



CIS HERALD



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NOVEMBER EVENTS

7th-9th November- Diwali /Kali Puja Break

14th November - Children's Day Celebration

15th November - Science Olympiad to be held for Classes 1 to 5

30th November - School Carnival

Zero lessons will commence for preparation of Carnival Craft, Drill and Choir Practice for students of the Junior Section from 1st November.

Inter House Table Tennis Tournament for boys and girls will take place in November.



On 12th November, a Workshop on 'Early Development Years of Children' will be conducted by the School Counsellor, Mrs. Farishta Dastur Mukherji, for the parents of Nursery, and on 13th November for the parents of Upper Nursery.

Miss S Ganguli will be attending a workshop on Mathematical Tools for Meaningful Pedagogical Practices related to Grade – Pre Primary, at Jodo Gyan Resource Centre, New Delhi on 26th & 27th of November 2018.

On 9th October, children of Pre Nursery were captivated as parents of Miraan Lakhotia (Pre Nursery A) spoke and showcased their expertise in playing Golf. The children enthusiastically participated at 'chipping' or 'putting' the golf ball into the hole with the club.



PUJA ASSEMBLY



The Primary Department celebrated Durga Puja in school on 10th October. An Assembly was held where the children of Pre-Nursery performed a dance on 'Elo Je Maa'.



Nursery students dramatised the story of 'Mahisasur Mardini' with an ongoing PPT in the background.



Upper Nursery B concluded the Assembly with a vibrant Dandiya dance to celebrate the victory of 'Good over Evil'.



Celebrating Halloween



Children of the Primary Department celebrated Halloween with great enthusiasm. They came dressed as different characters like a witch, cat, bat, Jack o lantern, Dracula, vampire, ghost and skeleton to usher in the 'spirit' of Halloween. A child narrated the story, 'Room in a Broom'.

It was fun to see them scaring their peers followed by a 'trick or treat' ritual. They were treated to an array of fun games organised in the classroom.





Diwali



On 31st October, a new brass lamp was inaugurated by Mrs Nayar, Mrs Majumdar and Mrs Choudhary. It was lit in the school atrium and the significance of 'light' in our lives was emphasised.

The lighting of the lamp was followed by a graceful Diya dance by Upper Nursery A and their teachers, Miss L. Khanna and Mrs N. Khaitan, ushering in a Pre-Diwali celebration during their morning assembly. They danced to a melodious old Hindi song "Diye jala ke pyar ke". All the primary teachers joined in the dance with a diya in their hands. It was a magical performance filled with love, light and happiness.



GODNA ART WORKSHOP

1st -6th October

An intensive workshop, an initiative by Mr Sudipta Bardhan, Art Teacher, CIS, and supported by Mrs Nayar, Principal, Junior School, was conducted by artists, Shri Prabhakar Jha, Shri Diwakar Jha and Shrimati Poonam Devi. These artists run a family establishment, Kalaakaar & Art, in the village of Jitwarpur in Madhubani District, Bihar. They aimed to make the pupils in the school aware of India's unique folk art and to know and learn this to revive a beautiful, indigenous dying art form which many people in cities are not aware of.



"In this workshop, I understood how to work with a very thin brush" - Aurna Banerjee Choudhury

"I gained knowledge about this Art form only after I learnt how to do it myself" – Ruhaan Mukherjee

"There was so much learning and so much fun during the workshop" – Deepto Roy

"All the three teachers were very nice. It made us THINK!" – Anoushka Gupta



On day one, the children painted on hand made paper to gain confidence regarding lines and texture.



By days two, three and four, the students were painting on the wooden letters, made of plywood.



By day five, the students had refined their skills and once again painted their individual paintings on hand made paper. The end result being eighty jewel like paintings, glowing and shimmering in the afternoon light.



ENGLISH ELOCUTION

COMPETITION 2018



On Friday, October 5th, the much awaited annual event, the English Elocution Competition, was held in the calm and quiet environment of the AVR in the school. Teachers, pupils and judges all heard the finalists from Classes 1-5 reciting a variety of poems with almost effortless ease.

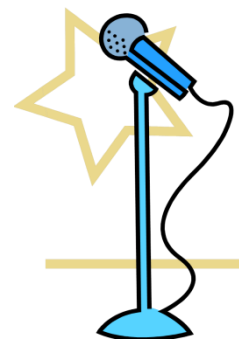
The Judges for Classes 1 to 3 were Mrs Upsasana Saraswati, English Teacher of Middle School and Mrs Kuntala Ghosh, a retired Senior School English teacher.

Mrs Preeti Roychoudhury, HOD English, and Mrs Nandita Dhar, a retired Senior School English teacher judged the competition for Classes 4 and 5.

The English teachers of the Junior School - Mrs S. Singhal, Mrs S. Ray, Mrs.T.Datta, Ms. K. Marwah and Mrs A. Schafranski anchored the event for their classes.

At the end of the competition, Mrs Preeti Roychoudhury expressed her admiration for the discipline, the confidence and recitation skills of the pupils of the Junior School. She also said that the poems the pupils had recited had enriched their vocabulary and would help them greatly in their creative writing skills. Mrs. Dhar appreciated the Class 5 students for reciting poems in English by Indian poets which brought out the unique beauty of the land, its people and its culture.

The Faculty and pupils missed Mrs Nayar's presence at the event, as she was attending a workshop in Ahmedabad at the time. Mrs Choudhary concluded the programme by expressing her heartfelt thanks to the judges for taking time out of their busy schedule to come for the event and to the students and teachers who had worked hard to make this event a grand success.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!



Class 1: 1st - Rayan Karan Samtani, 2nd - Sammaghna Bardhan and Rayansh Kundu and 3rd - Kayaan Raja

Class 2: 1st - Alveena Fatima Jawade, 2nd - Reyna Bhawal and 3rd - Natarsha Roy

Class 3: 1st - Dibyesh Sanyal, 2nd - Aryan Servaia and 3rd - Oripa Altariel Lasue

Class 4: 1st - Devanshee Ruia, 2nd - Kaavin Raja and 3rd - Prisha Rampuria

Class 5: 1st - Deepro Roy and Rohit Dey, 2nd - Sampreeti Maheswari and 3rd - Aadya Narayan



All the participants receiving their certificates during Assembly



A Different Language is a different vision of Life

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In the age of globalization, interactions for business, diplomacy, academics, entertainment and social issues, knowledge of a foreign language puts one at a great advantage. Knowledge of foreign languages provides us with the ability to learn and respect other cultures and transmit to them about our own culture and history.

CIS gives the students an opportunity to learn various foreign languages. We try to make the learning of the languages as interesting as possible.

The students do various projects in their academic year. This year the language teachers got together to do a collaborative work in all the languages.

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한글어

LANGUAGE ASSEMBLY

On 10th of October, 'Language Day' was celebrated by the students of Classes 1-5 of CIS Junior School, under the guidance of the language coordinator, Mrs Sukanya Singhal. The common topic decided upon for the project was 'Time'. The students of Bengali, Hindi, French, German, Korean and Mandarin brought out, through their project work, the importance of Time and various aspects of Time which they had expressed in their work.

Through this project, the students discovered a lot more about cultures of various countries and their people. They also learnt to work together as they practised to put up a small show in the assembly.



The MC of the Event – Mrs. Tania Roy



Students of Class 1



Students of Class 2





Students of Class 3



Students of Class 4



Students of Class 5



Board Display in the Atrium



Teachers and Students enjoying a friendly match of 'Kho-Kho' and 'Pittu'

YOUNG CHEF



Winning everyone's hearts through their taste buds and stomachs in the most delightfully delicious way...

11 young and enthusiastic students of the Junior Section of Calcutta International School took part in the preliminary round of the "IIHM Young Chef India Schools, Junior 2018", a new culinary competition on 11th October 2018. The event organized by IIHM in collaboration with the International Hospitality Council, London, aims to nurture the love for culinary arts and encourage culinary knowledge as an essential life skill.

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The young contestants, between the ages 9 to 13 years, brought dishes they had thought of and cooked at home. Isabel Bose Archment made Spaghetti Bologna and Ahaan Ghai made spaghetti in pesto sauce. Adira Singh baked a chocolate cake and so did Sampreetta Maheswari. Arjun Kejriwal made a corn salad. Twin sisters, Ria Misra served chicken drumsticks with rice and Rena Misra baked walnut carrot cupcakes. Divit Jain served spicy puchkas with tangy raw mango and mint pani along with healthy date sweetmeats and displayed them tastefully. Ansh Garodia made a Japanese noodle soup. Hrishit Poddar's sweetmeat, served in banana leaf cones, was not only a treat for the tongue but also for the eyes. Trisha Dasgupta served Chicken kebabs with green sauce.

The students, looking smart in their chef caps and aprons given by IIHM, displayed, assembled and served their individual dishes in the Music Room to the Judges who were Third Year students of IIHM. These children revealed their love of food and their hospitable natures.





CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to share that Rena Misra, Ria Misra, Isabel Bose Archment, Adira Singh, Ansh Garodia, Divit Jain and Hrishit Poddar have qualified for the next level and will be participating in the semi- final round of the "IIHM Young Chef India Schools, Junior 2018". We wish the young participants the very best.



CIS Junior Section ushers in the festive season



On the 12th of October, Friday, the pupils and teachers of the Junior Section had a Special Assembly-“Celebrating Together” to mark the advent of the festive season.

The special guests on that day were the children from the Hope Kolkata Foundation, accompanied by their teachers. They inaugurated the assembly by putting up a beautiful dance performance depicting Adi Parashakti Devi – Durga.

The Masters of the Ceremony were the students of Class 5 who played a special role this year by introducing each event in an engaging way.





The pupils of Hope Kolkata Foundation performing their dance.



The youngest pupils of class 1 enacted stories based on Lord Ganesha's life. Each short story, taken from Indian myths, taught a lesson of life. These lessons were about the importance of having presence of mind, being humble, and being compassionate toward all



The students of Class 2 made a presentation on the Five day Diwali celebrations or the Tihar Festival of the neighbouring country of Nepal. The audience enjoyed learning about how the Nepalese worshipped different animals during the festival and celebrated Bhai Tika just as we celebrate Bhai Phota or Bhai Dooj in India.



Not far behind were the students of Class 3, who, along with a few students of Class 5, put up a skit to show the importance of the powerful weapons, or 'shastra', used by the divine Goddess Durga to fight the mighty demon Mahishasura. The pupils of class 5, in their introduction to the skit, described the innumerable activities that took place during Durga Puja. The skit also highlighted the fact that many young underprivileged children in our country have to balance work and studies. This, in turn, brought to light the need for the fortunate to be sensitive and understand their responsibility towards various sections of the society beyond their homes and school.



Mrs Nayar, at the conclusion of the performances in the AVR, thanked the students and teachers for their effort and pointed out that "Celebrating Together" had been a great learning experience for all, which Mrs Choudhary also reiterated.





Class 4 took the programme a step forward - they hosted a delicious brunch for their young guests from the Hope Kolkata Foundation, in the Music Room, and sang, danced, played and interacted closely with them to end the day on a happy note. The students of Hope Kolkata Foundation thanked everyone at CIS for this unique opportunity of sharing and caring. Ms Ayantika Ray Chaudhuri, CSR Executive of the organization, mentioned that it was wonderful to see children of CIS being sensitised from such a young age.



Vivaan Siotia, of class 2B, celebrates his birthday by 'giving gifts' instead of 'receiving', in the true spirit of sharing.



WE CAN DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE



This year, just before the onset of the festive season, pupils and Faculty members of the Junior School, together in a concerted effort and enthusiastic drive, collected large quantities of grocery items and edibles for the children of the Hope Kolkata Foundation.

This was a part of the school's SSR Project. These were handed over graciously to them on 12th of October when they came to CIS to be a part of the Puja Assembly- "Celebrating Together".



Good Job



Aarav Jain, of Upper Nursery A, and Divit Jain of Class 4 A, participated in a Sit and Draw competition, "Swachhta Hi Seva-2018", on the occasion of Swachhta Pakhwara and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan organized by the Ministry of Culture Government of India. The competition was held on the 30th of September, 2018, at the Bhasha Bhawan (National Library, Kolkata-27).



We are happy and proud to announce that Aarav Jain won the third prize for the same in his category.

Divit Jain got a consolation prize in his category.

The winners of the World Robot Olympiad National Championship – Anoushka Shanti Ganguli, Saisha Jain and Parthvi Kandoi of Class 4 – being acknowledged in the school assembly



WORKSHOP

Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

Our Junior Principal, Mrs Pratima Nayar, nominated by IIMA as a participant, attended a six day workshop on “Strategic Leadership for a Changing Environment in Schools” which was held at the IMDC, inside the IIMA campus itself. The workshop took place over the period from the 1st October to the 6th October.

The workshop focused on the following:

- Strategic management and decision-making
- Elements of visionary leadership
- Introducing and managing change at the institutional level
- Focusing on the social-emotional climate of the school for the academic and psychological well-being of students
- Managing human resources and implementing suitable systems of appraisal, evaluation and feedback from teachers and staff
- Interpersonal communication and team building
- Counselling for academic excellence and happiness
- Issues in teacher development
- Establishing effective interface with all the stakeholders
- Managing innovations in schools
- Right to education and its implication

Mrs Nayar shared the enriching experience of the workshop with the Junior School teachers on her return. She also shared with them some literature she had received at the workshop and encouraged them to undertake an interesting exercise on making Professional Development plans.



‘Developing Minds of the 21st century’

On the 10th of October, seventeen teachers of the Junior School attended a workshop at The Heritage School, conducted by Ms Debahuti Das (M.A., TTC), Teacher of The Heritage School. Ms. Das has been a Resource person for workshops for Harper Collins Publishers, The British Council and others.

The two hour long workshop from 3 -5 pm was based on two aspects of life skills that were important for students – leadership qualities, and appropriate behaviour in the classroom situations.

The focus was on the responsibility of educators to mould the minds of the pupils today who are the future generations of tomorrow, in a constantly changing world. This would enable and prepare them to face the challenges of everyday life better and grow in self confidence.

In the workshop, the teachers were given situations and activities that showed them the different ways in which leadership skills could be developed in the young learners. The activities were based on the saying “Learning to lead yourself is the basis for leading others’. The teachers were also asked to brainstorm together to come to a consensus as to how to control behavioural problems in a classroom situation.

The teachers greatly benefitted from the workshop.



Sharing Session with the teachers



Mrs Sukanya Singhal, English teacher of Junior Section, had attended a workshop by Cambridge on The Inclusive Classroom: Differentiated Learning in Mumbai.

In an interactive and interesting session on 11th October, she shared with the Junior School teachers the skills and techniques she had learnt and gained from the workshop.

With the help of a PPT, Mrs Singhal spoke about the topics that were explored during the workshop to help teachers to include children who had different learning abilities in the same class. Some of these topics included the barriers to learning faced by learners, how teachers could help them to overcome these barriers so that the learning could take place in an easier, effective manner for the pupils and their achievement level could be raised, what practical

ways and methods could a classroom teacher use to support the learners and also what approaches could be used for the whole school.

The session was indeed very educative, valuable and beneficial for all the teachers.



The TIMES NIE Teachers' Meet 2018

The Teacher's Meet, at the Peerless Inn on 11th October, 2018, was a conclave wherein teacher representatives of more than 50 Schools participated in a meaningful dialogue with several panelists. Ms Kashmiri Marwah attended the meet as a representative teacher from CIS. This year, teachers engaged in a conversation centered on the theme of 'Skill, Concept or Degree. Which is more important?'

The three panelists were Mr Shahenshah Mirza, a Central Government Minister in the Ministry of Finance, Dr Soma Sur, Dean - Commerce and Management Studies, St Xavier's University and Professor Mritunjoy Chatterjee, Director-NHSM Institute of Media and Design under NHSM Knowledge campus. They, turn by turn, addressed the teachers and gave valuable insights, shared their experiences and offered solutions to problems children face in the class in skills attainment and in understanding concepts.

What came across in the interactions between the panelists and the teachers in the conclave was the importance of the role of teachers as well as parents in understanding what each pupil/child is good at instead of forcing him or her to do something he or she is not inclined towards, or parents forcing their own ambitions on them. The mental well being of the student striving for success in the class or later in life in the office in these stressful, competitive times was also a very significant area to be focused on by parents and teachers.

The conclusion reached at the end of the conclave was that all three factors-skills, concepts, and degrees are important even in today's changing times.

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‘Nurturing Creativity’



From the 20th to the 22nd of October 2018, Mrs Sushmita Ray, Mrs Tania Roy and Mr Sudipta Bardhan attended a 3 day workshop at The Valley School, Bangalore. The theme of the workshop was ‘Nurturing Creativity’ and it was conducted by Sri Gopalan S and Sri Murali Menon, both teachers and coordinators at the Study Centre of Krishnamurti Foundation of India, The Valley School.

The workshop was designed into 2 parts. First to take a step back from active daily life through an organized retreat programme. Second to understand the ethos of The Valley School and their working environment and culture.

The retreat was a wonderful opportunity to experiment and discover for one self as to what it means to be attentive and to be sensitive even as one is involved in simple daily life activities such as walking, talking, eating, playing, reading etc. The take away from the workshop was that sometimes it is important to be quiet and to be one with nature, so as to understand one’s own meaning of existence.



Luncheon meet with the Academic Committee

On Friday, 26th October, the Faculty members of CIS were invited to lunch by the members of the Academic Committee (2018-19) – Mr Chandradeep Mitra, Mrs Natasha Ahmed, Dr Ranjit Biswas, Dr Swapan Kumar Saha, Mr Vivek Sharma and Mrs Isha Daga.

The members of the Academic Committee introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their roles and responsibilities to all the teachers.

They then had an interaction with the teachers. The session was concluded by the members of the Academic Committee wishing all the teachers the very best in their endeavours and assuring them of their support and cooperation.



FROM THE COUNSELLOR'S DESK

Safe touch and unsafe touch - what, when and how

In an era of rising complexities, it is imperative for parents / guardians to talk to their children about safety and their bodies. The common dilemma we face is when to start and what to say.

- Please start talking to your child as soon as they can start communicating to you through words.

- Start by naming body parts with the appropriate names, and commonly used colloquial short forms.

- Your child should feel comfortable sharing things with you – without the fear of being scolded, judged or not being trusted.

- Educate the child about which parts of the body are safe to touch/ be touched and which are unsafe.

- Empower the child to say 'no', and go to the nearest adult – and seek help.

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