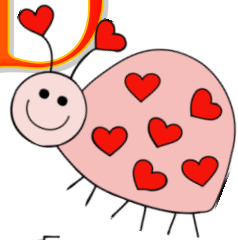


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February Events

4th February- Junior School Annual Sports Meet

6th and 7th February- Excursion for Junior School

7th February- Excursion for Upper Nursery

9th February- 2nd Level of SOF Olympiads for Grade 5

The timings are as follows:

International English Olympiad - 9:00 am - 10:00 am

National Science Olympiad 11:00 am - 12: 00 noon

International Mathematics Olympiad - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

10th to 14th February - Author Week for Primary Section

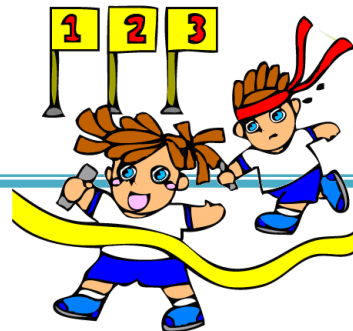
12th February- Wiz Spell Bee level 2 for Junior Section

14th February- Math -Science Quiz for Grades 1 to 5

29th February- PTM for Nursery and Grade 5



Quiz



Welcome

Sitara Kaushik joined Grade Pre-Nursery B on 27th January 2020.



A unique parent-child Art event at CIS

Junior School pupils of Grades 1-5 of CIS took part with their parents in a unique art event- “**Bond of Colours**” in the school premises on Tuesday, 21st January, 2020. The event took place in the multipurpose court, with colourful umbrellas giving shade and comfort to the artists of two generations working together.

In this event, the parents engaged in a creative collaboration with their children to give expression to specific themes, which though different, were all in tandem with the ethos of “international mindedness” of CIS. There were different topics but one objective.



The event took place in 2 sessions- the first one was for Grades 1-3 followed by Grades 4 and 5. The programme began with the inaugural speech by Mrs. Nayar who welcomed the parents and the children to the event. She thanked the Art Department headed by Mr. Ghosh for conceptualizing such a novel event. A special thanks was extended to Mr. Bardhan, the Junior School Art teacher for his initiative and endeavour in implementing this concept.

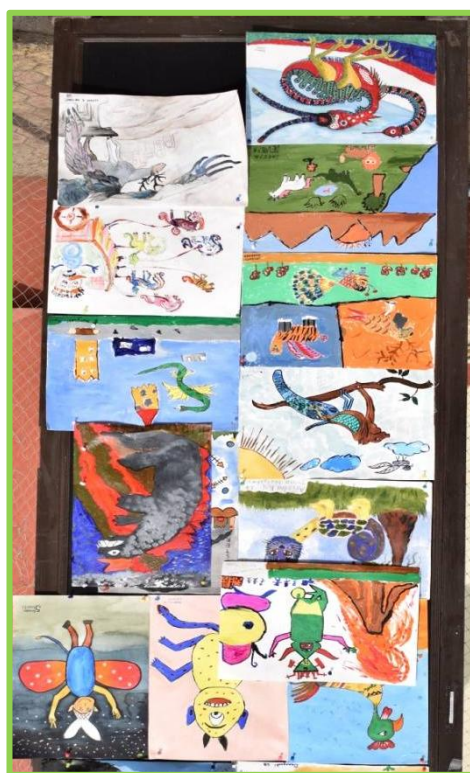
Though the parent and the child shared ideas and worked together, it was mainly a child driven project.



It was indeed wonderful to see the remarkable parent- child dynamics as they worked harmoniously together for one and a half hours, giving expression to their thoughts and ideas through the creative medium of Art. They interpreted the topic given to them in ways they considered appropriate- whether abstract or concrete, even through symbols.

The topics for the different classes were as follows:-

- Grade 1 - Captivating Journeys
- Grade 2 - Creatures of my Imagination
- Grade 3 - Celebrating Together
- Grade 4 - Timeless Monuments
- Grade 5 - Colours of Friendship



The completed art works were displayed on the soft boards. Mrs. Choudhary compered the entire event with her usual expertise.

The active support and enthusiastic participation of the parents made this event a grand success. The visual journey undertaken with their children created an everlasting bond for the parents to cherish in days to come.



Grade 1A



Grade 1B



Grade 2A



Grade 2B



Grade 3A



Grade 3B



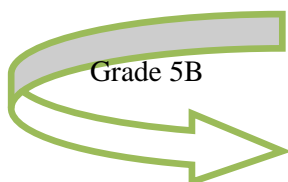
Grade 4A




Grade 4B



Grade 5A



Grade 5B



I am seriously considering taking Art lessons after this event!-Sumedha Singh-mother of Reyhan Singh- (1A)

A beautiful way of spending two hours of good quality time with the children. It gave me a chance to take up a paint brush after twenty years. A truly great experience! – Chintan Jhunjhunwala, father of Ishir Jhunjhunwala (1A)

Appreciate the event and the motive behind it. It was a refreshing break for me as an individual to indulge in an “art attack” activity with my son! It was an exhilarating experience to be a part of it – Thanks – Pratibha Didwania, mother of Aaradhya Didwania (2A)

An awesome event organized by the school, a great initiative to create a bonding between the parent and the child. It does bring back memories of my childhood too. Great experience- such a wonderful way to spend two hours with my grandson. - Vijay Talwar, grandfather of Viren Chakrabarti (2A)

Dear Teachers and Faculty of CIS,

This has been a great experience and an amazing stressbuster. Thank you for the lovely experience and morning. – Pooja Bihani, mother of Hredaan Raj Bihani (3A)

Excellent work done by the Art team of the school. I just became a 10 year old once again with my daughter. Thank you CIS for this wonderful travel back in time! - Rupayan Deb, father of Rajanya Deb (4A)

I think this was an amazing initiative by the school to spend a few memorable, fun moments where both of us were completely immersed in the task! It was such quality time with our children and colleagues.

Thank you for this so much! - Shweta Rampuria, mother of Tanay Rampuria (3B)

I have spent some of the most memorable mother-daughter moments here today, Thank you, CIS!!- Mrs Preeti Roychoudhury- mother of Aesha Roychoudhury (4A)

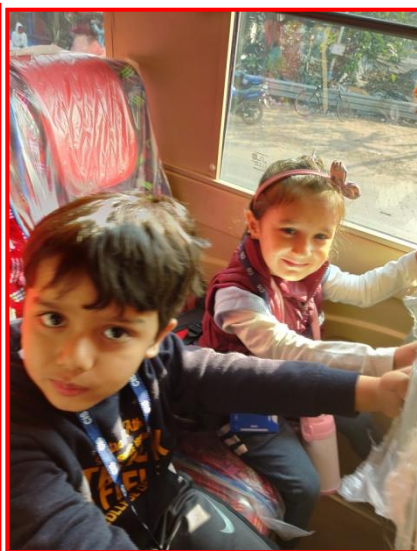
The event, Bond of Colours, has brought parent and child closer and also created an environment where I feel, being a parent, I can see how my child is reacting to different situations, current or otherwise, in a positive way. Thanks to the school for providing an opportunity for us to see this side of our child. – Sulakshana, mother of Shivani Bhunia (5A)

We are grateful to CIS for organizing this memorable event. This is a unique concept and this helped us all to become children once again. We will remember this and cherish the memory of this event in years to come. - Anubrata Mukherjee, father of Meeheeka Mukherjee (5B)



The children of Pre Nursery had an enjoyable day at Tollygunge Club during their first excursion from school. The major attraction was visiting the stables and watching the horses being scrubbed and bathed by their keepers. The children took turns to feed the horses with carrots. They walked around the lush greens, saw the water lilies and the Egrets flying around, before settling down for their snack time. The bus ride from school to the Tollygunge Club added to their excitement.

Class Excursion



A visit to the zoo

The children of Nursery had their Annual Excursion to the Zoological Gardens on Wednesday 22nd January, 2020. They took a tour of all the animals and had the opportunity of seeing them sun bathing outdoors in their enclosures.

They were fascinated to see the leopard and the Royal Bengal tiger take a walk from a close distance. The hippopotamus submerged with one eye popped out of the water, the elephants in the open, giraffes and the zebras walking gracefully with their head held high, chimpanzees climbing up and down were a rare sight to see. The zoo had a varied collection of Macaws, Pelicans and Pea fowls. The trip was enjoyable and the children came back with a wish to visit the Zoo once more.



Community Helpers

The children are learning about 'Community Helpers' this month. They happily interacted with the school gardener, security guards, the librarian and a teacher, Mrs. Guha from Nursery. This created awareness about various jobs people do and how they help us. It was an engaging session.



Mrs. Guha – Teacher in Nursery



School's Security Guards



The school gardener



Ms Iyer – School Librarian



A Rendezvous with Germany



German being one of the many languages taught to the students of CIS, an initiative was taken by the Language Department to expand the students' exposure to the language.

On Friday, the 10th of January, 2020, Mr. Akash Kapur Schafranski, was invited to CIS to interact with the students of 5th Grade about Germany and its many facets. Akash, having lived in Germany since the tender age of 4, spoke of its culture, literature, traditions, art and music. Akash gave the pupils an insight into present day Germany and was overwhelmed by the reciprocal participation and enthusiasm of the students. He also spoke of the renowned German automobile industry, their adored dogs, their famous fairy tales and folklore and the popular drink 'Fanta' that originated in Germany.

Akash, the son of our very own Mrs. Schafranski, was warmly welcomed and felicitated by Mrs Nayar, Mrs Choudhary and Mrs. Ray.

CIS always looks for opportunities to extend student learning experiences beyond the classroom through visits and talks by people from various walks of life.

One Nation Reading

The greatest gift is a passion for reading. —Elizabeth Hardwick

Reading is a conversation with books and it is by far the most successful pursuit of happiness. Keeping this beautiful thought in mind the Junior Section of CIS celebrated the “One Nation Reading Together Programme” on the 24th of January 2020.



Grade
Pre
Nursery



Grade
Nursery



Grade
Upper
Nursery



The programme began with a Reading Pledge written by Sampurna Chattarji. It was read out by the School Librarian, Ms. Iyer. Students from Grades Pre Nursery to 5 participated in the programme. While Grades 1-5 assembled in the Music Room to enjoy reading together for 20 minutes, the tiny tots from Pre Nursery to Upper Nursery enjoyed the session in their respective classrooms with their teachers. Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Principal Junior School, Section Heads Mrs. Neelam Choudhary, Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar along with all teachers of the Primary and Junior Sections participated in the event wholeheartedly keeping the joy of reading in mind.





Achievements



Alveena Fatima Jawade from Grade 3B had appeared for her Pr. Examination in Bharat Natyam from Sarva Bharatiya Charukala Mandir (All-India Fine Arts Association) and was placed in First Division with Distinction.

We are proud to congratulate Jai Krishna Goenka of Upper Nursery B who stood first in the 'First World Lego League Junior', held in Mumbai on the 18th of January 2020.



Workshop

The Junior School Principal, Mrs. Pratima Nayar along with the Coordinators of Science and Languages - Mrs. Sujata Ahuja and Mrs. Sushmita Ray attended a workshop on 'Metacognition and Effective Classroom Talk'

Enrichment Programme at Hyderabad on the 17th and 18th of January, 2020. The workshop had been organised by CAIE (Cambridge Assessment International Education) and was held at the Sancta Maria International School. This two day workshop was made extremely interesting and enriching by the CAIE examiner and trainer, Ms. Jo Innes.

The School delegates were made aware of the benefits of Metacognition and why it is important to implement such strategies in the classroom.



Metacognition is important for the learning process. It teaches the why and not just the how. Through a metacognitive approach in the classroom, the students become active readers and critical thinkers. They become independent learners.

It helps to increase confidence in the students and empowers them to transfer the concepts learnt in the classroom to other disciplines and to real life.



Metacognitive strategies and effective classroom talk complement each other and create a perfect platform for the students to become active learners. Effective classroom talk allows students to formulate their thoughts, communicate their ideas and reflect upon their learning. It also helps teachers to understand and clarify a student's thinking.

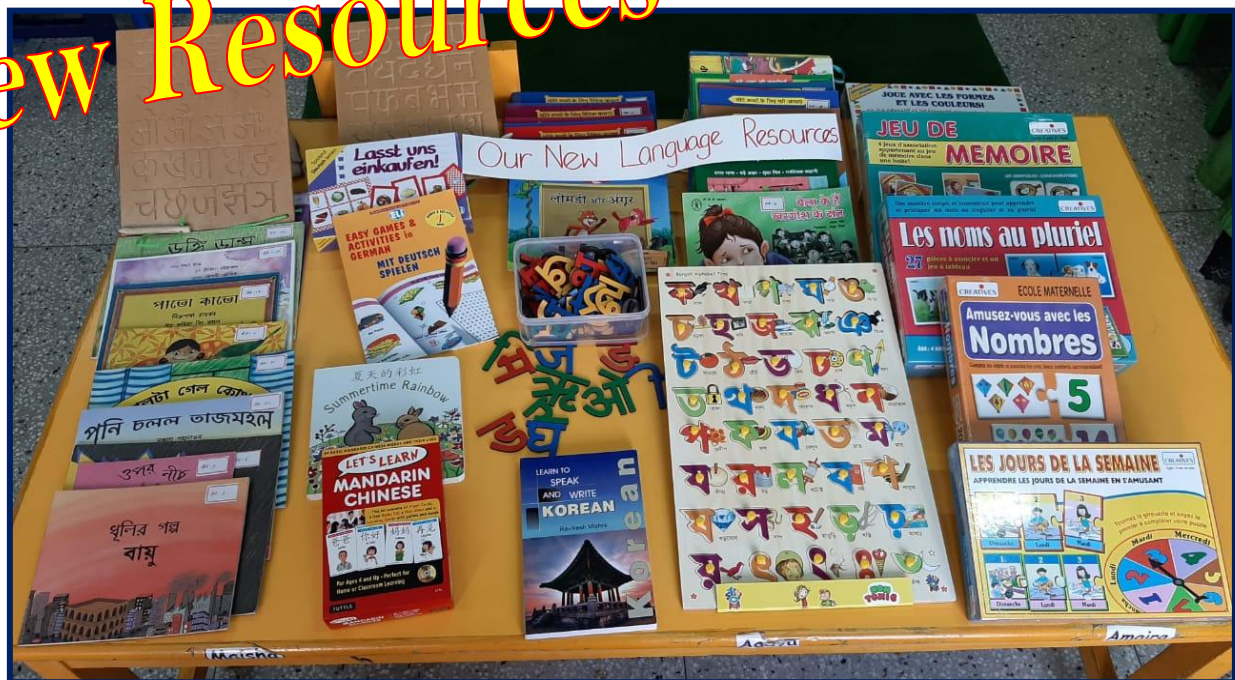
In the two days, teachers were exposed to different theories, strategies and meaningful activities. It was an enriching session for the teachers, who have come back with ideas to share with their colleagues and to implement in the teaching learning process.

From the Counsellor's Desk



On the 10th of January, School Counsellors, Mrs. Farishta Dastur Mukerji and Ms. Spriha Patronobis conducted a Teacher Satisfaction Survey with Junior School teachers. The session gave the teachers an opportunity to share their concerns and feedback in a constructive manner.

New Resources



Innovative teaching aids and story books have been added to the Language Department to enhance the teaching process and make learning more interesting and engaging for the students - Sushmita Ray, Coordinator – Languages.

Media Coverage

Autumn assembly in Calcutta International School



Autumn is the global season of festivities and celebrations. To usher in this festive season with grandeur, the language department of the junior school, under the able guidance of the language coordinator, Sachinika Ray, organised the Autumn Assembly. It was an assembly with a difference!

The school respects and supports multiculturalism. This assembly being the first of its kind, was a good opportunity for our students to learn more about the culture and celebrations held in other parts of the world during this time of the year.

A group of students from the junior school participated in this assembly with a great deal of enthusiasm.

Students of Iskconia, French, German and Korean made short presentations of festivals being celebrated during this time of the year at their respective schools. The Korean and Mandarin students spoke about the Moon Festival and shared their favourite recipes. The German students also shared 'Kumbei', a famous food of Korea with their friends. The German students gave presentations on the famous Frankfurt Festival of Germany and the Berlin Festival of the Festival of Lights, the Indian Festival, Ganga Festival and the Carnation Festival. It was a pleasure to see the students speak with such confidence. The French programme 'Autumn on France' gave the audience an exposure to the famous 'La Fête des Vendanges' or the Grape Harvest Festival of Montmartre through a beautiful presentation. Their programme ended with a beautiful rendition of a popular French song, 'Chanson d'automne' accompanied by Maria

Sarkhel, the French teacher. This assembly not only gave the students an opportunity to learn about festivals across the globe but also helped to enhance the students' creative skills.

The overall morning also witnessed delightful performances by the Hindi and Bengali students of classes II and III. Students enacted the story of the birth of Goddess Durga.

Durga's celebrations and a very enjoyable skit in Hindi called 'Shree Durga ke Jaiwale Laksh' based on the moral - 'good things always happen to good people'.

Puja means 'ritual, honour, devotion'. The Bengali and Hindi students brought in the 'Bhav' through songs, dances and poems. They enjoyed dancing the 'Garba' in

ring in November.

As usual, as we all know, is the season of celebrations, joy and happiness, caring and sharing. In our endeavour to make it special for them, CIS again set up the library and members of the Hope Foundation.

'Dhan Dhan' was organised to gather new dresses and shoes for the children of the organisation. The pupils of Hope Foundation dressed in white and red saris performed two beautiful dances for all present and expressed their delight in being able to showcase their talent and expertise which was of the students of CIS.

The next occasion, before the Diwali, CIS junior section invited the students and members of a charitable trust. This was a beautiful occasion. In our attempt to bring love and shed the love of others during the festive season the students of grades I and II handed over the donated monetary items to the members of the NGO.

Pratima Nayak, principal, junior school, impressed with the students' performance, appreciated their efforts and award them on stage. She also encouraged them to continue to support the spirit of love and care for others, so that they are able to reach out to the society at large. She was happy to see her students bond well and develop a respect with the members of the NGO.

She expressed her wish to further strengthen the relation with the NGO through various collaborative activities and visits which will also help her students to extend their horizons beyond their classrooms.

United efforts at spreading unity

JHINUK MAZUMDAR

Calcutta: The need to stay together and make friends with people from diverse backgrounds found expression at an art workshop in a city school, where children were joined by their parents.

As the parents sat down with the students of Calcutta International School, they took the opportunity to teach their children about unity, diversity, companionship and reaching out to others without discrimination.

A painting by a father and a son showed the bond of two hands with the message "Live United".

"I drew his hand and he drew mine. I wanted to teach him about being in each other's space and talk about tolerance," said Prateek Raja, who was with his son Kaavin, a Class V student. "This is the need of the hour. We are living in a divisive world and the only way to combat that is by staying together and that is what we have tried to denote."

The themes for the collaborative art event, Bond of Colours, for students of classes I to V were decided and conveyed to the students earlier in the month.

The choice of themes was



Calcutta International School students and their parents at the art workshop on Tuesday. Picture by Sanat Kumar Sinha

aimed at sending out a message of being secular and open-minded. "We have many cultures and communities... it is important to start young to create awareness of acceptance and tolerance and we thought art can be used as a medium. Through such events, we create opportunities for students to learn the values of tolerance, acceptance and open-mindedness," said Pratima Nayak, principal, junior school.

Raja, who has participated in a couple of protests with his son, said as modern-day parents, one need not hide from their children what is happening in the country. Instead, parents can teach the kids why it is important to stay united irrespective of caste,

colour and religion, he said. Richa Debgupta and her son Siddharth made two faces and named their painting 'Colours of Friendship'. Their message: Friendship should not be about ethnicity, colour of skin, religion, geography or community, but about love, companionship, understanding and diversity.

Some parents said children could be taught about unity in diversity by example.

Class V student Sashrika Pyne drew a tree with the names of her classmates on the branches. "Love one another," wrote the 10-year-old.

"People are different in the way they dress and what they eat but we have to respect each other's culture," mother Amrita Pyne said.

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