

CIS SPEAKS

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Overnight stay at school

All of us were looking forward to our overnight stay in school. We were very excited and the experience was enthralling and memorable. The sleepover started off with a quiz, and all the teams were quite competitive. Following the quiz, games of musical chairs and a dance party were held. We were all so excited on discovering that some of our classmates had such talent in dancing! Sitting around the campfire while singing our favourite songs was also really fun. We had a delicious dinner of Chinese food, which consisted of fried rice, noodles, chicken and momos. We spent the rest of the night doing various activities. Some of

us fell asleep, some were playing games, some indulged in snacks and were happily munching on them. A few were telling ghost stories and the rest were just chatting to their hearts' content.

Ultimately, a very adamant

lot managed to stay awake and were playing pranks, not letting the others sleep!

In the morning, everyone was busy discussing how they spent the night and looking forward to going back home to catch up on all the hours of sleep they missed.

- Evangeli Saha and Alizah Ali, Class 6



Senior School Annual Sports

Day 2019

“Success is where preparation and opportunity meet.”



The Senior Sports Day was held on 21st January at the Sports Authority of India Stadium. The day commenced with an inspiring speech from Dr Nath and welcoming the Chief Guest Mr. Satish Bharti and Special Guest Ritwik Roychoudhury, an alumnus of Calcutta International School. The felicitation was followed by the March Past by the Captains and members of the three houses, smartly saluting the guests and the spectators. Dr Nath also highlighted the numerous sports achievements of the

year 2018 and concluded by honouring Jeffrey Li, the outstanding sports person of the year. The series of different races and events such as tug of war, saw several nail-biting and exciting finishes. Green House was declared the victors of the Tug of War against Red House. Many students were congratulated for their remarkable achievements in Long Jump, Short Put and for being the most incredible athletes in their categories. Well deserving, Somhrit Chanda and Nikita Biswas were honoured as the overall best athletes.



It was a close finish with all three houses having put forward their best foot but eventually Yellow House emerged victorious, having secured both the

Marching and Overall trophies, followed by runners up Green and Red House.

Intra School- Model United Nations ASEAN Regional Forum

By Shreshth Sarda, Class AS

On 1st and 2nd February 2019, CIS MUN and Debate Club hosted the Intra School Model United Nations Conference. The two committees being simulated were the United Nations Human Rights Council and the ASEAN Regional Forum. The ASEAN committee discussed Security in the Korean Peninsula. It was a great learning and enjoyable experience for all participants especially the first timers.

In the ASEAN, the delegates were given updates related to the current situation in Korea which the delegates had to tackle using their wit and foreign policy. Here are the significant statements made in the committee:

DPRK: 'North Korea will sign the Nuclear Non proliferation treaty once again if the USA stops military drills in South Korea.'

And when there was an update that DPRK continues to nuclearise -

DPRK : 'We deny all allegations!'

Well played DPRK.

DPRK (to Japan): 'Why do you think our country is poor?'



Japan: 'Your country is poor because it is ruled by communism.'

Committee is driven into a state of hysteria.

South Korea: 'We will send US officials to DPRK to check if DPRK is denuclearising.'

A brilliant idea South Korea - the north will surely approve of that.

Meanwhile, Russia continued to argue with the chairperson about whether an unrelated economic agreement between Russia, South Korea and North Korea has been signed - Russia maintains a neutral stance.

Apart from a few outlandish statements by some countries, the committee was largely realistic in its discussions - as it should be.

There were several stances and solutions which came up regarding the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula and the reunification of the Koreas.

UN Human Rights Council

By Yash Vardhan Pansari Class 10

The simulation of the UN Human Rights Council saw both conventional debate and

crises, making it fun for everyone present there.

The first day consisted of serious deliberations on the Human Rights Crisis in Syria, and some interesting concepts of International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law were brought up. However, the debate on the first day was a lot more straightforward and a lot less fast paced than what was to come on day 2. After almost all relevant subtopics of the agenda had been touched upon, the executive board presented committee with a crisis update that Royal Air Force jets had allegedly conducted an airstrike in Syria which resulted in a magnitude of civilian casualties, including a South Korean K-Pop band that was performing at a charity event. To debate this update, the delegate of the UK proposed open floor debate which is a rather unconventional form of debate. However, without providing committee with any prior information or lobbying in any form, this motion was passed by an unexpectedly large majority. For the remainder of the day, about 5 more such

motions were passed and almost every delegate in the committee enjoyed this form of aggressive and fast paced debate. After debate on Syria was concluded, the committee decided to debate whether to move into discussion on Item 7 of the Agenda relating to the Israel Palestine Conflict, and as a result, for the first time in the history of the UNHRC, there was consensus on not discussing Item 7. Since Item 7 is recognised as the most controversial item on the agenda of any UN body for the past decade, this unanimity in the HRC was truly historic.

As a result, several 8th and 9th graders got to experience and enjoy Model UN for the first time and were encouraged to pursue it further. This was where we, as the CIS MUN Club, believe Intra MUN 2019 was a success.



IIHM Seminar

By Krishna Mishra, Class 9

On the First of February 2019, the Indian Institute of Hotel Management conducted a seminar where Chef Neil Rippington, Dean at the University of Birmingham, spoke to us about his early life and how he started his career as a chef. The seminar was attended by the students of Class 9, Dr. Nath and a few teachers. Upon being informed that it was the chef's birthday, those in the room wished him by singing a birthday song, with glee and appreciation galore.

The chef initiated the seminar by telling us about his arduous journey through life and how he had witnessed the depths of hardships yet emerged as a refined artisan with a brilliant calibre and a knack for succulent tastes. We were also informed about an international cooking competition at IIHM and were encouraged to participate in it as quite a number of us had a profound insight into the art of culinary skills.

Following this was a question-answer session in which a handful of us had

participated with much eagerness and enthusiasm.

Through the seminar, the students of class 9 were enlightened about the life and career of the most prominent chefs in the city, and served as a learning experience for all.

STEM Workshop

By Arsh Wazir, Class 9

On 30th January 10 CIS students assisted in conducting a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) workshop for the class 8 students of Loreto Day School.

In order to develop a love for Science and to lessen their fears and apprehensions, the principal of Loreto Elliot Road, Sister Marilla, wanted to do some workshops for her Class 8 students before they go to Class 9 in a few months.

We moved to the portico and helped to set up 4-5 STEM activity centres for around 100 students. Around 2-3 of us helped in each centre. The camp was supervised by a fun educator from Science Club Singapore with

teachers on standby. The students of Loreto School were given limited time and resources to emulate real life constraints. Some of the theory included Newton's third law, architectural principles and completing circuits. We helped with the hands-on activities, the troubleshooting and with testing students' creation. Along the way,



we also improved our communication and presentation skills and pushed our ingenuity

and creativity to our limits. Another interesting thing was that we were learning along with the students simply by doing things.

It was a hectic workshop but a very unique and new experience, provided by Science Club Singapore. First we went to the AV room where we shared the order of the hands-on activities as well as their theoretical principles. We shared the Engineering and Design Thinking Process- Brainstorm, Prototype, Test, Improve.

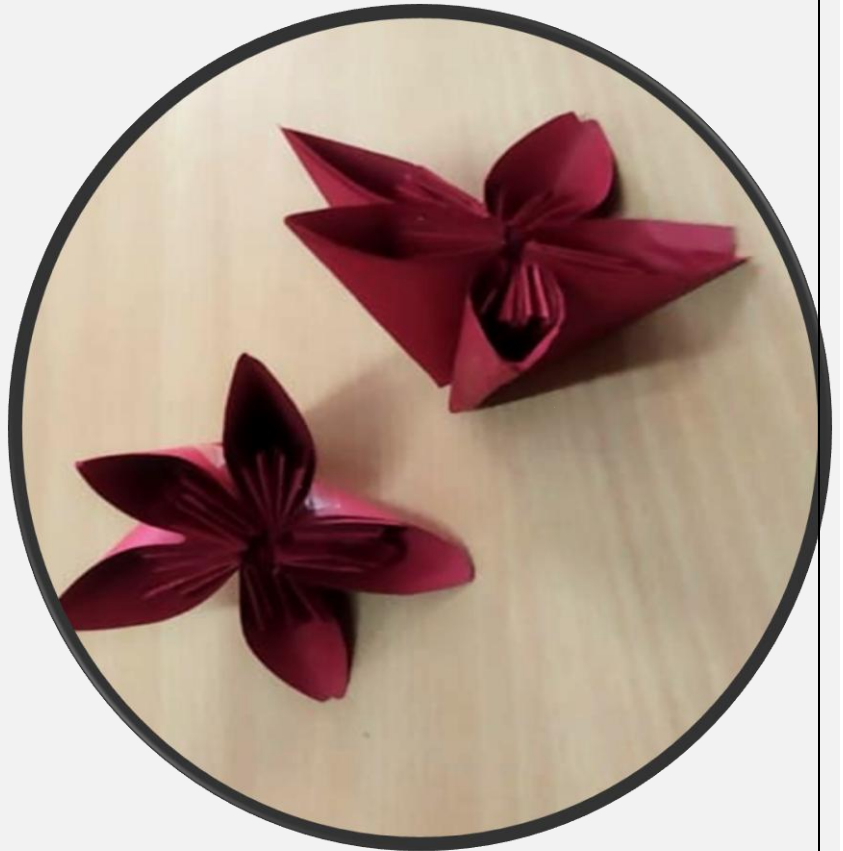
As mentioned, it was an unbelievable frenzy but with some hilarious events throughout. We got food, gifts and certificates. And of course, at the end of the session, the Loreto students were disappointed to see us leave.



Chinese New Year

Amongst the pits of the nether realm;
existing from time memorial lay the
kingdom of Alvarez, laden with a certain
responsibility from the Rabbit
Goddess. Although the balance of life
was maintained with each gear running
simultaneously with its pair, the people of
the realm were, in lack of a better
terminology, disconnected from the task
beset to them. While difficult to draw out
a decisive conclusion as to why this
maybe so, the common consensus,
agreed upon by us, the learned folk, that
the people of the time were weary of the
monotonous lifestyle they led.

However, a voice cried out from the
common folk! A champion? "I beseech you,
your holy one, allow my people and I to
carve out a sect of the land belonging to
your grace. We will build a kingdom of our
own on it: the kingdom of Alakitasia. We will
dedicate ourselves in the task of liberation
of the mind. Create a place where one is
granted the freedom of expression." The



Rabbit Goddess pondered and spoke, "I will
grant this request which your people and
you ask me of. Go forth and do what you
deem would be beneficial to the well-being
of my people." And this they accomplished
indeed.

To list the deeds of the kingdom of
Alakitasia in such a stunted fashion would
be dishonouring it but for the sake of

enlightening the ones who have had the fortune of laying their eyes on this transcript, one of their most significant endeavours was when they transformed the land of Alvarez into one of beauty and marvel through ornamenting it in its entirety.

Various schools, dedicated to the education of the youth in the art of creativity, were set up. Soon these students, embalmed with the teachings bestowed upon them, created their own handicrafts and other magnificent pieces of architecture built upon the themes of the eastern country of China, such as the set of the two Dragons, the Wishing Tree of Grace, the Sea of the multi-scaled fish and the land of the blossoming lantern-flower. The kingdom of Alvarez soon blossomed into one of great pomp and splendour as the people indulged themselves in the renewed spring of culture which was flourishing. Much gratitude and praise were showered upon the kingdom of Alakitasia as it was

due to their zeal and tireless efforts, which helped put forth a renewal of sorts in the land they inhabited and in their spirits, as well.

Workshop on Chinese New Year at CIS

By Ethan Chen, IB2

The art club held a workshop to create craft wares highlighting the rich significance of the Chinese New Year , which was celebrated on the 5th of February, with the students of 6th grade.





To commemorate the Chinese New Year, the members of the Art Club decided to hold



a workshop for the students of Grade-6. Through this workshop we taught and assisted the students. Groups were formed and they created crafts were pertaining to the theme of Chinese New Year which

included lanterns, assortment of flowers, dragons and koi fishes, all made of paper. An exhibition was held in the atrium and the craft products were displayed.. The walk



way in front of the school building and the atrium was decorated with the pieces of art work and the most important art work – the wish tree. The wishes of the students of grade-6, placed in the traditional red coloured envelope or 'Hong Pao' were hung from the wish tree.

Our work was much appreciated by all the visitors and as the President of the Art Club, I am glad to say that through our venture, we were able to uphold the richness of Chinese culture and tradition.



Chinese New Year celebration at CIS

“It’s amazing how a bunch of people with perfectly human bodies can team up together in a dance of utter poise and complete coordination to make a magnificently breathtaking creature,

representing and honouring the beautiful culture that most people are unaware of.”

“It was fun and a different experience.” “We saw glimpses of other culture as well.”

“It was a performance everyone enjoyed as it was really entertaining.”

“Watching the dragon dance is something we all look forward to in school before Chinese New year since we know it is an

integral part of their culture, and gives us an insight into what goes on during the actual celebrations.

There was a really cool martial arts performance, which I'm sure the 6th graders must have enjoyed, because the performer, Richard Li jumped over them."

"I performed as as the lion head for the traditional dance. It was great to be able to share Chinese culture and celebrate its festivities in school. I hope everybody enjoyed watching the human pyramid since it is not an everyday occurrence."

"I was happy and proud to be able to share a culture and tradition with my friends. It was exciting to perform as a cymbal player."

