



CIS HERALD



JUNE EVENTS

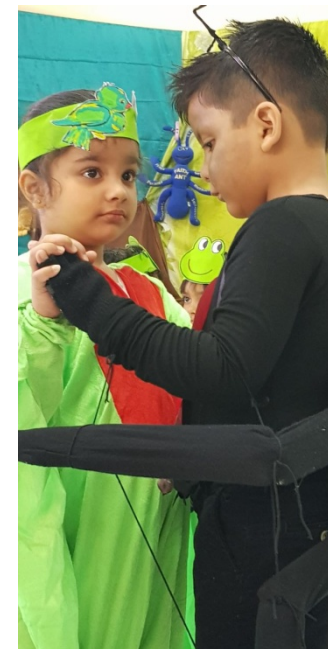
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- 11th June 2018 - School reopens for teachers.
- 12th June 2018 – Teachers' workshop.
- 15th June 2018 - Orientation for parents of pupils of Pre Nursery.
- 18th June 2018 - Orientation for parents of pupils of Grades 1 to 5.
- 19th June 2018 - School reopens for students for the new academic session of 2018-19.





Pre-Nursery hosted a Special Assembly for parents on 26th April 2018. It was a pleasure to see the students sing, dance and enact confidently. The students of Pre-Nursery A staged a skit based on the 'Jungle' theme and sang two songs whereas the children of Pre-Nursery B showcased nursery rhymes through enactments followed by a dance. The children performed with great enthusiasm which was appreciated by one and all.





A Math Quiz was held in **Upper Nursery B** on 24.4.18 and in **Upper Nursery A** on 30.4.18. The students used their calculating and reasoning skills with speed and confidence to answer the questions. It was a close competition enjoyed by all. The winning team members from Upper Nursery B were Rayansh Kundu, Shivam Himatsingka, Aavyukt Goenka and Murtaza Johar. From Upper Nursery A the winners were Prernaa Kanoi, Arisht Chopra and Atharva Baid.

ODE TO THE EARTH

On the 23rd and 24th of April, Earth Day was celebrated in the Junior and Primary Sections of Calcutta International School.

The Primary Department celebrated Earth Day on 24th April. The students of Pre Nursery reused their old t-shirts by designing them using the technique of vegetable printing. The Upper Nursery B students planted seeds in old bottles as they learnt about 'reusing' things.

In an assembly, students sang songs about our planet Earth which depicted the importance of taking care of the world we live in. The assembly concluded with an audio visual of the song 'What a Wonderful World', which captured their attention.





The students of Class 1 presented poems, which were written and recited by them. The pieces were meaningful as they put forward their concerns about polluting the Earth.



The students of Class 2 put up an enactment 'Save the Earth', where they portrayed environmental problems faced by us and ways to solve them.



The students of Class 3 demonstrated how to use the recycling bins effectively.



The students of Class 5 presented thoughtful speeches and showcased posters to spread awareness about saving our planet.



Class 4 prepared a song on Mother Earth, which was written, composed and sung by the students.



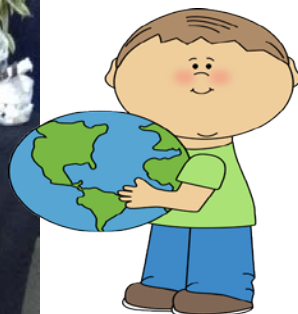


The children also displayed their handwork in the atrium. Each class worked under the guidance of our Art Teacher, Mr. Bardhan. All the items put on display were made out of recycled material. Every piece exhibited unique ways of reusing things in our daily lives.



Mrs. Nayar, Junior School Principal graced the occasion and mentioned that in CIS we celebrate 'Earth Day... every day'. She encouraged the students to be more environment friendly and proactive in following in the 3 R's... Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

The Earth Day Assembly ended with a wonderful message by Mrs. Rini Ghose, our Geography teacher, who shared that, how our choice of edible items can also affect the environment. We should eat 'locally' and think 'globally'...



Craft done by the children of Nursery

True Friends Are Simple

The children of class 5A and 5B put up a special Value Education assembly on the 13th of April 2018 on the themes – 'Simplicity' and 'Friendship'. The assembly was conceptualized and conducted by their Value Education teacher, Ms L. Khanna.

The children of 5A with the help of colourful posters that they had made, explained in their own words, 'What is Simplicity', 'Why is it important', 'How to practise Simplicity', and 'How Simple Living and High Thinking' can improve the quality of life. The exposition on Simplicity included an interesting PPT and a Rap song written and sung by the students. The 'rock stars' of 5A, showcased their singing and dancing skills in a lively performance before an enchanted audience.



For the topic 'How to be a good friend' Class 5B sang along with Bruno Mars, to the catchy song 'Count on me'. They also prepared posters and a PPT on Friendship with lovely quotes. The children talked about trust, loyalty, respect, understanding, compassion, cooperation and love as the essential values needed to foster Friendship.

The aim of the assembly was to encourage the students to be good friends and better human beings.





GRADUATION DAY

The Graduation Day Ceremony for the batch of 2017- 2018 was held in school on Friday, the 4th of May. It was a significant event in the academic lives of the young Grade 5 pupils as they prepared to move up from the Junior to Senior School, having successfully completed their years in Junior School.

All the teachers who had played an integral part in these young pupils' school life solemnized the occasion.

Mrs. Choudhary, in her speech welcomed the parents, Dr. Nath, Section Heads, HODs, teachers and students. This was followed by the Graduation Day Speech by Mrs. Nayar our Junior School Principal where she shared her experiences with the graduating batch.



Two beautiful songs were sung by the School Choir. The grade 5 pupils also sang a medley of their favourite songs followed by the much-awaited prize distribution ceremony in which the pupils who had achieved a high degree of academic excellence and good conduct, were awarded. **Evangelí Saha,** received the 'Outstanding Student of the Year Award' which was handed over by Mrs. Nayar.

Dr Mrs. Saha, Evangelí's mother, was then invited to speak to the audience. In her speech she acknowledged the school's role in shaping the children's personalities and fostering their educational growth.

Souvenirs, especially designed for the pupils, were handed over.



Teachers of the Primary and the Junior Section presented a song for the graduating batch, wishing them all the best for their future.

An audio visual featuring the journey of the children in Junior School mesmerised the audience. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Choudhary followed by the school song.



TESTIMONIALS

Mr. Kandoi - Advait

A very well organized ceremony. It created memories for children and parents.



Mr. Sanghi - Aditya

A great performance! Over time the Graduation Ceremony has progressed.

Dr. Munmun Nath - Senior Principal

Today's Graduation Ceremony was well organized with lots of feeling – "Gratitude" is the word. Children were happy and excited. They felt very important.

Mr. Siddharth Pansari - Tishya

This is Tishya's first year in CIS. It has been a spectacular year for her. Everyone has welcomed her with open arms. Teachers have made extraordinary effort to work on her and made her a part of the CIS family.

Dr. Nandita Saha - Evangeli

It has been an overwhelming journey for my daughter as well as us. Some experiences are felt more than expressed in words. The warmth and support CIS provided has made us feel at home.

Rabindra Jayanti



Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated in school by the Bengali students of the Junior Department on the 9th of May, 2018. Students studying Bengali from classes 1 to 5 took part in the program.

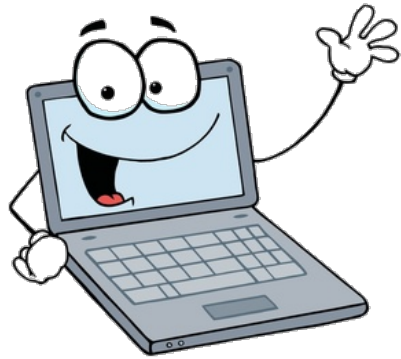
The event began with Srijan Saha of class 2B singing the song 'Amra Shobai Raja' in his lilting voice. Rohit Dey of class 4B mesmerized us with his sitar recital. He played the tune 'Mor Bhabona Re Ki Hawaye Matalo' captivating our hearts.

Songs and poems composed by Rabindra Nath Tagore and excerpts from his work were taken together and woven into a short skit. There were two dances within the skit and the little dancers showed great team work and their neat movements and coordination enthralled the audience.

The children were given the responsibility to conduct the show and with the guidance of the class 5 students, they did an excellent job.

The programme concluded with a short speech by Mrs. Nayar who congratulated the students for their hard work, the beautiful presentation and for successfully conducting the whole show. The programme could not end without any contribution from the teachers and as always the teachers rose to the occasion and sang the song 'Purano Shei Diner Kotha' adding onto the festive mood.

The celebration came to an end with everybody singing the national anthem.



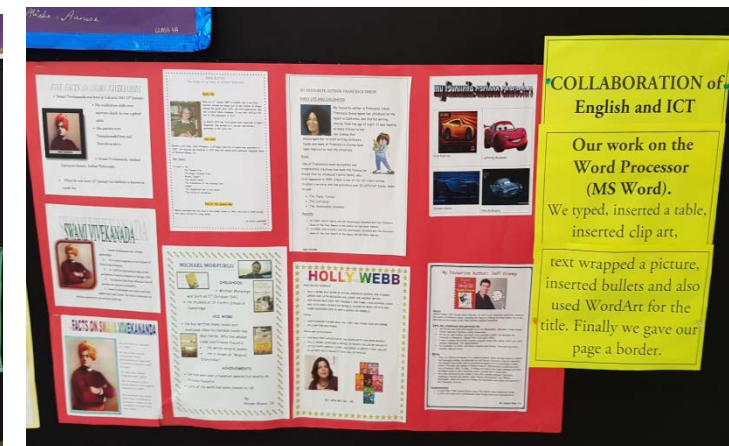
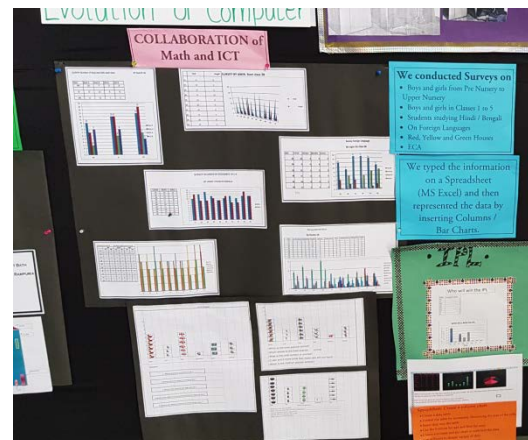
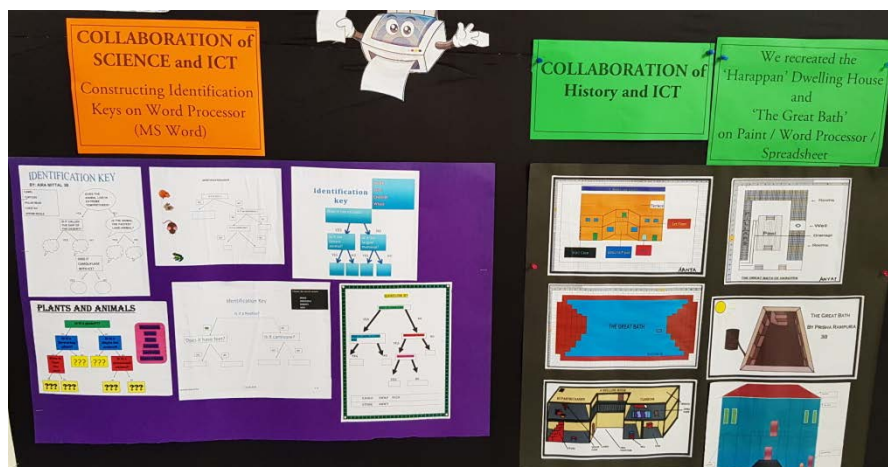
ICT FEST

'FIRST TIME IN CIS'

'The first time you do a thing is always exciting' - Agatha Christie



Students of class 1 to 5 spent the entire morning of 10th May 2018 experiencing the digital world. The first ever ICT Festival of the Junior Department showcased the talent and knowledge the students have acquired in all these years. The delightful display of students' work using different computer applications mesmerised one and all. The highlight of the displays was the collaborative study with other subjects. Students incorporated their lessons of English, Math, Science, History and Art through digital representation.





The morning assembly was a good start to the day, with a brainstorming quiz session and drama, educating students on how to be safe on the digital platform. They spoke on being 'SMART' while using the Internet. The teachers focussed on the online survey conducted in school to show the behaviour of students in the virtual world.

It was informative and educational.





Students of all classes in the Junior School played games in the ICT Lab. These interesting and enjoyable games were created by the students of Grade 5 using PowerPoint.

Mrs Dubey, ICT teacher of Senior School was proud of the students' achievements but also said 'Technology should be used more as a tool than as a toy'.

Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Choudhary appreciated and encouraged the initiative undertaken by the teachers of the ICT Department and applauded the students for their hard work.



ICT Survey Analysis

After a workshop with parents on 'Parenting in the age of Social Media' by the school counsellor, the ICT Department of Junior School conducted an online survey on students about their use of gadgets, online activities and exposure to social media.

The data received was analysed by the ICT teachers, which helped us to understand students' interest in ICT and other related activities. This will enable us to guide the young minds on how to use technology positively, make them aware of the uses and risks of the Internet and teach them how to be safe online in the years to come. It will also help the school frame guidelines to be followed.

Key Pointers from the Survey:

- The survey indicates that most children are aware of safety risks while working online. A certain percentage of students need more attention and guidance regarding internet safety. These lessons are ongoing and will be a part of the curriculum.
- It has been understood from the survey that some students have their own **mobile phones and email ids**. Students must be careful while using them. Parents should be aware of the passwords to make sure that their children are protected online. The child's online activity should be monitored and made secure.
- **Adult Supervision:** The survey shows, students across Grades 2 to 5 use the internet for research, online games and watching / downloading videos. It is advisable that parents are aware of their child's online activities and the sites they are visiting. As most of such online activities happen outside school, it is important that parents speak to their children regarding downloading videos and clicking on unknown links. The survey also tells us that there is a percentage of students using the Social Media as well as the webcam. We do hope that parents are aware of and monitor their child's connections on such platforms.



More Highlights from the Survey:

- Students enjoy the ICT lessons at school. They like going to the ICT Lab for their practical lessons.
- Students like learning and working on the various applications being taught in school – MS Paint, MS Word, MS Excel and MS PowerPoint. They particularly enjoy creating designs and presentations on Paint and PowerPoint.
- The survey also tells us that students appreciate the facilities provided in the ICT Lab with a special emphasis on lab cleanliness. However, the suggestions regarding some infrastructure will definitely be looked into and taken care of.

Advice:

- Students should restrict their online activity to within an hour unless it is research oriented and well supervised.

Thank you dear students for your participation and feedback!

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

As a part of the ISA project, the students of Grade 3 worked on the topic 'Global Citizenship'. Civics, Value Education and English were the subjects that were part of this interdisciplinary collaboration.

A global citizen is someone who is aware of the wider world, respects and values diversity, exercises his rights and takes responsibility for his actions. To be effective Global Citizens, young people need to be flexible, creative and proactive. They should be able to solve problems, make decisions, communicate ideas effectively and work well within teams and groups. These skills and attributes are increasingly being recognized as essential 21st Century skills. These were intrinsic part of the activities and interactions that constituted the project on Global Citizenship.

On the 2nd of April 2018, Mrs. D. Sheeran, a parent of our school along with her daughter Katherine, briefed the students about their experiences of living in different cities around the globe. They also shared with the Class 3 students how they are enjoying and appreciating the traditions and culture of the city of Kolkata, where they are currently residing. It was an interesting interactive session.



INDIA HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATIONS



Time - 8th and 9th May

Class - 5A and 5B

Students planned a project on the topics related to India learnt through the year. A day of events and celebrations were planned as India Heritage Day celebrations. Students were divided into groups by the teacher. 4 main activities were undertaken by the groups. Students worked for about 3 weeks to prepare a quiz on India, a skit on Indian cultural diversity, a food festival on the different cuisines of India and a tourism fair on Indian states. The event was executed successfully by the students.

This activity helped in the synthesis of the knowledge about India they had gathered over this academic year. This reinforced the concepts in a way that the students found enjoyable. This activity helped the students to develop their organisational and creative skills.



OUR OLYMPIAD ACHIEVERS

English, Mathematics and Science



Class 5 Manya Saraf, Saamy Sinha, Deeptendu Shekhar Ray, Evangeli Saha, Sreeja Sarkar, Darsh Sharma, Shome Deepto Sarkar



Class 4 Nehal Saxena, Ayesha Kampani, Hrishit Poddar, Vaibhav Saha, Sayantani Halder, Advay Nathany, Shaurya Agarwal, Advika Mohta, Aarush Halwasiya, Aadya Shakti Aggarwal



Class 3 Archisha Banerjee, Ansh Garodia, Parthvi Kandoi, Sanjana Shaw, Aanya Sinha, Meeheeka Mukherjee, Saisha Jain, Eleena Khan, Devanshee Ruia



Class 2 Somovrisho Guha, Oripa A Lasue, Vansh Marda, Srijan Saha, Navya Kothari, Karan Jhunhunwala, Neil Gutgutia, Eimi Yuasa, Jagrat Hada, Vrinda Majumdar, Sanaiya Punwani, Dibyesh Sanyal (not present in the picture)



Class 1 Hredaan Raj Bihani, Khushagra Mohta, Agastya Chanda, Alveena Fatima Jawade, Krishiv Poddar, Varish Mohta, Veer Poddar, Vivaan Siotia

Congratulations to our Olympiad medallists.
As a School we have done very well in the English Olympiads.

- Agastya Chanda and Alveena Fatima Jawade of Class 1 have ranked 1st internationally.
- Oripa A Lasue and Somovrisho Guha of Class 2 have ranked 4th internationally.
- Ansh Garodia ranked 3rd zonally and Meeheeka Mukherjee ranked 6th in the Eastern Zone in 2nd level.
- Advay Nathany ranked 6th internationally and 1st in the Eastern Zone in the 2nd Level of the English Olympiad.
- Shome Deepto Sarkar ranked 4th internationally, 1st in Eastern Zone and Deeptendu Shekhar Roy ranked 20th internationally and 2nd in Eastern Zone in the 2nd Level of English Olympiad.

ISBF and LSE Annual Teacher's Symposium 2018

Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Choudhary and Mrs. Majumdar attended the Indian School of Business and Finance (ISBF) and London School of Economics (LSE) Annual Teacher's Symposium 2018 on Tuesday, 3rd April 2018 at Radisson Kolkata. The welcome address delivered by Dr. G. L. Tayal, Dean, ISBF stressed on the need for educators to adapt the teaching learning process to suit the needs of the new age learner-the "Millennials".

Dr. James Abdey, Lecturer in Statistics, LSE in his keynote address, spoke on the topic-'Are Classrooms irrelevant?' He pointed out that classrooms will continue to hold relevance. However, they will have to involve technology to appeal and engage the new millennium learners.

Ms. Susmita Bhattacharya, Ward Councillor, TMC, Park Street suggested ways to bridge the generation gap between the educators and the young learners. The breakaway session conducted by Dr. Tayal and Father Benny Thomas, Principal St. Xaviers shared strategies to create environments to enable the millennials and their teachers to unleash their potential.

The symposium concluded with an insight into ISBF'S pedagogical interventions towards inculcating and fostering a spirit of enquiry by Mr. Aryapriya Ganguly, Associate Professor ISBF. The Teacher's Symposium thus provided a good platform to reflect on ways to improve the teaching learning process, which we at CIS constantly strive towards.



Teacher's Workshop

Mrs. Tania M Roy attended a two day workshop on Active Learning and Assessment for Learning - Humanities and Social Sciences Professional Development training in Chennai on the 6th and 7th of April. The workshop was held in Hindustan International School and was conducted by CIE trainer Ms. Mona Chiriac.

The workshop was aimed at understanding active learning as an approach to instruction, in which students should be engaged with the material they study through reading, writing, talking, listening, and reflecting. The training also included implementation of 'thinking' as the most important tool of assessment and how it can improve learning.



FROM THE COUNSELLOR'S DESK

The messages we give our children!

In a vast changing environment, parenting needs have changed too. As early as a decade ago, the needs of children were different to what they are now. Today's children are exposed to information at all times: whether it is in the form of electronic media or written content. However, for our children, the most important and significant messages are those that are given to them directly and indirectly by their parents / guardians.

Some of the most significant messages we give to our children can be in the form of verbal messages. The values we inculcate, along with how we speak and what we speak in front of them play a huge role in constructing a growing child's self image, world view and value system.

Let us spend some time reflecting on how we as parents, unconsciously alter our children's thought process.

Someone once very aptly said, "The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice." — Peggy O'Mara



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The Junior School Prize Day Ceremony was conducted on the 11th of May 2018.

It is a day when prizes are awarded to students who have produced a very high standard of work, good conduct and high attendance in school during the academic year. Mrs. Nayar, Principal - Junior School, along with Section Head Mrs. Choudhary and respective class teachers of Grades 1 – 4 gave away the certificates.

Heartiest congratulations to all the achievers!



Class 1A: Academic Excellence: Khushagra Mohta, Alveena Fatima Jawade, Agastya Chanda.

Good Conduct: Navya Bagrecha.

High Attendance in Term 2: Arham Jain, Khushagra Mohta and Vedika Gupta.

Class 1B: Academic Excellence: Reyna Bhawal, Megan Li Ling, Natarsha Roy.

Good Conduct: Vivian Siotia.

High Attendance in Term 2: Natarsha Roy

Class 2A: Academic Excellence: Dibyesh Sanyal, Vansh Vir Marda, Rajanya Deb

Good Conduct: Dhruvanshi Ray.

High Attendance in Term 2 - Dhruvanshi Ray, Vansh Vir Marda, Jagrat Hada, Vrinda Mazumdar (Terms 1 and 2)

Class 2B: Neil Gutgutia, Anjini Dasgupta, Oripa A Lasue.

Good Conduct: Simone Indra Vaswani.

High Attendance in Term 2: Mehr Nadir Babaycon, Neil Gutgutia, Ihit Dhar (Terms 1 and 2)



Class 3A: Academic Excellence: Archisha Banerjee, Aanya Sinha, Viraj Chakrabarti

Good Conduct: Anoushka Shanti Ganguli.

High Attendance in Term 2: Eleena Khan, Sanjana Shaw, Siddharth Debgupta, Aanya Sinha (Terms 1 and 2)

Class 3B: Academic Excellence: Parthvi Kandoi, Meeheeka Mukherjee, Prisha Rampuria

Good Conduct: Ga Eun Shin

High Attendance in Term 2: Prisha Rampuria, Saisha Jain, Samanyu Singh, Yashvee Agarwal, Meeheeka Mukherjee (Terms 1 and 2)

Class 4A: Academic Excellence: Ria Misra, Aadya Almal, Siddhika Mall

Good Conduct: Anoushka Gupta

High Attendance in Term 2: Hrishit Poddar

Class 4B: Academic Excellence: Nehal Saxena, Vaibhav Saha, Ayesha Kampani

Good Conduct: Advika Mohta

High Attendance in Term 2: Vaibhav Saha, Rohit Dey (Terms 1 and 2), Sayantani Halder (Terms 1 and 2), Avni Agarwal (Terms 1 and 2)



Class 5A: Academic Excellence: Evangeli Saha, Rajyavarrdhan Inan Todi, Darsh Sharma

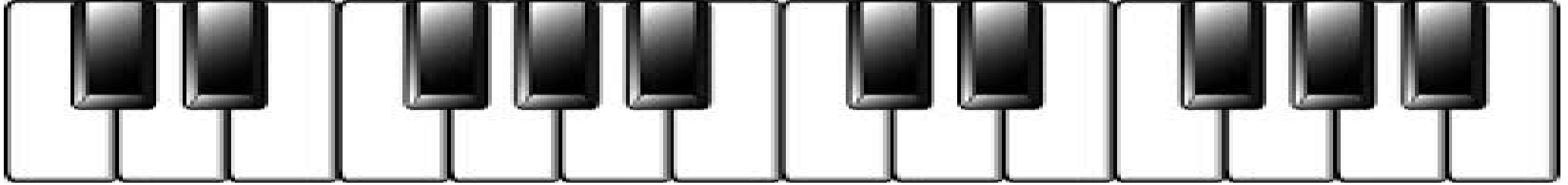
Good Conduct: Vedika Varshnei

High Attendance in Term 2: Veer Nadir Babaycon, Evangeli Saha (Terms 1 and 2), Prangan Bhojak (Terms 1 and 2)

Class 5B: Academic Excellence: Shome Deepto Sarkar, Deeptendu Shekhar Ray, Sreeja Sarkar

Good Conduct: Manya Saraf

High Attendance in Term 2: Ahan Law, Pranaam Bhojak, Deeptendu Shekhar Ray, Manya Saraf, Saamya Sinha, Sreeja Sarkar



All members of the Junior School Choir were awarded Certificate of Participation.

Mr. T. Mukherjee, our Music Teacher was their mentor along with Mrs. S Sarkhel and Mrs. T. Roy

Class 3: Sparsh Malaviya, Ga Eun Shin, Anoushka Ganguli, Parthvi Kandoi, Prisha Rampuria, Trisha Dasgupta

Class 4: Advay Nathany, Rwitoban Biswas, Sampreetta Maheswari, Sayantani Halder, Nehal Saxena, Brishti Roy, Aarush Halwasiya, Siddhika Mall, Aadya Narayan, Sharanya Bose, Rayaana Dasgupta, Ayesha Kampani

Class 5: Shome Deepto Sarkar, Aanya Jain, Evangeli Saha

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. S. Majumdar, Ms. L. Khanna, Mrs. M. Guha, Mrs. S. Ray, Mrs. S. Singhal, Mrs. N. Choudhary, Mrs. T. Datta, Mr. S. Bardhan and Mrs. A. Banerjee for receiving the "Certificate of Appreciation" from Mrs. Nayar, our Junior Principal for their contribution towards school during the academic year 2017-2018.

Congratulations to Mrs. T. Yadav for receiving the certificate for highest attendance.





Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Choudhary, Mrs. Majumdar along with the teachers of Junior School wish to acknowledge the effort of all students in making this academic session, 2017-18, a great success.

We wish to acknowledge the students of the Junior School. We appreciate you for the way you cooperate, work hard, think deeply, critically and creatively and take responsibility for your learning. Your spirit, love and smiles make CIS the special place it is.

We wish to express our deep gratitude and thank the teachers for their dedication to teaching and learning not only in academics but in developing values and life skills which are essential for a holistic development of the children.

We thank the administrative staff and the support staff for their commitment and constant effort to ensure that the students are safe, comfortable and have the best time at school.

We thank parents for entrusting their children to us. We appreciate your interest, support and active involvement.

We look forward to working together in the next academic year so that we can continue to grow and develop in many exciting and innovative ways.



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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