



CIS Herald



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March Events

7.3.18- School reopens after spring break.

10.3.18 - PTM for Grades Pre Nursery and 5.

14.3.18- Class 2 assembly- Presentation on their class trip.

16.3.18- Vernacular Elocution Competition

17.3.18- PTM for Grades Nursery, 1 and 3.

21.3.18- Class 1 assembly- Presentation on their class trip.

24.3.18- PTM for Grades Upper Nursery, 2 and 4.

Progression Test for grade 5 will be held from 16th March to 21st March, 2018.

13th, 14th and 16th March 2018 - Session End ECA Robotics display and exhibition by the ECA Robotics students.

12th March 2018 – 22nd March 2018 - ECA Session End Friendly Football Matches with ECA Football teams, CIS School teams and various NGO teams and Academies at CIS grounds.

19th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd March 2018 – ECA Session End Friendly Lawn Tennis Matches at CIS campus.

SPELL BEE



The WIZ Spell Bee Contest, 2nd Level was held in the CIS campus for the students of Grades 1 to 5 on 23rd February, 2018 under the supervision of English teachers of the respective classes.

Many pupils from each class who had qualified and registered for the 2nd level participated in the competition.

CRICKET SESSION



Mr. Shankar Sen, a renowned cricket coach, conducted a session with the Primary children on 12th February. He explained the rules of the game and showed them the different parts of the full cricket gear. It was a very interesting interaction between the coach and the youngest learners of our school. This demonstration was a part of the ongoing ISA activities on popular games in India and Australia.



Upper Nursery A and B played a cricket match in their games lesson. It was an exciting match which began with the tossing of a coin. The children cheered for their peers and both teams played their best. Upper Nursery A won the match by one run!



The children of Pre Nursery A and B had a friendly Cricket match on the 12th of February 2018. They formed two teams according to their sections. Section A won the match by one run. Each child played enthusiastically and had an exciting time.

COMMUNITY HELPERS

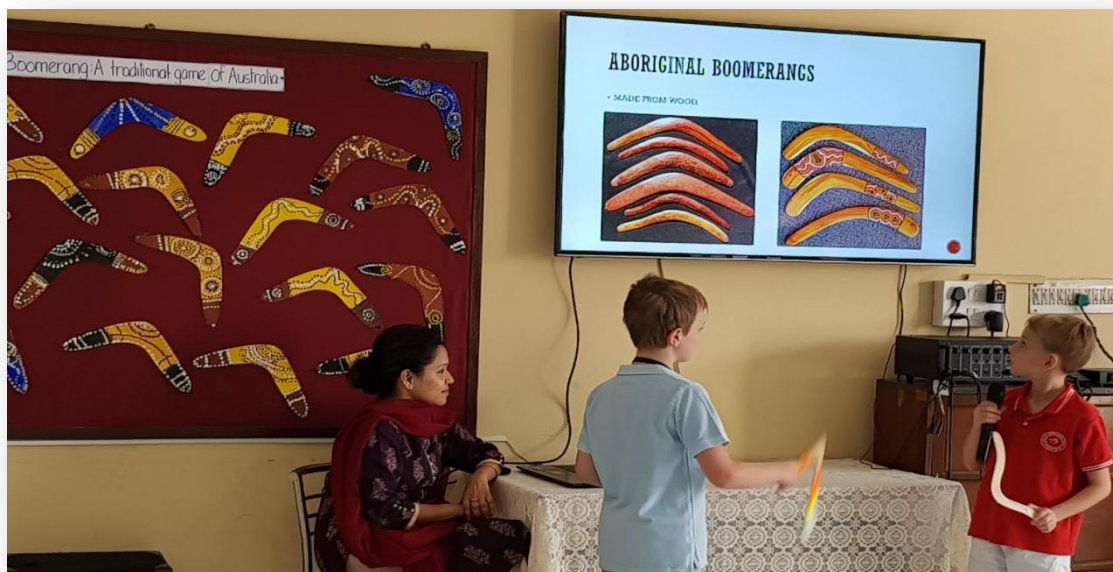


On 9th February, the children of Pre-Nursery children dressed up as various Community Helpers. They sang, 'Kay Sera Sera' and spoke a line about the 'profession' that they had chosen.

Boomerang Time

An Assembly on the history of sports and games played in the continent of Australia was held for the children of the Primary Department on the 22nd of February. This Assembly on 'Boomerang', a traditional game of Australia, was a part of, and in keeping with the topic of the ISA project, -Modern and traditional games of Australia and India.

The children benefitted greatly from this first hand exposition of the game and the sports culture of the country by students Patrick Sheeran and William Ritchie of grade 2, who are from Australia. They showed a power point presentation on boomerangs which explained how the sport evolved and how it is still played today in Australia. The two young speakers also answered questions asked by a very interested audience. Mrs. Peta Ritchie (William's mother), narrated two 'Dreamtime' stories to the rapt listeners. It was wonderful to have parents, Mrs Peta Ritchie and Mrs Diedre Anne Sheeran and their boys for the Assembly and learn so much about the traditional game of 'Boomerang.'



Parent Visitors



Mrs. Didwania, a dentist by profession, addressed the children of Pre Nursery. She spoke on dental care and motivated the children to inculcate healthy eating habits. An interesting video clipping on the subject drew their attention to the importance of taking care of their teeth daily.

Dr. Ghosh, an orthopaedic, came as a visitor to the Pre Nursery. He explained in a child friendly manner how healthy food can make our bones strong.



Mrs. Farida Johar, Murtaza's mother visited the Upper Nursery B where she spoke about the benefits of 'Healthy Eating'. She demonstrated how to make a colourful 'Fruit Parfait' in a simple and effective way. The children happily relished the dessert and were ready for more!

The Pre Nursery had a free-lance artist, Mr. Chakravarty, visit their class. He is also the grandfather of Ayan and Aditya Chakravarty of Pre Nursery B and A respectively. He started the session by introducing himself. His grandchildren distributed a set of crayons to each child in the class. Mr. Chakravarty showed them how to do some simple and beautiful illustrations. The children thoroughly enjoyed doing this activity with him.



Mr. Ritchie, (Levi's father) visited the Upper Nursery to tell the children all about cricket in Australia as this is a part of their ISA project. He mentioned that Cricket is a very popular sport in his country for all age groups and almost everyone plays cricket.

He showed the children how French Cricket is played which was something new for them. He spoke about famous Australian cricketers and the well known cricket stadium, MCG, in Melbourne.



Samartha's Mother, Mrs. Bhardwaj and his aunt who is a dentist, visited the Upper Nursery. She showed them a PPT on how to take good care of their teeth by brushing correctly and eating the right food to prevent cavities. She also educated them on the difference between milk and permanent teeth. The enjoyed the discussion and the visuals, and asked lot of questions during the session.

Srishti's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Sandilya were guests in our class. They shared interesting information about Srishti's childhood. She was born in Netherlands and speaks in four different languages – Dutch, English, Hindi and Bengali. Srishti sang songs in all these languages in her sweet voice. The children of UN A were both delighted and inspired by her songs.



Mr. and Mrs. Bulsara, Kiyan's parents shared a lovely 'Parsi folktale' with the children. It was a wonderful exposure to a new culture for our children.

Mrs. Bulsara taught the children to play a memory game on Sports in tune with our ISA project.



'Art and English join hands in Class 2'



Students of Grade 2 made masks with some interesting expressions based on various emotions. Later, these colourful illustrations were described by them as a part of their creative writing work.



Art Competition



We are pleased to announce that Riyan Roy of Class 3A secured the third position from Group 2 in the Art competition organised by 'Birla Academy of Art and Culture' on 3rd February, 2018.

Vasant Utsav

The festival of hope and love.....

The Hindi and Bengali students of the Junior Section of the Calcutta International School were introduced to the varied spring festivals celebrated in different parts of India. They researched and worked on projects to learn about the culture and traditions of different regions of our country. This enabled them to appreciate and respect the diversity of our nation. Their work was showcased in the atrium of the school, in the form charts full of pictures, information and descriptions on 20th February, 2018.



Vasant Utsav or the Celebration of Spring continued on the breezy spring morning of 21st February, 2018. The students gathered outdoors in the multipurpose court dressed in vibrant colours of spring. They watched a play staged by Mrs Pragya Gupta, a theatre artist and her group comprising of extremely talented, versatile artists Palash Chaturvedi, Zahid Hossain and Priyanka. The play was inspired by the story of the Greek Goddess of Spring, Persephone and highlighted the problems of environmental degradation in the present era. The interactive session the students had with Mrs. Gupta after the play was interesting.

The play was followed by dance performances by Mr Arjun Gurung's troupe comprising of trained classical dancers.. The dancers enthralled the students as they performed exquisitely to "Ore Grihobashi", "Shyam Rang Bhar Do" and "Arre Ja Re Hat, Nat khat" all songs associated with the festival of Holi celebrated all over the country in different ways but with the same underlying message of love and hope.



Heartfelt thanks to our parents, Mrs. Farishta Dastur Mukerji, Mrs. Deena Sharma, Mrs. Harini Narasimhan, and Mr. Jal Bulsara for organising the special festive display in the atrium.

One World... One faith... One Being

On the 31st of January and the 7th of February, classes 5 B and 5 A held their assemblies on the ISA project on '**Religious Development and its Impact**'. They were guided by their class teachers, Mr. S. Bardhan and Mrs. T. Roy. The students spoke about the four tasks they had undertaken in the fields of History, Music, Drama and Art and showed how these disciplines were interlinked. They also showed their work through photographs and videos. The message conveyed was that when religion is expressed through a creative medium, then the people of the world bond easily. The assembly ended with teachers from different religious backgrounds sharing some of the common aspects, beliefs and practices inherent in all faiths.



The guest speakers at the assembly were Mr. Subrata Ghosh, HOD- Art and Mrs. Tina Servaia, IB History teacher and a parent of the Junior School. Mr. Ghosh spoke to children about his visit and stay in Africa. He also shared his experiences of working closely with the craftsmen of the region. The students were enriched with the information. Mrs. Tina Servaia, enlightened the audience with her views and understanding of 'Religion'.

MATH QUIZ



On the 9th of February, selected candidates from classes 1 and 2 (group 1) and 3, 4 and 5 (group 2) represented their Houses in a Junior School Inter House Math Quiz Competition. This was organised and conducted by the teachers of the Math Department.

The team members of each House used their calculating, computing, interpreting and reasoning skills with speed, confidence, house spirit, collaboration and self-discipline.



The overall winners of Group 1 were Green House

The winner of Group 2 was Yellow House.



CRICKET MATCH

A Junior School Inter- House boys' cricket match took place from the 5th to the 8th of February in the school. In the finals between Red House and Yellow House, Red House was the winning team and Yellow House was the first Runners up.



Similarly, an Inter- House girls' cricket tournament took place over a period of 4 days from the 12th to the 15th of February in the school. Pupils from classes 3 to 5 took part in it. The winning team was Yellow House, with Green House following as the 1st Runners up.



Workshop

On the 2nd of February, Mrs. Farishta Dastur Mukerji, School Counsellor, held a workshop for the teachers on Inclusion. The workshop aimed at creating awareness amongst teachers about accepting, understanding and attending to student differences and diversity in order to enable them to learn, contribute and participate in all aspects of school life. They were informed of the RTE 2009, which states provisions for the Inclusion of all students. The teachers shared openly their views and actively participated in the workshop.

"Inclusion and C18-What When and How"



Learning Difficulty



On the 1st of February, the teachers of both the Junior and Senior sections of Calcutta International School, along with Dr. Nath and Mrs. Nayar, attended a workshop on 'Learning Difficulties in Mainstream Schools' at Teacher's Centre, Middleton Row Kolkata. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Arundhati Sarkar, Head of Manochetna Academic and Research Centre.

The workshop was aimed to discuss the learning difficulties faced by children and the early signs of detecting those. A few case studies were put forth to show how a network of support by parents, teachers and peers can help such children to overcome their difficulties. The workshop was resourceful and provided teachers the guidelines to make their classrooms inclusive for all students.



Ms. Debjani Sen, Ms. Tania Ghosh and Ms. Sujata Ahuja attended a 5 day workshop from the 19th of February to the 23rd of February, held at Study Centre, Bangalore, The Valley School campus on “Education In School – Learning Sans Boundaries And Limitations”

ECA SESSION END DANCE PERFORMANCE

ECA is an integral part of the education system in CIS. This serves as a platform for the students to discover and develop their inherent talents in different fields. Western Dance is one of the most popular activities offered in ECA. Students of Grades 1 to 5 performed to showcase their dance skills before a delighted audience on the 23rd February in school. The dance forms they displayed were Old school Hip Hop, Ballet, Turtling, Disco and Jazz. They were trained by their ECA coach Mr Arjun Gurung throughout the ECA session 2017 -18.



Times NIE Teacher's Meet

The Times of India organised a Teacher's Meet which was one of the key events of The Times of India Student Edition - TIMES NIE programme on Saturday, 24th February 2018 at the Peerless Inn. The Teacher's Meet centered on the theme of child security and the role teachers can play in it. CIS was represented by Mrs Neelam Choudhary, Section Head Junior School and Preeti Roychoudhury, Faculty, English Department.

The Meet was honoured with the presence of eminent speakers from different fields who were connected to the issue of education and children. Dr. Sujata Sen, eminent academician discussed the efficacy of a Child Protection Policy that needs to be adopted and signed by all connected with the school- including vendors working with the school. Dr Suman Mukhopadhyay, eminent economist spoke of values that should be inculcated in children by parents, which would prevent greater acts of abuse in the long run. Psychiatrist Dr Banerjee, pointed out how a student's behaviour was affected by parents, teachers and society and the need for all three to work hand in hand to create a safe and secured environment for the children.

Mrs. Manasi Roychowdhury associated with Techno India Group, stressed on the importance of value based education to create individuals who are good humans. DC Traffic Police Mr. Sumit Kumar put forth practical suggestions on how to tackle incidents, both in preventive and curative measures.

The audience, which comprised teachers from different schools, were invited to ask questions to the panelists. Interesting queries came up, which were duly discussed.

The insights offered by the panelists were of much help. It was an evening well spent, discussing the various aspects of an issue which is of great significance in schools.



A workshop on Football in CIS

On the 17th of February, a workshop on Football, an initiative of Mrs Chitra Roy, ECA Coordinator, and conducted by the Football ECA coach, Mr. Yan Cheng Law and Mr. Debjan Sengupta, was held in the school premises. It was attended by the Junior School Girls and Boys teams, the ECA football students, and also by Mr Yan's own team and his NGO team, the Premier Soccer School. The workshop-in two parts- theory sessions in the AVR, and practical demonstrations in the football field, gave the players not only a clear idea of the right attitude, team spirit, qualities and personality a football player should possess, but also taught them how to put theory to practice by using these strategies and tactics in the playing fields soon after. The two coaches, in the pupils own words, changed their entire perception of the game, when they shared with them their own real life experiences both on, and off field. The workshop was highly interactive, gainful, and added immensely to the pupils' knowledge of football and in a short span of time during the workshop, enabled the pupils to evolve into better human beings and more effective, successful future football players.



TABLE TENNIS

An Inter House Junior School Girls Table Tennis Tournament took place from the 19th to the 22nd of February in school. The first runners up were Red House and the winners of the tournament were Green House.



International Conference-cum- Cultural Festival

God's Plan:Rajyoga for World Peace,Health and Happiness.

The Junior School Principal, Mrs. Nayar, Primary Section Head, Mrs. Majumdar and Ms Khanna attended a unique International Conference cum festival on World Peace at Abu Road, Rajasthan from 23rd to 27th Feb 2018.

This conference was organized by the Value Education Wing of the "Brahma Kumaris Spiritual University" at their World Head Quarters in the vast complex of Shantivan.

Rajyoga is a journey inwards and it is through this medium, we can discover inner peace, happiness, positivity and stability in life. During the three day conference there were several sessions conducted by experienced and distinguished speakers. The responsibility of self transformation is ours. We need to empower ourselves by inculcating values in our lives. Therefore the need of the hour is to constantly motivate ourselves. A value based life is the key to uplift the self and humanity.

At CIS, value education classes are helping to shape young lives and empower students to be caring and compassionate human beings. It is our endeavour to make students aware of their inner strengths and develop a positive attitude towards themselves and others. This conference has given us the inspiration to continue to bring values into practice and be role models for our students. Their emotional well being is equally important to us. Students will be recognized and awarded for displaying good values and thereby setting an example for others.



At the conference venue



With B.K Denise, the Overseas Media Co-ordinator of Brahma Kumaris



At Mount Abu with Brother Murthyunjaya, Executive Secretary, Brahma Kumaris and Head of Value Education Department



A meeting with Sister Shivani - world renowned motivational speaker.

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