

December 2015

From the Editor's desk –

December has been a hectic and exciting month in CIS. Apart from the EYP, there have been several other activities, which were juggled efficiently along with academics, by the students and teachers in our school. There was a Basket Ball Tournament hosted by CIS from 23rd to 26th November. The senior school End of the Year Programme was held on 3rd December at Gyan Manch and The Inter School Fest, 'Confluence' was held on the 8th and 9th of December. Apart from these, there have been various competitions, the results of all of which proved that CIS students are multi-faceted, ready to take on the world and be on top!

CONFLUENCE

The confluence is the annual school fest held by Calcutta International School. It was a two-day fest and schools such as La Martiniere for Boys, The Heritage School, Mahadevi Birla Shishu Vihar, Calcutta Boys' School and Bridge International School attended this fest. It began with the opening ceremony where musicians from our school showcased their talent and made it spectacular. Soon after the opening ceremony, the schools were ushered to their respective rooms and the festivities began. There were activities such as the Treasure Hunt, No-stitch fashion show, Drama improvisation, debate and sports. The participants and volunteers were provided with food and resources. Fair play was ensured in each section and it was a commendable fest altogether.



MAHABHARATA

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The End of Year Production, commonly referred to as the EYP by the students of CIS is an annual programme hosted by the school. For the EYP this year, the school presented an hour long musical on the epic The Mahabharata. Ms. Piali Ray and Mr. Kaushik Bose along with Mr. Nilay Sengupta and his team trained the students for this performance. After tackling several obstacles and assiduously practising for about a month, the students, from classes 6-12, put up a splendid act. Some of the students were entrusted with significant roles, a task which they undertook brilliantly.

On the final day, excitement was in the air. The show commenced at 5 pm, but the participants were at the venue hours earlier to wear the unique costumes and put on the makeup. On the 3rd of December, Gyan Manch was packed with an enthusiastic audience, eager to watch the show. There were introductory speeches by special guests. The show went on without a hitch and was loved by the audience. The show was covered by The Hindu, Times of India and The Telegraph which paid a glowing tribute to the performers.



Calcutta International School students participated in the Basketball and Football tournament organised by Gems Academia international School on 4th and 5th December 2015.

CIS Girls' Basketball team had a commendable score difference against all their opponents. They played excellently and bagged the trophy in the finals against the home team.

The CIS Boys' team played equally well in the game and reached the finals. Unfortunately they lost to the home team by one point despite their tremendous effort.

The football team also reached the finals and played well, however, they lost the finals by 1-3 in favour of Calcutta Emmanuel School.

All our players played with incredible zeal and displayed true sportsman spirit! We truly appreciate all the support and encouragement!



PEN PAL PROJECT

A few weeks ago the class teachers of class 8 told us to participate in a programme where we would get to interact with students from different countries. The response was certainly positive. The teacher of Las Vegas School, Mrs. Kamakahi, the teacher of the school in Honduras, Ms. Cheryl coordinated with our ICT teacher Mrs. Baral and over the last week we received our first letters! The letters have provided us with a different view of how things work, both in our and their countries. We realized that we could connect over many things; we also realized that everyone is similar in one way or the other, if not in our upbringing, definitely in what we're interested in.



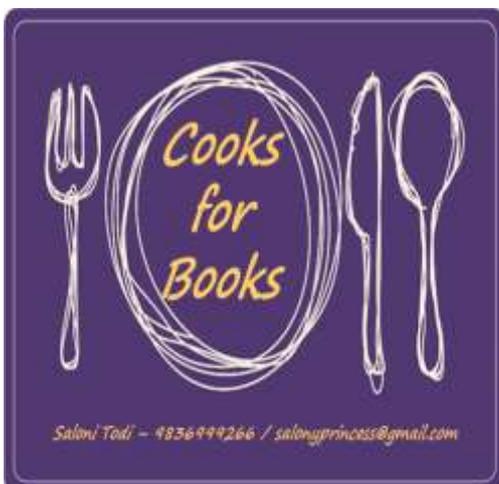
TEACHER CHEF

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Congratulations to Ms. Piali Ray for winning the 1st runner up title at the IIM Teacher Chef Competition!



VANITY FAIR



Saloni Todi of Class 8B is working in the Vanity Fair at Forum. The proceeds will go to charity.

My name is Saloni Todi. I am 14 years old. As a toddler, I ventured into the kitchen and my culinary journey began. A few years ago, I realised that the root cause of our biggest problem as a nation, if not globally, is illiteracy. I decided then that I would do everything in my power to contribute. So here I am, as 'Cooks for Books', doing my bit. All profits are utilized for the education of the underprivileged.

Bon Appetito!

The IAYP trip took place between the 11th and 13th of December. On the 11th, we were greeted by a sense of excitement and adventure upon reaching the train station. Our bags were stashed and we departed from New Howrah Station at approximately 6 AM, reaching Balasore at around 10 AM. The hotel was an hour away in Panchalingeswar. We went through a quick instructional session and also briefly trekked to the Panchalingeswar Temple. We then had a session of rock climbing which was particularly exciting (to those who aren't afraid of heights!). Before dinner, we were also introduced to different types of knots used for hiking. The second day was the most action packed day. Before setting out on a lengthy trek, we began an exercise session early at 7 AM. We then set out for an 8km trek to Sikhar Minar and the view on top of the hill was breathtakingly beautiful. We returned for lunch where we cooked our own food and that same night, a bonfire was hosted in the hotel premises complete with singing and dancing. The next morning we left Balasore and reached Kolkata by 1:30 PM. Despite being brief, the trip was wonderful and educational. It was the first Duke trip for our batch. – Milena Waelde





The senior school students participated in a workshop-Our History Their Times, organized by MACE at the Park Street Cemetery.



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