



MARCH NEWSLETTER

ECA Activities:

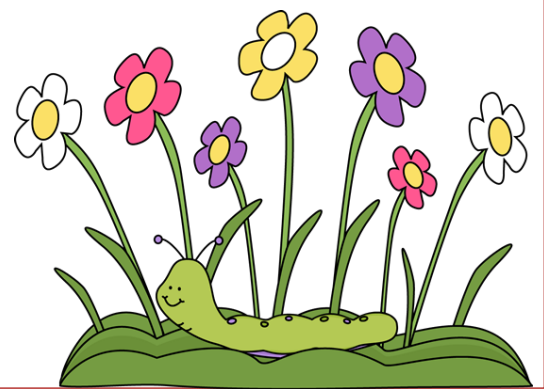
- 8th March - Guitar show
- 9th and 16th March - Intra ECA Table Tennis Tournament.
- 13th - 15th March- ECA Robotics Annual Exhibition
- 29th - 30th March- ECA Photography Exhibition.

Sports Activity

- 2nd Week of March - Junior School Inter House Girls' Cricket Tournament.

Primary School Events

- 6th March - 'Art Day', Upper Nursery A
- 7th March - Recitation Competition, Upper Nursery B
- 9th March - PTM for Nursery and Upper Nursery
- 13th March - 'Art Day', Upper Nursery B
- 14th March - Recitation Competition, Upper Nursery A
- 27th March – Pre - Nursery Special Assembly for parents
- 30th March- PTM for Pre Nursery.



Junior School Events

5th March- Special Assembly for the students and teachers of SIS Paris Ouest

2nd March- PTM Class 5

16th March – PTM Classes 1 and 3

30th March – PTM Classes 2 and 4.

15th March – 20th March – Progression Tests Grade 5

20th March - Holi and Dol celebration

21st March - 24th March - Mid Term Break

29th March - Vernacular Elocution Competition

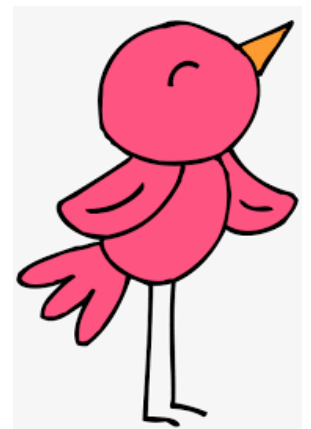
Assemblies will be held for classes 1-5 in the month of March



meet & greet



Classes Upper Nursery, Nursery and Pre Nursery had their 'Coffee Meet' with the parents on 19th, 20th and 26th February 2019. It was an opportunity for the parents and teachers to get a feedback, interact, discuss and suggest ways in which we could collaboratively work towards making learning more effective.



Coffee Meet

The Junior School organised a series of Coffee Meets with the parents of students of Classes 1-5 as part of its ongoing endeavour to build up the home-school partnership. The meetings were held in the AVR and attended by Mrs. Nayar, the Junior School Principal, Mrs. Choudhary, the Section Head, the Class teachers and the School Counsellor, Mrs. Dastur Mukerji. The Class 5 Coffee Meet was attended also by the Guidance Counsellor, Mrs. Poddar who answered queries related to the Checkpoint Examinations.

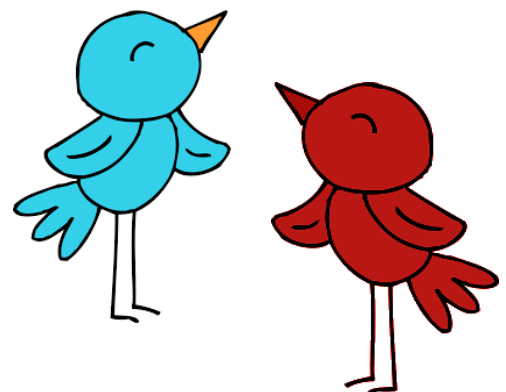
Mrs. Nayar welcomed the parents saying that these gatherings were sources to acquire valuable feedback and were apt platforms to share the upcoming plans. The Coffee Meets in fact proved to be excellent opportunities to discuss various academic and non-academic issues and share mutual ideas and concerns in a warm and friendly atmosphere. It was a pleasure to see parents attending the Coffee Meets in large numbers and actively participating in the interactive discussions. The Class 2 Coffee Meet also included the Language Orientation Programme wherein parents were introduced to the Foreign Language teachers of French, Mandarin and Korean, who spoke about their subjects, its scope in the present day scenario and also clarified parent's doubts and queries.



The School Counsellor, Mrs. Farishta Dastur Mukerji addressed the parents and shared her feedback and concerns for every batch. Following are some of the key take away for parents from the sessions, from the Counsellor's desk -

1. Children accepting differences amongst themselves; being tolerant and sensitive towards others
2. Gadget usage tips: Specific time for usage of gadgets.
3. Being mindful of conversations held in front of others
4. Safe and Unsafe touch
5. Creating responsible children

Classroom session details were shared with the parents, and plans for subsequent sessions were also highlighted, so as to create a collaborative space, for the well-being of the students.



CLASS EXCURSIONS



On Thursday, 7th February, 2019, the students of Classes 1, 3 and 5 went for their annual educational excursions.



The little ones of Class 1 visited the Mother Wax Museum, where they saw the statues of famous personalities from India and all over the world. Students were taken to the museum as an extension of their Social Studies lessons on important personalities of Bengal. They were accompanied by their Class teachers, Mrs. Singhal, Ms. Dupratt, Mrs. Mukherjee and Mr. Samad. Children were excited to see the statues of their favourite players Maradona and Messi. They learnt the names of some famous Indian singers- Hemanta Mukhopadhyay and Lata Mangeshkar.

They learnt about the works of the famous educationist, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, the great scientist, Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose and were also introduced to 'Bango Bondhu' - Sk. Mujibar Rehman. The students were able to identify the former President of India, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Alam. They danced in front of the Bollywood stars. Students had a lot of fun. Their highly exciting trip ended with a snack at the beautiful open air Bonsai Garden.



The students of class 2 visited the Alipore Zoological Garden on 12th February 2019, as an extension of the study of Classification of Animals in their Science lesson. They enjoyed walking around with their friends, looking at the tigers, hippopotamus, rhinoceros, chimpanzee, giraffes and the aviary which was full of birds. The children had a nice time running around and playing with friends and teachers. The children went to the zoo with their Class teachers, Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Mokha. Mr. Sinha also accompanied them. Though it got hot and tiring towards the end, it was a day well spent.



“The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.”- Theodore Roosevelt.



The students of Class 3 went to the Indian Museum for their educational excursion. They were escorted by the respective class teachers – Mrs. Datta, Mrs. Sarkhel and Mrs. Roy.



The students were overwhelmed to see the most exquisite collections of ornaments, fossils, skeletons, antiques, armours, and stunning Mughal paintings and so much more from India, Asia and other parts of the World. They began their exciting trip with a visit to the Bharhut Gallery where the railings and gateway of the Buddhist Stupa discovered in 1873 from Bharhut, made them spell-bound. The stories of pre-birth of Lord Buddha gave them an idea of the contemporary socio-political condition from 2nd to 1st century B.C.



The excellent collection of coins of different ages at the Coin Gallery fascinated the students. In the Archaeology Section, they explored sculptures from the Maurya and Sunga Period. They also enjoyed visiting the Rocks and Minerals gallery. The first thing that the children noticed at the Siwalik Gallery was the *Stegodon Ganesha*. Known to be the ancestor of Elephant, it had a tusk of almost 10 feet. The pupils were extremely thrilled to enter the Egyptian Gallery where were in awe to come face to face with a mummy! “The World of the Invertebrates” was a huge attraction to the pupils. The children loved viewing the “Textiles”, “Zoology” and “Botany” galleries.

From rocks and fossils, to art to memorabilia the Indian Museum had just about everything to fascinate the students.

Class 4 students went for their educational excursion on Friday, 8th February to the Eveready battery manufacturing plant in Kolkata. The students were escorted by the Class teachers- Ms Marwah and Mrs. Banerjee, Mrs. Ahuja and Mr. Samad.



They were warmly welcomed at the factory by Mr Sumanta Modak, Works Manager and his entire team. The students and teachers were taken to a Conference Room where there was an ice breaking session. They were given a brief introduction, prior to being taken to the plant to see step by step how the batteries were being manufactured.

There was an interesting PPT on the Eveready plant, its origin and history till date with the range of products manufactured by it.

The children were then divided into groups and taken into the factory to see how Eveready batteries were manufactured.

The explanations given were clear and simple enough for the pupils to understand the way batteries were made and the pupils also saw the main raw materials, required to make the battery. All the queries of the children were patiently answered.



The students of Class 5 went to 'Ecoline Exim Pvt. Ltd.' at Barasat for their class trip. They were accompanied by the Class teachers -Mrs. Ahuja and Mr. Bardhan, Mrs. Schafranski and Mr.T. Mukherjee.



They were warmly received by the Saraogis' at their beautiful farmhouse. Their trip began with a visit to the 'Goshala', where the students fed the cows. They were then shown the 'Gobar Gas' plant. Mr. Saraogi and his employees explained the mechanics of the plant. The environment friendly, clean energy generated daily from the plant ran the fans and lights and also met the energy needs of the 'Goshala'.

From there, the students and teachers went to the jute factory. From viewing the cutting and printing process to colouring the jute and cotton and interacting with the workers, they ran the whole gamut of the factory. The students took avid interest in all that they saw. At the end of the thrilling trip a jute bag was gifted to all. It was an enriching trip for the students.



Assembly on Love

The Primary Department held a Special Assembly on 13th February 2019 to highlight the values of 'Love, Empathy and Kindness'.



The Assembly began with a short presentation on "Mother Teresa", followed by a musical performance by the children of Pre Nursery, Nursery and Upper Nursery, looking very attractive in red, pink and white. The assembly concluded with a creative meditation session conducted by Ms L. Khanna.





The "kind" acts of the children form "The chain of Kindness". This chain was shared during the assembly. The message to the children was that every kind gesture has a ripple effect. 'When we show Kindness and Compassion it comes back to us!'





Children of Pre Nursery observed “Yellow Day”, sitting out in the winter sun, dressed in yellow. They relished their y..y..yogurt and y..y..yellow banana and enjoyed singing the Jolly Phonic jingle.....’I like to eat yogurt and bananas’

parent Visit



The children of Nursery B participated enthusiastically during a parent visit by Reyansh’s mother, Mrs Fogla. She showed the ‘Magic of Air Pressure’ through various experiments using water, balloons, straw and simple plastic bottle. It was a hands-on exposure where the children took part actively.

JUNIOR MATH SCIENCE QUIZ 2019

The Inter House Junior Math-Science Quiz, 2019 for grades 1- 5 was held on Tuesday, 19th February in the AVR. The Maths and Science departments collaborated to conduct a combined Junior Math-Science Quiz for the first time. This interdisciplinary approach enabled the students realise that the two subjects were not isolated but lent themselves to each other. The students were divided into two groups for the Quiz.



While Group 1 comprised of students of Classes 1 and 2, Group 2 included those of Classes 3, 4 and 5. The Quiz had a Math round followed by a Science round. There were 2 activity rounds too, one for Math and other for Science. Finally, there was a rapid fire round for each team. In between there were brain-teasers and questions for the audience to keep them completely involved.

The Quiz tried to bring out the best in the students ensuring that their learning extended beyond books and classroom teaching and encouraged higher order thinking.

The Quiz was made thoroughly interesting by the use of audio visual aids and Math manipulatives . The video as well as the live demonstration of science experiments stimulated the young minds.



The participants of the three houses-Red, Yellow and Green answered the questions with enthusiasm, wisdom and confidence. The competition among the houses was tough but in the end, the thrilling and evenly contested battle of minds was won by the Yellow House in Group 1 and Green House in Group 2. They were closely followed in the second places by the Green House and Red House respectively. Mr. S. Mukherjee spoke very highly of the participants. Mrs. Nayar not only congratulated the students but praised the efforts of all the teachers of the Math and Science Departments of the Junior Section for their hard work and endeavours. The exciting event concluded with the distribution of beautifully designed trophies to the winners and certificates to all participants.



Special Assembly



As an attempt to further strengthen the home-school collaboration, the students of Grade 3 welcomed their parents to witness a Special Assembly on Friday, 22nd February, 2019 in the AVR. The theme of the Assembly was 'the Desert Festival of Jaisalmer'.



The interactive assembly began with a wonderful PPT on Rajasthan, wherein the pupils shared interesting facts about the quintessential state of the Maharajas. As a part of the programme, they sang a popular Rajasthani folk song and danced to another. The parents also participated in a short quiz, conducted by the students. The famous turban-tying competition which is held in the Desert Festival was also demonstrated wherein parents partnered with the students. The parents were thrilled to see their children perform brilliantly in traditional attire. They applauded the children and the teachers for the splendid show.



Junior School Principal, Mrs. Nayar and Class Teachers, Mrs. Datta and Mrs. Sarkhel, thanked the parents for attending the assembly and encouraging their children's endeavour. They also thanked Mrs. Roy for training the children to dance and Mr. Mukherjee for training them to sing.

QUILL STORIES

Sharing success...sharing experiences.....



An Assembly was held in the Music Room in school on Wednesday, the 6th of February to celebrate the success of the students of CIS at the “Quill Stories”, the multilingual inter-school literary fest hosted by the Junior Section, Mahadevi Birla World Academy on Thursday, 31st January, 2019.



At the assembly the prize winning performances were represented before an eager and elated audience who shared the joy and delight of their school's success with the performers who had worked hard to prepare for the competition. Mrs. Singhal greeted everyone. She spoke about the competition and also shared some information about the internationally acclaimed legendary film maker- Satyajit Ray. The festival primarily aimed at paying tribute to the great personality.



Then the young performers recited the poem written by Mr. Bose, the drama teacher based on the works and creations of Ray. Mr Kaushik Bose had used the concept of Performance Poetry in the presentation and the performers interspersed the lines of verse with the signature tunes of Ray's films. They sang themselves to recreate Ray's magic. They delighted the audience with their presentation. This was followed by the excellent enactment of the play 'Swami and his friends' based on R.K. Narayan's Malgudi Days, which impressed everybody present. The script of the play was also written by Mr. Kaushik Bose which won him the Best Director's prize.

The participants along with their teachers who so ably trained them, shared their valuable experiences with all.



The Assembly ended with the handing over of the medals to the award winners and the Certificates of Participation to all participants by Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Choudhary amidst a loud applause. Mrs. Nayar congratulated the pupils on their brilliant performances. She lauded them for their natural expressions and deep involvement in the performances. She appreciated Mrs. Singhal and Mr. Bose for training the children so well.



Smalympics2019

Selected students of the Junior Section-Classes 2 to 5 took part in “Smalympics2019”, an Inter School Games Meet hosted by the Primary Department of Sushila Birla Girls’ School.

The event was held on Friday, 15th February 2019 at the premises of Sushila Birla Girls School. Altogether 10 schools participated in the event. CIS students took part in four events – Obstacle race, Chess, Yoga and Basketball. This provided a platform for our young budding sports enthusiasts an opportunity to showcase their talent in various games. It was a wonderful learning experience for our young participants.



Megan Li of Grade 2 took part in Obstacle race, Dhruvanshi Ray of Grade 3 took part in Yoga and Arshia Gupta of Grade 5 took part in Chess.

The CIS Girls basketball team won the runners up trophy and made the school and their coach, Mr. Samad proud. The members of the team were Devanshee Ruia, Dhriti Agarwalla, Anoushka Shanti Ganguli, Parthvi Kandoi, Shivika Johri, Avni Agarwal, Prisha Rampuria, Aanya Sinha, Sampreeti Maheswari, Aadya Narayan, Aisha Kothari and Manya Garodia.

The certificate of participation was handed out to all the students and silver medals were given to the basketball team by Mrs. Nayar on Wednesday, 27th February 2019. She congratulated the students and wished them continued success in their endeavour.

WIZ Spell Bee



The WIZ Spell Bee Contest, 2nd Level was held in the CIS Campus for the students of Grades 1 to 5 on 13th February, 2019 under the supervision of the English teachers of the respective classes.



Class 1



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4



Class 5



Workshop

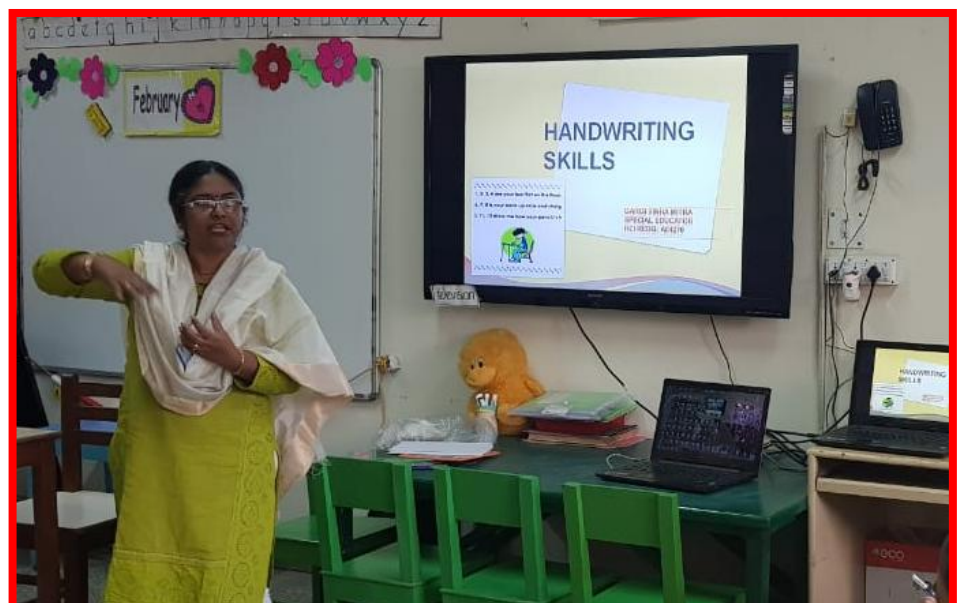


Give Students a Brain Break

An interactive session on Ways to Make Learning Fun in the classroom through Indoor Games was held by Ms. L. Khanna for the Primary teachers and Special Educator on 14th February 2019. The objective was to create new indoor games that can bring in novelty in any lesson and break the monotony of a routine. Whether you're five or twenty-five playing a game is fun. Games are a great way to keep lessons interesting while having a little bit of fun.

On 15th February 2019 Mrs. Gargi Sinha Mitra, the school Special Educator conducted a workshop for the teachers of the Primary Section and Grade 1 on "Handwriting Skills".

The workshop laid stress on the importance of the skills related to visual discrimination and visual spatial relation. It touched upon areas of "Developmental pattern of grasp" and correct seating posture.



On 18th and 19th February 2019, Ms Urmita Das of the Primary department attended a training programme, on Cambridge Primary Mathematics – Introductory, in Noida. The facilitators for the workshop were Ms Isobel Bottomley and Ms Karuna Senthilnatham. The workshop aimed at helping the teachers understand the Cambridge approach to Mathematics. It gave an in-depth exposure to the CAIE Mathematics curriculum.



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WESTERN DANCE SHOW

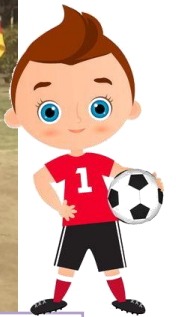
We, at Calcutta International School aim at all round development of the child. We offer a variety of Extra Curricular Activities of which Western Dance is an integral part. This kinaesthetic activity not only keeps the body fit but also helps to develop a sense of rhythm. The students of western dance, trained under the able guidance of Mr. Arjun Gurung, presented the Annual Western Dance Show on 27th February, 2019.



While the students of grade 2 showcased their skills in Hiphop style of dance, those of grades 3 to 8 presented a medley of dance forms from across the globe- like the Arabian, Nepali and Jazz.

INTRA ECA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

'Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love for what you are doing or learning to do' – Pele.



Calcutta International School organised an Intra ECA Football Tournament this year, catering to the children of various age groups to display and showcase their talents in the field of football. The Tournament began on 14th February and the final matches will be held in the month of March.

Cricket Tournament

An Inter-House Boys' Cricket Tournament was held from 5th to 11th February in our school ground. Students of classes 3 to 5 took part in it. The Yellow House won the tournament while Green House followed them as the runner-up.



Poems on Wheels



Satabdi Mishra, an independent bookseller from Orissa, who has travelled across 30 cities in what could be described as a 'Poetry Van', organised an event called "Poems on wheels" on 13th February, 2019 at the Oxford Subscription Company- Children's Book shop. Alveena Farooque, Agastya Chanda and Reyna Bhawal of Class 2 participated in this unique event and had an enriching experience, listening to poetry and reciting their own.



The staff of Calcutta International School enjoyed a fun-filled and relaxing picnic amidst nature at The Breathing Earth Resort on 16th February, 2019.

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Varish won a total of 14 tournaments, including the Order of Merit for the East Zone Feeder Tour Under-9 (7 wins out of 7). The highlight of the year for both the golfers has been representing CIS and winning the Inter-School Golf Tournament as a team. This was a close play-off match and they took CIS to victory with great skill and teamwork. Their story was featured in the TOI as well as a hoarding displayed on Park Street, Kolkata.

Specific Training: Both Hredaan and Varish take regular coaching in Pro-Touch Golf Academy under the stewardship of Mr. Jadhavji Bhalariaji. They spend 56 days a week playing this sport, after school. Regular fitness training also helps to increase their distance in the game.

Diet Plan followed: A good eating habit is important for the two golfers. A healthy snack after every 2-3 holes while on the course is recommended.

A handful of fruits, pistachios and bananas are a compulsion after every couple of holes as suggested by their coach. A bar of Snickers is a great way to keep the energy levels high too.

Parents' Take:

Parents of Hredaan Raj Bihani – "Golf it seems has absolutely taken over our little boy. He enjoys most of his time after school at the golf course or practice range. His screen time viewing is usually watching golf on YouTube. The games in his iPad too are related to this sport. He sometimes connects with other players in different parts of the world and plays with them online. His attire and choice of brands is that of a golfer and his world is the golf course and 18 holes."

Parents of Varish Mohta – "He is very passionate about golf and the time that he has been spending on the course is by his own choice. He's quite fond of sports and plays cricket, table tennis, football and a bit of badminton."

As we import education to match the advancement in technology and globalization, it is equally necessary to instill moral values and principles in our children, to help them grow and develop into sensitive and responsible citizens of the next generation. Value-based education with life skills woven into it is of critical importance in this day and age.

With this, I call upon the youth to enjoy school life to the fullest, be grateful

for the opportunities provided by life and above all, adopt the attitude of empathy and humility. Take the canvas of hope and a brush of a glorious vision and paint your own portrait of excellence.

Lastly, I would like to thank The Times of India Newspaper in Education Department for providing us with this platform to share the aspirations of talented students and the appreciation of our students through a mélange of photographs and articles.

"Education is not preparation for life, education is life itself." — John Dewey

—Pratima Nayyar, Principal, Junior School, Calcutta International School

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