



CIS HERALD

FROM THE EDITORS...

Calcutta International School has had many activities, events and interschool tournaments this month. The school Carnival, The National Science Olympiad, the Abhivyakti Fest at The Heritage School, Elocution Competitions in English, the out station class trips, day trips and a seminar. Our reporters have recorded many activities and events. They also participated in several of them. As you can see, the month of November has been hectic but very enjoyable!

THE SCHOOL CARNIVAL 2016

As we all know, Calcutta International School puts up a splendid Carnival every alternate year. It is hosted in the school premises. From Rides to Songs, from Games to Dances, the whole show is lit up! This year, our carnival was held on 25th November. All Students and teachers put in tremendous hardwork to put up this great show.

The performances this year were the School Choir, Junior School Dances, Senior School Dances and two band performances. The Junior and Senior School put up dances from various parts of the world. The Junior Band played three songs as a tribute to Coldplay. The Senior band played six songs.

There were Craft Stalls, Game stalls and Ride stalls. In the Craft stalls there was craft designs from all over the world. Some places were Egypt, Pakistan, China and Italy. 500 years of Leonardo Davinci's Monalisa was commemorated through the exhibition of paintings by the students of Class 8. There were Games and Ride stalls like Mini Bowling, Hammer the Ball, Happy Bus and many more.



Mr. Ranjan Palit inaugurated the Art Exhibition and silent auction



Dr Nath, Mrs Nayar with the Italian Consul



The Senior School Band: Ryhaan, Ishan, Shayak and Rishav



The dance performance by Class 10



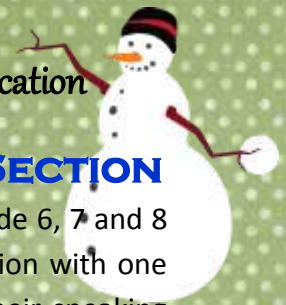
Class 7 Craft Stall- Egyptian pottery and painting



The Middle School Band: Aatreya, Aditya, Ehrar, Digvijay, Dhruv and Kushagra



The School Choir started the Carnival performances. Junior, Middle and Senior Children rendered songs.



ELOCUTION COMPETITION IN ENGLISH FOR MIDDLE SECTION

The process of selections for the middle school English elocution competition for grade 6, 7 and 8 was held on 24th October. Three students were selected from each grade and section with one substitute in each group. Thus, the students had exactly 11 days to brush up on their speaking skills, for the finale was on the 4th of November.

The announcer for the show was Yash Vardhan Goenka from grade 8. Our honourable guest judge was Mr. Ashis Sengupta. He was there with the team of English teachers. In Grade 6, Mrs. Zareen Mazumdar along with Mr. Sengupta judged the students' performances. The class 7 and 8 judges were Mrs. Kuntala Ghosh and Mr. Sengupta.

Once the prize distribution was over, there was a special speech made by our guest judge. He was very happy with the quality of the recitations as well as the choice of poems and in his opinion, choosing the winners was extremely difficult as everyone was extremely good! They made a special mention for poems like Casablanca and the Charge of the Light Brigade, which were recited by them when they were kids. With this, we all stood up to sing the school song and the event was brought to an end.



The judges: Mr Ashis Sengupta & Mrs. Zareen Mazumdar



The three winners of class 6 with Dr. Nath



Class 7, Mr Sengupta, Dr Nath and Mrs. Mukerjee



Prize winners of Class 8



THE NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

The National Science Olympiad (NSO) is an internationally recognised aptitude test which is always a notch above the school syllabus hence making it challenging for the student.

It was conducted in CIS on November 24th. It was an hour long paper which consisted of 50 questions: 10 logically based questions; 35 scientific questions and 5 questions in the achiever's section.

Taking the NSO was a learning experience and it was a great platform to gauge the students' academic performance at an international level. More and more people should enrol themselves in such aptitude tests in the years to come.

ELOCUTION COMPETITION IN ENGLISH IN SENIOR SECTION

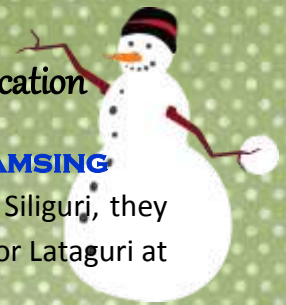
The Senior Section Elocution Competition in English was held on 14th November 2016, where class 9 and 10 participated. The contestants were judged by Ms. Kuntala Ghosh and Mrs. Zareen Mazumdar.

Rithvik Chatterjee of class 9 said a speech originally said by the famous Steve Jobs. Svarika Sonthalia recited Kill Them With Love and Aman Singh recited the showstopper poem, 'If' by Rudyard Kipling.

Shubhangi Chatterjee recited Still I Rise; Milenna Waladt recited OCD By Neil Hilnorn. Shuvam Roy Choudhary recited a self-written poem that he named 'Sacrifice'. His choice of words was praiseworthy. Shubhangi, Shuvam and Milena from class 10 won the prizes. Other contestants from class 10 were Manjima Sengupta and Divyanshi Jain.

The event came to an end with the judges' motivational words and wishes to see some new faces elocuting on stage in the years to come. Truly, in CIS, many hidden talents are yet to be uncovered in the future.



**EDUCATIONAL TRIP FOR CLASS 8 TO GORUMARA, LATAGURI AND SAMSING**

Class 8 went to Gorumara, Lataguri & Samsing for an educational tour. On reaching Siliguri, they went to the hotel (Sevoke Valley) and put up for the night and the next day they left for Lataguri at 6:30 in the morning.

They reached Lataguri and went directly to the hotel (Green Lagoon). They left the hotel after an early lunch as they had to go to a rhino reserve. They entered the forest in bullock carts, till a certain point then had to walk to the watch tower which was a two storied one. They were very lucky as they saw the single horned rhino, not just one, three of them. While they were on the watch tower they felt an earthquake of the magnitude of 5.5 which had an epicenter which was located in a small town in Nepal. After some time they came down from the watch tower and went to see the tribal dance of Lataguri. After that they came back to the hotel and relaxed.

Next day they left the hotel for Samsing. They went for a nature trail for bird watching and photo shoots. They first went to a place accessed over a very weak bridge, only five people were allowed at one time. They went under the bridge into a very shallow stream, where they climbed rocks and had fun.

They reached Howrah Station at 3:30pm on 29th November, very tired but very happy with their trip!

**Having Fun!****Bullock cart ride to the Rhino Reserve****Amazing View****Rhino Spotted!**



CHILDREN'S DAY 2016

Children's day in India is known as 'Bal Divas', and is celebrated on November 14th every year on the birthday of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of India. Nehru was very fond of children, and saw them as buds in a garden.

In Calcutta International School Children's day is a big occasion. On November 14th 2016 we the children of Calcutta International School when we reached school, were all surprised by the decorations – all meant for us. There was an Inter-House Cricket Match organised by the enthusiastic cricket team of CIS. We were all greeted with a Chocolate and fruit Juice. After we got these were told to wait in class for a short period of time.

Afterwards we all went to the A.V.R where the teachers put up a brilliant performance for us . This was followed by a treat of Pizzas.



Dr.Nath addressing the children



The Amazing Dance By Teachers



Teachers singing for the children



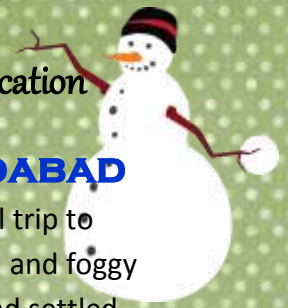
The school decorated for Childrens' Day



Teachers enacting a play



A French song rendered by teachers



EDUCATIONAL TRIP FOR CLASS 7 TRIP TO MURSHIDABAD

From the 27th to the 29th of November, Class 7 went on their annual overnight school trip to Murshidabad. They had begun their train journey from Chitpur Station, early on a cool and foggy morning. The class (of 41 children) reached Behrampore, Murshidabad at noon and had settled down and eaten a filling lunch at their hotel, 'The Fame', by afternoon. A tiring day lay ahead of them!

Murshidabad is home to several monuments and places that play a big role in the history of West Bengal. Class 7 visited these on Day 1 of their tour:

KATHGOLA GARDENS

The Kathgola Gardens are spread over an area of 260 bigha and is one of the 72 must-visit-spots of Murshidabad. The students also visited the Jain Temple on the premises (built by the business men who owned this place originally). The temple has mosaic walls from Rajasthan and intricate carving with real gold.



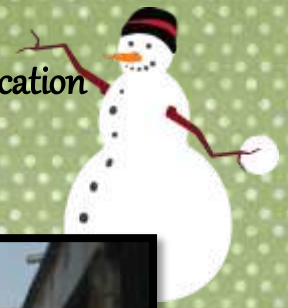
KATRA MOSQUE

The final resting place of Murshid Quli Khan (the founder of Murshidabad and whom it is named after), Katra Mosque is the largest mosque in West Bengal and is also an architectural feat that has lasted 300 years. The immense structure (which was also used as a fort) could hold two thousand people at once during Namaz.



MOTIJHEEL PALACE

Here, the students watched a very interesting lightshow on the history of the Battle of Plassey.



The students had an early start the next day and they visited:

NASIPUR PALACE

The palace is a miniature of the Hazarduari Palace and is a very good fusion of Hindu and Islamic architecture. Although owned by a Hindu family, its intricate marble lace screens are strongly reminiscent to those of the Taj Mahal. The Nasipur Palace was home to a 'dacoit diwan' (a money-hungry landlord) and his family. The execution room (which the group also visited) is apparently haunted!



JAGATH SETH'S HOUSE

Home to Jagath Seth of Mahipur and his family, the building had a very informative display that even continued underground! Class 7 viewed several objects used by Jagath Seth and his family.



HAZARDUARI PALACE

The huge palace was built during 1829-1837 and is a perfect example of European architecture in India as seen in its gothic columns, imposing dome and stucco ornamentation. But the Hazarduari (thousand doors) Palace is obviously best known for its 100 fake and 900 real doors! It is now a museum which displays a colossal number of historical and beautiful items which the students all marveled at! An intensive weaponry collection, detailed paintings, an ivory palanquin and a pure silver dressing table are amongst all the items taken note of!





A VISIT TO MURSHIDABAD SILK WEAVERS CORP. LTD

At the factory, the students observed weavers at work and learnt that cotton and muslin were produced here too. The group was most interested in the silk worm cocoons and some even took a few as samples! They also visited a silk weavers home.

The students ended their final day at Murshidabad with a thoroughly enjoyed quiz at their hotel on all the monuments they visited, conducted by their history teacher, Ms. Piali Ray and also a goodnight's sleep!

Overall, the trip was definitely a success as it was both fun and educational in the opinion of the whole class!



Sample of silk yarn collected by the students for their project



This fun bus took the students for site seeing...the students called it the Disco Bus

OTHER EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

OUR STUDENTS AT THE HERITAGE SCHOOL FEST- ABHIVYAKTI

On 11th November, 2016 some 6th Graders, from CIS, were escorted to The Heritage School for 'The Abhivyakti fest'.

The 'Abhivyakti Fest' was an event in which students from different schools in Calcutta participated in some activities like football, singing, dancing, swimming, mime etc in THS (The Heritage School). Some of the students who represented our school in this event were Shubhroneil (swimming), Milind (mime), Vania (swimming). The children were chosen according to their performance in class and in previous events.

At THS the students were welcomed by a dance put up by the students of THS, in the auditorium. Then, the students were taken to different parts of the school, according to the activity they participated in. All the events happened simultaneously.

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The students secured 2nd position in swimming for girls and 3rd position in swimming for boys.



CIS girls team



CIS boys team

INTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FOR BOYS OF
MIDDLE SECTION AT CIS



CIS won the Championship Trophy



INTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

AT M P BIRLA SCHOOL

CIS Basketball team participated in the Interschool Basketball tournament from 7th Nov 2016 - 11th Nov 2016 at M.P. Birla School. We participated in both girls and boys category. CIS won the Boys Championship Trophy.



INTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FOR SENIOR SCHOOL AT GEMS AKADEMIA

Gems Akademia - Classes 6 and above

CIS Basketball team participated in the Interschool Basketball tournament from 25th Nov 2016 - 26th Nov 2016 at Gems Akademia School.



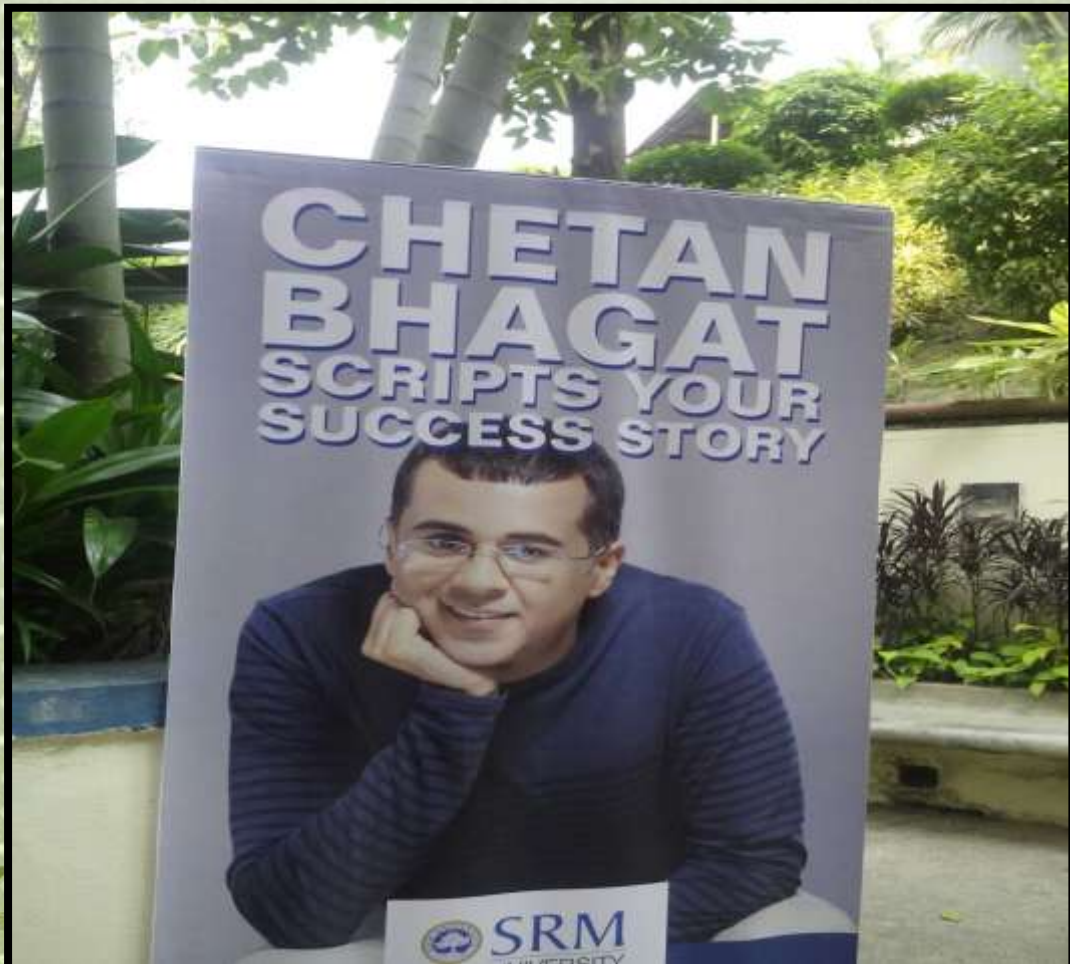
ASIA OPEN TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP

Asia Open Taekwondo Championship was organised at the Anushilan Kendra, Salt lake, wherein 528 participants from 8 countries and 17 states of India participated. 11 students participated in the same.

CIS won 6 Bronze medals, 3 Silver Medals and 2 Gold Medals.

SEMINAR BY SRM UNIVERSITY AT SWABHUMI ON 30TH NOV 2016

SRM University organised a seminar with guest speaker Chetan Bhagat. Dr Nath and Dr. Runa Auddy along with 15 students of IB-1 attended the Seminar.





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