

# CIS HERALD

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## October Events



Table Tennis championship is on for boys and girls. It will get over before Puja break.  
1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October - A 5 day Godna Art Workshop for class 5 students  
5<sup>th</sup> October - English Elocution Competition for Classes 1 to 5.  
6<sup>th</sup> October - PTM for Nursery  
9<sup>th</sup> October - Preliminary round of IIHM Young Chef Competition  
10<sup>th</sup> October - Language Assembly and Puja assembly for the Primary Department  
11<sup>th</sup> October - International English Olympiad to be held for classes 1-5

### 12<sup>th</sup> October

- ✚ “Celebrating together”- A special Puja assembly where children of Hope Kolkata Foundation along with children of Grades 1-5 will be participating to usher in the festive season.
- ✚ Collected groceries will be handed over to Hope Kolkata Foundation as part of “Daan Utsav 2018”.
- ✚ School closes for the Puja break and reopens on 25th October.



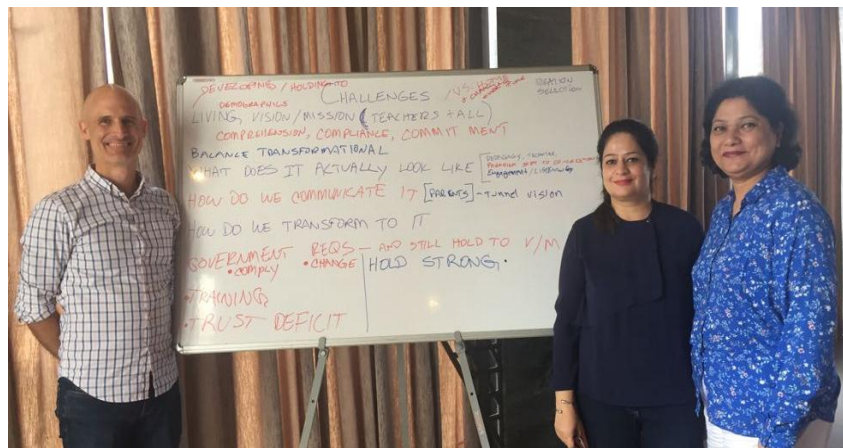
## Workshop

### WELCOME

We welcome Arjun Nandy,  
who joined Pre Nursery B on  
26<sup>th</sup> September, 2018  
and  
Manomay Surana who joined  
2B on 27th September, 2018.

Mr. S. Bardhan, Mrs. T. Roy and  
Mrs. S. Ray will attend a Residential  
Study Retreat on Nurturing Creativity  
at the Study Centre, Krishnamurti  
Foundation India, Bangalore from 20<sup>th</sup>  
October to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018.

# Beyond the Boundaries



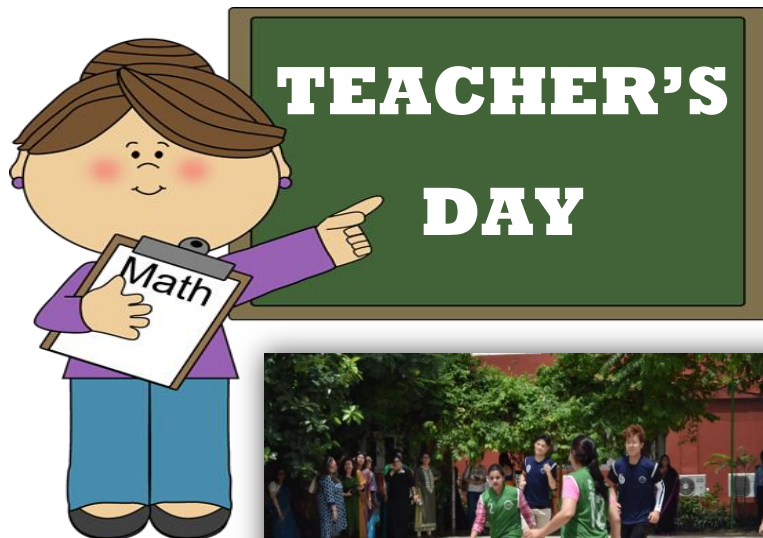
The “Conference on School Education” was hosted by Mind Mingle from 30<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September in Goa and was attended by the Principal-Junior School, Mrs Pratima Nayar and Section Head-Primary, Mrs Sharmila Majumdar.

The first part of the conference was a workshop on “Transformational Leadership” conducted by Aaron Eden, the Co-Founder of the Eliad Group, California. His focus was on helping schools transform from “creating robots” to “augmenting humans”. The workshop was attended by 16 participants who were primarily Principals, Coordinators of schools and patrons of several Institutions. Interesting questions were raised and interactive sessions held throughout the one and a half day workshop looking for answers to build programs and partnerships to make their students work more in the real world and taking charge of their own learning.

The second part of the Conference was the 9<sup>th</sup> Inspiration Festival, inspiring schools to be innovative. It was inaugurated by the Honourable Governor Smt Mridula Sinha. Creative conversations and power point demonstrations were shared by Sachin Desai from the University of Life, S.Gopalan from J. Krishnamurti’s The Valley School, Ms Deepti Tewari from Auroville, Pondicherry, Prof.M.M Pant, Former Pro Vice Chancellor Ignou and Manit Jain ,Director, The Heritage Group of Schools.

Networking and sharing of best practices among educators with a belief that nothing is impossible for a true educator was the key note of the entire congregation.





**“Teachers help students find important things they lose every day. Sometimes it is a paper, backpack or jacket... other times it is courage, confidence or a smile...” – Unknown**



Teacher's Day was celebrated at CIS on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2018. As the teachers entered the school building they were warmly greeted by a large floral heart with the 'Happy Teacher's Day' banner. The student volunteers took over the classes on that day and the teachers moved to the AVR to witness spectacular performances put up by the children. This was followed by friendly football and basketball matches between the students and teachers. The teachers won the basketball match while the football match was a draw. After the sporting events, the teachers assembled in the library where Mrs. P. Nayar addressed them. She appreciated the tremendous effort put in by each teacher to nurture young minds. She also thanked the admin staff for their tireless efforts to ensure smooth running of the institution. Each teacher was gifted a book of their choice and a special memento from Mrs. Nayar. The teachers then proceeded towards the Music room where members of the BOG presented the teachers with a bouquet and thanked them for their contribution in shaping lives at CIS. Thereafter the teachers enjoyed a scrumptious lunch in the school cafeteria, organised by the management. It was yet another memorable Teachers' Day which was enjoyed by all members of the staff.





## *Children's performances on Teachers' Day*







## A Tribute to Teachers

**T- Tolerant**  
**E-Elegant**  
**A- Awesome**  
**C-Cheerful**  
**H-Helpful**  
**E-Enthusiastic**  
**R- Receptive**  
**Aadya Almal-5B**

## MY HERO

You support me when  
 I fall apart  
 You inspire me when  
 I am not smart  
 You are my guide when  
 I am lost  
 You always help me  
 at any cost  
 You are my pride  
 all the time  
 You are my teacher, my  
 hero.

By  
**Nehal Saxena -5A**

To our  
**TEACHERS**  
 who keep  
 inspiring us to  
 touch and shape  
 the future

## TEACHERS INSPIRE US

Each day,  
 You come to school  
 With new topics  
 And activities  
 Which are so cool!  
 Then on Children's Day  
 You tell whatever  
 We want, we can do  
 But when time comes,  
 We have to leave  
 But you stay,  
 In our hearts forever!

**Rwitoban Biswas - 5B**



*“To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.” –  
Victor Hugo*

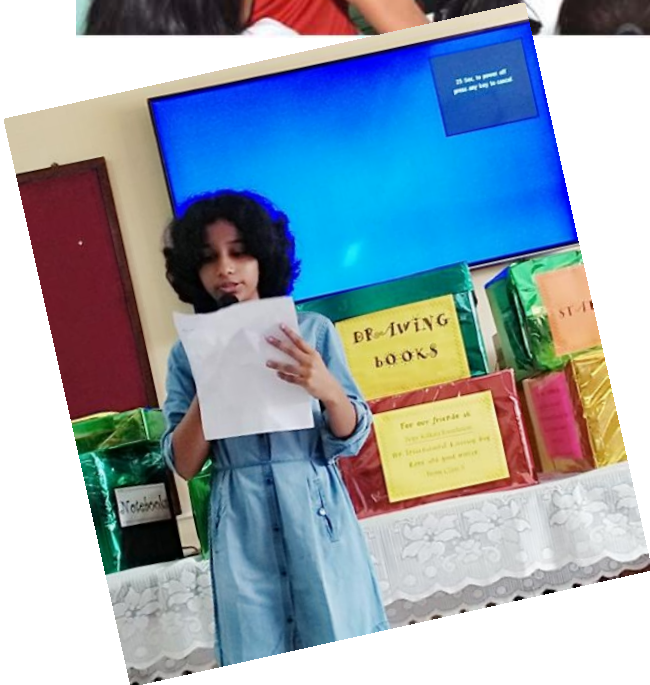


As a part of its SSR programme, CIS celebrated International Literacy Day on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. A special assembly was held in the Music room where Mrs. P. Nayar and her team welcomed the young visitors from Hope Kolkata Foundation. The assembly began with Vaibhav Saha of Class 5 enlightening the audience about the significance of celebrating International Literacy Day. Ria Misra of the same class informed the gathering about the impending stationery drive. Later, the children of the Primary and Junior Departments along with Mrs. P. Nayar, Section Heads and teachers handed over stationery, colour pencils, crayons, exercise books and drawing books to the street children of Hope Kolkata Foundation. This was followed by a warm interaction between the Students of Class 5 and the young visitors where they got to know each other at close quarters. Ms. Ayantika Ray Chaudhuri of Hope Kolkata Foundation thanked Team CIS for taking the initiative to make lives better.

We would like to thank Mrs Chitra Roy, our former ECA coordinator for initiating this noble drive.









Children of Grades Pre-Nursery -5 donate stationary to the children of Hope Kolkata Foundation.



Pre-Nursery B



Pre-Nursery A



Nursery A



Nursery B



Upper Nursery A



Upper Nursery B





Class 1



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4



Class 5



Children of Hope Foundation





**“He that plants trees loves others beside himself.” – Thomas Fuller**

The students of Grade 4 took a unique and praiseworthy initiative of creating a mini garden at the backyard of the school on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. Senior School Principal, Dr. Nath, Junior School Principal, Mrs. Nayar and Junior School Section Head, Mrs. Choudhary were present for the inauguration of the garden and to encourage the young learners in this enthusiastic endeavour.

After observing the germination of seeds, children created the garden under the able guidance of their Science Teacher, Mrs. S. Ahuja. The pupils enjoyed transplanting the seedlings and spacing them appropriately to observe the life cycle of a flowering plant. They are now eagerly waiting for the plants to produce flowers that will eventually grow into vegetables. In this connection, Garden Committees have been formulated in both sections of Grade 4 to maintain the green patch.



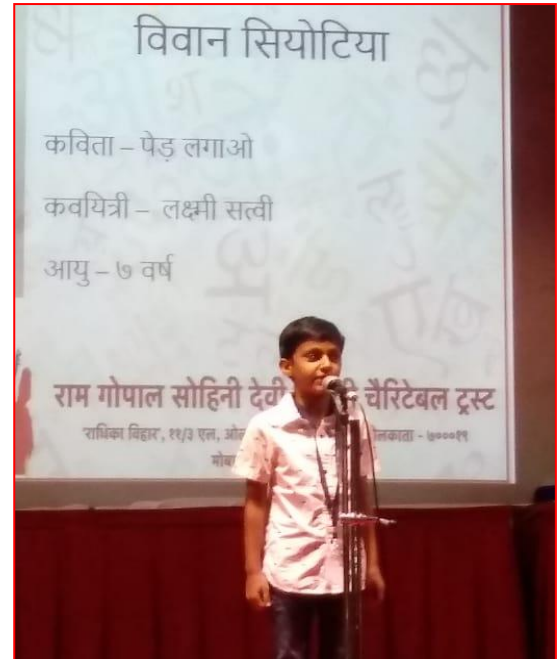
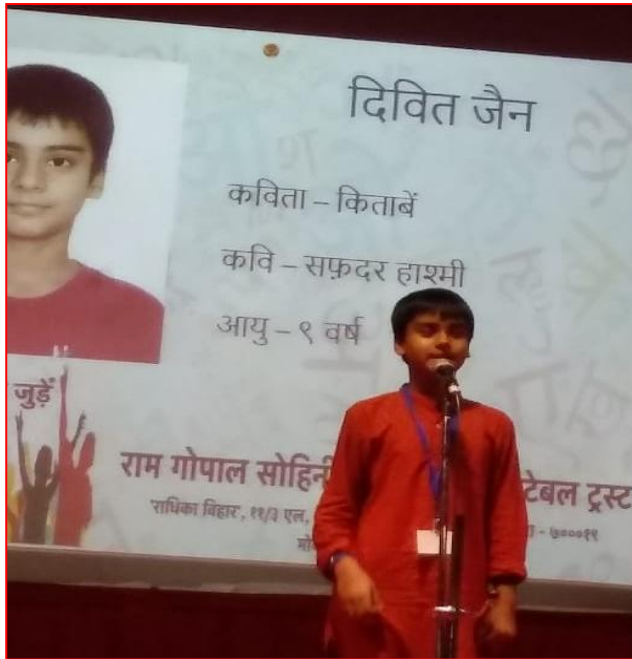








Divit Jain of Class 4A and Vivaan Siotia of Class 2B participated in the Hindi Diwas Celebration, organized by the 'Ram Gopal Sohini Devi Nagori Charitable Trust' on 15th September, 2018 at Rotary Sadan.



Congratulations

WE ARE SO  
PROUD OF YOU

We congratulate Anoushka Shanti Ganguli, Parthvi Kandoi and Saisha Jain of Class 4 for winning the World Robot Olympiad National Championship, held at Ahmedabad.





*We wish  
you  
all  
the  
Best*

CIS bids farewell to the school ECA Coordinator Mrs. Chitra Roy on 17th September 2018. It has been an extremely fruitful journey with Mrs. Roy at the helm of affairs in our ECA Department. CIS will remain ever grateful to her for her innovative ideas and contribution towards running the ECAs smoothly for the past three years. We appreciate her passion and dedication towards giving a new dimension to the ECA Department of CIS and wish Mrs. Roy all the very best for all her future endeavours.



*Welcome!*



CIS warmly welcomes Mrs. Soumita Karmakar as the new ECA Coordinator from 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.



# FROM THE ECA COORDINATOR'S DESK



## **WELCOME ON BOARD GERMAN FOOTBALL ACADEMY**

CIS welcomes on board the German Football Academy as its ECA Football and Team Football coach from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

German Football Academy has worked closely with some of the biggest football clubs in Germany and has had qualified German professionals including UEFA licensed coaches and ex-Bundesliga Players coming to India every quarter to conduct high performance clinics for the trainees and coaches. The coaching team works under the leadership and guidance of Technical Director of German Football Academy, Mr. Sushil Singh.

The German Football Academy kick started their ECA Football and School Team Training sessions at CIS campus from 1st September 2018. The programme was started and monitored for the first week by coaches Mr Ranadeep Mukherjee ,Mr Partha, Mr Sonam Ramichary, Mr Shekhar Pal and Mr Anton Hoffman from Germany.

The coaches have also started with the morning practice sessions with the Senior and Junior Girls teams and Senior Boys team. We wish German Football Academy a very productive year ahead, while looking forward to a long collaboration with it.

**We are proud to announce that Srijan Saha of Class 3B has been awarded the Medal of Distinction for the International English Olympiad. He was absent on the day of the prize distribution.**







## **Inter-House Basketball for Girls**

The **Inter House Basketball Tournament** for the girls of classes 3-5 reached its finale on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. Green House emerged as the winner. The Runners up position went to Yellow House. Junior Department Section Head, Mrs. N. Choudhary, House Mistress of Yellow House, Mrs. S. Ray and House Master of Green House, Mr. K. Bose were present to cheer the girls while Mr. A. Samad, our Sports Teacher conducted the game.

**Green House participants** were Aadya Shakti Aggarwal, Siddhika Mall, Rena Misra, Aadya Narayan, Aanya Sinha, and Prisha Rampuria.

**Yellow House participants** were Avni Agarwal, Ria Misra, Dhriti Agarwalla, Parthvi Kandoi and Anoushka Shanti Ganguli





# Congratulations



We are proud to announce that Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar, Section Head of the Primary Department has been awarded the Teacher's Day Awards 2018– a unique initiative by International Institute of Hotel Management in association with International Hospitality Council, London and Delhi.

Mrs Sharmila Majumdar, known for her selfless and outstanding contribution to the holistic education and development of the students of CIS for the past 27 years was presented the "Award for Excellence in Education" along with a certificate as a gesture of appreciation and recognition for her commitment and contribution towards the growth of the school.



The Award Ceremony took place on the 7th of September, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency, Kolkata. It was also attended by Senior School Principal, Dr. M. Nath and Junior School Principal, Mrs. P. Nayar who were felicitated on the occasion of Teachers' Day.



As a part of our ongoing Value Educational Programme, the Primary section celebrated World Peace Day on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

To commemorate this day, children, teachers and parents of Pre Nursery, Nursery and Upper Nursery assembled together in the school atrium. A special assembly was held there. Children came dressed in hues of blue and pristine white to sing songs of peace. Some of them held candles; some wore headbands with a dove, while others painted their faces with the symbols of peace which looked rather attractive.



International  
Day of Peace  
21st of September



For the past few weeks, the children have been learning about the value of Peace in their individual classrooms through the media of songs, stories, skits, audio visuals, art and craft, meditation, games and self development activities. It was our endeavour to make the children aware of the importance of Peace in daily life. They put up a wonderful performance charged with an energetic and vibrant atmosphere with the parents enjoying every minute of it. The visitors walked through an enchanting blue and white gallery which had on display the children's detailed art work and novel ideas on Peace.







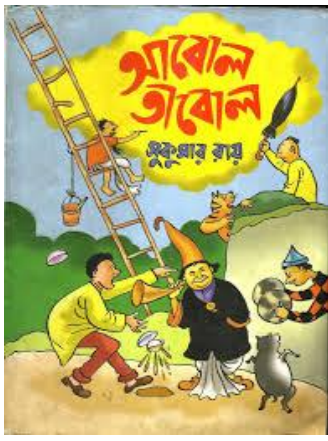
The programme was inaugurated by Mrs. Nayar and Mrs Majumadar. Mrs. Nayar emphasised the importance of parents being role models, as the children learn values primarily at home. Mrs. Majumdar explained the symbolism of peace and respect by joining our hands. The five fingers come together to represent the 5 letters of P-E-A-C-E.



This event was anchored by Ms. Khanna. She reiterated the importance of observing a few moments of silence during the racing hours of the day. It is a way of recharging and reconnecting with our innate virtue of peace in our busy schedule. By celebrating this day at CIS we made our contribution to world peace through our positive thoughts and energy.







# Assembly on Sukumar Ray



Students of Grade 4 invited their parents to attend their morning assembly on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 in the Music room. It was based on the life and works of Sukumar Ray, a prominent 19th century Bengali poet, story writer, illustrator and creator of immensely humorous and enjoyable nonsense verse. The pupils were guided by their respective class teachers for the assembly. They undertook extensive research on Ray under their English teacher, Ms. Marwah. Their ICT teacher, Mrs. U. Das helped them to prepare and present a PPT on the poet's life, his background, his illustrious son the legendary Satyajit Ray and his poetry. The pupils, guided by their Bengali teacher, Mrs. S. Singhal, recited Sukumar Ray's poetry with enjoyment. The students also enacted a play, "Jatin's Shoe" directed by their Drama teacher, Mr. Bose. The play showcased a child's psychology of not appreciating things he got easily and how he finally learns to value them. The parents were thrilled to see their children perform brilliantly in traditional attire. They applauded the children and the teachers for the splendid show. The Class Teachers of Grade 4 thanked the parents for attending the assembly and encouraging their children's endeavour.





# Special Assembly

On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018, students of Grade 5 invited their parents to attend a morning assembly in the AVR. The programme put up by 5A was a culmination of their learning about the major organs of the human body. It was an interesting assembly where the audience enjoyed learning about the functions of these organs and how to keep them healthy. They were happily surprised to see such a grave topic being presented in an amusing manner. Children undertook extensive research under the able guidance of their Science Teacher, Mrs. Ahuja and presented the facts with the help of an interesting PPT.



Students of 5B presented an informative PPT on Godna Art which is a tattoo art form practised in several parts of India – Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. The pupils mainly focused on the Godna Art of Jitwarpur in the Madhubani district of Bihar.

They were guided by their Art teacher, Mr. Bardhan in their research on the art form. The students will eventually undertake a project with Godna artists in a 5 day workshop as a culmination of their learning about the topic.



Mrs. S. Majumdar, Section Head, Primary was present at the assembly to encourage the students. After the assembly, Mrs. Gauchen, a parent talked about the tattoos she has and what they mean. Junior Department Section Head, Mrs. Choudhary thanked the parents for being a part of the assembly and appreciating the efforts of the children and the teachers in their endeavour. She stressed that the learning outcome of the assembly was far reaching. Research and Project based learning that culminated in the assembly facilitated every learner to contribute and grow in confidence.





# Approaches to teaching and learning



On 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the teachers of the Junior and the Primary Sections of CIS attended a workshop on the "Approaches to Teaching and Learning", ATL - where the focus was on "Thinking and Assessment Skills". This workshop was conducted in the school premises by Mrs Susmita Mukherjee, HOD Humanities.



The workshop was designed to show the teachers practical techniques to stimulate and engage the students effectively in the class. Teachers were guided to see how they can make positive communication with the students, especially with the help of their body language. It was also discussed that assessment is the most effective tool to measure the development of a child. Ideally every student must be given a detailed feedback to help and support their academic as well as psychological progress. Altogether it was an interesting and engaging session.





# WORKSHOP

Mrs. Antara Banerjee and Mrs. Sujata Ahuja attended and completed a Professional Development course on “Understanding Impact: How do we know if we are making a difference to our learners?” It was aimed at understanding ways in which teaching practices make an impact on the learners.



This course was conducted by Cambridge Assessment International Education on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of September, 2018 at Mumbai under the able guidance of Mr. Steve Burnage.



Mrs. Sukanya Singhal also attended a workshop on ‘Inclusive Education’ on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of September, 2018 at Mumbai. Mr. Dawn Harris was the facilitator of the workshop. It explored the key ideas about inclusive education, barriers faced to learning and strategies teachers can use to overcome them.



# Cut Outs by Piccoli Principi Theatre

On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018, students of Grades 4 and 5, went to watch 'Cut Outs', a nonverbal play, by Piccoli Principi Theatre. It was brought all the way from Italy, for the very first time in India. The show was hosted by 'Think Arts' at the Kolkata Centre for Creativity.



The audience was taken on a wondrous and mesmerizing experience where visual arts met storytelling. Inspired by the paper cut outs of Matisse, Picasso, and Hans Christian Andersen, an artist weaved the story of the Steadfast Tin Soldier and other fantastical tales using paperimages, projections, and music.

As a follow up activity, the students of Grades 4 and 5 were made to reflect on the play by their English teachers and they shared their views in class.





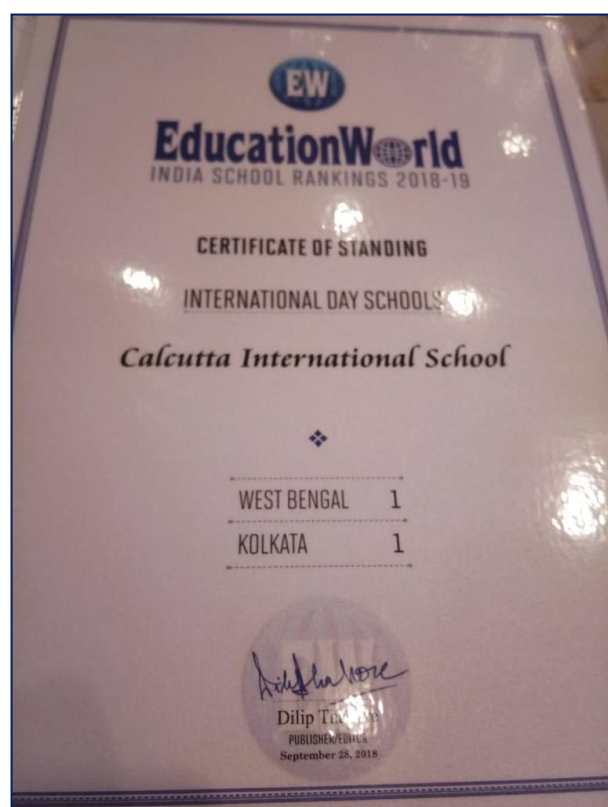


# CIS AWARDED



We are delighted and proud to announce that Calcutta International School has been ranked West Bengal's No. 1 and Kolkata's No. 1

International Day School in the Education World India School Rankings, 2018-19. The Award ceremony took place on September 28th and 29th in Gurgaon.





# FROM THE COUNSELLOR'S DESK

On 13<sup>th</sup> of September, the School Counsellor Mrs Farishta Dastur Mukerji conducted a workshop with the parents of Pre-Nursery. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the individual styles of parenting and how this has an impact on children's behaviour and personality patterns. It was an interactive workshop where parents' concerns were addressed.

## Parenting Styles and Its impact on Our Children

Researchers have posited that there are links between parenting styles and the effects these styles have on children. These effects, some suggest, carry over into adult behaviour. Baumrind( 1967)suggested that the majority of parents display one of the following three different parenting styles. Further research by Maccoby and Martin (1983) also suggested adding a fourth parenting style to these original three.

### **Authoritative Parenting**

Authoritative parents have high expectations for achievement and maturity, but they are also warm and responsive. These parents set rules and enforce boundaries by having open discussion and using reasoning. They are affectionate and supportive and encourage independence.

### **Authoritarian Parenting**

Authoritarian parents demand blind obedience using reasons such as "*because I said so*". These parents use stern discipline and often employ punishment to control children's behaviour. Authoritarian parents are unresponsive to their children's needs and are generally not nurturing.

### **Permissive Parenting**

Permissive parents set very few rules and boundaries and they are reluctant to enforce rules. These parents are warm and indulgent but they do not like to say no or disappoint their children.

### **Neglectful Parenting**

Neglectful parents do not set firm boundaries or high standards. They are indifferent to their children's needs and are uninvolved in their lives.

These four parenting styles make up a broad spectrum of behaviour that explains how most parents care for their kids. Of course, every parent-child relationship is unique, every family is different and every day is different, but chances are, your natural mode of parenting falls somewhere among Baumrind's parenting styles.





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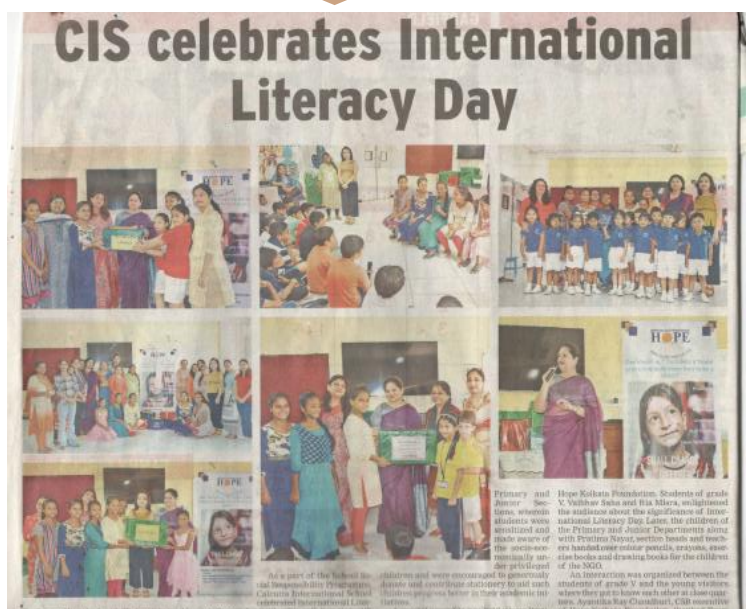
SANJUKTA  
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Our Career counsellor Mrs Sanjukta Poddar was selected to be a part of the Jury for the annual IC3 Awards at the IC3 Conference from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 at New Delhi. It is a great honour for the school. Team CIS congratulates her on this accomplishment

# Media Coverage



India and Korea Day celebration and World Literacy Day covered by the Times of India



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