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September Newsletter

5th September 2019 - Teachers' Day Celebrations

13th September 2019 - Class 3 Assembly

18th September 2019 - Discovery School Super League: National Level Inter School Quiz Contest for Grades 4 and 5

20th September 2019 - International Day of Peace for the Primary Section

25th September 2019 - English Elocution Competition for Grades 1 to 5

27th September 2019 - Language Autumn Festival

27th September 2019 - Last working day before Puja holidays commence

**PARENT
WORKSHOP**

2nd September 2019- Parent workshop for Grade 2

9th September 2019- Parent workshop for Grade 1

17th September 2019- Parent workshop for Grade 3



Parent-Teacher Meeting

7th September 2019- PTM for Grades Pre Nursery, Upper Nursery, 1 and 3

14th September 2019 - PTM for Grades 2 and 4

21st September 2019- PTM for Grades Nursery and 5

WELCOME

We welcome Science Teacher, Mrs Ananya Bhattacharya, to the Faculty.

We welcome Subhrajit Chakraborty of class 3A and Mohor Adhikary and Kanishk Mohangandhi of class 4A to CIS.

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Celebrating 73 Years of Independence

India – Korea Day Celebrations of the Junior Section in CIS were held on Wednesday, 14th August, with great pride and joy.

Each class proudly presented different programmes that had been conceptualized by the Class teachers and enacted by the pupils to show different aspects of their amazing and incredible land.



Ms Nitti Khaitan anchoring the Primary Department Assembly



Mrs Pratima Nayar addressing the Primary Department

The children of Pre Nursery sang a song about the cultural and natural beauty of India. The students were dressed in tri colours and performed confidently.





Nursery expressed their pride and deep admiration for their country through a Hindi song, “Desh mere desh tera kitna pyaara naam hai”

The performance by Upper Nursery A commemorated the National Day of India’s freedom. The children danced to a medley of old and new patriotic songs. They were dressed in the tricolour and danced and sang with full enthusiasm and pride.



Children of Upper Nursery B enthralled the audience with a song explaining the meaning of the National Anthem.





We the people of India: Class 1 celebrated India Day this year by paying tribute to those 'ordinary' people of India who made extraordinary contributions to humanity and society. They enacted short skits to highlight the work of Jadav Payeng, Subhasini Mistry, Dashrath Manjhi and Babar Ali. This performance by the Class 1 students sent a powerful message to all that every hurdle can be overcome with firm determination to do something for your country and bring about a change.



Rivers of India: Class 2 showed through charming little skits, dances, and presentations, the flowing beauty of the mighty Ganges, and the age-old mythological story associated with this holy river, that though mystic, it is one of the greatest natural resources of India. The sad condition of the river today, dirtied, polluted and choked by waste, litter, chemical effluents was also shown clearly, with the message- Save a Water Resource. Save Life- Save Humanity, Save India.





Unity in Diversity: Class 3 – put up a lively performance to show through the medium of song and Indian dance, one of our country's most endearing features- Unity in Diversity.

The pupils dressed in the typical attire- the costumes representing the various states of India and danced to the tune of the national song, Vande Mataram, and also to 'My Name is Madhavi', a contemporary, popular song about the people of India.



Roads –Past and Present: Class 4's presentation on Roads to the Past took the audience on a bus journey through the roads and lanes of Kolkata, once the capital of British India, connecting the past with the present to show how much history there was in the names of the roads used every day by the people. The roads had been made and named by the British in Colonial Calcutta, and renamed post-Independence with names of Indian patriots, martyrs and freedom fighters.





Last, but not the least, Class 5 undertook yet another Indian journey- but of a different kind. They explored the journey of the National Song of India - **Vande Mataram** – I bow to thee Mother, over the years since its inception. The song, composed by Sri Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay was a source of inspiration for the people of India in their struggle for freedom. The students showed a power point presentation on the song explaining its journey. The English version of the poem was recited beautifully. The programme ended with the soulful rendition of the song, in Sanskrit by them.



The pupils of Class 5 also read out their moving, personal messages addressed to the Indian Army before an enthralled audience of young learners. These were later sent to Fort William to the Indian soldiers on the occasion of Independence Day as a token of the pupils' appreciation for the soldiers' dedicated service to the nation.



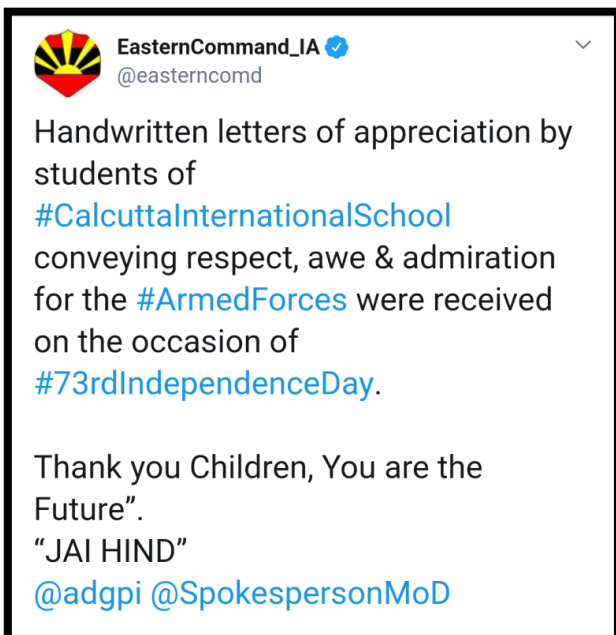
The Korean students, of CIS, came forward to proudly present a dance performance- Kkokdugak si chum- a traditional puppet dance. The Korean pupils showcased the Korean martial art -Taekwondo synchronised to a Korean pop song. These beautiful performances of South Korea were followed by the Korean traditional song – Arirang.

The celebrations ended with the national anthems of India and Korea sung with pride, fervour, and enthusiasm.



Social Media Coverage

A note of appreciation posted by the Eastern Command-Indian Army, for the letters sent to them by Grade 5, on Facebook and Twitter.



India Day Art Event



Nursery



Class 1



Class 2

After the India-Korea Day Celebrations, the pupils happily took part in a sit and draw competition supervised by Mr S Bardhan, Art Teacher.



Class 3



Class 4



Class 5





YOUNG CHEFS OF CIS



On Monday, 19th August, 2019, nine students of Junior Section between the ages of 9 and 13 years, took part in the preliminary round of the culinary competition organized by I.I.H.M in collaboration with the International Hospitality Council, London “I.I.H.M Young Chefs India Schools Junior”. The aim of the competition is to encourage and nurture the love for culinary arts and encourage culinary knowledge as an essential life lesson. The competition also aims to bring together schools on a common national platform and to foster the spirit of youth as they battle it out with woks and ladles to be crowned the “I.I.H.M Young Chef India Schools Junior 2020”.



Eimi Yuasa, Karan Jhunjhunwala, Anjini Dasgupta and Vansh Vir Marda of Grade 4 along with Trisha Dasgupta, Prisha Rampuria, Ansh Garodia, Aryan Tibrewal and Divit Jain of Grade 5 got food cooked by them from home. Two trainee chefs from IIHM, along with Ms. Smita Ganguli, Executive Head of IIHM Young Chef tasted the innovative dishes - both sweet and savoury-cooked by the pupils, with equally innovative names, and which were presented beautifully and neatly.



Towards Sweet Success

Anjini Dasgupta, Eimi Yuasa, Vansh Vir Marda Ansh Garodia and Prisha Rampuria have been selected for the Semi Finals of "IIHM Young Chef India Schools Junior 2020" which will be held in the month of November 2019.



Chinese Martial Arts Workshop



CIS organized a Taichi/Gongfu workshop in school on Tuesday, 20th August 2019, in collaboration with The School of Chinese Language, India's Confucius Classroom. Mrs Nayar, Principal of the Junior School, and Mrs Choudhary, Section Head of the Junior Section, introduced the visiting Martial Arts Teacher. Mrs Nayar mentioned the close cultural connections between the two countries, which were also two of the world's oldest civilizations.

The Junior School Mandarin pupils in CIS, taught by Mrs Mei Mei Wang, received and welcomed Martial Arts Teacher, Master Hao, with a beautiful poetry, song and dance performance following their personal introductions in perfect, impeccable Mandarin, much to the delight of the visitors.

The poems and songs were about a Spring Morning in China, and about a girl who picks mushrooms and sells these. The CIS pupils who learn Mandarin in school were dressed in a traditional Chinese costume called Qi Pao for the performance.





The workshop was conducted during school hours by Master Hao, a renowned Martial Arts expert from China. The Junior School pupils from classes 3, 4 and 5 watched a demonstration by the expert, which was followed by a video on this unique skill. The students of Grade 4 and 5 then took part in the workshop. They learnt some important moves from Teacher Hao. The moves were explained by a translator who emphasised that this art required the skills of concentration discipline, mental strength and control.

This event, organized by Mrs Nayar, was an excellent opportunity for the pupils to not only see and understand the techniques of Kung Fu first hand, but also to take part in a cultural exchange between the visitors from China, the Principal of the Chinese School of Languages in Kolkata, Mrs Saraf, and the pupils in CIS who are learning Mandarin as a foreign language. It was also an exposure to the Chinese culture and customs.





A GERMAN PERFORMANCE



On the 3rd and 20th of August, the students from Grades 4 and 5 studying the German language watched a theatre performance by a German Group "Die Mimosen" and also got an opportunity to listen to some live band music of a famous German band - "Erfindenker" at the Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Kolkata. It was a good opportunity for our students to watch a play and listen to some good music of the country that they are learning about. They listened and followed the language and got an exposure to the culture of the country. It was a great experience for them.



ANNUAL SWIMMING MEET



CALCUTTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



The Annual Swimming Meet of CIS, one of the most popular events and House Competitions for swimming enthusiasts of CIS, was held on Friday, 30th August in the pool at The Heritage School in Anandapur, Kolkata at 12:00 pm

The entire event was compered and anchored beautifully by Mrs Preeti Roychoudhury- HOD English, and managed by the Sports Teachers, Mr Abdul Samad and Mr Kaushik Kumar Sinha, the Senior Principal, Section Heads, and all the other teacher of CIS. The parents gathered eagerly to cheer their children. Mrs P Nayar was truly missed on that day, but her good wishes for the success of the event were conveyed to one and all.





The youngest learners from Pre Nursery, who tested the waters for the first time, and from Nursery, and Upper Nursery, the Water Babies of Primary Section of CIS, 38 boys and girls in all, swam the width of the pool with a little support from the Seniors who were in the pool for their safety, to learn all about, and take part in competitive swimming from a very young age.



The Beginners, pupils from Pre Nursery to Class 3, and pupils from class 4 and 5 who were in Group D, took part in 51 varied athletic events such as butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, freestyle relay and medley.



The Principal of The Heritage School- Mrs Sapru, and her team at the Heritage was thanked wholeheartedly for providing the venue for the event, for her help, support and hospitality.

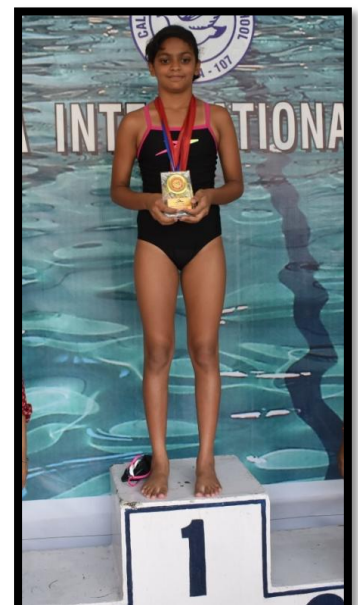
All in all, it was an afternoon well spent, despite the heat and humidity, both in and around the sparkling blue waters of the pool at the Heritage School.



Vedang Shah and Tanay Rampuria of class 2 and 3 respectively and Nandana Aswath of class 3 were declared individual champions for scoring the highest points in the Junior Category.



Dibyesh Sanyal of Class 4 and Shivika Johri of Class 5 were the Individual champions of Group D (Classes 4 to 5) with the highest points.





Yellow House emerged as the winner of the Annual Swimming Meet, 2019 with 316 points.

Green House was declared the first runners-up with a total of 275 points



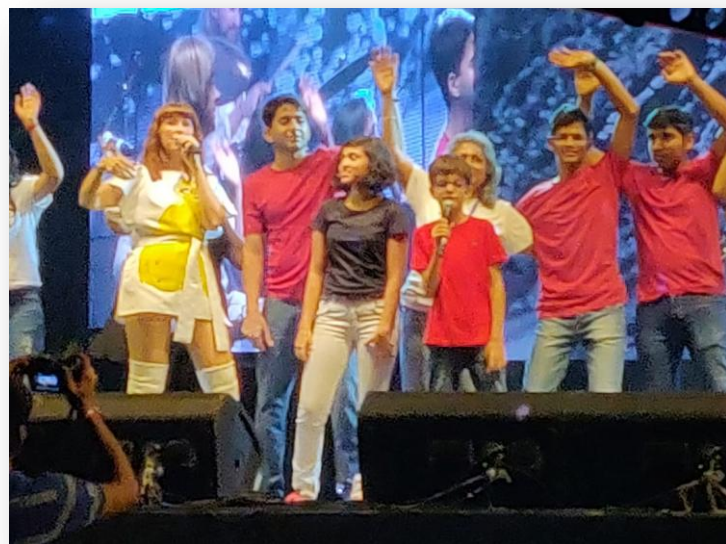
Red House was declared the second runners-up with a total of 157 points



Heartiest Congratulations to all the participants

ACHIEVEMENTS

Aryan Servaia participated in the inaugural ceremony of the Tribute to ABBA concert held at the Netaji Indoor Stadium on 16th August 2019 in aid of Charity Breaking Through Dyslexia. Breaking Through Dyslexia is an NGO which works towards teaching dyslexic children to learn at their own pace. Aryan, along with few other students of Breaking Through Dyslexia, shared his experience of learning at BTD with the audience in an attempt to spread awareness about Dyslexia. Dyslexia is a language processing disorder, which can hinder reading, writing, spelling and even speaking. He also sang along with the popular band from UK, Name of the Game, the song "I have a dream". We are proud of you Aryan!



Varish Mohta, Class 3B, won the inaugural Royal Junior Open 2019 held at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on 24-25th August 2019. A newspaper article covering the same was published on 26th August 2019.



Overall winner Khokan Mollah (second row, second from left) with winners of the different categories of the Royal Junior Open golf tournament, at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club on Sunday. Picture by Santosh Ghosh

Inter-House Table Tennis Tournament



An Inter - House Table Tennis Tournament for Girls was held for Classes 3, 4 and 5 from 14th of August to 22nd of August, 2019.

Green House emerged winners of the Tournament while Red House was the runners up.

OLYMPIADS



The commendable results in Olympiads for the Academic Year of 2018 – 19 are as follows:

International English Olympiad:

Class 2 (Currently in Grade 3):

1. **Alveena Fatima Jawade** – International Rank 4, Zonal Rank 3
Zonal Gold Medal + Certificate of Zonal Excellence + Gifts worth Rs.1000/-
2. **Avyan Sharma** – International Rank 17, Zonal Rank 9
Medal of Distinction + certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence + Gifts worth Rs.1000/-
3. **Tanay Rampuria** – International Rank 19, Zonal Rank 10
Medal of Distinction + certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence + Gifts worth Rs.1000/-
4. **Khushagra Mohta** – International Rank 19, Zonal Rank 10
Medal of Distinction + certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence + Gifts worth Rs.1000/-
5. **Agastya Chanda** – International Rank 21, Zonal Rank 11
Medal of Distinction + certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence + Gifts worth Rs.1000/-

CLASS 3 (Currently in Grade 4):

1. **Neil Gutgutia** - International rank 3, Zonal Rank 3
Rs. 10,000/-, International Bronze Medal and Certificate of Outstanding Performance.
2. **Dibyesh Sanyal** - International Rank 5, Zonal Rank 5
Rs. 2500/- , Zonal Silver medal and Certificate of Zonal Excellence.

CLASS 5 (Currently in Grade 6):

1. **Sayantani Halder** - International Rank 14, Zonal Rank 2
Rs. 5000/- Zonal Gold Medal and Certificate of Zonal Excellence
2. **Nehal Saxena** - Zonal Rank 17
Certificate of Zonal Excellence

International Mathematics Olympiad

CLASS 2 (Currently in Grade 3):

1. **Varish Mohta** – International Rank 11,
Zonal Rank 10
Medal of Distinction + certificate of
Distinction + Certificate of Zonal
Excellence + Gifts worth Rs.1000/-

National Science Olympiad

CLASS 2 (Currently in Grade 3):

1. **Alveena Fatima Jawade** - Zonal Rank 18
Certificate of Zonal Excellence

CLASS 5 (Currently in Grade 6):

1. **Vaibhav Saha** Zonal Rank 11 -
Certificate of Zonal Excellence





SPELL BEE

WIZ Spell Bee 2018-19 Level 3 was held on 30th June 2019 at National Gems Higher Secondary School. In this competition, 20 students out of 35 students qualified for the State Grand Finale 2018-19 from the Junior School, CIS. 14 out of 20 students secured ranks in their categories

Heartiest Congratulations to all the pupils!

Grade 1

Currently in Grade 2 -
Vaanya Baid and
Aryaman Kedia placed
8th and 10th respectively.

Grade 2

Currently in Grade 3 -
Khushagra Mohta came 1st and
won a cash prize of Rs.1000/-,
Tanay Rampuria ranked 6th and
Reyna Bhawal ranked 10th.



Grade 3: Currently in Grade 4 - Ihit Dhar placed 2nd and won a cash prize of Rs. 750/- , Karan Jhunjhunwala placed 3rd and won a cash prize of Rs. 500/- , Aarush Churiwala came 6th and Cheerojeet Roy placed 10th.

Grade 4: Currently in Grade 5 - Aira Mittal placed 1st and won Rs.1000/- in cash, Aanya Sinha came 3rd and won Rs. 500/- and Parthvi Kandoi came 5th and won Rs. 250/-.

Grade 5: Currently in Grade 6 - Vaibhav Saha secured 3rd rank and won Rs. 500/-.



CIS DOES IT ONCE AGAIN



Team CIS bags two awards yet again at 'The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence 2019' proving that CIS continues to strive for excellence in all areas.

Awards for:

- ✚ Certificate of Honour in The IIHM Award for Excellence in Academics**



- ✚ Certificate of Appreciation in The Anand Paul Memorial Award for Social Service**

From the Counsellor's Desk



A session was conducted with parents of grades 5, 4, Pre Nursery, Nursery and Upper Nursery on 1st, 5th, 7th, 8th and 18th August respectively. The sessions focussed on emotional development of children – factors that contribute to it and also the role of parents in the emotional development of their child. It was an interactive session where grade related concerns were shared. What is a learning disability and when to seek help was discussed. Mrs. Dastur Mukerji also created awareness of behaviours that may be ‘red flags’ and when to seek help.



The role of media in childrens' lives

We find ourselves surrounded by media everywhere: print, television, electronic. How are we, and our children impacted by this on a daily basis, is the question we often ask ourselves.

The entertainment industry has created some wonderfully educative cinema such as ‘Tare Zameen Par’, and ‘Forest Gump’. At a time when there was hardly any awareness about mental health and developmental disabilities / learning disabilities, it opened up a whole world of possibilities, knowledge and acceptance.

At the other end of the spectrum, cinema / television has created characters and series that have glorified the ‘action hero’ and the ‘super hero’. It is he or she that kills, fights a war, holds a cigarette, indulges in socially inappropriate behaviours or addictions is often remembered and deified.

The question one can ask themselves is why are children drawn to the latter?! As educators and parents, it is imperative to be aware of how much information our children are being exposed to, and how it can have long lasting impacts on their behaviour.

Thank
you



DRY RATION COLLECTION DRIVE UNDERTAKEN BY JUNIOR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Primary and Junior School pupils of CIS, as a part of their community service endeavours, and their responsibility towards the needy people, took part in a flood relief dry ration collection drive in August, to collect food for the devastated victims of the recent floods in Assam, West Bengal and Bihar

Each class contributed, collected, stored in neatly packed and labelled cartons, useful food items which could be used by the homeless, hungry victims of these floods

We are happy to share that Pre-Nursery collected 21 kgs sugar, Nursery collected 31 kgs Dal, Upper Nursery collected 30 kgs rice, Grade 1 collected 38kgs rice, Grade 2 collected 35kgs sugar, Grade 3 collected 33 kgs dal, Grade 4 collected 50 packets biscuits and Grade 5 collected 27 packets (6pack) Maggi. These were all sent to Goonj Kolkata, a non-profit organization along with other useful items contributed by the whole school community.

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