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EDITOR'S NOTE

The month of September was quite an eventful one with examinations and report cards for classes 9-12, but that did not stop us from having fun! Teacher's Day was celebrated with the usual gusto and I think we made our teachers happy for at least one day. The rest of this month was packed with an array of activities- a blogging workshop, a conserve the planet project, the much-awaited IAYP trip, solemn university visits and of course, the scrumptious Teacher-Chef competition. – **Shuvam Roy Chowdhury, 9A**

TEACHER'S DAY 2015

On September 4th, students spanning all age groups came together to celebrate and honour their teachers for Teacher's Day 2015. The day began with a basketball and football match between the students and teachers. In each vigorous game, both teams played well, but the eventual winners were the students. After the matches, the teachers proceeded to the AVR for the cultural program, and were received with bright roses and appreciative cards. The cultural program began and teachers were entertained with a variety of performances from class three to class twelve. From singing old classics such as 'Country Roads' to performing hilarious skits that portrayed the classroom atmosphere, the students put their best foot forward in thinking of ways to appreciate their teachers. Included in the list of events were a Music Quiz, in which teachers listened to songs and competed to recognize them, and even a mini award ceremony, which highlighted and appreciated teachers for their help and support. For the finale, the students of class twelve showed a small video, thanking the teachers for their influential role in the growth of the students. The teachers then proceeded to the Games room where they competed in various games, and the eventful day came to an end with the cake-cutting ceremony.

-**Anoosha Banerjee, IB2**



BLOGGING WORKSHOP

On Thursday, 17th September 2015, the American Centre hosted a Blogging Workshop for students, conducted by Kolkata Bloggers, an organisation that helps promote young talents and their own, unique blogs. Our school was represented by Shreshth Sarda, Somsubhro Bagchi and I, Padmaja Bose, from Class 8.

The workshop started off with a warm and informative welcome address by the current U.S. Consul General, Craig Hall. He shared with us how in pre-blogging days ideas were shared through pamphlets. After tea, our mentor and founder of Kolkata Bloggers, Anirban Saha, guided us through the process of starting your own blog. We were also given tips as to how to make our blog posts interesting and catchy through the use of infographics, and how to use the Headline Analyzer to determine the effectiveness of our headings.

Following lunch was an extensive discussion on the question, “Why can’t women win” and on it we wrote our first blog. The enriching workshop ended with a vote of thanks, gifts of T-shirts and promises to continue with this vivid journey.

-Padmaja Bose, 8A



CONSERVE MY PLANET PROJECT: CLASS 6 & 7

Students of classes 6 and 7 undertook the project “Conserve My Planet” to become the “Energy ambassadors” or a better tomorrow. ‘Conserve My Planet’ is initiated by ‘Schneider Electric India Foundation’ and executed by SHARP NGO. We took a power pledge: a lifetime commitment to conserve energy and the environment. This programme aims to educate young minds about energy saving, energy efficiency, green energy, recyclable sources and renewable sources. For a hands on experience and understanding groups of students were taken for two Outdoor Activities at BP Petrol Pump in Ruby Park on 10th September and Sirsa Apartment, Lake Road 16th September, 2015.

Students had a chance to interact with car owners and explain about CO₂ emissions, persuading them to walk for short distances instead of using cars. They also learnt how to calculate carbon footprint using knowledge of fuel used. Some students had the opportunity to view solar panels and know how they work.

Inside the school another student group went around putting stickers of “Power Detectives are watching You” wherever they saw any electrical device wasting energy and gave everybody a warning!

Some fun-filled indoor sessions like making best out of waste, making charts using finger prints with the associated theme were also conducted.

The final intra school events took place on 29th September where 20 students participated in a quiz. The top ten went ahead with the 2nd round with an impromptu elocution. Roopkatha Roy of Class 6B emerged as the final school champion of CIS.

- *Students of classes 6 & 7*

On the 26th of September, we were all prepped up for the IAYP, knowing that we had three very enjoyable days in course. After a wacky train ride and a strangely quiet bus ride, we arrived at Lataguri, and were greeted by a very hot and humid climate. During the three days, we went to Gorumara National Park, for a safari and a viewing of an entertaining tribal dance, for a gruesome yet enjoyable trek, and for a drenching visit to a stream. After those three days, I can definitely conclude that these were three days very well spent.

-Souhardya Pal, 10B



TEACHER CHEF COMPETITION



A cooking competition featuring teachers took place on the 21st of September. The event was slated from 3:30 pm onward after school. It was organized by IIHM and was critiqued by two honourable judges from the same institution.

The first competitor, Ms Piali Ray, prepared a delicious dish: Spaghetti Bolognese which is an Italian pasta dish consisting of meat sauce served with spaghetti.

She was followed by Mrs RinaMitra, who cooked Satay chicken which is an Indonesian dish consisting of grilled chicken on skewer served with peanut sauce.

The third contestant, Mrs Deborina Roy prepared Kerala Chicken which is a delicious spice-rich chicken curry with thick coconut milk gravy.

Finally, Mrs Jina Saha made Beekti stew which is an appetizing fish preparation.

Among these four very talented chefs, Mrs Piali Ray, Mrs Rina Mitra and Mrs Deborina Roy qualified for the semi-finals. They will further compete with teachers from all over Bengal at IIHM. – **Shriyadita Nath, 9A**

In the month of September universities from all over the globe had come to Calcutta International School to interact with students of grade 11 and 12. The following universities had visited on following dates:-

7th of September:

1. University of Richmond.
2. Vassar college
3. Grinnell college
4. Colgate University
5. Bryn Mawr College.

21st of September:

1. Sarah Lawrence College
2. Demson University.
3. Ringling school of Art and Design.

28th of September:

1. University of Tennessee.

-**Manjima Sengupta, 9A**

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