

# JUNIOR HERALD

## LEND A HAND TO SAVE TREES



Our school decided to replant and revive two trees that got uprooted in a storm. The whole procedure was wonderfully executed by Mr. Manav Bhakat and his team. The Nursery students witnessed the whole process. We hope this has instilled in the children the importance of trees in our lives and taught them trees can be saved and restored.



## A Beautiful Day to Remember

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn,"* this famous quote by Benjamin Franklin sums up what exactly teaching does and how important the role of a teacher is in one's life.

It is to honour such remarkable forces of our lives, that Teacher's Day is celebrated all across the world. In fact, it has been a tradition in Calcutta International School to celebrate 5th of September every year as Teacher's Day. It is no doubt that all of us in this profession eagerly wait for this day. Little children in their own small ways make this day very memorable and special.

A friendly football match was organized between the gentlemen teachers and the junior boys of classes 4 and 5. The teachers won scoring 2 – 1. Similarly a basket ball match was also arranged between the lady teachers and the students, where also teachers won, keeping the score as 10 – 4. Our Junior School Principal, Mrs. Pratima Nayar was the official team manager and coach for the day. She along with all other teachers and students cheered the players from the side lines of the field. At the end of the match she gave away chocolates to all participants as prizes.

After this, each class had put up an entertaining show in their individual classes for their respective teachers. For this they had been practicing during the recess hours in school remaining under the cloak. But this was very much in the knowledge of the teachers. All the programmes were exceptionally good keeping in mind that they were wholly self guided.

The students had an early dispersal that day, after which the teachers were addressed by the board members of the school, Dr. Sujoy Deb, Mrs. Lolita Sengupta and Mr. Bean Ching Law. They expressed their gratitude towards the teachers, for shaping the young minds at CIS. Shortly after this there was a splendid lunch for all the staff members of the school. Overall it was a beautiful day to remember.





# SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi the children of the Upper Nursery mesmerized us with a vibrant and festive performance celebrating Ganesh Puja. For this special assembly the boys dressed as mice (friends of Lord Ganesh) and the girls dressed in sarees ( Maharashtrian style ) The scene was enacted in the the Kailash mountains the home of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. The mice and the devotees danced happily with Lord Ganesh to the songs "Oh My friend Ganesha tu rahna saath Hamesha" and "Shakar Ji ka Damru".

It was a lively and joyful performance. Lord Ganesh was lavishly adorned with sweets, flowers and fruits and looked very happy indeed in his extravagant attire. Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati were seated at Kailash Mansarovar, showering their blessings to one and all. It was a pleasure to have the parents as our audience.

We look forward to more such assemblies.



Class 3 A, conducted the morning assembly on the 16th of September. The students presented a play called, "Honesty Is The Best Policy". Their class teacher, Mrs. T. Datta supervised the whole act. At the end, a video was shown depicting the idiom.

The assembly of class 3B was held on the 9th of September. This was dedicated to the Teachers on the occasion of "Teacher's Day".

The children recited a poem "Happy Teachers Day".

They spoke about ways of showing "Respect" to their teachers as this is the value they are learning in their Value Education lessons. A story titled "The Pocket Knife" was narrated during the assembly. The moral was, learning to respect our belongings and property. It emphasised about using everything in a constructive and correct way. They were supervised by their class teacher Mrs. S. Ahuja.



## FROM THE CLASSROOM....



The Students of Class 1 learning the concept of "Instruction and Sequence" through sandwich making activity.

# QUIZZING WIZARDS

The CIS, Junior School Mathematics Quiz held on the 14th of September, was devised to increase proficiency in the subject. The students participated house wise. The quiz was held in 3 rounds. Each round representing classes 3, 4 and 5. This event was planned, organized and executed by the Maths teachers of Junior School, Mrs. I. Mokha and Mrs. A. Banerjee who have been conducting it for the past 3 years very successfully. The key focus of the quiz was the standard and diversity of the questions asked in the different rounds. The level of complexity was raised in a way that kept the contestants, audience and teachers actively engaged in critical thinking and problem solving.

Mrs. P. Nayar, our Junior School Principal and Mr. S. Mukherjee HOD for Mathematics were present throughout the event supporting and applauding the students. Both of them gave away the prizes at the end of the quiz. Mrs. Nayar spoke to the children and said that mathematics is part of our everyday life. Our age is a number, the clock has numbers, addresses and phones have numbers and so on and so forth. Therefore children should be as easy with numbers as with regular life. Mr. Mukherjee said that children must also pay importance to the process or method of arriving at a solution. Mrs. N. Choudhary, our Junior School Section Head, was the overall supervisor for the event. Heartiest congratulation to all the participants and winners.

Looking forward to yet another challenging and fun filled MATH QUIZ next year.



# DRAMA

Drama as a subject in school is interesting, imaginative and therapeutic. Students love the subject because of its creative nature. Every child gets a chance to express their feelings, emotions and also their own selves. They learn to be disciplined and confident. The motivated movements, the body language, the imaginations done in the class give the students a chance to hone their potential at their best. They also learn to focus, work in groups and to understand and respect each other.



## SUCHANA-USED CLOTHING CAMPAIGN

A majority of the clothing from this Used Clothing campaign goes to the Suchana community group in Birbhum district. Suchana believes that equality and social justice are key to a vision which can tackle the roots of poverty. We work with the least privileged to articulate and actualise the right to quality education. As in previous years, CIS family has been organizing the Annual Used Clothing Drive in School. Parents, children and teachers were requested to contribute to this drive by bringing in any used children's, women's and men's clothing, accessories and shoes still in good condition. In addition to items listed above, a minimum sum of Rs 100 was donated by each child. So it was time to clean out our closets to bring a smile and make Puja time brighter for families who receive our support each year!

**Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.**

# As Simple As Football

As one enters Calcutta International School, the first place where the eyes fall is the grassy stretch, bounded by a tall wired fence. Yes it is the football field. It is very interesting to one's observation that at whatever hour you come to CIS, you are certain to find budding young athletes training to become promising sports persons of the future. This field is at the heart of CIS, and children here are taught skills to not only win matches but to achieve the qualities of a true player. Team spirit, fair play, respect for the opponent and above all never to give up willpower.

Determined with this force, on the 7th of September our Junior School ECA Football team welcomed the students of Southern Sports Academy in a 7 a side friendly football match. They were all below 10 years of age. The match was organized to give them an experience of playing a tournament. In CIS campus this was for the first time such a tournament was held during the ECA period with the ECA students. The referee for the day was Yan Chen Law who coaches for both the teams. Southern Sports Academy, trains keen footballers who do not belong to very affluent families and study in nearby local schools. This was an initiative to bring the children together on a field where, other than the ball nothing was in focus. The objective was to develop various sportsmanship skills and to prepare them to face a game against an unknown team whose strengths and weaknesses are not known.

Both sides played extremely. Our parent fraternity as always has supported all our initiatives. This time too parents of both the teams were invited and they cheered equally for the boys. It was a friendly match so there was no winning or losing. The tournament ended with a group photograph as a remembrance and refreshments were given to all present. The CIS Junior School ECA Football Team waits to take up another challenge.



## An Interactive Session With Dr. Jai Ranjan Ram



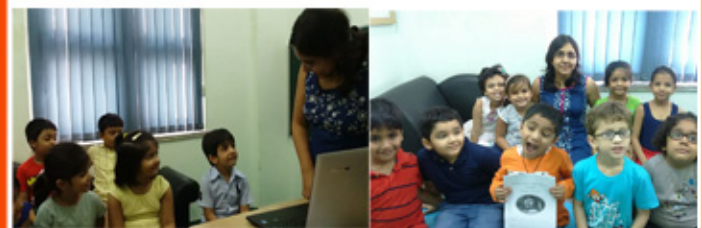
Calcutta International School, welcomed Dr. Jai Ranjan Ram, a specialist in Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and the Parents of the students of classes 4 and 5 in an interactive session on the 23rd of September. The main theme of the discussion was 'Parenting in times of facebook and textbook'.

Dr. Ram initiated the session with the concept of parenting in general. Discussions were on issues like bullying, parenting and dealing with children on the threshold of adolescent. He also spoke on developing life skills to cope with the changing social and economic dynamics of society and the importance of values and nurturing relationships in today's scenario.

The Junior School Section Head, Mrs. N. Choudhary delivered the thank you note to the speaker and all present there.

## Session on Good touch Bad touch with UN

An interactive and informative session on Good touch Bad touch was conducted by the school counselor Ms. Debalina Chatterjee with the students of Upper Nursery A and B in the SEN department. They were divided into 4 groups comprising of both boys and girls. (11 to 12 in each group). This enabled a close and personal interaction with each child. The Initial part of the session focused on identifying positive and negative emotions related to different situations. The importance of physiological reactions and the role of the body parts in response to the environmental changes/emotional changes was also discussed. The discussion ended with defining and differentiating Good and Bad Touch, the concept of private body parts and how to take safety measures when confronted with unsafe and unusual situations. A short animated movie was shown as well. The counselor handed over an activity booklet on good touch bad touch to the children to colour at home.



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