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Happy New Year

JANUARY EVENTS

7.1.19 - School reopens

11.1.19 - A workshop to be held for the Primary and Junior School Teachers conducted by Racsha- an organisation that works towards awareness and prevention of Child Sexual Abuse.

14.1.19 - Pre Nursery excursion

19.1.19 - Orientation by the ECA coaches

25.1.19 - Junior School Sports

31.1.19 - Selected students from Grades 3 to 5 will take part in "Quill Stories", a multilingual inter-school literary fest to be hosted by the Junior Section of Mahadevi Birla World Academy

Excursions for Grades Nursery to Class 5 will be held in the months of January and February. Dates will be notified later.



Media coverage
Carnival 2018

ymphony of Voices, 2018

The Junior Section of the Calcutta International School hosted an Inter – School Choir Festival, “Symphony of Voices” on the 7th of December 2018, in the school premises. This event was presented in association with Metro Dairy Limited and The Telegraph Young Metro.

The vision of our music teacher, Mr. Tathagata Mukherjee has always been to bring together the flair and gift of young musicians as choral singers. This dream was transformed into a flagship debut event in the City of Joy. It was a one of a kind Choir Concert where students from eight eminent schools, aged 8 to 10, showcased their musical talent weaving in harmony and melody in the capacity of singing in a congregation.

With a great deal of pride and joy, Mrs. Nayar, Principal – Junior School, welcomed the audience on this special occasion. She expressed her gratitude and thanked the members of the BOG for their support, the sponsors for their generous patronage of the event, majority of who are from the CIS parent community. Mrs. Nayar highlighted the unique feature of CIS where the parent body corroborates closely with the school to make such events possible.

Choir groups from eight prestigious institutions of the city had come together to make this festival a grand success with their participation. The event started with the harmonious and tuneful renditions of DPS Ruby Park followed by the mellifluous performances of Garden High School, Calcutta International School, Mahadevi Birla World Academy, Loreto Day School, Bowbazar, St. Xavier’s Collegiate School, The Heritage School and the South Point School.

The aim of the concert was to encourage students to experience a broader range of live performances and to help students talk about music intelligently. The Choir Fest provided a great platform to bring together the Junior School Choir performers from other institutions, giving them an opportunity to sing in unison.

The audience was moved by the performances of every school and so were the experts for the event - Mr. Shonil Ivan Banerjee, Mr. Zachary Ray and Mr. Ainsley Colin Mathanda. These illustrious personalities from the world of music were impressed by the enthusiasm, energy and the level of singing at the fest. They not only appreciated the efforts of the music teachers and their students, but were also pleased to see the performers enjoying the lyrics and the music as they took singing to greater heights that morning.

Every school choir was acknowledged for their contribution to a memorable morning. The student’s choir from St. Xavier’s Collegiate School was declared as the **Outstanding Choir**, Calcutta International School as the **Impressive Choir** and The Heritage School as the **Promising Choir**.



Mrs. Nayar welcoming the audience



Ms. Marwah, the emcee of the programme



The Experts Mr. Shonil Ivan Banerjee, Mr. Zachary Ray and Mr. Ainsley Colin Mathanda. with Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Choudhary



The Much Coveted Trophies



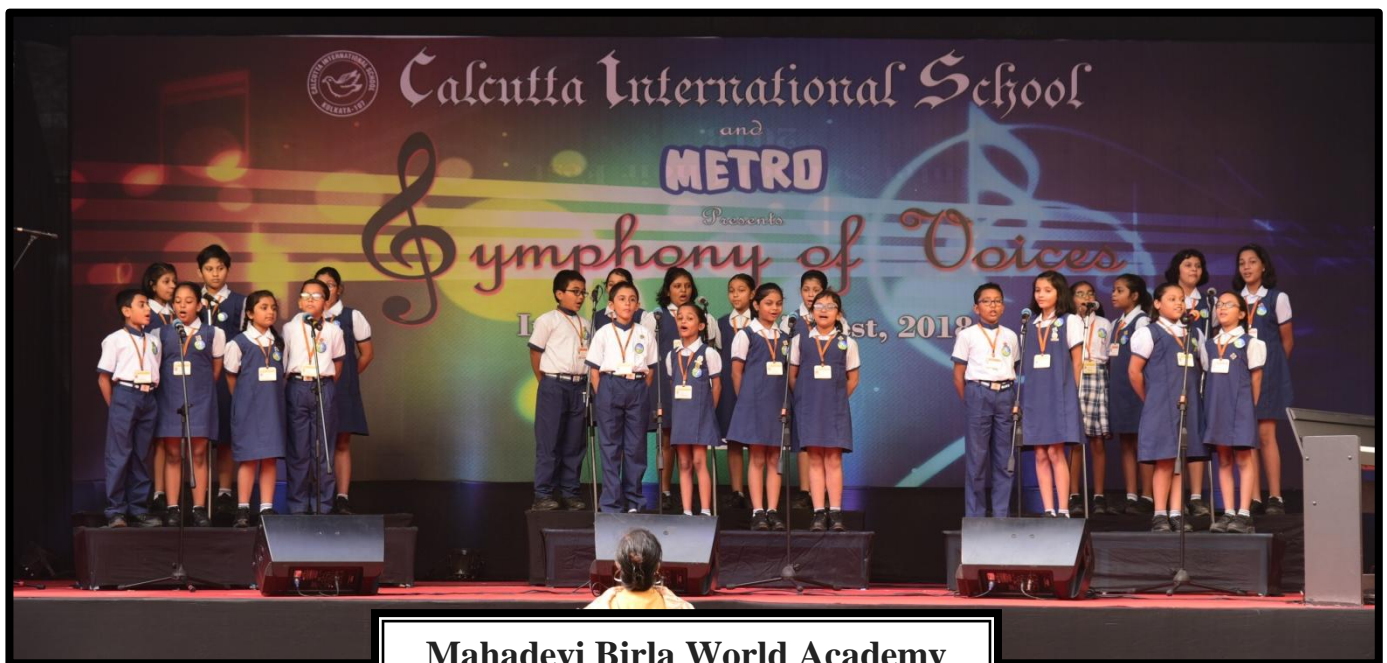
DPS Ruby Park



Garden High School



Calcutta International School



Mahadevi Birla World Academy



St. Xavier's Collegiate School



The Heritage School



Loreto Day School, Bowbazar



South Point School



All choir members went home with a smile as they took back a certificate and a token of appreciation from CIS.



**OUTSTANDING
CHOIR**



**IMPRESSIVE
CHOIR**



**PROMISING
CHOIR**

**Some thoughts shared by
the participating schools**

**Loreto Day School
Bowbazar and
Garden High
School**

thanked CIS for
being such an
excellent host.

Heritage School

They loved the
programme and
were impressed by
our warmth and
smooth
coordination.

**St. Xavier's
Collegiate School**

They didn't realize
that the fest would be
on such a grand scale.
They congratulated us
for the well organized
event.

**Mahadevi Birla World
Academy, South Point High
School and DPS Ruby Park**

They were overwhelmed with the
refreshment (Subway) and the
gift vouchers (Story).



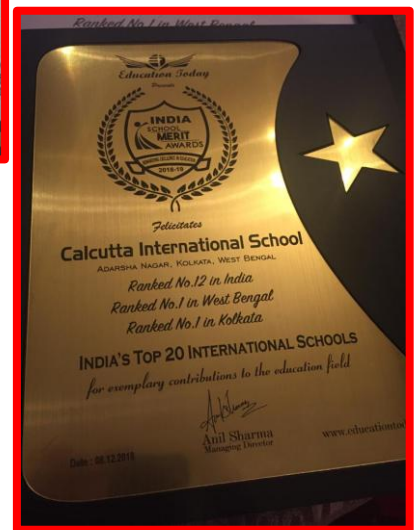
Red House Prefect Rohit Dey
gave the vote of thanks.



The effort and perseverance of the CIS Junior School Choir along with Mr. Mukherjee, Mrs. Sarkhel, Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Mazumder was later acknowledged and appreciated in the school assembly.

Congratulations!

Calcutta International School was felicitated by Education Today at the “India School Merit Awards 2018-19” at Bangalore on 8th December, 2018. CIS was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for ranking number one in West Bengal, number one in Kolkata and number twelve among the top International Schools of India. The award was received by Junior School Principal, Mrs. Pratima Nayar and Middle School Section Head - Mrs Sharmila Mukerjee. Team CIS congratulates all students, teachers and parents on this achievement!



National Education Leadership Awards, aim to celebrate and felicitate excellence, reputation and exemplary work in the Education Sector in a spectacular style. The National Education Leadership Awards showcase the high academic goals and outstanding achievements through innovation, leadership, dedication and commitment towards learning.

CIS was felicitated in the following categories:

1. Best School for Innovation in Early Childhood Education
2. Best International School of the Year



CIS received the International School Award 2018-2021 from British Council on 5th December, 2018. The trophy and certificate was received by the ISA Coordinators, Mrs. Sushmita Ray and Ms. Piali Ray at an award ceremony at The Leela Ambience Convention Hotel, Delhi.

The British Council International School Award sets high benchmarks in teaching and learning, and nurtures global citizenship in young people. Promoting internationalism is an integral part of the learning experience at Calcutta International School, and as an institution we are committed to producing global citizens. Team CIS congratulates all students, teachers and parents for this recognition.



The ISA team with their certificates to acknowledge their contribution to the ISA project



Students of Classes 1 – 5 participated in the International Mathematics Olympiad held on Thursday, 13th December 2018.



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

At CIS, we not only acknowledge students who are high achievers but also recognise and acknowledge the efforts of students who put in sincere effort to achieve higher. With the first term of the academic session 2018-19 drawing to a fruitful conclusion, students from Grades 1 to 5 were appreciated and acknowledged by Mrs. Pratima Nayar and Mrs. Neelam Choudhary at the Prize Distribution ceremony held on 18th December 2018 at the AVR. Certificates and story books were awarded for consistent effort and good conduct. Students with the highest attendance for the term were also acknowledged with certificates.



CLASS 1



CLASS 2



CLASS 3



CLASS 4



CLASS 5

Children with highest attendance



Junior
Prefect

Shivani Bhunia of Class 4A has been appointed as the Junior Prefect from Red House as former Junior Prefect Chen Tian Yi has left school.





The Primary and Junior section got together with Mrs. Nayar and spread the merry spirit of Christmas through vibrant assemblies on 19th and 20th Dec' 2018, respectively.

The children and teachers dressed in Christmas colours and accessories happily sang Christmas carols in the music room. The Christmas decorations and the lit up Tree added grandeur to the room decor. The Junior School Choir sang Christmas carols. Thereafter all the students joined in the singing of popular Christmas carols. They were delighted to see their teachers wearing Santa caps. The assembly set the perfect mood to ring in the festive season.









Varish Mohta and Aanya Sinha of Classes 2 and 4 have ranked 35th and 39th among the participants from all over West Bengal in the State level Grand Finale of the Wiz National Spell Bee held on 23rd September, 2018 at South City International School. They were felicitated in the school assembly by Mrs. Nayar with medals and certificates. The rest of the participants were also awarded certificates.



Taekwondo Belt Exam

‘The Belt Examination’ for the ECA Taekwondo students who are being coached in the martial art form for the session 2018 -19 was conducted on 12th and 19th November, 2018 at the IGR, under the supervision of Master Basant Kumar Das (ECA coach). Students had to perform certain ‘POOMSAE’ with great efficiency in order to pass the examination. The following students were awarded different colour belts according to their performance, ability and level:

Yellow Belt – Ilana Chakraborty - 4B, Isabel Bose Archment - 5A.

Green Belt – Reyna Bhawal - 2A, Bhhavesh Mukim - 2A, Alveena Fatima Jawade - 2A, Agastya Chanda - 2B, Syona Ghosh- 2B, Anvi Surana - 2B, Manasvi Sharma- 3A, Karan Jhunjhunwala- 3A, Aarush Churiwala- 3A, Neil Gutgutia- 3B, Patrick Sheeran- 3B, Anoushka Shanti Ganguli - 4A, Eleena Khan- 4A, Archisha Banerjee- 4A

Blue Belt - Anoushka Gupta- 5B, Rajanya Deb- 3B.

Red Belt - Nehal Saxena- 5A, Brishti Roy - 5B, Sayantani Halder- 5B, Sanjana Shaw- 4A, Aira Mittal- 4A, Meeheeka Mukherjee- 4B.



Mrs. Gargi Sinha Mitra, Special Educator at CIS attended a 3 day workshop on 1st, 2nd and 3rd December, 2018. It was conducted by New Mission Training College, Bhowanipore, Kolkata. This workshop was approved by Rehabilitation Council of India and National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities.

The focus of the workshop was on “Movement Psychotherapy on Neuro-Developmental Disorders”. Movement is the medium of therapy. It is the psychotherapeutic usage of movement in order to deal with psychological, social, emotional, cognitive and physical discomforts. It helps reduce stress, increases levels of the feel-good hormone serotonin, and helps develop new neural connections, especially in regions involved in executive function, long-term memory, and spatial recognition. “Psychodrama” was also another action method discussed which provides a creative way for an individual to use spontaneous dramatization, role playing and dramatic self-presentation to investigate and gain insight into their lives.



From The Counsellor's Desk

The School Counsellor , Mrs.Farishta Dastur Mukerji conducted sessions with the students of Grades 3A and 3B, on the 5th and 6th of December, 2018.

These sessions were aimed at orientating the students about 'Good touch and Bad Touch' and were conducted with necessary age-appropriate visual aids, which helped the students to identify body parts. Through an interactive exercise- using drawings, the students themselves elicited responses about what is safe and unsafe touch.

Techniques were taught to the students about what action they can take in case they face an uncomfortable situation with anyone- at school, home and otherwise. The idea that the body is theirs was reinforced very strongly, in order to create a feeling of ownership amongst the students.

The most important part of the sessions was the focus on the 'Action Steps' which aimed at enlightening the students about the ways to tackle a situation of 'Bad Touch'.





Fire Drill

A "Fire fighting training session" and "Mock Drill" was held for the teachers, staff and security personell of the school on 22nd Dec 2018 in the basketball ground. This session was conducted by Mr. Gautam Chattopadhyay who has an army background.

It was an informative session to create an awareness of how to handle fire crisis of differnt kinds with a practical demonstration.



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