## CIS Speaks September 2019



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#### An overview...

The months of August and September have been very eventful at CIS. Confluence- a landmark event of CIS - and the India-Korea Day were celebrated with much enthusiasm. We, the students of Grade 6, have tried to collate the experiences of some of our students and teachers of these and few other events, in this edition of CIS Speaks.

**Happy Reading!!** 

### INTERVIEW WITH MRS.SUSMITA MUKHERJEE TEACHER INCHARGE - CONFLUENCE

Q1. Why is the Confluence important?

A- "It helps our students to be more confident and responsible since they learn to multitask. It helps them to take independent decisions and develop team spirit. It trains our students to collaborate effectively and showcase their talents. The students had to organise everything which included the budget allocation and optimum utilization of funds. It helped the students to have a better understanding of the value of money."

Q2. What was the most challenging aspect of hosting the Confluence?

A. "The most challenging part was definitely organising the finances and managing all the students. It was a very big fest with over 300 students visiting and performing. The students of CIS wanted to make sure this event was perfectly executed. They were keen on leaving an on the visitors and make the event memorable."

Q3. What according to you was the most enjoyable and successful part of the Confluence? A- "A big congratulations to all the CIS students. When it comes to this event I feel that every detail deserves merit in contributing to the overall success of the event. All the events all the way, from the fashion show to the dodge ball match, were equally enjoyable."

Q4. Describe the Confluence in one word.

A- "Platform. It's indeed the best platform for a student to discover hidden talents, their strengths and attain higher levels of confidence."

Q5. Did the students face hurdles? If yes, then how did they overcome the difficulties?

A- "I must admit that there were problems but all of them were resolved efficiently. They were judicious in taking the right decisions and prompt in their actions."

Q6. How is the Confluence different from the other school fests?

A-"The Confluence is an all-student-driven event. Teachers' role is limited to guiding the students only.

Q7. What further improvements do you plan for Confluence 2020?

A- "I think Confluence 2019 was perfectly organized and immensely successful. Honestly I don't feel this event needs much change. However, no matter how successful we are, problems can keep occurring, but we will try our best to make a positive situation out of the negative."

# INTERVIEW WITH MR. PRATIK SHOME TEACHER-IN-CHARGE - CONFLUENCE

Q1. Why is the confluence so important to CIS?

A. Confluence gives every student in CIS the ability to not only break the shackles of inhibition, but also muster up an overall ability to manage and create, which every student can carry for the rest of their lives.

Q2. What was most challenging about arranging the Confluence?

A. Meeting a particular deadline was really the most challenging part. There were many complex performances and to prepare the whole thing entirely along with making sure everything falls in the right sequence, was truly challenging.

Q3. What part of the Confluence did you find most enjoyable?

A. Every member of the working committees worked together to form a well-knit unit. To see that team perform their tasks so well was an amazing feeling!

**Q4.** Describe the Confluence in one word?

A. Wings!!! It allows them to dream, soar high in pursuit and ultimately realize their potential.

Q5. According to you what was the most successful aspect of the Confluence?

A. The fact that every student of the school participates in it is truly commendable. Now, Confluence is one of the most sought-after events in the city and the school circuit.

Q6. How and why is Confluence different from the other school fests of the city?

A. We ensure that every event is made and judged in a manner which is fair to all. We adhere to strict laws, rules and regulations and maintain clarity in all aspects.

Q7. What further improvements do you plan for Confluence 2020?

A. It is very difficult to assess this now as there were no major problems. However, we are trying to put everything in a process to avoid any possible hassles in future.



## Confluence

Every student loves this time of the year, when all schools come together for a 'confluence' of creations, display their talents and exercise their intellect. I too felt and cherished the same spirit. Excitement was buzzing in the air and as a part of the Core Group, we had to make it an enjoyable experience for every school that agreed to be a part of our annual fest. Confluence 2019 was undoubtedly, the biggest event hosted by our school and every student who wears the CIS t-shirt would vouch for it. Every floor was filled with enthusiastic students from 11 different schools and equally diverse backgrounds. Confluence keeps proving itself to be the thread that holds the spirits of CIS students together, by introducing exciting events every year and instilling a sense of fun and enjoyment rather than competition. This event would definitely not have been possible without the continuous support of our teachers, especially Mr. Pratik Shome and Mrs. Susmita Mukherjee, as well as the tireless hours and sweat put in by each student involved in the process. Dr. Nath has been the backbone of the entire fest and the students cannot thank her enough for her generosity in terms of granting liberty to realize our ideas and breaking the monotony of our routined lives. This fest would be engraved in our memory. It would remind me time and time again about the true essence of being a CISian for 15 years.



### Confluence!!!





PARTY!!!



### LETS DANCE!!



#### INDIA-KOREA DAY-ART ACTIVITY

- SHOME DEEPTO SARKAR Grade 7

On the 14th of August 2018, Grade 7 had an art activity dedicated to eminent personalities of different nations. We had to paint a portrait of a distinguished figure linked to the nation's Independence.

Most people completed their sketches within 40 minutes, after which, they began painting. The bright water colours filled their pages. The eye-catching orange tones brought warmth to the paper, and splashes of green contrasted it perfectly. The national heroes were well represented against the backdrop of the vibrant colours of the Indian flag- saffron, white, blue and green.

After two long hours, the young artists had completed their masterpieces. Finally our class teacher Mr. Bagli, collected our paintings. We were proud of our creations.

### ART EVENT ON INDIA-KOREA DAY

EVANGELI SAHA Grade 7

On the 14th of August, we celebrated India-Korea Day. In the morning, we had an art event in our classes. For class 7, our theme was to draw portraits of famous patriots and martyrs who had helped us gain independence. We drew and painted several heroic figures with the familiar Indian flag in the background. Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Bhagat Singh were amongst some of the eminent people we drew. The event was very entertaining as we all tried to guess who our friends were drawing. Some of our friends produced masterpieces and their artwork was truly incredible. This event was very enjoyable and it taught us how to draw and



### India-Korea Day Celebrations

- Archisha Dasgupta, Class 8A



CIS always celebrates India-Korea day in the spirit of the occasion. It is a landmark event of the school calendar. Not only that, the fact that we celebrate the independence of two countries simultaneously encourages diversity and acceptance.

This year in the Middle and Senior Sections, the 14<sup>th</sup> of August began with an art competition, where the students of Middle Section composed a mixed media poster on 'The Glory of My Country'. This was the perfect opportunity to get their creative juices flowing, and prepare for the eventful day ahead. This event truly did bring out the patriot in every student. Next was a cultural program organised by the students. For Middle Section, the theme was "Festivals of India", where every student displayed their talent and nobody was disappointed.

From class 8's beautifully choreographed dance for Durga Puja, to their vibrant Eid and Ganesh Chathurthi depictions, to class 7's rhythmic Navratri dance to class 6's meaningful Christmas play-it was all a sight to behold.

Students of the Senior Section entertained us with fashion shows that showcased their confidence, and comical plays showing the fun side of Independence Day.

The Korean students showed their Tae kwon do and dancing skills through a lively dance performance to a popular K-Pop song.

Afterwards, Indian and Korean food brought in by the students was shared and passed around happily in each class; a true show of unity. Overall, the day was a success.

Happy Independence Day!





#### **Middle School Community Service**

Diti Chhaproo, 8B

An animated dialogue between two friends of Ektara school planning Independence Day celebrations.

#### Compiled by a CIS student and an Ektara student:

Hanaf - Let us plan a celebration for Independence Day!

Farhaan - Let's put the Indian flag everywhere.

Hanaf - We will cut a cake of orange, white, and green colour.

Farhaan - I will be Nehru, and you can be Gandhi.

Hanaf - The door could be made to look like prison bars.

Farhaan - We can play the National Anthem while cutting the cake.

Hanaf - People can perform music and dances recitals as well!

Farhaan - And I can bring some games.

Hanaf - We will have a lot of fun!







## A Visit to Science City

- Aryaman Agarwalla Grade 8

On 1st August 2019 classes 6, 7 and 8 visited Science City for a study on astronomy. As soon as we reached Science City there was a change in the atmosphere. It was one of the most mesmerising places we had ever seen. It was filled with many interesting facts about how science influences our daily lives. We have gone to Science City innumerable times in the past but each time we learnt something new. With our limited knowledge in the junior classes our experience was limited to fun and frolic contrary to our present experience.

In Science City we got a taste of experiential learning. We all have learnt that when we cycle, we create Kinetic Energy. Over there, there was an experiment in which a person cycles and we see how the kinetic energy helps a metal ball to move up a tube.

We also learnt a lot about space and we attended two seminars about it. In one of them there was a narrator who was projecting the world map on a suspended sphere to give us the feel of how Earth looks from space. He also showed us different images taken from satellites and also live movement of clouds and planes.

In the second seminar we were made to watch a movie about an Astronaut who had gone very far into the space to get readings of asteroids. This is practically not possible in the current world but scientists are working on ways to make it possible for space ships to venture further into space. One idea that was discussed was to install re-fuelling stations in space since we run out of fuel in space during space travel.

My personal experience of this trip was very good. I learnt how we can apply science in our day to day lives. In short, I think all of us had a phenomenal time.







### STEPS I TOOK TO PREPARE FOR THE INTRA-SCHOOL SPELL BEE COMPETITION

-Vaibhav Saha, Class 6A

At first I memorised the words from the word list we had been given to prepare for the preliminaries. Soon the d-day arrived and we were all nerves. Contrary to my expectations I did well was selected for the final round. A person from in each House was selected from every section. For the final round we were not supplied with a word list but had to be prepared to spell difficult words taken from random sources. This was indeed a challenge. I especially learnt to spell words with silent alphabets. On the final day an experienced speller pronounced the words for us. To spell the words accurately we could ask her to use the words in sentences or their definitions. By the end we had few winners from each class of the middle section. I did my best to prepare for the Spelling Bee and I am very satisfied with the results. After all, all my hard work didn't go in vain.







