



CIS Herald

September - October

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October Events



9th October 2017- School reopens after the Puja vacations.

10th October 2017- World Mental Health Day will be observed in school.

12th October 2017 – English Olympiads will be held for classes 1-5

14th October 2017- ECA Parent Coach Meeting to be held in the school premises from 9am to 11am.

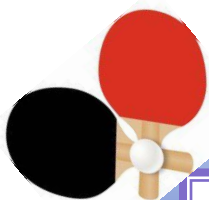
18th October 2017- English Elocution Competition for Classes 1 to 5 will be held in school.

Football Tournament



Inter School Football Tournament will be held in the school grounds from 30th October – 3rd November.

Table Tennis



Inter House Table Tennis Competition for Classes 4 and 5 will be held in October in school. Individual achievers will be rewarded.



ELO JE MAA

On 20th September, the Primary Department celebrated the festival of Durga Puja through an assembly. The children of Nursery ushered in the festive season with a dance performance on the song 'Aye re chute aye'. This performance was followed by a display of the five deities and Asura put up by the tiny tots of Pre Nursery. They also danced on the song 'Elo elo elo maa'. The children of UNB performed a 'Garba' dance and sang a song. The assembly was concluded by 'The Song of Peace' presented by the students of UN A which spread the message of peace and harmony. It was a beautiful gathering that set in the mood for Maa's arrival.



Pre Nursery paid tribute to Goddess Durga through a dance performance which depicted her arrival on Mother Earth. They presented the various ways of celebrating the four days of Puja.



The children of Nursery danced to the song “Aye re chute aye...” welcoming the festive season.



Upper Nursery B performed the colourful Garba dance.



Upper Nursery A sang ' The Song of Peace'



Wall of Living Values

This wonderful idea was conceptualized by Mrs Nayar a few months back and finally came to life this month. The children of class 5 drew and painted posters in their value education class with Ms Khanna. Some of the best ones were selected and have been displayed with meaningful quotes about values that they are learning in class. The idea is to increase awareness and implement good values in everyday life.

AUTUMN FEST

This year, the Junior Section of CIS geared up for a unique event – ‘The Autumn Fest’. A remarkable display of charts and craft items made by the students, focussing on the Mid - Autumn Festivals of various countries across the globe were showcased in the Atrium on 20th September, 2017.

Class 1A focussed on Halloween as celebrated in the USA while Class 1B chose the Autumn Festival of South India.

Class 2A enthralled everyone with a display on Tsukimi, the Moon Viewing Festival of Japan and 2B took the viewers to the Easter celebrations of Australia.

Class 3A revealed the beauty of the Moon Festival or the Mid Autumn Festival of China, whereas 3B focussed on the Korean Autumn Festival with the help of charts, handmade fans and artefacts.

Class 4A put up a spectacular display of charts and masks on Spanish fiestas in autumn, while 4B displayed how the Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico.





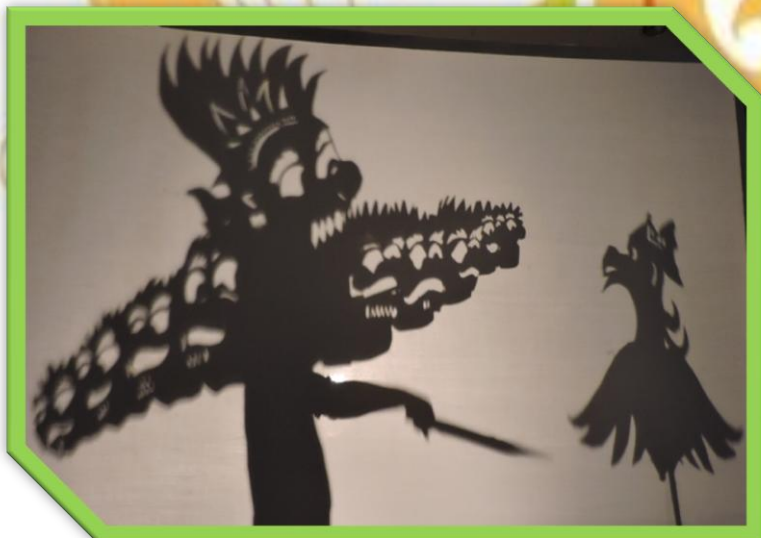
Ramlisa

Keeping up with the spirit of the festive season and 'The Autumn Fest' in CIS, the students of class 5 brought forth the story of the awakening of the power within oneself to fight evil.

The students used shadow puppets to enact the story of the epic, Ramayana. This production was an amalgamation of shadow puppets and Muppets. While researching for the project, the pupils found that such unique methods are used in Sumatra, Indonesia and Pan Asian countries to depict Ramayana. The puppets, used in the show, especially, Raavana was influenced by Pan Asian puppets.

The students have been working relentlessly to create the puppets under the skilful guidance of Mr. Bardhan. Mr. Bose, was the director behind the magic along with Mr. Mukherjee, who arranged the music and the voice recording.

This was a part of the ISA History project that our school has undertaken under the British Council.





Teacher's Day 2017-18

To honour the torch bearers of knowledge, CIS, as a part of its tradition, celebrated Teacher's day with abundant warmth and stupendous grandeur on the 5th of September 2017.

At 8.30 a.m. Mrs. Nayar addressed the teachers in the first floor staffroom where she appreciated the tremendous effort put in by each teacher. A memento was handed over to the teachers. The teachers then proceeded towards the AVR where children put up a beautiful programme. This was followed by the symbolic and spiritual candle lighting ceremony conducted by Ms. Khanna.

Later, the teachers left for Taj Bengal, where a grand lunch had been organised by the school management. Overall, it was a remarkable day which will remain etched in our memories forever.





TEACHERS' AWARDS



We are proud to announce that **Ms Sujata Ahuja**, Science teacher for grades 3 to 5 has been awarded the Teacher's Day Awards – an initiative by International Institute of Hotel Management in association with T2/The Telegraph of Eastern India.

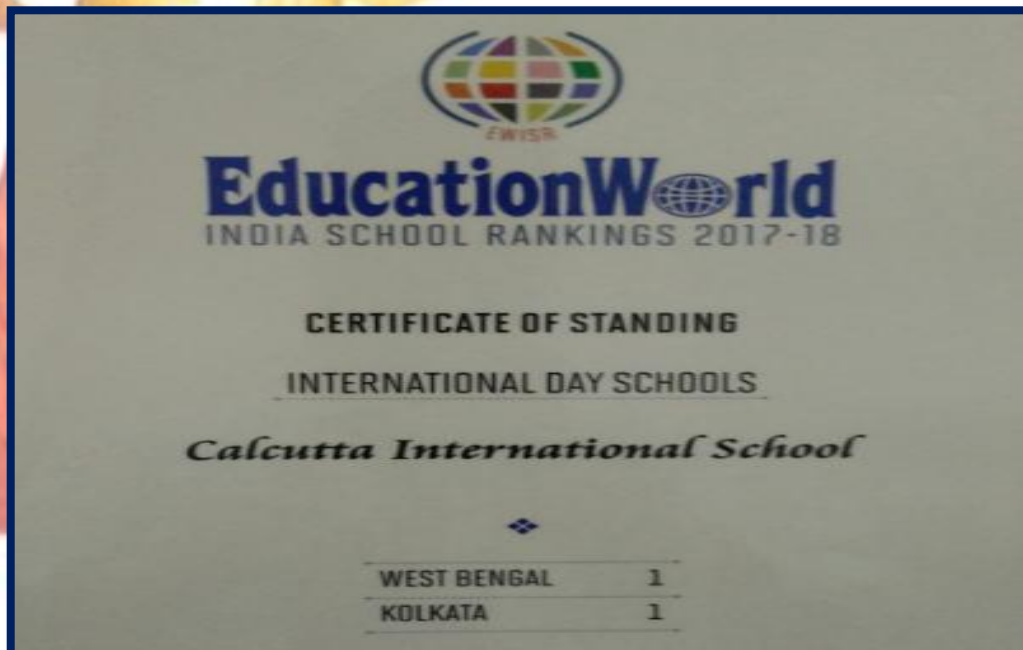
Ms. Ahuja has been felicitated on the 9th September 2017 for her dedication and outstanding contribution towards imparting holistic education to the students of CIS.



Mr. Abdul Samad received the "iLEAD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE" for being an outstanding sports teacher.



School Awards



Calcutta International School is awarded the Best International Day School in West Bengal and Kolkata for the session 2017 - 18 by Education World.



Calcutta International School is awarded one of the Top 50 schools of India for preparing students to succeed in the 21st Century by Future 50 Schools Shaping Success.

Sufi Workshop

On

the 18th of September, the students of class 5 attended a Sufi Music workshop, in the AVR conducted by Fiddler's Green, a band who exposed the children to the different genres of music and the influence of Sufism on the world music stage. The students have been learning about Sufism in History, as part of the topic 'Religious Development and its Impact'. This is also an ISA project, which presently the school has undertaken under the British Council.

The students performed a sufi song along with the band as a finale to the workshop. It was indeed a great learning experience.



The Power of Self Expression



Class 5 attended an interactive session on “Learning to express oneself confidently” on 4th September 2017. It was conducted in Hindi by Mrs. Pragya Gupta, an eminent theatre artist and parent of Praanjay Gupta of 5B. The pupils were exposed to various expressions of the ‘Nav Rasa’ and were encouraged to come out of their comfort zones and express their emotions.



Diving Queen



Samaaya Malik of 5B, one of the world’s youngest certified Scuba Diver, gave a presentation of her journey as a Scuba Diver on 18th September 2017. It was followed by an interactive session with the students of Classes 3 to 5, spearheaded by Samaaya’s mother, Mrs. Malik.



PARENT VISITORS



This month Mrs Samtani (mother of Rayaan) and his grandmother visited the Upper Nursery to make our V.I.P **Rayan Samtani** feel even more special. Rayan loves animals and is especially fascinated by Giraffes. His mother prepared a PPT that was shown in class. It was followed by a craft activity where the children created a Tall Giraffe and named him Max.



Mr and Mrs Raja visited Upper Nursery in September as their child, – **Kayaan Raja**, was the V.I.P. They brought in the spirit of Durga Puja by narrating a story about the festival accompanied by visuals. They also did a craft activity with the children and made attractive stick puppets of Durga Ma and Mahishasur the demon king.



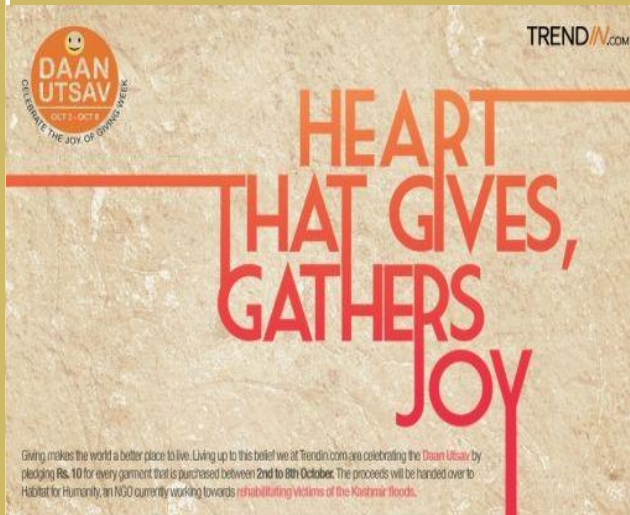
Mrs. Yukiko Yuasa, parent of Eimi Yuasa, visited Class 2A on Tuesday, 12th September 2017. She spoke to the students about the famous 'Moon Viewing' Autumn Festival of Japan. Children heard stories and learnt how to make rabbits through Origami.



Mrs.D Sheeran, parent of Patrick Sheeran of Class 2B, shared the story of Easter with the class on 21st September, 2017. It is a grand Festival celebrated during autumn in Australia.



Daan Utsav



CIS celebrated Daan Utsav 2017 on 20th September 2017 with the girls of Madurdaha Aashar Aalo Girls' Home of Hope Foundation.

The event was celebrated with a short programme by grade 6 students under the guidance of their teachers, Ms Upasana Saraswati and Ms Rina Mitra. The students of Madurdaha Girls' Home put up two dance performances which were followed by a short speech by Mrs Nayar and distribution of 59 sets of 'Notun Pujor Jama' acquired from the donation raised by the school to the children of Hope Foundation.



Saree Drive

The Saree Drive was organised at CIS for a week in the month of September. Sarees were donated by the staff members of CIS to the NGO, Ishwar Sankalpo. The sarees will be distributed to the needy by the NGO, before Durga Puja.



Fun with Maths

Pupils of Classes 1 to 5 of CIS enjoyed the thrilling experience of playing mathematical board games on 22nd September 2017 in their respective classes. This was a recreational activity which aimed at stimulating their mathematical skills.



From the Counsellor's Desk

A class wise session on 'General Discipline' was conducted with the students of Grades 2 to 5. All the sessions aimed at generating alternative strategies by using the brain storming method to deal with the challenges/difficulties faced by students independently.

A reflection – Talking to the child as an adult, showing respect and maintaining the dignity, is an effective way of problem solving. Their active participation and interest during the sessions reflected the same.

From the ECA Coordinator's Desk

Robotics

It has been a great start for our young Robotic enthusiasts under the guidance of coach, Mrs. Niyati Bansal and her team! This term they have been introduced to Robotics and Basic Programming.

Class 3 has learnt practical applications of several science concepts including Pulleys, Gears, Screw mechanism, Forces such as push, pull, circular motion, and Motors. They have also built projects such as Frog and Recycling Truck.

Classes 4 and 5 have executed several interesting robotic projects this term that covered science and engineering concepts. These include Gear mechanism (to gear up or gear down), Simple and compound machines (such as inclined plane, wedge) and Forces such as friction. They were also introduced to the Ultrasonic sensor, which detects distance. They programmed it in projects such as Venus Fly Trap and Power Car!

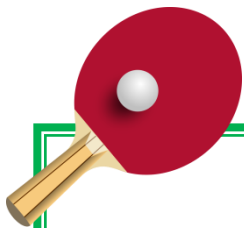


TABLE TENNIS

Students are acquiring skills like Ball juggling, backhand push and Forehand Push Shots required to learn the sport. They are also being taught the stance and footwork required to play these shots properly.

Belongs to You and Me.....

The Calcutta International School Alumni Association organized a High Tea on Saturday, 9th September 2017 in school. A wonderful opportunity for ex-students, retired and present teachers and Principals to walk down memory lane and reminisce on their good old times at CIS.

Old friends met and fond memories were relived. While the cake was being cut by the youngest member present along with two retired teachers, the Music Room reverberated with the strains of the school song. Everyone present had interesting anecdotes to share and the room resonated with laughter and merriment. All former students and teachers initialled a painting of the 'dove' (the emblem) to show solidarity with the school.

All in all, it was a grand occasion!





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