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December Events

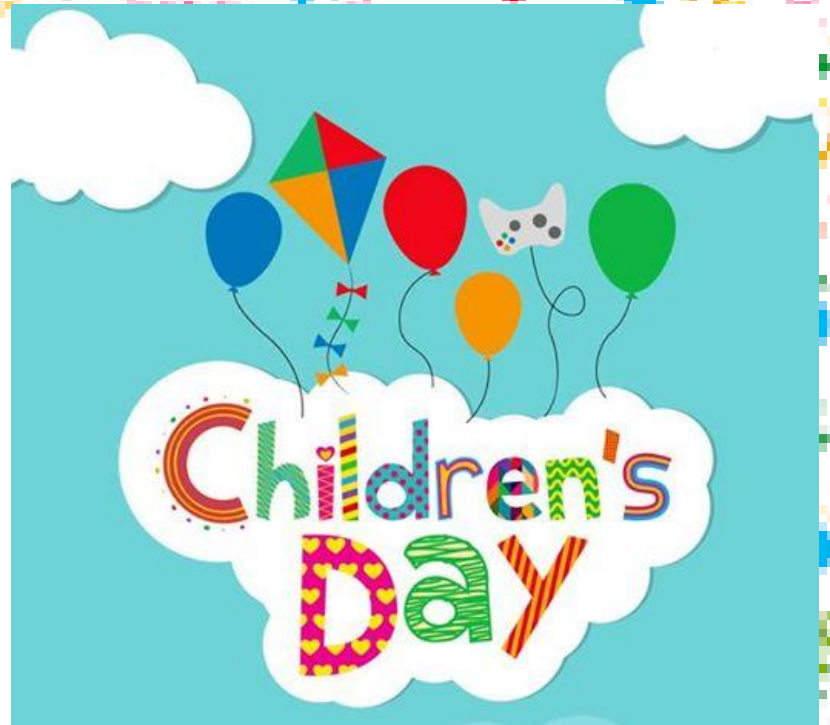
- 5.12.18 – Mrs. S. Ray and Ms. P. Ray will be travelling to Delhi to receive the ISA Awards
- 7.12.18 – Five students from Grades 4 and 5 to participate in the semi-finals of the IIHM Young Chef India Schools Junior 2018
- 8.12.18 – Education India: 1st in West Bengal, 12th in India. CIS receives the award for best International school. Mrs. Nayar will be receiving the award in Bangalore
- 13.12.18 – Math Olympiad to be held for Grades 1-5
- 16.12.18 – CIS awarded as best International school in various categories. Mrs. Nayar will be receiving the award in Agra
- 17.12.18 – Distribution of Report Cards for Grades Pre-Nursery - 5
- 18.12.18 – Prize distribution for Grades 1 - 5
- 19.12.18 – Report Cards for Grades Pre-Nursery – 5 to be signed and returned
- 20.12.18 – Junior School Sports Day
- 20.12.18 – Last working day for children
- 21.12.18 – Last working day for teachers

“Symphony of Voices”

**An Inter school Choir Fest to be held in school
on
7.12.18**

There is a sparkle of a child in each one of us.

Come November and the children wait eagerly for the Children's Day celebration in school. This year, on the 14th of November, all teachers and students right from Pre-Nursery to Class 5 assembled in the AVR to celebrate this special occasion. The AVR was done up beautifully and appropriately for the day with colourful balloons and ribbons. While the children were wondering what surprises their teachers had in store for them, the latter were getting ready to open their wonder box.



Mrs. Choudhary began the programme with a quiz on why Children's Day is celebrated and asked questions about Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The teachers were impressed with the accurate responses from the young learners. Soon arrived Mrs. Nayar and the students were awestruck to see her in an absolutely different look than the usual. She wished all on the occasion and then the teachers presented a light-hearted Assembly fully dedicated to the children. As part of the skit, the teachers' choir entertained the children with lively songs and they were ably supported on the piano by Mr. T. Mukherjee. But this was not all. The teachers had more to offer to their young audience as the next group of teachers went up on stage and rocked the audience with a beautifully choreographed dance performance. The children were so excited that they too began to dance to the tune. The Assembly ended with teachers and students all dancing together.



The excitement continued as the Primary children were surprised to see a ball pool and bouncy castle set up for them to enjoy. Later, all the children were treated with lip smacking food. The fun-filled day ended with the children going back with their gifts for the Children's Day.





Children enjoying a day of treats, games and gifts!



From the Counsellor's Desk

Workshop on Early Development Years of Children

Sessions were conducted by our School Counsellor, Mrs. Farishta Dastur Mukerji on 12th and 13th November for the parents of Nursery and Upper Nursery.



The workshop aimed at creating awareness about Parenting styles and reflecting on personal ways of parenting. Discussions regarding 'listening' to what our children are saying, keys to positive parenting, how to develop listening skills for the children and self – help skills were focussed on.



Parents were also spoken to about 'good-touch' and 'bad touch' and how to begin talking to their children about safety of the body. The workshop was interactive and fruitful. It gave the parents a platform to share, ask and learn.



The School Counsellor, Mrs. Farishta Dastur Mukerji conducted sessions with the students of Grade 1 on the 2nd of November and Grade 2 on the 5th of November 2018.



The sessions were aimed at orienting the students about 'Good touch and Bad Touch'. The session was conducted with necessary age-appropriate visual aids, which helped the students identify body parts. Through an interactive exercise, 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, at home or otherwise. The idea that the body is theirs was reinforced very strongly, in order to create a feeling of ownership amongst the students.



Awarded

Future 50 Schools Shaping Success is a premium annual evaluation of progressive schools across India, conceptualised by industry powerhouses – **Univariety** (Education Partner), **Fortune India** (Media Partner) and **PWC** (Process Advisers). Furthermore, on the lines of the illustrious Fortune 500 Companies, the Future 50 initiative takes schools through a stringent and most noteworthy transparent evaluation process. The awardee schools are the ones that have gone above and beyond in providing their students an environment where they are able to optimize their intelligence and become the brightest version of themselves.

We are proud to announce that CIS has been given the Future 50 - Schools Shaping Success Award.



It gives us pleasure to inform that CIS received a Certificate of Achievement from Hope Kolkata Foundation for participating in 'Daan Utsav' 2018. It was given by Maureen Forrest, Founder of Hope Foundation and Geeta Venkadakrishnan, Director of Hope Kolkata Foundation. We thank all students, parents, teachers and the staff of CIS for their cooperation and support, without which this drive would not have been possible.

Workshop



Mrs. Gargi Sinha Mitra, the Special Educator at CIS, attended a two hour workshop on Intervention Assessment of Learning Difficulties and ASDS using Colour Tinted Spectacle on Monday, 12th November 2018. The workshop was organized by the Autism Society of West Bengal and it took place at their campus in Mukundapur.

At the workshop, the focal points of discussion were:

- The colour tinted glasses remove the Sensory issues. They improve cognition, concentration, memory recall, reduce anxiety, develop better peer/social relationship, boost self esteem and confidence
- The colour tinted spectacles DO NOT replace the therapies and accommodations received by the child from an Optometrist. It enhances the receptive power of the therapies received by the child.

It was conducted by Dr Zahir Ibrahim, (Dip. Optics, Dip. Ed-Trainer) Learning Difficulty Solutions from England. The session conducted through lecture, slides, videos and quiz was informative and interesting. The videos showed the Pre and Post therapeutic effects of wearing the Colour Tinted Spectacles.



Mrs. Farishta Dastur Mukerji, the School Counsellor, attended Block 2 of a Training Programme from 13th to 16th November at Mental Health Foundation at Hazra, Kolkata. The programme was conducted jointly by Ummeed Child Development Centre, Mumbai and Mental Health Foundation, Kolkata.



The Training was on Narrative Practice Therapy. In this form of psychotherapy, the narrative therapist focuses upon assisting people to create stories about themselves, their identities which are helpful to them. This work of "re-authoring identity" claims to help people identify their own values and identify the skills and knowledge that they have, to live these values. Through the process of identifying the history of values in people's lives, the therapist is able to co-author a new story about the person. The approach was developed during the 1970s and 80s by Australian Social Worker Michael White and David Epstein of New Zealand. The Training was useful as these techniques can be used very well with children.



Ms. S. Ganguli attended a workshop, 'Connecting knowledge through an innovative teaching approach', conducted by Mr. Shaji of Jodo Gyan Shiksha Resource Centre at Delhi on 26th and 27th of November. The programme aimed at developing a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts and pedagogical aspects for the Pre-Primary children. Teachers from all over India attended the workshop.

Table Tennis Tournament

The students of Grades 3, 4 and 5 participated in the Junior School Individual Table Tennis Tournament as well as the Inter-House Table Tennis Tournament for boys and girls held from 12th November to 21st November, 2018.

In the individual category for boys, the winner was Aarush Churiwala of 3A and the runner-up was Ahan Agarwal of 5A.

In the individual category for girls, Aanya Sinha of 4A emerged winner while Aurna Banerjee of 5B was the runner-up.

The Junior School Inter-House Table Tennis Tournament for Boys was won by the Red House and Green House took the runner-up position.

Media Coverage

'Celebrating Together' published in Times of India on 28th Nov 2018.



English Olympiad



We are proud to announce the names of the following students of CIS for their excellent results at the SOF International English Olympiad Examination:

Zonal Gold Medal

Alveena Fatima Jawade (Grade 2)

The winners of the Medal of Distinction are:

Avyan Sharma , Tanay Rampuria, Khushagra Mohta and Agastya Chanda of Grade 2.

Neil Gutgutia, Oripa Altariel Lasue, Dibyesh Sanyal, Swaralipi Banerjee, Vansh Vir Marda and Karan Jhunjhunwala of Grade 3.

Nehal Saxena and Advay Nathany of Grade 5.

The winners of the School Gold Medal are:

Sammagnah Bardhan (Grade 1) , Reyna Bhawal (Grade 2), Anjini Dasgupta (Grade 3) , Viraj Chakrabarti (Grade 4) and Ria Misra and Vaibhav Saha of (Grade 5).

The winners of the School silver medal are:

Arisht Chopra (Grade 1), Vaneesha Ved Dhote (Grade 2), Manya Garodia (Grade 3) , Devanshee Ruia (Grade 4) and Rena Misra (Grade 5).

The winners of the School bronze medal are :

Divit Saraogi (Grade 1), Anvi Nathany (Grade 2), Srijan Saha (Grade 3), Parthvi Kandoi (Grade 4) and Ayesha Kampani (Grade 5).

Congratulations to all the students!!

Teacher Exchange Programme at Kunming, PRC



A delegation of the Principals, Dr. Nath and Mrs. Nayar and four teachers of CIS, Mrs. Mukherjee, Mrs Choudhary, Ms.Ray and Mrs Ahuja travelled to Kunming in the Yunnan province of China on an Exchange Programme from 15th to 18th November, 2018.



The visit was hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China. A visit to two schools - Kunming Number 3 and the Yunnan University Secondary School was part of the itinerary.



The CIS delegation interacted with the faculty and students, observed lessons, inspected the infrastructure and facilities offered and held meetings with the school management. The CIS delegation was received with great cordiality and warmth. The visit proved to be significant and enriching with great promise of more fruitful exchanges in future.



Balanced Diet Day in Upper Nursery A

On 22nd November, Upper Nursery A observed "A Balanced Diet Day". There was a spread of Healthy food divided into the four categories as per the food Pyramid done in class.

There were tables divided into sections of Carbohydrates, Vitamins and Minerals, Proteins and Fats and the children chose their healthy plate to eat as they picked up at least one item from each category.

The parent volunteers, Mrs Lalani, Mrs Kejriwal, Mrs Agrawal and Mrs Jain displayed great enthusiasm to organize, coordinate and prepare for this event. The children prepared a food Pyramid chart at the end of it to consolidate their learning.

This event was well attended by the Junior Principal, the Senior Principal, Section Heads, Science Coordinator and teachers of the Primary.



Healthy Eating Day in Upper Nursery -B

Mrs. Nivedita Agarwal, Yuvan Agarwal's mother visited the children of UNB on 22nd November. She discussed the importance of each food group in our diet. Mrs. Agarwal demonstrated to the children how to prepare healthy sandwiches using ingredients like vegetables, fruits and hummus and also a refreshing drink. Each child then chose his set of ingredients to make a sandwich comprising of all 'four food groups'.

It was truly an enriching session.



CARNIVAL IN THE MAKING



Grade 1

**Handmade
Happiness**



Grade 2

Mosaic Magic

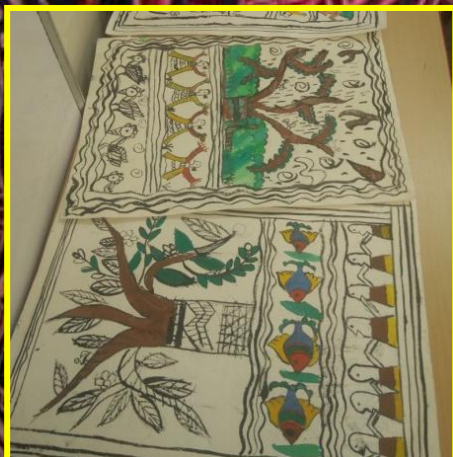


Grade 3

Egyptian Sura

Grade 4

**Sealed
Symbols**



Grade 5

Skin to Screen

CARNIVAL

Connecting to the roots

The CIS Carnival is a festival of music, dance, theatre, art and craft and goes without saying food. It is a fiesta filled with gala jamboree. The grand fête was held in the school premises on the 30th of November, keeping afloat the theme chosen for this year - Connecting to the roots. The roots of education lie in the knowledge of our past history, origin and culture. It is our endeavour to explore our origin, our roots and blend the urban with the rural, giving it a global perspective.



The school premises was given a rural look keeping the theme in mind. The programme began with the inauguration of the Exhibition on paintings done by the senior students and the ex-students of CIS, by the Chief Guest for the evening, Monsieur Fabrice Plançon, the Director of Alliance Française du Bengale. The paintings were on sale and auction. A few selected works of the Junior School students were also on display at the exhibition. This was followed by the speeches by Dr. Nath and Mrs. Nayar and the Chief Guest, Monsieur Plançon who lauded the efforts of the school, reminiscing his days as a teacher. The occasion was also graced by Mrs. Manjari Kanoi, the Guest of Honour.



The Junior School Choir of the Calcutta International School is an important part of the school's cultural and musical wing. Traditionally at CIS, nearly each and every event during the calendar year begins with the Choir as a prelude to the programme, setting the stage for the main event. This year's Carnival was no exception. The talented singers of the Junior School Choir under the tutelage of Mr. T. Mukherjee, displayed their repertoire in choral singing in their presentation of the songs, 'Stand together' and 'Fagunero Mohonay', the latter giving the audience a feel of the folk music of Assam.



The Primary Section had arranged an array of games like Bail Gadi Daud, Jodi Banao and the Machli Pakdo to relive childhood memories of the melas and fairs.

Art and Craft is an integral part of the CIS Carnival. There were various stalls where the artistic and creative abilities of the young ones were showcased.

This entire journey of going back to the roots through art was under the able guidance of Mr. Bardhan, the Art teacher. He was well supported by the Class teachers of 1 to 5.



Grade 1's "Art Adventure" featured an amalgamation of their learning of customs and culture of the people of Bengal in Social Studies and Art through Alpana designs. These were improvised with the use of blocks to create magnificent and attractive paper bags. It was their attempt to curb the excessive use of plastics.

Grade 2 has taken a small yet powerful step to protest against deforestation of the rainforests, a home to almost half of the Earth's plant and animal species. As these creatures do not have a voice, Grade 2 has taken up the job. They have crafted some beautiful Place Mats depicting the different plant and animal species of the rainforests using the technique of Paper Mosaic. This was a project where Social Studies and Art converged.



Grade 3 attempted to go back to the roots of the Egyptian civilization by concentrating on Egyptian Portraiture, an ancient form of artistic expression. This art form portrays the subjects from their own perspective rather than the point of view of the artist. The young artists recreated this brilliant art form by applying the technique of “Mixed Media” using photography, painting and collage.

The young artisans of Grade 4, used clay modelling techniques to make replicas of Indus Valley Civilization seals, connecting the past with the present. The great joy of working with clay art and connecting it to history was a memorable experience for the 4th Graders.



The paintings presented by the learners of Grade 5 were a culmination of their learning from the workshop on Godna art or tattoo paintings that they had attended. Godna is an ancient, unique and indigenous dying art form of India that originated in Bihar and was adopted by the Dusadh women.



There was an artisan who demonstrated the making of pots using a potter's wheel and many even tried their hand at it, enjoying the novel experience. The weaver showed the weaving of mats.



The school grounds pulsated with scintillating music and a lively crowd. The zest and zeal exhibited by an enthusiastic crowd of visitors and participants made Carnival 2018 a memorable one.





The Atrium gets a new look

Mr. Bardhan, the Art teacher gave the atrium of the school an interestingly novel façade with the art work of the children of Grade 5. This marked the culmination of the Godna art workshop that the students of Grade 5 did in October under the guidance of Mr. Bardhan and the Madhubani artists of Bihar. The word 'THINK' exquisitely painted in the Godna style (tattoo art of Jharkhand) by the children was installed in the atrium. This art work gave the students, a sense of pride, a space to showcase their talent, their teamwork and their concern for the folk art forms of India. The word "Think" symbolises the inherent nature of humans to imagine and create. It is a question and an answer in itself, said Mr. Bardhan.



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