



# CIS HERALD

DECEMBER 2019 / JANUARY 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR

# 2020

## January Events

**6.1.20** – School reopens

**13.1.20** – Pre Nursery excursion

**21.1.20** – Art workshop for Parents and Students for Grades 1 to 5

**31.1.20** – Junior School Sports

**Excursions for Grades Nursery and Upper Nursery will be held in the month of January. Dates will be notified later.**

# The Magical Tapestry

On Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2019, the youngest learners of CIS, from Pre Nursery to class 5 put up a “magical show”- The Magical Tapestry on the stage at The Science City Auditorium for the school’s End of the Year Production , 2019.

This spectacular show began in the traditional way of CIS, with Mrs Nayar’s welcome and introductory address, and then the Junior School Choir, from Class 3-5 resplendent in their choristers dress, trained by Mr Tathahatha Mukherjee and his excellent team of teachers, singing two beautiful compositions- A Million Dreams from The Greatest Showman and Choral Fantasia in C Minor by Ludwig van Beethoven as a befitting prelude before the whole show for the audience in the auditorium.

And from then on, there was no stopping, as play after play was staged, each unique in its own way, and bringing to life all the multifaceted treasures of the innumerable and different genres in Children’s Literature on the stage.

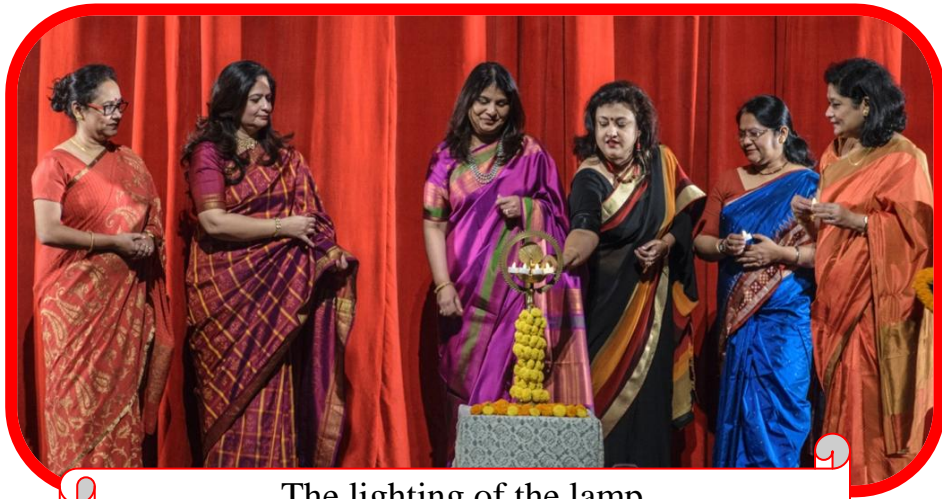
The pupils of Pre Nursery and Nursery presented The Journey of Simba, the incredible story of The Lion King, the Upper Nursery showed The Minions at their Best, the pupils of Class 1 chose a folktale from Africa-The First Music, Class 2 celebrated the legendary King Arthurs reign-Hail King Arthur, Class 3, not far behind, amused the audience with the seemingly nonsensical verse of The Walrus and the Carpenter by Lewis Caroll, Class 4 explored through a thought provoking science fiction play, All Summer in a Day’ the possibilities of colonizing another planet as Earth was too polluted for humans, and finally Class 5 put up a spine chilling horror story – One Good Scare.

A group of pupils of class 4 and 5 anchored the programme efficiently, trained by Mrs T Datta and Mrs A Schafranski

The audience were also shown a very interesting video of the various stages the pupils went through to prepare and train for the EYP bringing the audience very close to the real life situations and the before the show preparations that had been taking place before the fulfilling finale

The entire show was meticulously planned by Mrs Nayar, Mrs N Choudhary and Mrs S Majumdar. The themes for the enactments were chosen by the class teachers and were scripted and directed by Mr Kaushik Bose, our Drama Teacher. The music for each theme and genre was selected and recorded by Mr Tathagata Mukherjee, the Music Teacher, and all the sets, including properties for each production were created by Mr Sudipta Bardhan, the Art Teacher. A skilled team of choreographers and technicians led by Mr Arjun Gurung worked tirelessly with the teachers to train the students for the programme.

A very enjoyable show, an enchanting evening and a great achievement for the young pupils of the Junior School of CIS.



The lighting of the lamp



Principal Junior School, Mrs. Pratima Nayar welcomed the audience



The audience was introduced to the theme of the EYP by H.O.D, English, Mrs. Preeti Roychoudhury.



Pupils of class 4 and 5 who anchored the programme

### The Junior School Choir



Pre  
Nursery



Nursery



Upper  
Nursery



Class 1



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4



Class 5



# BEHIND THE SCENE

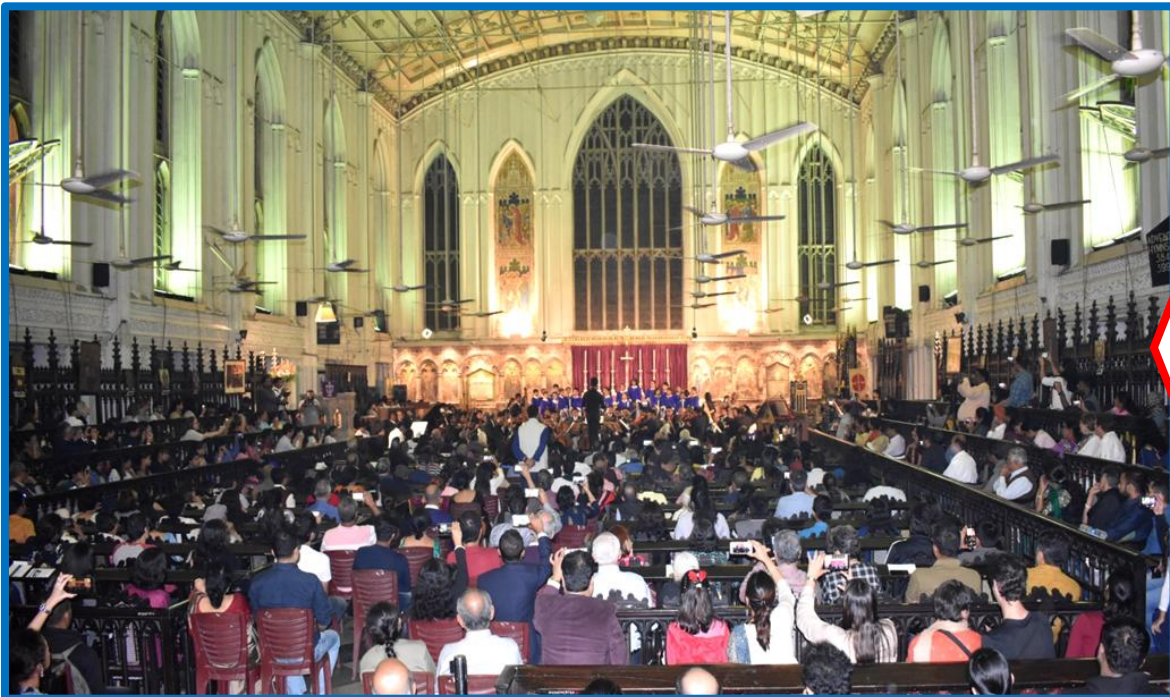




# JUNIOR SCHOOL CHOIR

The Junior School Choir of The Calcutta International School was invited by the Kolkata Symphony Orchestra to perform with them at the St Pauls Cathedral for the Christmas concert on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December before a very large audience. They also performed at the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Hyatt Regency.

It was indeed an honour and a wonderful opportunity for the Choir to showcase their training and choral skills. We extend our gratitude and thanks to Mr Sanjib Mondal, Founder and Conductor of the Kolkata Symphony Orchestra and Mr. Shobhan Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, The Hyatt Regency for providing this platform to our young choristers.



Christmas  
Concert at the St  
Pauls Cathedral



Tree Lighting  
Ceremony at the  
Hyatt Regency

**We wish the Junior School Choir the very best and may they reach greater heights in future!**



# An orange a day keeps the cold away!



The children of **Pre-Nursery-A** came dressed in orange to celebrate '**Orange Day**'. Each of them brought an orange which they shared. They sat outdoors in the field and enjoyed peeling and eating the juicy winter fruit.

## Parent Visitor in Upper Nursery

A session on 'Eco- friendly Alternatives to Plastic', with Mrs. S. Sikaria, Ayaan Sikaria's mother, was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2109 in Upper Nursery. Mrs Sikaria prepared an interesting PPT and held a discussion on the pollution caused by plastic and its harmful effects on our Earth. During this interactive session the children learnt the alternative ways in which we can reduce or reuse plastic. She explained the process of making paper from wood.

Various alternative products were displayed that can be used to keep our Earth safe like biodegradable trash bags, plates, tooth brushes, pencils ,straws, folders, ear buds etc. made with bamboo. All the products were displayed very well in class. It was an informative session. We all leant a lot from it.



# LEARNING BEYOND CLASSROOMS...

On Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of December students of Upper Nursery, Grades 1, 2 and on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> of December, students of Grade 3, 4 and 5 accompanied by their teachers, watched interesting and educative films at a *Science Film Festival for children* organised by Goethe Institute / Max Mueller Bhavan at BITM, Kolkata.

These short, meaningful science films made for children were screened in the auditorium of the BITM, a science museum under the NCSM, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India

These films were child friendly and promoted an awareness of the environment. The young learners viewed three short science films – ‘Messy goes to OKIDO – Mega Power’, ‘The Marble Brothers’ Great Adventure’ and ‘The Show with the Elephant Astronaut’. These films educated them on how solar energy is used to generate electricity and what life is like in a space shuttle with and without gravity. The older learners watched Ralph and the Dinosaurs, Earth to Future - A Future without Plastic, Nanogirl and the Imaginauts and The Show with the Mouse – Urban Gardening. They understood the perils of plastic in the planet, the dangers of plastic waste for animals and sea creatures of the planet and connected these with health, social issues and ethics.

The pupils reached the venue by bus on time and enjoyed many activities in the BITM before the show was screened. It was a very educative programme and the pupils returned to school, informed, happy and content with a lot of food for thought.





# SESSIONS WITH THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

A session was conducted by our School Counsellor in Upper Nursery B, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. The aim of the session was to initiate discussions about 'Safe and Unsafe touch' with the students. The conversation focussed on the theme of 'safety' in general and personal safety. The students were given strategies of how to cope in a situation where they feel unsafe. The YELL-GO-TELL method was reiterated. It was an interactive session, and the students enjoyed themselves.



In Upper Nursery A an interactive session was conducted on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. The focus was on initiating a conversation about 'death'. An age appropriate book was read out to the children, with the central theme of the death of a pet. This led to conversations about loss and helped the children by generalizing the idea that death is something everyone has to face. The students were very curious and participated actively.



The school counsellor, Mrs. Dastur Mukerji conducted a session in Class IVA on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. The session aimed at addressing 'inclusion' of new and existing students into the classroom. The students did a role play and elicited insightful responses during the activity. It was an interactive session, where the students found a safe space to vent their emotions.



The School Counsellors, Mrs.Dastur Mukerji and Mrs.Spriha Patronobis conducted a session with Junior and Senior school teachers on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, to share with them, and orient them about the draft of the Mental Well Being Policy. Valueable inputs of the teachers were taken, and will be incorporated in the Policy.



## TRAINING PROGRAM

The School Counsellor, Mrs.Farishta Dastur Mukerji attended a six day training, 'Training of Trainers' at Samikshani- A Centre for Psychoanalytical study and mental Therapy. The training was experiential, and focused on equipping mental health professionals with skills and tools to process group dynamics. It was a very enriching and rewarding experience.





# CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

The children of the Primary Department performed with great zest at the Christmas Assembly held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 in the newly renovated Music room.

They sang Christmas carols. Pre-Nursery hummed beautifully to the melodious tune of 'Rudolph the red nose reindeer', Nursery sang enthusiastically with actions on 'When Santa got stuck up the chimney', Upper Nursery A echoed the music of 'Deck the halls with boughs of Holly' and Upper Nursery B rocked the floor with the song 'Up on the Housetop reindeer pause'.



**PRE NURSERY**



**NURSERY**



**UPPER NURSERY A**



**UPPER NURSERY B**





# PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

The prize distribution ceremony to recognize and acknowledge pupils for overall effort in Academics, Good Conduct and high attendance in Term 1 for classes 1-5 took place on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. The prizes along with the certificates were distributed by Mrs Nayar, Mrs Choudhary, Mrs Ahuja, Mrs Banerjee and Mrs Ray as well as the Class Teachers of the respective classes. At the end of the ceremony, Mrs Nayar congratulated each one of the prize winners for their good qualities, sincere endeavours in academics, and good behaviour, regular attendance showing their self-discipline and commitment to school.



**Class 1A** - Overall effort: 1. Saanvi Chandra 2. Ishir Jhunjhunwala 3. Zara Sengupta  
Good Conduct: Viha Goenka

**Class 1B** - Overall effort: 1. Mayank Agarwal 2. Rhyah Khurana 3. Yuvaan Agarwal  
Good Conduct - Avyaan Jain



**Class 2A** - Overall effort: 1. Perna Shri Kanoi 2. Viren Chakrabarti 3. Murtaza Johar  
Good Conduct - Nandana Aswath

**Class 2B** - Overall effort: 1. Kayaan Raja 2. Anushka Majumdar 3. Rayan Karan Samtani  
Good conduct - Shivam Himatsingka





**Class 3A** - Overall effort: 1. Navya Bagrecha 2. Veer Poddar 3. Rajvir Jhunjunwala

Good Conduct - Adya Parshad

**Class 3B** - Overall effort: 1 Kriti Garg 2. Krishaangi Poddar 3. Tanay Rampuria

Good conduct - Ashwin Choudhury



**Class 4A** - Overall effort: 1. Vrinda Majumdar 2. Ihit Dhar 3. Kanishk Mohangandhi

Good Conduct - Rajanya Deb

**Class 4B** - Overall effort: 1. Manasvi Sharma 2. Simone Indira Vasvani 3. Aarush Churiwala

Good Conduct - Cheerojeet Roy



**Class 5A** - Overall effort: 1. Ga Eun Shin 2. Saisha Jain 3. Agastya Shrivastava

Good Conduct - Adira Singh

**Class 5B** - Overall effort: 1. Yashvee Agarwal 2. Devanshee Ruia 3. Eleena Khan

Good Conduct - Archisha Banerjee



The Choir, all dressed resplendently for the occasion in choir gowns and Christmas caps, sang for the delighted audience, guided by Mr Tathagata Mukherjee and the choir teachers Mrs Gandhi and Ms. Debnath. Everyone joined in for a lively and cheerful round of carol singing in the newly renovated Music Room, festive and bright in colours of red and green, decorated by the Primary Department with the Christmas tree and stars.



The programme ended with Mrs Nayar wishing all the pupils a happy winter vacation, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

It gives us immense pleasure to inform that one of the students of Junior School, Neil Gutgutia of class 4 qualified for the Round 2 of DISCOVERY SCHOOL SUPER LEAGUE (DSSL) powered by BYJU'S. More than 60 lakh students participated from 17000+ schools across 29 states and 1 UT (Delhi NCR) in Round 1 of DSSL. 34000 students were shortlisted for Round 2 of DSSL. Students of Classes 4 and 5 participated in Round 1. Parthvi Kandoi of Grade 5 has topped in grade 5.



*At New Year. At New Decade.*

*New aspirations, New achievements, New heights to scale.*

*2020 beckons.*

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