









"Before a child talks they sing. Before they write they draw. As soon as they stand they dance. Art is fundamental to human expression." - Phylicia Rashad

Parents of Nursery A and B joined us for Craft Day on 3rd and 10th April. Children accompanied by their parents had a fun filled morning where they expressed their creativity through various crafts based on the theme of Spring. It was a good bonding session between parents and their children.





Pet Shop Day

We, at Nursery B, organized a 'Pet Shop Day' in class while learning CVC 'et' words. Children brought their stuffed toys and took turns to dress up as a vet while taking care of their ailing pets.

They learnt about their needs, care and food habits.



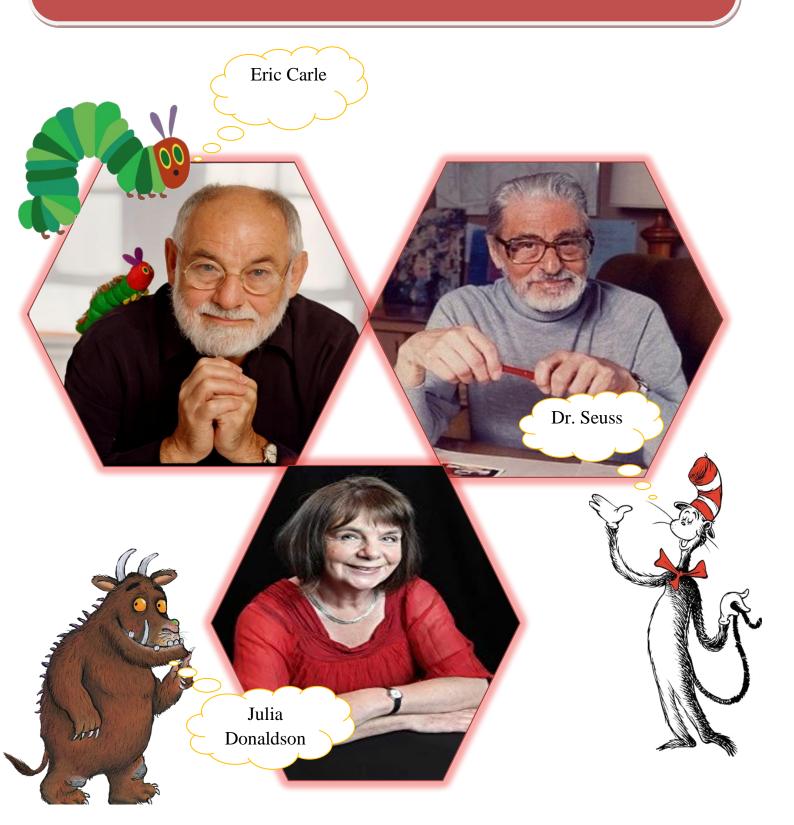






In a unique endeavour to encourage the love for reading among children, the Primary Department embarked on a magical journey of wonder and adventure. The first week of April was celebrated as 'Author Week' – a first of its kind in CIS.

Each section chose a different author, whose stories were read intensively in class. What followed was pure magic and learning in abundance.

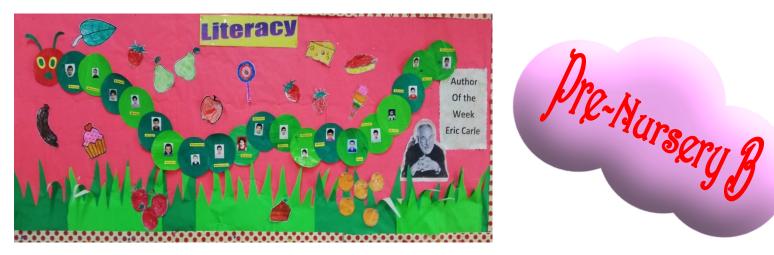


Jre-Nursery A

The children of Pre Nursery A listened to some stories written by Julia Donaldson. They enjoyed enacting the story of 'Monkey Puzzle'. 'The Smartest Giant in Town' was another favourite with the children as they painted the attire of the kind-hearted giant. A parent, Mrs Narsinghani, narrated the story of 'Gruffalo', using a puppet and cut

outs of other characters. Children learnt to be generous and helpful from the story of 'Room on the Broom'.





Students of Pre Nursery B loved reading the books written by Eric Carle. The popular story of 'A Very Hungry Caterpillar' was enacted by the children. They enjoyed making a collage of the story 'Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me'.



The chosen author for Nursery was Julia Donaldson.

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A poem, 'I opened a book', was read to the students which expresses the author's love for books. The children enjoyed reciting and enacting another poem – 'The Nut Tree'. They shared their charts and illustrations on the books they read at home. The author week was a success, as children began to develop a strong bonding with the world of books.





The children were transported into an imaginary world as they flipped through the pages of the books written by this very popular author. Role play, art and craft, songs and poems were some of the activities enjoyed by all.





Upper Nursery A celebrated Author Week with the eminent author, Eric Carle. During this week, the author was introduced to the students through videos, pictures and books. Five of his popular stories, 'Brown Bear Brown Bear What do you see?', 'The Tiny Seed', 'Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me', 'Pancakes Pancakes' and 'A House for Hermit Crab' were narrated by teachers and parent volunteers. Each story was supported with audio-visuals and activities in the form of role play, puppet show, songs, colouring, art and craft, observing seeds grow, comprehension exercises, learning recipes and eating yummy pancakes. The children learnt about the phases of the moon and life of sea creatures.

Heartfelt gratitude to the mothers and teachers who were involved in the Author Week.





Students of Upper Nursery B learnt about Dr Seuss and read stories written by him. They brought storybooks to class, made charts, crafts and shared information about their favourite author. Various activities based on his stories were conducted and integrated with different subjects. It was a fun-filled and enriching week enjoyed by both, students and teachers.

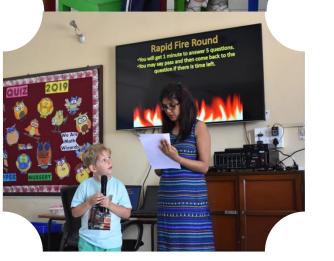




To enjoy and develop their love for Mathematics, a Math Quiz was organised for the children of Upper Nursery on 29th and 30th April 2019. An array of questions based on various mathematical concepts and skills were asked, which students answered confidently. The rapid fire round was the favourite segment of the quiz. Children answered within seconds demonstrating their alertness, reasoning and application skills.

The winning team of Upper Nursery A:

Reyhan Singh William De Penning Syed Ibrahim Ahmed Ahaan Jalan



The winning team of Upper Nursery B:

Rhyah Khurana Agni Chakraborty Rayerth Kejriwal



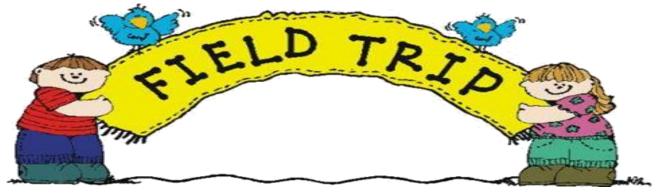








On 2nd May 2019, students of Class 5 organised a fun workshop for Class 1. The interesting concept "For the Student - By the Student" consisted of three rounds. The first round was a Math Quiz, followed by Games and Riddles and the final round was based on mathematical strategies where few short cut strategies were taught to the children to help them in calculation. The little ones thoroughly enjoyed the session as much as Class 5 enjoyed preparing it for them.



Sharing sessions by students of Classes 1 and 3 at the morning assembly. They spoke about their experiences at the Mother's Wax Museum and the Indian Museum















STAR QUEST

They came; they performed and conquered our hearts... that is how the students of Class 1 made their teachers and parents proud with their feat on stage in the Special Assembly that was held on 5th April 2019.

The performance began with Saraswati Vandana and then the other students came up in small groups or individually to display their various talents like gymnastics, songs, dances and also created magic with their musical instruments. The parents also got into the spirit of the day and some of the more adventurous ones happily came up on stage to showcase their talents amidst cheers and claps from the audience. It was surely a great moment for the children to have their parents perform in front of their friends and teachers. The show ended with the national anthem being played on the guitar by one of our star performers. It was indeed a big day for these versatile little champions of Class 1. This performance helped to build confidence and also taught students to appreciate the hard work of others.











'We are special as God never made junk', said Veer Poddar's mother as she shared the saying from her childhood with the students of Class 2. The morning of 12th April 2019, was indeed very special for everyone present.

Enthusiastic students of Class 2B turned a Dinosaur poem into an energetic rap song while their friends of 2A read their self-written poems with their mums and dads. Later, they came together to sing the beautiful song 'When I grow up', from the movie Matilda. However, the most touching moment of the morning was a short video in which the students shared their feelings for their mums and dads. Parents were very appreciative of the children and their teachers and the morning ended on a very special and emotional note.



"Thank you so much for the invitation. It was indeed a pleasure watching our children display their creative talents in all forms be it poetry, music, song or just facing the audience. Really heart warming to hear their "hidden desires" which was actually unknown to most of us and we loved it. Thank you teachers for bringing out the best in our children. We will certainly cherish the memories of such events. We look forward to many more such wonderful programs."

Dr A Jawade - father of Alveena, 2A

"It was the most uplifting and inspirational experience of the year for us! Thank you! Grade 2 teachers, assistants and kids, for thriving and exceeding our expectations in the child positive environment of CIS, now, and for the ten more years to come!!"

Anirban Chanda - father of Agastya, 2B

"The Special Assembly was a brilliant surprise, a unique, well thought out concept, with all the children sharing their heartfelt messages with parents... very touching. It was a delight to see all the children perform so confidently on the stage and enjoying every bit of it. The hard work & practice that went behind it was clearly evident."

Anindita Bhattacharya - mother of Keosha, 2A



"This assembly has created a lifetime memory for us to cherish always. This assembly has made us meet and know our daughter more than before. Thank you for this unforgettable, special moment always. We must say that we feel proud that our child studies in CIS and taught by such great teachers."

Shraddha Poddar - mother of Krishaangi, 2B



The workshop was initiated by Mr S Jhunjhunwala, parent of Karan Jhunjhunwala (a student of 3A) and was carried forward by him and our Art teacher, Mr Bardhan. The children were enlightened about the masquerade masks and their purpose.

Mr Jhunjhunwala, who procured these masks during his Europe tour, distributed them among the children and asked them to draw on them. The children were encouraged to paint the masks with big blocks of colour and then create some patterns with paint and glitter. The brightly painted masks were later displayed in the atrium. It was a fun-filled and enriching learning experience for the pupils.







The story of Mahabharata is a part of the Bengali syllabus of Class 5. The story helps students to gain knowledge about Indian tradition and culture, morals, values and our rich Indian heritage. Every year the students eagerly read the story and learn many of life's lessons. Taking this exercise a step further, this year the students worked on a project where they drew pictures on charts that highlighted the important events from the great epic. This exercise helped them to think, learn, and remember the characters and the sequence of events better. Students enjoyed recreating the story through pictures and were very proud of their creation.







The Primary Department observed Earth Day on 24th April.

Mrs Choudhary, Science teacher of Class 1, spoke to the children on how each one of us can contribute to save the Earth.

The children of Pre-Nursery painted their old t-shirts, while Nursery reused theirs innovatively to make laundry bags. Students of Upper Nursery sang a song and recited a poem to describe their beautiful Mother Earth.







EDUCATIONAL EXCUSSION TO SCIENCE CITY

Classes Upper Nursery to 3 went to Science City on 23rd April as a part of the Earth Day Celebrations.



During the trip, the children were taken for a tour through the amazing world of mirrors. They went through a mirror maze and enjoyed the ghost walk. Children were excited to see that mirrors could create such varied illusions.





Students watched a 3D movie titled, 'Life of Trees'- a movie about the world of trees, their parts, how they grow, photosynthesis, dispersal of seeds and preservation.

Students were able to relate all that they saw with what they learn at school.



The visit was a wonderful learning experience for all.

Learning about UrbagrowAquaponica Method

It's time to grow your own fish and vegetables at home, the

healthy way!

Classes 4 and 5 visited Urbagrow Aquaponic Farm in Survey Park, Kolkata on 23rd April in celebration of Earth Day. This farm is designed and managed by an enterprising innovative urban farmer and a parent of the school, Mr Anirban Chanda.



Urbagrow, an urban, Aquaponic, soil free, food garden in Kolkata is a rooftop garden of abundance. This farm produces organic fish and vegetables in completely urban surroundings without any dependency on soil availability with limited water consumption.





This unique scientific method of agriculture within the city on terraces and rooftops helps to grow food for human consumption free of pesticides and chemical fertilizers.

Mr Chanda spoke about the Vedic and Puranic way of life and agriculture, about using 'purna mitti' and compost, and also about ammonia, the carbon cycle, the nitrogen cycle and miracle plants, that can be grown easily and made into flour to be used in places which are prone to drought to feed hungry populations. He also spoke about heat and humidity, which help in agriculture, and the marvellous inbuilt ways of nature to feed and nurture mankind which must not be disturbed.

The visit to the farm was a wonderful exposure and a unique learning experience for our students. We thank Mr Chanda for extending his support and organising a well-planned day for us.









'Earth Stories – The Journey So Far', conceived by the Social Studies faculty of Junior School was one of its kind. It was held on the 7th of May and was a great success. The fest was flagged off by Mrs. Nayar, in the atrium, where models and charts on landforms, artefacts and scriptures of the ancient civilizations and brochures were displayed. A PowerPoint on places visited by the students with historical and geographical significance was also part of the display.



The morning assembly included a 'Ramp Walk' by students, dressed as people from the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Rome, Greece and China, historical characters and geographical locations. Familiarity with different places around the world through presentations and skits were informative and entertaining.

Students of Class 5 sang the national anthems of all the neighbouring countries of India. What a better way to end the assembly but with students of Classes 1 and 3 singing together 'We are the World'.

Senior School faculty, Ms Tina Servaia appreciated the stupendous effort of the students and enjoyed being a part of the show.











Back in classrooms, the 1st Graders were engaged with educational puzzles and games. Class 2 hosted a well researched quiz on 'Earth and its History' all by themselves. Students of Class 3 relived Mesopotamian trading era through an activity on 'Barter System'. They exchanged books and filled in a kind of trading invoice with their class mates. Students of Class 4 voiced their thoughts on social topics of good citizenship and the problems that India faces as a country through posters.

Class 5 did a wonderful job by setting up travel desks in their classrooms, where they gave information about all the neighbouring countries they had studied. Added to that, one could also sample speciality food of these countries, which was arranged with the support of the parents.

Another great attraction of the fest, were the Puppeteers of Class 5 who went to various classes and surprised the younger children with mythical stories right out of the books.

The aim of this fest was to collaborate the Social Sciences with all the other subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science, ICT, Foreign and Regional Languages.

Teachers and students worked as teams to value the diversity and to contribute harmoniously in the teaching and learning processes.









The birth anniversary of 'Kabi Guru' Rabindranath Tagore was celebrated by the children of the Primary Department.

In an assembly, they sang songs and danced to songs by Tagore. They learnt about his life and achievements through a PPT prepared by the teachers.

The assembly was ably conducted by Mrs M Guha.

It was an enriching experience for all present.







Pupils of Classes 1-5 celebrated this day with a difference. Students read poems, stories and plays written by the Nobel laureate.

The objective was to give the pupils an insight into his life and also expose them to Tagore's numerous and varied genre of work.



Class 1 chose the story, 'Tasher Desh' or 'The Land of Cards' – the story was first narrated to the students and then excerpts from the dance drama was shown to them. The dialogues were in English but the songs were in Bengali. The children enjoyed depicting scenes from 'Tasher Desh', which was later displayed in the atrium.



Students of Class 2 were enlightened on the life and works of the great poet through a presentation. They saw images of Jorashanko Thakurbari, Shantiniketan, the Nobel Prize and the Jallianwala Bagh massacre to learn more about the great personality.

'Paper Boats', an English translation of a famous poem named 'Kagojer Nouko' was read. Like in the poem, the students made paper boats with their names on it and drew illustrations to show its journey, as it sailed through different places, hoping that someone, somewhere, would find their boats and know them too.



Class 3 chose Tagore's story, 'Kabuliwala', and expressed their take on friendship through a reading and story - telling session. This was followed by an audio visual representation of the short story. Children participated in a poster making activity, illustrating the parameters of limitless friendships as a tribute to the Bard.



The students of Classes 4 and 5 read short stories such as 'The Hidden Treasure', 'The Boy and the Tree', 'The Real Artist', and plays such as 'The Welcome'. As the students of 4B enacted the play, they learnt how much education, qualifications, and the English language was valued in urban and rural Bengal in those days.

Pupils of Class 5 went a step further, as they depicted main events of the story, 'Chitrakar', through art form. Their drawings, a visual delight, were displayed in the atrium.







To bid farewell and to celebrate the hard work of the outgoing batch of 'Upper Nursery 2018-19', a Prize Distribution Day was held on 2nd May. Every student received a Certificate of Merit in appreciation of their talents and accomplishments.



Certificates were given to the winners of the Recitation Competition, Math Quiz and for Highest Attendance.

Upper Nursery A

Upper Nursery B

Nehal Saxena, of Class 5, was awarded the trophy for the "Outstanding Student of Junior School". She received the rolling trophy from the Principal Mrs Nayar.

It was a morning of prizes and awards for Junior School on 8th May. The academic session 2018-19 concluded on a successful note, where students were awarded for their high standard of work, good conduct and high attendance in school during the academic year.

For the first time, all students of Junior Section were a part of the prize distribution ceremony to witness and acknowledge students who were being awarded for various achievements.

The Junior School Choir made the Prize Day morning a memorable one with their melodious and tuneful rendition of songs. Our young footballers and table tennis aspirants received trophies for their achievement in the Intra ECA tournaments. Heartiest congratulations to all the achievers!



Class 1A: Academic Excellence - Vaanya Baid, Vedang Shah, Arisht Chopra. Good Conduct: Rayan Karan Samtani

Class 1B: Academic Excellence - Sammagnah Bardhan, Ruheen Hossain, Divit Saraogi. Good Conduct: Viren Chakrabarti



Class 2 A: Academic Excellence - Reyna Bhawal, Khushagra Mohta, Alveena Fatima Jawade. Good Conduct - Hridhaan Gupta

Class 2B: Academic Excellence - Agastya Chanda, Varish Mohta, Megan Li Good Conduct - Rajvir Jhunjhunwala

Class 3A: Academic Excellence -Dibyesh Sanyal, Vansh Vir Marda, Karan Jhunjhunwala Good Conduct – Aarush Churiwala

Class 3B: Academic Excellence - Neil Gutgutia, Oripra Altariel Lasue, Anjini Dasgupta Good Conduct - Eimi Yuasa





Class 4A: Academic Excellence – Aanya Sinha, Archisha Banerjee, Viraj Chakrabarti Good Conduct – Aira Mittal

Class 4B: Academic Excellence – Parthvi Kandoi, Meeheeka Mukherjee, Prisha Rampuria Good Conduct – Praneet Ray

Class 5A: Academic Excellence -Nehal Saxena, Aarush Halwasiya, Alisha Kampani Good Conduct – Aadya Narayan

Class 5B: Academic Excellence -Vaibhav Saha, Ayesha Kampani, Anoushka Gupta Good Conduct – Brishti Roy





The outgoing batch of Class 5 2018-19 with their teachers, as they take a step forward to become a part of Senior School.



ECA Prize: Intra ECA Football Tournament – Class 2 Mixed Team – Best Player and Highest Scorer – Yuvan Pawa

Class 3 Mixed team – Best Player – Aarish Ray Kapur, Highest Scorer – Ragghav Dabriwal, Classes 4 & 5 Boys Team – Best Player – Samarth Vir Singh, Highest Scorer – Rohit Dey, Girls Team Classes 4 - 8 Combined Team- Anoushka Shanti Ganguli Intra ECA Table Tennis Tournament – Winner – Jinay Whora, Runner Up – Shivani Bhunia – Class 4 (Beginners Group)



All members of the Junior School Choir were awarded with certificates for their contribution to various events throughout the year.



High Attendance in Term 2

Students from Grades 1-5 were awarded certificates for high attendance.

- 1A Murtaza Johar, Rayan Karan Samtani and Vedang Shah
- 1B Kiyan Jal Bulsara
- 2A Veer Poddar and Yuvraj Agarwal
- 2B Tanay Rampuria

3A - Dibyesh Sanyal, Manya Garodia, Arshaman Biswas and Vrinda Majumdar

3B – Oripra Altariel Lasue, Eimi Yuasa, Dhruvanshi Ray, Rudransh Kathotia, Ihit Dhar, Jagrat Hada and Somovrisho Guha

4A - Sashrika Pyne and Aanya Sinha

4B – Prisha Rampuria, Yashvee Agarwal, Meeheeka Mukherhjee, Siddharth Debgupta and Shivika Johri

5A – Aadya Narayan, Hrishit Poddar and Aarush Halwasiya

5B - Rohit Dey, Rwitoban Biswas and Vaibhav Saha



15TH EASTERN INDIA INTER SCHOOL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP



The 15th Eastern India Inter-School Golf Tournament was held at Tollygunge Club on the 2nd and 3rd of May 2019. It was a grand success with several schools participating. Calcutta International School had a smaller group of participants in comparison to the other schools but they made a huge impact on the leaderboard.

Varish Mohta and Hredaan Raj Bihani of Class 2 played super rounds of 37 and 37 to retain their title in the 'Under-9 Boys' category while Srijato Das and Advay Bansal clinched the 3rd place title.

Other participants from Junior School - Ananya Almal and Atharva Baid, Parth Narayan Sahgal, Divyaansh Pansari, Lakshya Agarwal and Ahan Agarwal also played exceptionally well in the tough weather conditions.

Kaushal Bagrodia and Siddhant Kejriwal of class 9 won the 3rd place title in the 'Boys over 13' category.

Heartiest Congratulations to our Golf Champions! We are proud of their achievements and look forward to many more students participating in such tournaments from Junior School.



The winners of the Olympiad Examinations were awarded certificates and medals for their outstanding performance on 26th April.

Heartiest congratulations to all of them.







Siddharth Debgupta and Ansh Garodia, of 4B, participated in the Gymkhana Horse Riding Event on 7th April, 2019, and stood 2nd and 3rd respectively. Rajanya Deb, of 3B, represented West Bengal and came first in the Sub Junior Open Sports Climbing Championship, held at Yubabharati Kringan, Kolkata from 2^{nd} to 5^{th} April, 2019. She has been selected for the Sub-Junior National Meet to be held from $21^{st} - 23^{rd}$ June, at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling. We wish her all the best!



Eben Vaswani, of 1A, participated and stood 3rd in the All India Open WT Taekwon-Do Championship 2019 and 8th in the ITF state Taekwon-Do Championship.



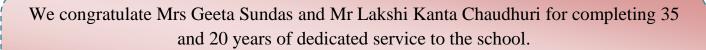
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Varish Mohta and Hredaan Raj Bihani participated in the East Zone Feeder Tour for Golf under 9 category.

Varish won the first leg of the tour and Hredaan was runners up in the event.

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YOU DID IT!

Ms Sarah L Iyer, our school librarian, was awarded a certificate for completing 5 years of dedicated service in CIS.







Heartiest Congratulations to Ms Amanda DuPratt, Mrs Gargi Sinha Mitra, Mrs Ishmeet Mokha, Mrs Urmita Das, Mrs Sushmita Ray, Mr Kaushik Bose, Mrs Sujata Ahuja and Mrs Tania Roy for receiving the Certificate of Appreciation from Mrs Nayar, for their outstanding contribution towards the school during the academic year 2018-2019.

Congratulations to Ms Sarbani Ganguli for receiving the certificate for highest attendance and for her effort during the academic year!











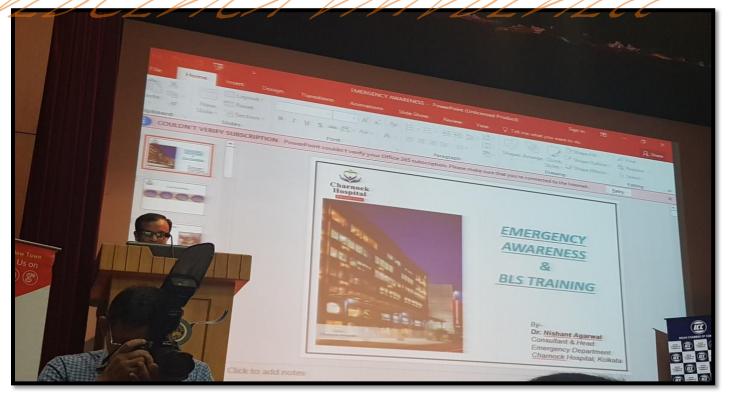


The Teachers' Centre conducted a comprehensive workshop on Bengali - **Involved Reading & Creative writing** on 16th and 25th April with **Sudeshna Sinha, Teacher & Co-ordinator of Shikamitra.** The sessions were attended by Mrs Sukanya Singhal, Mrs Tania M Roy and Ms Sarbani Ganguli.

The aim of the 2 day workshop was to incite teachers with innovative teaching aids and objects such as books, pictures, words, or even sentences to be used by teachers to enhance and enliven the classroom instructions. To involve the students closely with the language, the reading and writing material should be encouraged to be developed by the students themselves. In this effort the students will associate more with the language and will adapt to it.

The learning from the workshop was to inculcate a more learner friendly approach to language so as to hold the interest of the students.

EMERGENCY AWARENESS



The Indian Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Heritage School and Charnock Hospital, conducted a session on 'Emergency Awareness' on the 28th of March 2019. It aimed at addressing medical emergencies that can take place at schools, and empowering teachers, students and support staff to address the same if it happens within a school. It was attended by Mrs Mousumi Guha and Mrs Farishta Dastur Mukerji.









On 26th April 2019, Dr.J.R.Ram, leading child Psychiatrist conducted a workshop with support staff (dadas, didis, NIS staff, security staff and administrative staff) to orient them about Child Safety and Child Sexual Abuse in schools. The interactive workshop was very fruitful. The following were the main takeaways from the workshop:

- Child safety in communities and schools
- What is Child Sexual Abuse
- Support staff's role in a school setting- with regards to safety
- POCSO





A session was conducted by the School Counsellor, Mrs Farishta Dastur Mukerji on 29th April 2019 with the girls of Class 3, on 'Puberty'. Onset of puberty, with its physical changes, was discussed. A video was shown to the students which initiated a discussion on the same. The students shared their concerns and asked relevant questions.





Your daughter is asking about changes in their friends' body, and your son comes back from school telling you that he is suddenly feeling 'bigger' and 'taller' than the other boys his age !

Puberty can be a confusing time. Hence it is imperative for us to know more about the changes that can take place in children, and adequately educate them at the right time.

The following are some of the changes that can take place during this period of change:

- Growth spurt: The body grows really fast at this stage; however it isn't the only thing that is changing!
 - Taking shape: Boys' shoulders will grow wider, and their bodies will become more muscular. Their voices will become deeper. Girls' bodies usually become curvier.
 - Other changes: Hair starts growing in places where it never grew before! Hormonal changes also cause the onset of the menstrual cycle for girls and changes for the boys.
 - Acne: Hormonal changes also bring with it- acne! Acne may start at the beginning of puberty and go on till about till about adolescence.

We live in an age of information overload. Along with information there is also an abundance of misinformation prevalent all around us. Conversations around puberty between parents and children can help to ease out anxiety, and provide correct information to the children. Please keep a watchful eye on any changes your child is going through, and initiate age-appropriate conversations with them. Let us always keep channels of communication open so that our children are informed, and not misinformed!





From the Principal's Desk

As the academic year 2018-19 comes to an end, I find so many reasons to feel proud of Junior School.

Our students have enjoyed another fabulous year and have excelled themselves in academics, sports, music and the arts to name a few.

We have been able to make an impressionable mark and set high standards through a host of events this academic year. The Inter School Choir Fest hosted by us, was indeed a memorable one as it was the first of its kind in the city of Kolkata. The Language Day was celebrated to help students extend learning to a step beyond the curriculum. The Social Studies Fest was another landmark event. Our Special Assemblies for parents have also been a great success and we look forward to more of them in future.

Parents have played a major role and been an important part of our events. Together, we had the Art and Craft Day in the Primary Section and held Special Assemblies for parents. Understanding the significance of good values is an important part of a student's life. Taking this a step further, International Peace Day was celebrated in the Primary Section. The 'Author Week' helped our young learners to develop an interest in books.

'Coming together is a beginning, Keeping together is progress, Working together is success' – With this thought in mind, I would like to thank all the parents, teachers, students and support staff for your constant cooperation and support.

Wishing you and your families an enjoyable and restful summer vacation.

I look forward to welcoming you and my students to the new session on 18th June 2019.

Regards,

Mrs Pratima Nayar

Principal – Junior School



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