am Lovable**" and the Happy Children said "**If we follow these values we will be happy and peaceful. When we are happy we will enjoy everything we do. If we are happy inside and we will make others happy too.**"

On the 5th of August, the pupils of **Class 2B**, under the supervision of their class teacher, Ms. A. Dupratt, put up an interesting programme for the Junior School Assembly, called **Seven Continents of the World**. The children were divided into seven groups, each representing by way of their particular costume, words and actions, the unique features of each continent of the world. At the end, there was a lively audio visual, **We are the Continents of the World**, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



What's happening in the classroom?

The students of **Class 1B** enjoyed an activity in their Creative Writing class. They had to select a Character and a Setting card each to write a story of their choice. They had fun in thinking about a plot before choosing their cards.

FROM THE TINY TOTS OF PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Pre Nursery explored the premises of their new school on their arrival. During the tour they visited the different areas like school office, cafeteria, music room and art room. They even had a delightful interaction with the principal and various teachers of the school.



Parents were invited on 17th August '16, to see the children of the Pre-nursery do their first assembly this term. It gave them immense pleasure to watch the little ones as they took them to the exciting world of animals through their jungle walk.



CELEBRATING INDIA'S 70TH INDEPENDENCE DAY!

India Day was celebrated with gaiety and fervour by the children of the Primary Section on Thursday, 11th August 2016. Mrs Nayar and dignitaries from the Kunming School of The Republic of China graced the occasion. The day began with an entertaining cultural programme organised by the budding artists of our department. The music room was buzzing with excitement as children marched across the room dressed in Indian attire in a variety of colours. The programme began with observing a few minutes of silence, using the power of the mind to create thoughts of peace for our Country and its people. Pre Nursery presented a tableau depicting the diversity of culture in India. Nursery recited the "Tiranga" poem waving the tri colour flag. Upper Nursery danced to the old patriotic songs which still remains a pride of India. The National Anthem marked the end of the programme. The guests of honour expressed their joy and happiness for being a part of this prestigious ceremony. They congratulated the children on their brilliant performance.



INDIA - THE LAND OF PEACE

Come August, and CIS gears up for India and Korea day celebration. Students and teachers got together to plan and execute a colourful spectrum of patriotism. 12th August was observed as the day of celebration. Class 1 showcased, the vibrant festivals of each religion in India. It was fantastic to watch the little ones chant hymns and perform small rituals on the stage. Next, the students of class 2 bestowed the audience with incredible and unknown facts about India. Like, for instance did you know that shampoo was first made in India using natural products like herbs. Followed by this, the students of class 3, marched on to the stage depicting various Indian personalities. Right from Emperor Ashoka to Narendra Modi, our present prime minister. People from all fields, be it sport, music, politics, cinema, art, they were all represented on stage, highlighting their contribution in creating what India is today. After this the students of class 4, gave a dance performance on a beautiful patriotic song. It was the right chord to ignite the national feeling amongst the on lookers. Class 5, the senior most in the junior section enacted a play titled as "The Unsung Hero-Saraswati Rajamani". The story is based on the life of a brave girl who spied on the British, for the INA. Inspiring and intriguing as it was, many of us felt the strong loyalty, devotion and selflessness that the young girl stood for.



The Korean students demonstrated Taekwondo and sang their national anthem. This was followed by the Indian national anthem. Overall it was a joyous presentation of dance, music and drama.



Mrs. Nayar, our Junior School Principal ended the programme by quoting that we should not ask what the nation can do for us. Rather we should do something for the nation, as individuals and become more responsible student citizens. Taking one step higher she also asked each class to take a pledge and think what they can do for the society. To put her words into action each class under the guidance of their class teacher is working towards, doing something for the under privileged people around us. Some of the classes have already decided to work for animals and the old homes. India Day is not only about celebrations. It is a day to remember the people who fought for the country and sacrificed lives to win freedom. Thus we must value this freedom and understand that with this comes responsibility. As the youth, the task is on students to work for the nation today, creating a better day, everyday.

Annual Swimming Meet 2016



Calcutta International School's Annual Swimming Meet was held on the 26th of August at the Calcutta Swimming Club. Our Junior School Principal Mrs. Nayar, graced the event and she declared the meet open. The participants were from classes Pre Nursery to 12. CIS is the only school that holds an event of such a kind for students as young as 3+ years. The Pre Nursery children covered the breadth of the pool and were assisted by the senior students and prefects inside the pool. The senior and junior students competed house wise and covered the length of the pool.

From Pre Nursery to Class 3, students took part in 4 events. Freestyle length and breadth and backstroke length and breadth. There were 39 events alone for the toddlers to class 3. Students of classes 4 and 5 had to qualify in the heats to be part of the final day event. These students, aged between 9 to 11 years covered only the length of the pool and a few amongst them also participated with the senior children in the relay. For them there were 8 events in total covering freestyle and backstroke, for both boys and girls.

In the Pre Nursery to Class 3 category Aryan Servaia of Class 1, Logan Wu of Class 2, Sampreetta Maheswari and Lakshya Agarwal of Class 3 were declared champions scoring the most number of points. In Class 4 to 5 category, Kushagra Kanoi of Class 5, and Alizah Ali of Class 4, were the champions for scoring the highest points. The overall winner for the entire event was Red House. Yellow House following as the first runners up and Green House being the second runners up.

There is absolutely no doubt that the students of CIS, take swimming more than a leisurely hobby. All the swimmers did extremely well and made parents and teachers very proud. Mrs. Nayar gave away the medals and the championship trophy. A special mention to the sport teachers for organizing such a successful event. Acknowledgement goes to the line judges and the house masters and mistresses and all teachers. The senior and junior school students and prefects helped and cheered the participants from inside and outside the pool. Our heartiest congratulation to all the swimmers. We hope the young swimmers of CIS continue training harder and beat their own records in the next swimming meet.



THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS



Techno Kids



Calcutta International School was invited to participate in the ICT fest called **Exe.bit** hosted by LakshmiPat Singhania School. Students from class 3 to 5 participated in variety of events like Selfie, Disc-o-graphy, Turtle Trail and E-palette which were enjoyable but also required skills. Overall it was an enriching experience for the students who are all aspiring techno kids... in years to come.

Coffee Meet



Class 1 parents were invited to a morning coffee meet on Tuesday, 23rd August, 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. I. Mokha and Mrs. S. Singhal and School Counsellor Mrs. D. Chatterjee. The parents and teachers met for an informal chat and exchange of ideas. Parents volunteered to help in classroom and school activities. They came to know of many future projects to be taken up by Class 1 and ideas suggested by them were welcomed. It was a very fruitful and interactive morning. We look forward to working together as partners in the future!

TEACHER'S WORKSHOP



Mrs. N. Choudhary and Mrs. S. Ahuja attended a workshop "Cambridge Primary Science Extension Training" facilitated by Judith Amery, at Sancta Maria International School, Hyderabad On the 2nd and 3rd of August, 2016.



Mrs. P. Nayar, Mrs. A. Banerjee and Mrs. I. Mokha attended and completed the Cambridge International Professional Development course : Extension Cambridge Primary Mathematics in Mumbai on 5th and 6th August, 2016. The facilitator was Mrs. Isobel Bottomly from UK.