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SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



The Sports Day for Senior School, held on the 3rd of December, started with a motivational speech by the Senior School Principal, Dr. Munmun Nath. In her speech she reiterated that the commitment our school had to sports was emblematic of our school's dedication to provide a holistic education and opportunity to every child.

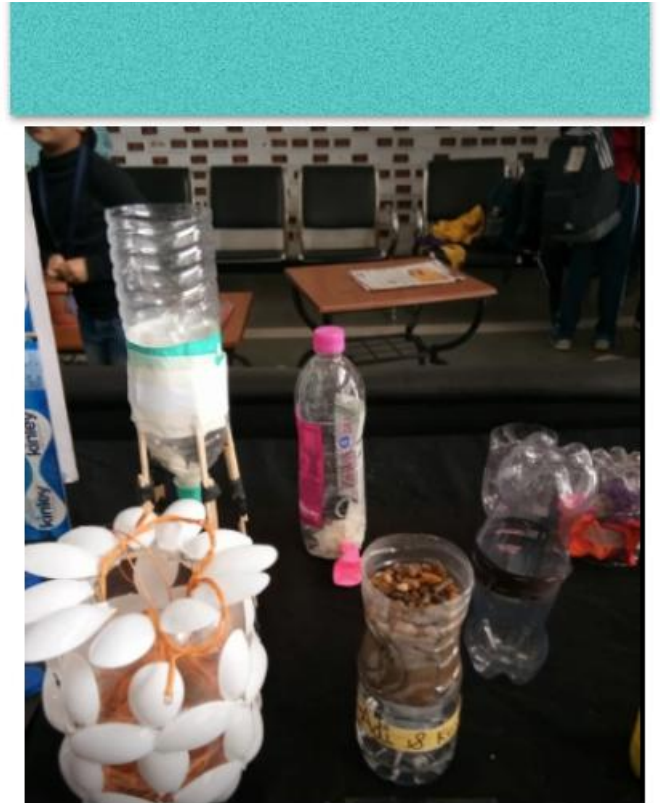
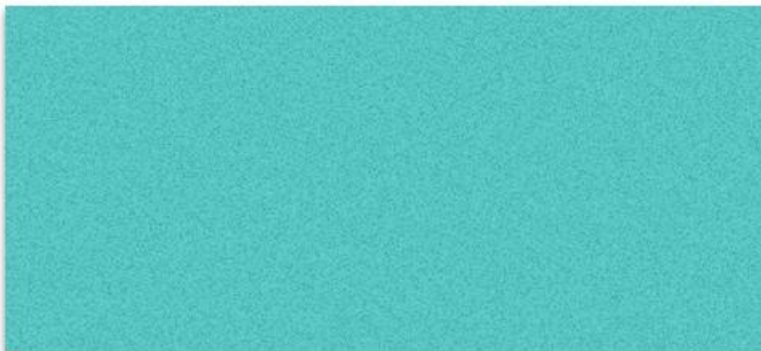
Dr. Nath addressed the chief guest, Mr. Anuj Sharma, guest of honour, Mrs. Sonia Bhattacharjee and the special guest, Europa Bhowmik, an ex student of Calcutta International School. They were felicitated by Dr. Nath and the students. Dr. Nath also mentioned all the sports accomplishments through the year of 2017 of both individual students and the school teams. The guest of honour and the chief guest wished the students and the Senior Sports meet of 2017 was declared open by the chief guest, Mr. Anuj Sharma.

The different sports activities were march past, races, aerobics and Taekwondo display.

The overall results: Yellow House secured First position. Green House secured the Second and Red House secured Third positions. This year the prize for tug of war and march past was won by Red House.

Science Fair

On 21st December 2017, the annual Science Fest for senior school was held at Calcutta International School. The events that took place were poster making, model making, science fiction writing and a science quiz. It was an inter house competition and students from senior school participated enthusiastically. All students displayed their skills, artistic as well as creative, through one constant medium: science. A grand stage was built, and after a full day of hard work and fun, the senior section of CIS gathered there for the prize distribution. Once the prizes were distributed the final tally placed Yellow House in first position, Green in second and Red in third. This fest was a great learning experience and an enjoyable end to the year.



Inter House Debate

The Inter House debate for senior school took place on 21st December 2017 in the AVR. The topic of debate was “Today’s media overtly indulges in objectification of women for its own benefit”. There were two participants from each house: Sanjula Rajat and Moithyl Das from Yellow house; Rithvik Chatterjee and Aniruddh Lodha from Red house; and Shrijit Dasgupta and Anjali Surana from Green House.

This debate was judged by Ms. Rituparna Mukherjee and Mr. Surodeep Mukherjee.

Green House was the winning house followed by Yellow House as 1st runner up and Red House as 2nd runner up. Shrijit was awarded “Best Speaker” by the judges.



Internship

On 17th December, 2017, the AVR had a set-up accommodating over a dozen diverse companies looking for interns, such as NGOs like Premashree, multinational companies like Tata Motors, creative firms like Brandwiz, and software firms like Omnifin Solutions.

Dressed in formalwear with painstakingly curated CVs in hand, the young entrepreneurs nervously waited for what was to be, for most of them, their first experience with the interview portion of the job recruitment process.

Each student was assigned companies based on their interests and aspirations, and was allowed to appear in maximum three interviews. Students lined up outside the AVR, anxious but eager. The atmosphere in the room was tense, and the interviewers seemed stern, stiff. Once inside, though, and sitting in front of them, the interviewers were quick to put the candidates at ease and morphed from scary and unapproachable to friendly people that just wanted to know more about the prospective candidates. Some went through each bullet point on the resumé while others barely glanced at it and instead focused on asking personality-based questions.

Regardless of whether or not all candidates landed an internship at the company interviewed for, they all left the room with greater confidence. They gained exposure to what professional life may entail. They realised how different reality can be from expectation.



TISB MUN

“...A 3 day conference taking place on a sprawling campus of 120 acres, TISBMUN’17 promised to be memorable from the get-go.

Engaging and meaningful debate was conducted on topics ranging from nuclear non- proliferation and human rights violations to hyperinflation and European identity. We walked away from this conference with awards in hand, sure, but more importantly, having learnt new things - whether that has to do with confidence and public speaking ability or a deeper understanding of politics, international affairs, and the way the world functions.

Weeks and months of hard work and preparation culminated in an unforgettable three-day conference that felt far too short despite the late nights and early mornings we endured in order to give our best to our respective committees. Our delegation comprised 7 delegates spread out over 6 committees, and with committees ranging in size from a mere 8 delegates to nearly 70 per committee, winning the Best Small Delegation award was as unexpected as it was exhilarating.”



IAYP TRIP

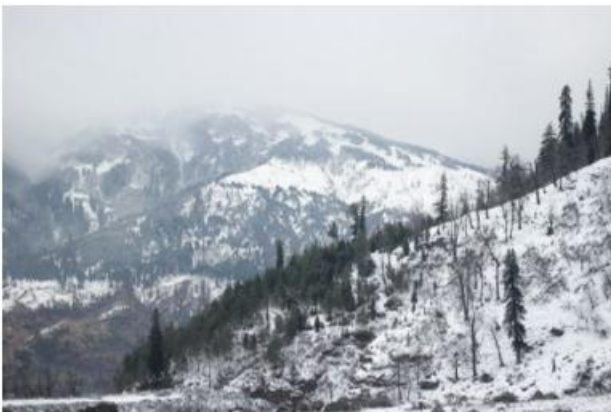
“... We started off this trip on January 2nd, by boarding Sealdah-Rajdhani Express at 4:50 p.m. and left for New Delhi. We were supposed to reach New Delhi Station at 10:30 a.m. next morning. However, our train was delayed by 11 hours due to fog. On reaching Delhi at about 9:00 p.m, we immediately boarded the bus to start for Manali. This was a long road trip. At around 12:00 midnight we stopped at a dhaba in Haryana to have dinner and freshen up a little.

Our next stop was on the next day, 4th January, at Mandi for breakfast at around 9:00 a.m. Upon reaching Manali at around 03:00 p.m., we boarded jeeps to reach Solang and checked into our hotel. Post lunch, we went on a prep trek around Solang Valley to the Nag temple. That night we had an early dinner and went off to bed. It snowed heavily that night as the next day we woke up to the valley covered with snow.

Next morning, 5th January, we started off with some warm up exercises, followed by breakfast. Post breakfast we had our skiing session. We learnt about the skiing equipments, how to wear them and how to ski. Simultaneously, we did a river crossing activity. Post lunch, we went on trek to the Shiv temple. After returning from that trek, we had tea, followed by a rope knot session. We learnt about different knots used for different purposes. We then had dinner and went off to bed.

6th January, was our final day there. We started off the day with heavy breakfast and got ready for our trek to the Old Solang village followed by the waterfall. It was about 4kms up and down from our stay in Solang. It was beautiful. Upon returning to the hotel, we had lunch and then got an hour of rest. We then had an activity session when we did zip lining, tube ride and ATV bike rides. It was thrilling. Followed by the activity session, we had tea and had a bonfire. We played music and played a couple of games. We had dinner and got ready to leave the following day.

We started off 7th January with breakfast. Post breakfast we clicked a few pictures there and then got on jeeps to get to Manali market. We had a few hours to roam in Manali market and shop. We also had our lunch there. At about 4:30 p.m. we boarded the bus. We stopped in Mandi for dinner at around 8:00 p.m. en route our overnight journey to Delhi. We reached Delhi early morning on 8th January. We checked into a hotel to freshen up and relax a bit, before leaving for our return journey to Calcutta. We checked out of the hotel around 02:30 p.m. and left for New Delhi station. On reaching the station we learnt that our train had been delayed. We boarded the train at around 5:40 p.m. and started our journey for Calcutta. Waking up on 9th January, we learnt that our train was running 07:00 hours behind schedule. We reached Calcutta around 05:30 p.m. after almost 24 hours on train.”



LP4Y



Volunteers from the classes 9 and IB-Yr1 came forward to teach English language and ICT to the 40 underprivileged youths of Kolkata who are taken care of by LP4Y team. The CIS student volunteers divided them into groups according to the batch they would attend.

There were few who needed individual attention hence the need for student volunteers increased.

More students from class 9 and IB1 joined the project. The CIS student volunteers visited the LP4Y centre at Hossainpur to understand the approach, pedagogy, protocols and work ethics of the NGO along with the background of the youth joining the NGO. The first session of LP4Y culminated with the distribution of certificates to the LP4Y students for their attendance at CIS campus for the classes conducted. The certificate of support was given to each CIS student volunteer who are currently in grade 10 and IB-Yr2. On 13th January 2018, Saturday the LP4Y students alongwith their mentors Mr Milan, Mr Thomas, Mr Gerome and Ms Lucy were welcomed at CIS campus. After a brief welcome speech by the ECA Coordinator, Ms Chitra Roy and Principal, Senior School, Dr Munmun Nath, the certificate of attendance was given to the LP4Y students. This was followed by certificate of attendance given by Mr Gerome to CIS student volunteers. After the award ceremony, a friendly basketball match was conducted by CIS PE coach, Mr Abdul Samad. The day ended with a game of Football with LP4Y team versus CIS.



Community Service at Ektara

On 20th January, the students of class 7 visited Ektara, a school where they enable and encourage first generation learners from under privileged urban background to enhance the quality of their life through education and social mobilisation. The students had meticulously prepared lesson plans to teach these children certain skills such as self defense, dance, general knowledge, craft, communication, computers and drama.

It was an interactive session where they taught the children of the host school and assessed their learning through a quiz on the topic learnt. The children enjoyed learning the new things. In craft, CIS students guided them to make posters which they put up. In self defense, the Taekwondo students taught them the basics of Taekwondo. Our students communicated with them either by asking them questions on general knowledge or just learning about the life of the friends they had made. Some CIS students taught them the basics of a classical dance form.



Panel discussion held on 15th December 2017, as a part of the ISA Project by the students of Grade 9

The months of discussion and in-house presentations of the students of the Ninth standard of CIS under the auspices of the ISA awards project, culminated in an extremely fruitful discussion on the Ethics of Journalism on 15th December in the AVR in CIS. The four panelists comprised two students from the ninth standard- namely, Manav Bansal and Yashvardhan Pansari; and two eminent journalists- Mr. Surbek Biswas from the Ananda Bazaar Patrika and Ms. Amava Bhattacharya from the Times of India. The two student panelists put forth their views on the code of ethics that journalists should ideally follow. Manav and Yashvardhan spoke at length about the principles that should guide journalism, while discussing the fallout of the inability to do so. The two professionals Mr Biswas and Ms Bhattacharya, were able to articulate the challenges that journalists have to face while doing their job. Examples from real life situations provided by the journalists gave the audience an insight into what happens behind the headlines.

The panel discussion became an engaging experience as members of the audience from the student body put forth many questions to the panelists, which were answered with much enthusiasm and clarity.

Overall, it turned out to be a very enriching experience for the students who, in turn utilised this opportunity to get more than a glimpse into the world of media. The project was initiated as a part of the English Language classes and was facilitated by English teachers Ms Sahell Gupta, Mrs Preeti Roychoudhury, aided generously by Ms. Piali Ray.



Community Outreach Programme at Kalyan Ashram

On 9th December, the students of Grade 8 visited Kalyan Ashram, a women's old age home, as part of their community service programme. This was their second visit. This home is known for its initiatives to accommodate elderly, helpless women, who are alone, face health problems, depressed and lonely. They are fully taken care of by the volunteers and staff members. Our students went there as volunteers to help and connect with these inmates. They planned a few games to play with them and also put up a few performances. First they conducted a quiz. This was decided because elderly people usually have a very short memory. This initiative was to keep them alert. Next, they put up a classical dance and singing performance for the elderly ladies which they enjoyed thoroughly. And lastly, the students divided themselves into groups and played "Dumcharades" with the inmates. All the students cherished these moments and bonded with the inmates. Some students, who haven't met their grandmothers, said that this experience fulfilled their wish to do so. "Seeing them so happy made all of us happy", said a student.



Educational trip to Rajasthan for students of Grades 7 and 8

“The students of Grades 7 and 8 visited Rajasthan from 21st to 25th January, accompanied by their teachers - Mrs. Mukerjee, Mr. Bagli, Ms. Ray, Mrs. Chatterjee and Ms. Saha.

We were scheduled to reach the Kolkata airport at 3 am on Sunday. Finally, on landing in the Pink City, we boarded a bus that transported us to Hotel Jai Singh Palace. We settled in our rooms, ate, laughed and shrugged off all our tiredness until we had to set off again to the famous sites of the city palace, Jantar Mantar and Amber Palace, where we watched an outstanding light and sound show.

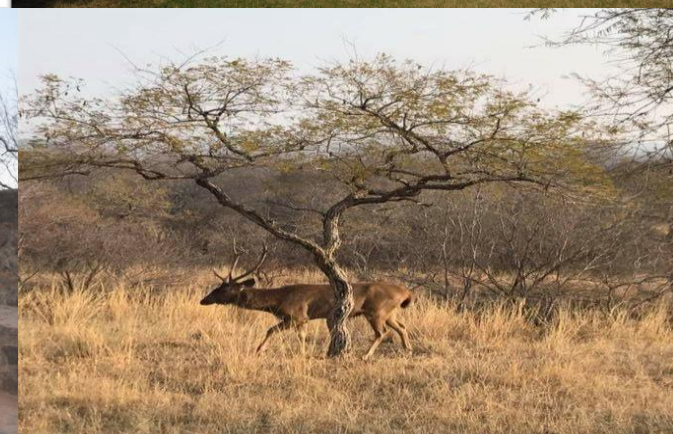
The next day, we paid a visit to Jaigarh and Nahargarh forts. We drove past Hawa Mahal and Albert Hall. We also visited the Blue Pottery on our way back to the hotel. Later in the evening, we went to Choki Dhani to enjoy Rajasthani culture and traditional Rajasthani food. On 23rd January, we travelled to Sawai Madhaopur after breakfast and checked into Hotel Ananta Palace. After settling in, we took a tour of the Ranthambore Fort.

We enjoyed the Jungle Safari the next morning. It was cold and windy and filled with the anticipation of spotting a tiger! We returned for lunch and then embarked on another journey through the woods, each canter taking different routes.

After the safari we returned to the hotel and the traditional bonfire took place which included dancing and singing and enjoying marshmallows.

On the 25th, we had breakfast at our hotel, journeyed all the way back to Jaipur, had lunch at the Jaipur hotel and left for the airport. We boarded the flight for Kolkata.

At that moment, we recollected and reflected the past few days we had had. ... Maybe we wouldn't experience all of this again, but no doubt these memories would last us a lifetime.”



Memories of Tajpur- Class trip of Grades 9 and 10

170 km away from Kolkata lies Tajpur, right on the shore of the Bay of Bengal. On 23rd January, classes 9 and 10 visited this seaside haven on their school trip. We left Kolkata by bus early on Tuesday morning and reached Tajpur near to lunchtime.

Once our rooms were allotted to us, we were given a chance to freshen up before we ate lunch and made our way to Mandarmini beach. A series of gasps emerged the moment we reached the end of the



tree enveloped pathway and the mere beginning of the beach. The golden sun cast its glow upon the glittering sea and the soft sand that lay before us. Mesmerised, we ran into the sand and got engrossed in the beauty that surrounded us. After a short trek, we reached a part of the beach which was laden with crimson red crabs. Partly concerned but mostly excited, most students inched closer to the creatures to get a closer look, and, of course, many photographs. We then stopped soon after and were given leisure time. Most students played an intense match of beach football while others played badminton and some made sandcastles while the rest just sat down in the sand, enjoying the moment they were in. Back at our accommodations, we spent all our time swinging before we had an early dinner and retired to our rooms.

The next morning, we ate a healthy breakfast before heading out for our trek to Digha. It was the walk to the Digha which was the highlight of our trip. The warm sun complemented the soft waves as we walked on.

Upon our return to the hotel, we were given time to freshen up before we headed back to the beach for a sand art session where we learned the skill and engaged ourselves in competition. Later that

evening, we gathered around a bonfire, singing and dancing and playing campfire games. Even our teachers joined us! It was a lovely day.

The next day, we watched on us the sun rose to the top of the bright blue sky before we ate breakfast and made our way back home..."

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