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CIS Herald



This is an exciting year of several firsts for the Junior School in CIS as it focuses on exploring new and different avenues to reveal leadership qualities, organizational skills, and talents of their young learners both in the school and outside the school.

August Events

8th August - WIZ SPELL BEE - LEVEL 1 in CIS campus for grades 1-5.

10th and 11th August - Presentation on Sensible use of Plastic, for teachers and sub staff by the Indian Plastic Federation.

11th August - CIS Junior Girls Football Team will participate in the INTERSCHOOL GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT at La Martiniere for Girls School .

13th August - India day celebrations in Primary Section

14th August- India and Korea day celebration in Junior Section

21st August - Practice session for Swimming Meet for classes 2 and 3
Heats for classes 4 and 5 (at Calcutta Swimming Club)

28th August - Swimming Meet at Calcutta swimming Club

Junior school inter house girls Football (Classes 3 to 5) match will take place in August depending on weather conditions.

Inter class and Inter House Basketball tournament for boys will take place in August.

WELCOME

Jihoo Park – Grade 1A

Rabhya Maini – Grade 1A

Shreyan Pathak – Grade 5B

Arshia Gupta – Grade 5A

Workshop

Mrs P. Nayar and Mrs S Majumdar will be attending a Residential Workshop on Transformational Leadership from 30th August to 2nd September 2018 in Goa.

The Cambridge Primary Pathway was successfully completed by 43 students of Grade 5 for the Year 2017 -18. We wish them all the Best for the 2nd Stage of the Cambridge Pathway - The Cambridge Lower Secondary.

CIS Awarded!



CIS won the Assocham award for the Best Curriculum

British Council International School Awards

The International School Awards is a scheme for schools worldwide that recognizes and celebrates the exemplary practice in internationalism and accredits schools for having an outstanding level for nurturing global citizenship, creativity, humanitarian values through projects with far reaching impacts, understanding and appreciating different cultures, teaching methods, lessons and activities.

Over 2500 school take part in the ISA today and the competition is stiff. This year, on the basis of a complete portfolio of evidence on the extensive range of work done in school in the Academic year 2017-18 and submitted to the British Council, CIS gained the ISA award and is accredited for 2018-21.

In a congratulatory message from the British Council, the institution recognized the excellent work of the ISA coordinators of the school who had worked so hard to coordinate such an impressive range of work and who are a credit to the school and the wider community.

Congratulations!

Silver Jubilee celebrations for Mr Amulya Ratan Jatua and Mr Subrata Choudhury at CIS

The Junior School and Senior School celebrated 25 years of glorious and dedicated service of the loyal and meticulous lab assistants of CIS in the General Lab, Chemistry lab, Physics Lab and Biology lab on Friday, the 13th of July in the AVR.

Mrs Nayar, Dr Nath and the teachers of the Science Department in CIS recognized their tireless efforts in maintaining and keeping in order the laboratories and in helping teachers and students to prepare experiments, to process specimens, to maintain the lab equipment and clean up the apparatus after the experiments day after day. It was also mentioned how early, at pre dawn almost they have to leave their homes to reach the school.

Special mementoes were given to the two lab assistants, after which refreshments were served.



Parent Orientation

The Orientation for Nursery and Upper Nursery parents was a well attended interactive session. It was held on 19th and 20th July, 2018 respectively at 8.30 am in the Music room. Mrs Nayar, Principal Junior School, warmly welcomed the parents to the new class and wished them all a wonderful session. She introduced the teachers of both the sections. New parents introduced themselves to everyone. The School Counsellor addressed the parents about limiting the use of gadgets for children. The curriculum and skills required at this level were shared through a Power Point presentation.



Nursery Orientation



Upper Nursery Orientation

Play is the way



The teachers and children of Pre Nursery sat in the garden to have an outdoor lesson on good hygiene. They were shown things which help us keep clean.



A tent was created in the Pre Nursery while learning 't' sound in Jolly Phonic. The children were thrilled to sit under the tent and experienced what it would feel like to go camping.



Plants - our closest friend



The children of Nursery are learning about Plants. A variety of different potted plants like a flowering plant, cactus, a bonsai banyan tree, ferns, money plant etc were displayed in the classroom. A discussion followed where children learnt how a seed grows into a plant. Plants need the Sun, water, soil and lots of care and love to grow. Children were also taken on a nature walk; they saw different kinds of plants and flowers. It was an enriching learning experience.



AN ASSEMBLY WITH A DIFFERENCE

CIS FRENCH DEPARTMENT JUNIOR SCHOOL COMMEMORATES LE QUATORZE JUILLET

The students of Class 5, on behalf of the French Department of the Junior School of CIS, recreated and presented the scene of one of the most significant events in the annals of France, The Storming of the Bastille, when they got together to celebrate the National Day of France in school in a special assembly.



The young actors of class 5 showed clearly through actions and words in the skit scripted by them, how the revolutionaries broke into the prison in Paris on the 14th of July, 1789. The audience understood how the fall of Bastille was the flashpoint of the French Revolution which led to the fall of the monarchy and the formation of the French Republic.

The skit was followed by a power point presentation of the Bastille Day celebration in France. The audience thoroughly enjoyed watching the videos on the military parade at Champs – Élysées, the air displays by the French Air force and the mesmerizing fireworks display at the Eiffel Tower in the evening.



Next, to the great delight of the children, there was a general knowledge quiz on France for them and their teachers which caused a lot of excitement as both groups tried to answer the questions on the screen by the quizmasters of class 5. After the quiz, the presentation on Bastille Day concluded befittingly with the 'La Marseillaise', the National Anthem of France during which all the pupils in the audience stood up respectfully.



Sporting competitions in Junior School

The Junior School sports enthusiasts took part in many competitions at the start of the new Academic session in the month of July. There was an Inter-Class football tournament for boys from classes 3, 4 and 5. The winners were class 5 and the runners up were class 3. There was also a fast paced Inter-House football tournament for boys. Students from classes 3 to 5 participated. The winners were Red House and the runners up were Yellow House. Not far behind were the girls of classes 4 and 5, who took part in an Inter-Class basketball match. The winners were class 5. The Sports teachers of our school, Mr Abdul Samad and Mr Kaushik Sinha organized these matches and trained the pupils well. The pupils kept up their spirits and played sportingly under the watchful eyes of their sports teachers even when the weather was slightly wet.



ON THE GREENS



CIS PUPILS AT THE 14TH PROTOUCH INTERSCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year, under the leadership and initiative of Manav Bansal a golf enthusiast and keen golfer, of the Senior School, young and enterprising golfers aged 7-11 years, from the Junior School took part in the Interschool Golf Tournament at the Tollygunge Club on the 17th, 18th 19th of July, 2018.

Manav, in his brief but elucidative address to the pupils of the Junior School, said that he was happy at the response from the Junior School this year and wanted this to continue to so that the golfing skills of the young golf players could be strengthened and a strong golf team could be built for CIS.

Mrs Nayar and Mrs Choudhary warmly congratulated the winners Hredaan Bihani and Varish Mohta who played against La Martinere School under 9 boys team to win the trophy.



Ahan Agarwal, Shaurya Vardhan Saraogi. Samarth Vir Singh, Lakshya Agarwal also participated in the Golf Tournament. They said that though they had faced stiff competition from players of other schools, they put up a tough fight and would do better next year. They were proud to be a part of the CIS Junior school team and had had a good experience in this competition.



Row 1: Srijato Das, Varish Mohta, Ananya Almal, Atharva Baid, Advay Bansal, Parth Sehgal, Adira Singh, Hredaan Binani, Row 2: Shaurya Vardhan Saraogi, Samarth Vir Singh, Lakshya Agarwal along with Mrs Nayar, Mrs Choudhary and Manav Bansal.

OLYMPIADS

Competitive, courageous, competent

CIS's High Achievers at the International Olympiads (2017-18)

In a special Assembly this July, Mrs Nayar, Mrs Choudhary and Mrs Sanjukta Poddar, School Guidance Counsellor, felicitated the students of Junior School who had won awards in the International Olympiads, which took place in February this year.



Shome Deepto Sarkar and Deeptendu Shekhar Ray, from Grade 5 got the School Gold medal for English.



From class 1, Agastya Chanda and Alveena Fatima Jawade got the International Gold Medal for English.

From class 2, Somovrisho Guha and Oripa A Lasue got the Zonal Gold medal for English. Varish Mohta and Dibyesh Sanyal got the Medal of distinction. From class 3, Ansh Garodia and Meeheeka Mukherjee got the medal of Distinction for English. From class 4, Advay Nathany got the Zonal Gold Medal for English.



The pupils were congratulated on their achievements in the English International Olympiads, which is a global platform for students from all over the world to test their knowledge and subject skills. It enables them to take part in a test which is a little different from their regular school curriculum pattern and enables them to apprehend their level. All students were encouraged to take part in the Olympiads.

Musical magic

Fourteen members of the Junior School Choir performed at the opening ceremony for Yuva Music Festival, an interschool event organized by the Academy of Music Excellence at Gyan Manch on the 14th of July 2018. The pupils sang beautifully for the event and Mrs Nayar complimented Mr T Mukherjee, Mrs T Roy, Mrs S Sarkhel, and Mrs S Ray for their efforts in training the choristers of the Junior School so well for the public performance.



Many students of the Junior School participated in various competitive events at the Yuva Music Festival 2018. Swaralipi Banerjee of Class 3 and Aadya Narayan of class 5 played the piano, Brishti Roy of class 5 sang in the western music category. Lakshya Agarwal played the guitar, and Sampreeta Maheswari sang for the Indian semi classical vocals category. It was an excellent opportunity for these young musicians to showcase their talents before a musically inclined audience in this competition

Sampreeta Maheswari was judged as second runners up in the Indian Semi classical vocals category in the competition in which many schools took part. This clearly shows what a gifted, talented and well trained young artist she is and her piece of art went straight from the ears of the judges and the audience to their hearts.

Congratulations Sampreeta! CIS is proud of you.



A VISITOR FROM OVERSEAS IN CIS

Junior School has been collaborating extensively with Far Brook School, a school in US. The two schools collaborated in two different projects under the guidance of the ISA Coordinator, Mrs. Sushmita Ray. These projects highlighted the culture, lifestyle, food habits of the two countries which the students of Grades 2 and 1 brought forward through their projects - 'Same, Same but Different' and 'All Around the World'.



Annika Kothari, a student of Far Brook School visited CIS, Junior School on Friday, 27th July 2018. She was welcomed at the morning assembly by Mrs Nayar and Mrs Choudhary, and was introduced to the pupils of the Junior School. A memento was presented to her from the Junior School as a keepsake.

Annika interacted with the students and teachers, sharing information about her school, their rules and regulations, daily routine, extracurricular activities and the other activities the students of Far Brook School are involved in.

Annika's cousin sisters, Alisha and Ayesha Kampani are in Class 5 in CIS, and so her connection with CIS is deeper.



Annika spent the rest of the day with the students of Grade 4A. Our Grade 4 students happily welcomed her to their class, presented a short programme for her with a welcome song, a welcome dance, presenting her cards, and playing some music for her. She was taken around the school and saw all the different areas of interest, study, recreation, and play the junior school pupils use. She attended all the classes, and in her own words, 'learnt a lot and had fun in the classes and during the lessons'. The pupils were warm welcoming and hospitable, as is the culture of CIS.



The pupils enjoyed interacting with her.



LEARNING TO LEAD

In an endeavour to inculcate and develop leadership skills and train young students early in their school life to take up responsibilities, Prefects and Junior Prefects were appointed in the Junior Section by the House Masters and Mistresses of Red, Yellow Green House for the Academic Session, 2018-19.

The Prefects were selected from class 5, and Junior Prefects were selected from Class 4 on the basis of responsible behaviour exhibited by them required for their roles and work as Prefects representing their individual houses. This would give students an opportunity for self development in Junior School and to take on greater responsibilities later in Senior School.



In a beautiful investiture ceremony held in the AVR on Wednesday, 25th July 2018, Prefects - Aarav Bagrecha (Yellow House), Rohit Dey (Red House) and Aadish Ray (Green House), Junior Prefects - Aanya Sinha (Green House), Anoushka Ganguli (Yellow House) and Chen Tian Yi (Red House) were officially appointed by Mrs Nayar after they had solemnly taken their oath, made their pledge, and were given their badges which they proudly wore. It was a significant moment for the teachers and pupils alike.



Mrs Nayar clearly defined the roles and responsibilities of the Prefects and Junior Prefects and stated the expectations from them, also making it clear that selected office bearers were on trial and would need to prove themselves.



The Investiture Ceremony was attended by Mrs.Sharmila Mukherjee –Section Head (Middle Section) and Mrs.Sharmila Majumdar- Section Head (Primary Section) who congratulated the young office bearers and encouraged them to do their best as leaders.



Workshop

Teachers attend workshop on initiating dialogue on gender equality in schools

On Tuesday, the 24th of July, Mrs Nayar, Dr Munmun Nath, Mrs Neelam Choudhary, Mrs Rina Mitra, Ms Didhiti Ghosh, Mrs Chayita Sen, Mrs Sushmita Ray, Mrs Sujata Ahuja, Mrs Farishta Dastur Mukherjee and Ms Kashmiri Marwah attended a workshop on gender equality in schools, in all its different perspectives.

The workshop, held at Frank Anthony Public School, was an initiative of Teachers Centre, Loreto House. It was conducted by Dr Ranjita Biswas, Consultant Psychiatrist and Executive Member of Sappho for Equality. In the workshop, there were audio visual presentations and explanations on gender non conforming persons and these were highly enlightening.

Sappho for Equality is an organization which was founded in 2003 to work for the rights of persons with non normative gender sexual identities and expressions. Some recent researches conducted by Sappho and other organizations had shown that in schools, which were primary agencies of education and socialisation, children who did not conform to gender stereotypes faced discrimination affecting their lives to a great extent.

Therefore, in the workshop, teachers were sensitized about such children and made aware of the difficulties faced by them. They were reminded of the important role they could play in removing prejudice against them, promoting their well being and education in school, promoting positive interaction between these children, their peers, engaging and communicating with their parents and in protecting their rights to lead dignified lives in schools and even beyond.



From the ECA Coordinator's desk

ECA commenced on 2nd July 2018 for the session 2018 -19 with 9 on campus activities ranging from rigorous outdoor contact sports like Football and Basketball to indoor sports like Table Tennis, martial arts - Taekwondo as well as performing arts like western Dance. The students are also honing their musical intelligence under an acclaimed musician and guitarist Mr Biplav Singh. Some students have also opted for Robotics to learn technology that deals with designing and programming Robots. At CIS through ECA, we try to provide a platform to each child keeping in view the individual skill sets, aptitude, interest levels and passion to pursue a hobby.



CIS as a school understands its responsibility towards the society and its people. We have always sensitized our students and staff members towards our roles and responsibilities for the community and given utmost priority to collaborate and help Hope Kolkata Foundation through various student-driven and staff-driven projects. As a part of our School Social Responsibility (SSR) for Junior School, we collaborated with Hope

Foundation for yearlong projects starting from collection drives, to celebrating special days together at CIS campus, CIS students visiting Hope Homes and spending time with children of HOPE and education sponsorship from teachers. To put this entire plan into action, we had organized a Teacher Orientation and briefing session at CIS campus with Junior School teachers on Friday, 13th July 2018. The session was conducted by Sponsorship Officer Mr Somnath Mali and CSR Executive and Fundraiser, Ms Ayantika Ray Chaudhuri of Hope Kolkata Foundation.

The teachers were briefed about HOPE KOLKATA FOUNDATION and its various projects - Children's home, housing underprivileged children, Hope hospital, nursing and treating people who cannot afford any kind of medical facilities including street dwellers and labourers suffering from terminal illness and life-threatening disease, nursing mothers who cannot afford to take care of themselves and their newborns, saving children from trafficking and sheltering them at Hope Homes under Child Protection Rights and Juvenile Jurisdiction.





The briefing session culminated with the donation of a Desktop from CIS Junior School by Mrs Pratima Nayar, Principal Junior School.



It gives us immense pleasure to share that a parent from the Junior school came forward with benevolence and made a generous contribution to help one of the beneficiaries of Hope Kolkata Foundation, Joy Saha with a laptop. Joy is pursuing his Engineering from Shantiniketan and this laptop was an immediate and important requirement for him.

The laptop was handed over to Joy by Junior School Principal, Mrs Pratima Nayar and he had a long interactive session with her about his future career plans.

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