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Editor's word

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."

-Mark Twain

Dear Reader,

Wishing you a very Happy New Year.

May all good things be yours in 2015.

The last few months have been extremely exciting and enjoyable for all of us at CIS. With the Half-Yearly examinations over, everybody was busy preparing for a spectacular performance and display of splendid colours and creativity for the Carnival.

As the Winter set in, more and more students were seen enjoying the weather – playing all kinds of games out in the field and on the court, preparing for the upcoming Sports Day for the Senior School and Junior School respectively. We have, like always continued to win a large number of tournaments and other competitive events.

The Editorial Team has worked hard over a short span to put together the first issue of the Herald in 2015 to keep all the members of the CIS Family updated, regarding the events and achievements of our school.

I hope that the Herald is insightful and that all of us remain informed about all the happenings at CIS.

Thank You for taking out some of your precious time to read the Herald.

Best Wishes,

Vaaridhi Bagrodia (8B)

Editor

Carnival 2014

C.I.S holds its marvelous and much-awaited school Carnival every two years in December.

The carnival held in December 2014 was one of the most exciting experiences in the lives of many students. Scroll down for more...



I walked into school at 3PM as everyone gathered around and started to get everything ready for the evening. As dusk approached, there was a great deal of activity all over the grounds. As I looked around, I saw many people coming in. There were challenging and exciting game stalls and fine handicraft stalls. On the field there was a large bouncing castle and rodeos for the children (and for those still young at heart).

At the other corner of the school campus there was an array of food stalls with a wide range of Chinese, Indian and Continental food. Next to that was the stage on which the School Choir and many others performed. The stage show came to an end with a spectacular performance by Mr. Amit Shaw and Mrs. Dorothy Shaw. There was a breathtaking parade by the Senior School students. At the end, there was the much loved Chinese Dragon dance, which was the 'icing' on the delicious 'cake'.

All in all, the Carnival was a very exciting experience and was enjoyed by all. The hard work that everybody put in was well appreciated and it was worth all the time and effort. We are all looking forward to the next Carnival.

By- Milena Waelde, Class VIII



WINGS 2014

an Art Exhibition in C.I.S.

The Art exhibition in C.I.S alongside the Carnival 2014 showcased paintings and drawings by the Senior Students and some ex-students of this school. The exhibition, named 'Wings' very aptly, portrayed the dreams and ambitions of the Art students of C.I.S. This school is the first school in this state to provide the most serious International Curriculum in Art.

Over the years the Curriculum from London Board and recently introduced IB Visual Art have become very popular and the students take these Boards as part of their foundation level before joining the well known Art colleges/ universities all over the world. The exhibition had also a section for auction and that went off very successfully. The various kinds of paintings by the students were appreciated and the students got a lot of motivation. This kind of event is not so common in our city and the kind of serious work they do throughout the year must be appreciated. This is probably the best possible demonstration and proof of their talent.

By- Mr. Subrato Ghosh, (Art Department)



C.I.S's budding writer

Somsubhro Bagchi of Class 7 won the second prize in the Story Writing Competition (Junior Section) organized by KIIT, Bhubaneswar. He was felicitated by Mr. Ruskin Bond who was also one of the panelists.



From across the seven seas...

Professor Saonee Sarker visited C.I.S. on Monday, the 19th of January, 2015. She is a professor and IT Area Co-coordinator at McIntire School of Commerce, University of Virginia. She addressed classes 11 and 12.



Author Visit

Håkan Nesser (born 21 February 1950 in Kumla, Närke) is a Swedish author and teacher who visited C.I.S. to interact with the Middle and Senior school students. Most of the questions that were asked were regarding his particular genre. He has written a number of successful novels, mostly crime fiction. He has won Best Swedish Crime Novel Award three times, and his novel Carambole won the Glass Key award in 2000. His books have been translated from Swedish into numerous languages.



Kolkata Literary Festival OXFORD JUNIOR BOOK FEST (for Juniors)

The Festival took place on the 17th and 18th of January for Juniors at the Apeejay Lawn. There were many, interesting and different events, engaging the students in a wide range of activities including -story-writing, nonsense poetry recitals, learning and creating limericks, different talks, theatre oriented activities and story-telling. Students from C.I.S participated on both days.

I participated on the 18th of January, in the event 'Pix-a-Tale'. It was the first event and I was expected to report there by 10:30 a.m. I expected a classroom like atmosphere but a surprise awaited me. It felt like a carnival. Colorful pictures and multi-coloured pinwheels were all over the place. There were also many stalls selling books, snacks, educational games and gifts.

When the event started, all the participants gathered on the stage and we were given notebooks to write our stories. Shuktara Lal, a writer and theatre artist was hosting the event. She showed us a few paintings and told us that we were supposed to write a story based on it. The selection of paintings were- 'The Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh, a painting from Monet's series 'Water Lilies' and 'Born' and 'Companions; by Kiki Smith. Fifteen minutes later we had to read out what we had written so far and we were amazed to see how different our stories were even though they were based on the same picture. Altogether, I feel it was a great way to boost our confidence as the event exposed us to so many new things, we learnt a lot and there were children participating from different schools. I enjoyed thoroughly.

By- Evanna Li

Harvard Model Congress Asia MUN 2015

On the 9th of January Calcutta International School took part in one of Asia's biggest senior school congresses in a format of a Model United Nations. Four students from Calcutta International School took part. The four students were Prithvijit Pramanik , Sagnik Gayen, Yash Kumbhat and I, Aritra Ghosh. We were accompanied by a teacher from our school, Mr. Partho Banerjee. This year's Harvard Model Congress Asia, or better known as HMCA, took place in Hong Kong. The city chosen for the event was perfect. It reflected plenty of Asian culture and was a lively place for thousands of students to debate about world issues.

It was an amazing experience. On the 8th we were introduced to our executive board members and we got to know few of our fellow delegates. I was extremely worried and tensed, I mean, I had to make not only my school proud, not only my city, but my country. Could CIS prove to be one of Asia's top schools in a model congress?

On the 9th all four of us went to our respective committees. I was in Domestic Historical Committee and my agenda was the Wall Street crash and the great depression. There was a twist. Some of the events would be changed to make it more realistic and challenging. It was held over three days (and nights, as we stayed awake most of them researching) of intense debate, argument, paper work, assassinations , testimonies, imprisonments and mind games, our committee finally passed a paper which would remember the Hoover Cabinet forever, if these events had taken place in reality, the world would have definitely been a better place.

On the third day, the last day, we were to get our awards. I personally think this was the most exciting and stressful day out of all the three. For, it would prove if what you did in committee was worth it.

And if it was worth coming all the way from India to Hong Kong. Was it worth it? Yes it was!

All four of us got outstanding delegate (best delegate)! And we made CIS and our country proud!

I shall forever remember HMCA, for it was the greatest congress I have ever visited, and the most amazing congress. I hope to go for next year's HMCA!

By- Aritra Ghosh





IIHM

Teacher's Chef India



My participation in the IIHM Teachers chef India (Eastern Region) 2014 competition was a culmination of the combined efforts of Piyali Ray (co-competitor and last year's finalist) persistence and my own passion for cooking.

For the preliminary round which was on a working day, the 9th of January I chose to make a Smoked Chicken Tart which was well appreciated by the judges. I found myself short-listed for the semi-finals along with 5 other teachers' from C.I.S.

The excitement was infectious, with Mrs. Shetty and Ms. Ray, discussing strategies at every given opportunity since the countdown to the 23rd of January had begun. The competition was on Friday, which was also a public holiday and the participants had to arrive bright and early at the IIHM premises. We were greeted with coffee and sandwiches. Participants (Teachers) from other schools in the Eastern region were also present. Altogether there were around 50 participants.

We were escorted to our respective work stations (kitchens) and the IIHM chef gave us a short briefing on what was expected from us. We were given 1 hour and had to cook one dish. Then began an hour of what I call 'Fun'. I had not expected to enjoy cooking under pressure in an unfamiliar environment. I decided to make a Cottage Cheese and Chicken Stuffed Ravioli in a herb, tomato and cream sauce served with a burnt butter garlic sauce. I had never made ravioli before, so it was quite risky but I was pleased by its look and taste once I had made it. To my surprise so did the 5 judges and my dish got me into the finals. The next stage became very interesting as Mrs. Shetty was one of my opponents. I was to have a friendly face off against 12 teachers. For the finals we had to make 3 dishes in less than 2 hours.

The dishes would consist of a starter, main course and a dessert. I did know what to make as the ingredients were limited. Since I had some lemon and chilies, I decided to make them my core flavor and create dishes around them. I settled on making Chicken Roulade with Thai spices (using coconut milk, lime, coriander and chilies). Once that was done, I started to make the dessert. I decided it would be a deconstructed apple tart served with biscuits. As for the starter, I made sesame encrusted prawn served with a chilli lime sauce. All my dishes looked amazing and tasted just as good. I was proud of what I had made. Although I was exhausted, when I was declared the winner by the judges I suddenly felt elated. I won a holiday in Goa and I am certainly looking forward to it. My overall experience in the IIHM cooking competition was amazing and I am looking forward to participate once again. I am proud that I have brought glory to my own name as well as the school's.

By – Mrs Rina Mitra (Art Department)

Chinese Film Festival In Kolkata



The Consulate General of China in Kolkata visited CIS on 19th, Dec, 2014 to show the students three Chinese movies – “Journey to the west: Conquering the demons”, “Shao-Lin Soccer”, “The monkey King”. They came with the wish to help students in CIS to learn more about the fascinating Chinese culture. Students of ours were very happy and they learned to say “thank you” to them in Chinese.

二零一四年十二月十九日，星期五，中国领事馆来到加尔各答国际学校，给学生播放三部中文电影—《西游：降魔篇》、《少林足球》、《大闹天宫》。中国领事馆希望学生们可以学习有趣的中国文化。所有的学生都很高兴，还学习用中文和他们说谢谢！

New beginnings...

From the next issue onwards, we are introducing two new sections and a Monthly Writing Competition. Students can submit details regarding their achievements in various fields on our blog so that we can cover the same. Students can also submit articles covering school events for the bulletin board and things they have written for the Monthly Writing competition on the blog.

Hope to receive an enthusiastic response from everybody!
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