



# CIS HERALD

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*"The Arts & Humanities teach us who we are and what we can be. They lie at the very core of the culture of which we're a part."*

*-Ronald Reagan*



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# CONGRATULATIONS MRS. NAYAR

**WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!**

We proudly congratulate Mrs. Nayar for representing CIS in yet another prestigious webinar that hosted reputed panellists joining in from all over the world. The webinar entitled 'Education Redefined: Series 1- The changing face of education from the eyes of our Gurus' was organised by 'Yeh Mera India', a non-profit, social change-maker and voluntary citizens' group. In an exceedingly valuable discussion the expert educators shared their views on education during the 'new normal' focussing primarily on the educational challenges plaguing teachers, students and parents as they come to grips with the unprecedented times. Voicing her belief on the topic Mrs. Nayar expressed that schools are basically organisations of socialisation, where we teach students social skills. She observed that the pandemic has taught us that though we are not connected physically in the school but on the virtual platform we are connected and social skills are being demonstrated in our classrooms.

## October Events

**Gandhi Jayanti**

02.10.2020

**PTM feedback from  
Pre Nursery to Grade 5**

05.10.2020 - 10.10.2020

**Celebrating Durga Puja**

Pre Nursery & Grade 1 - 12.10.2020

Nursery & Grade 3 - 13.10.2020

U. Nursery & Grade 2 - 14.10.2020

Grade 4 - 15.10.2020

Grade 5 - 16.10.2020

**Last working day before Puja  
holidays**

16.10.2020



**Welcome to  
CIS**

**Pre Nursery A - Riaan Roy**

**Upper Nursery A - Mitchell Kehoe**

**Grade 4B - Gabriel Lachlan Kehoe**



# Coffee Meet

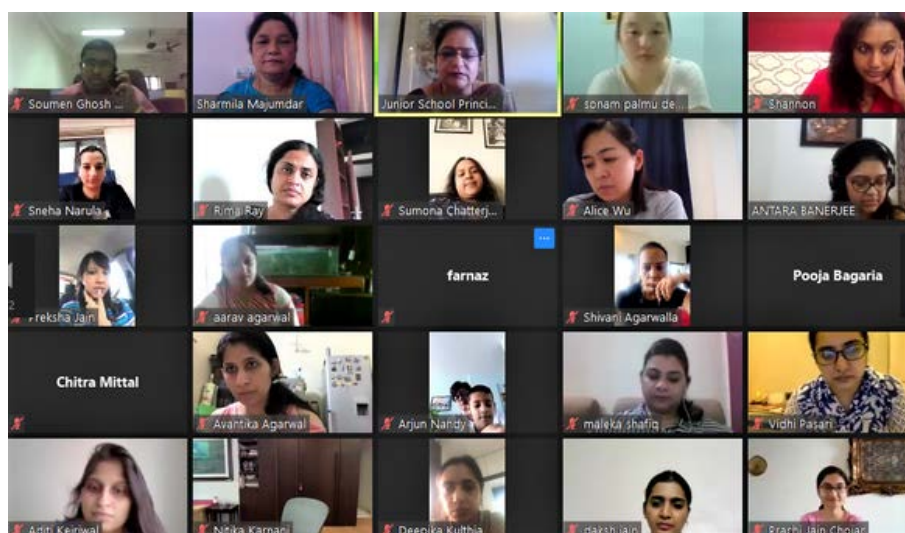
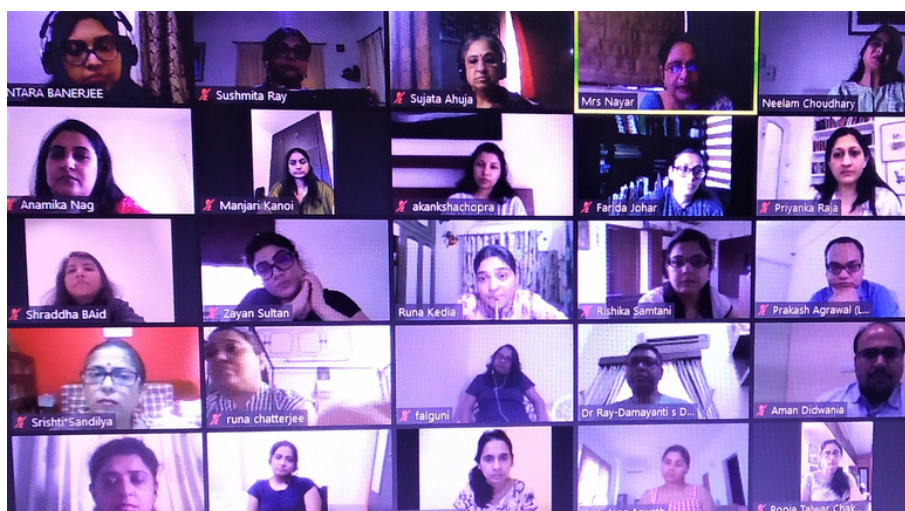


## Meeting the parents over coffee...

A virtual treat indeed!



The annual Coffee Meet is our endeavour to foster stronger parent-teacher ties and provide the ideal platform for sharing of ideas and feedback to facilitate the growth and development of our students. The Coffee Meet for Grades Nursery to 5 were virtually held in the month of September 2020. We are happy to share that all parents expressed their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the stupendous effort put in by the teachers, adapting so quickly to the digital platform of teaching and most important ensuring the smooth transition of the learners to the new mode of education. We received encouraging feedback and pertinent suggestions from the parents. Some of these suggestions have already been acted upon.





# CELEBRATING TEACHERS DAY



Teachers Day 2020 will always be remembered for reaffirming our faith in the eternal student-teacher relationship. The day also proved how the thoughtful, sensitive and caring students of CIS can make a virtual Teachers Day celebration as gratifying, if not better, than real. The celebration held on 4th September, 2020 was a beautiful blend of fun-filled and heartwarming moments. The teachers were swept off their feet by the creativity, talent and shower of gratitude they received from the students. The students enacted skits, read poems, played instruments, danced and sang their heart out for their beloved teachers leaving them overwhelmed with love and joy. We take this opportunity to extend our deep gratitude to the parents for toiling behind the scenes and going above and beyond to make the day memorable for the teachers.



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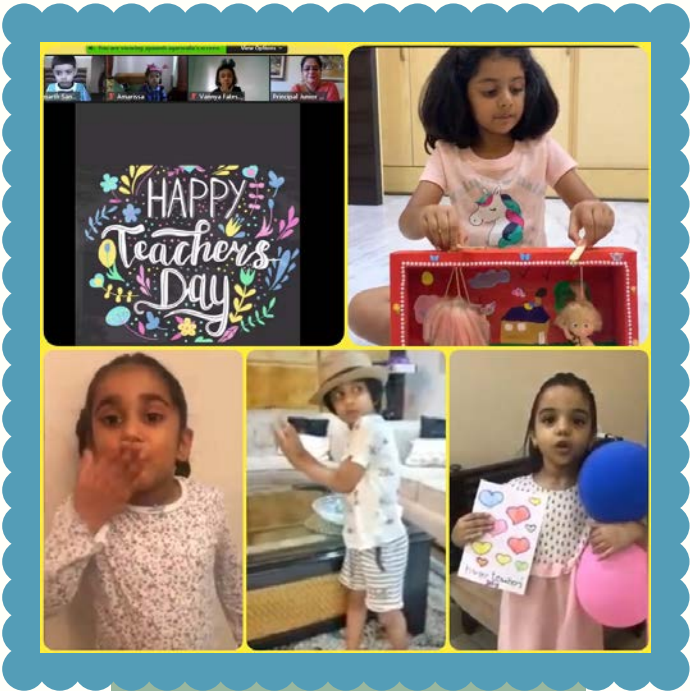


**PRE NURSERY B**





# LOVE & GRATITUDE HAVE NO BOUNDARIES!!



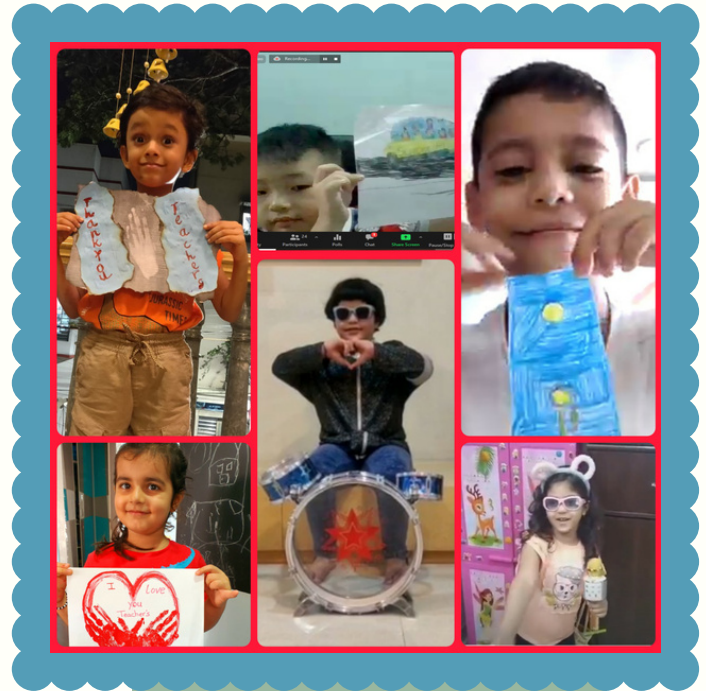
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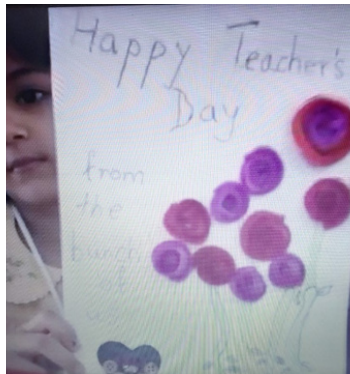
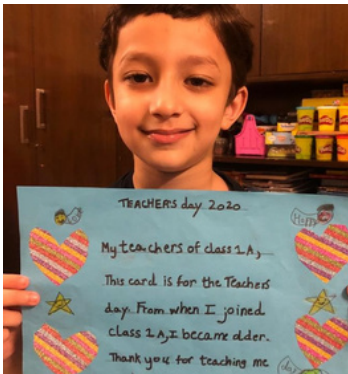
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UPPER NURSERY B



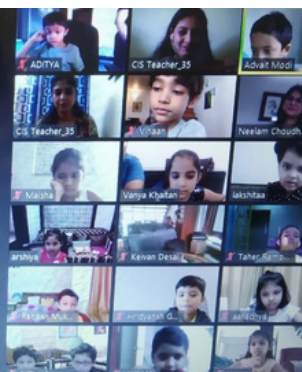
# "EVERY TEACHER IS A REFLECTION OF HIS OR HER STUDENTS." - CHRIS WALKER



## GRADE 1 A & B

This Teachers Day was the first of its kind and will always remain close to our hearts.

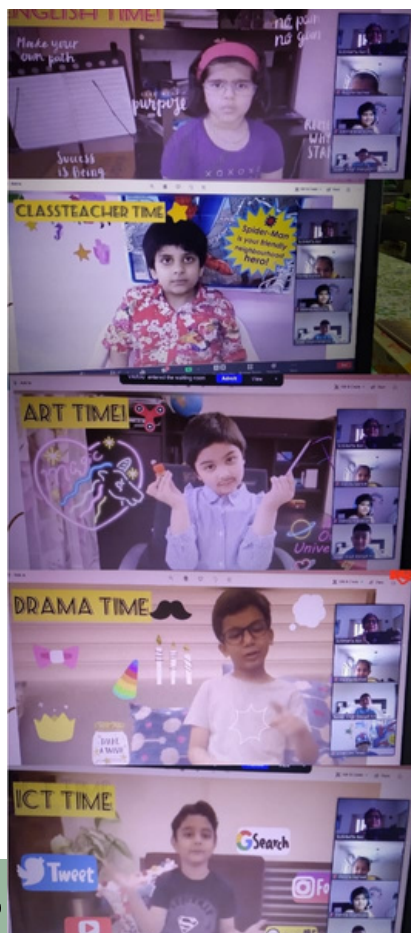
- Ms. Amanda DuPratt and Mrs. Gargee Mukherjee



Teachers Day 2020 left us spellbound! Thank you students for making us feel so special.

- Mrs. Ishmeet Mokha and Mrs. Shweta Mazumder

## GRADE 2 A & B





**GRADE 3 A & B**

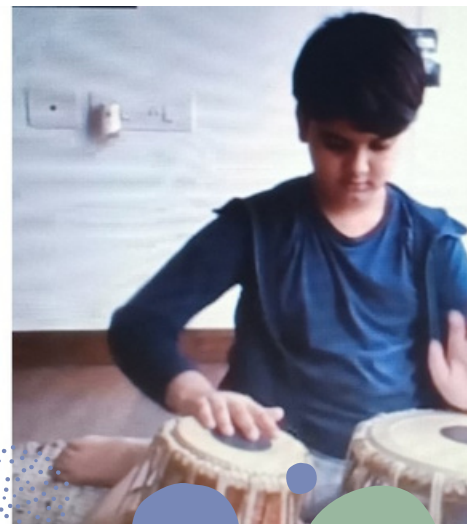


**We felt overwhelmed by the sweet and thoughtfully presented messages.  
- Mrs. Tania Roy and Mrs. Subhasree Sarkhel**



**Grade 4's spectacular show left the audience overwhelmed with emotions.  
- Mrs. Ananya Bhattacharya and Mrs. Tanbir Datta**

**GRADE 4 A & B**







Grade 5s proved that physical distancing didn't affect their love and respect for their guides and mentors.  
- Mrs. Sukanya Singhal and Mr. Sudipta Bardhan.

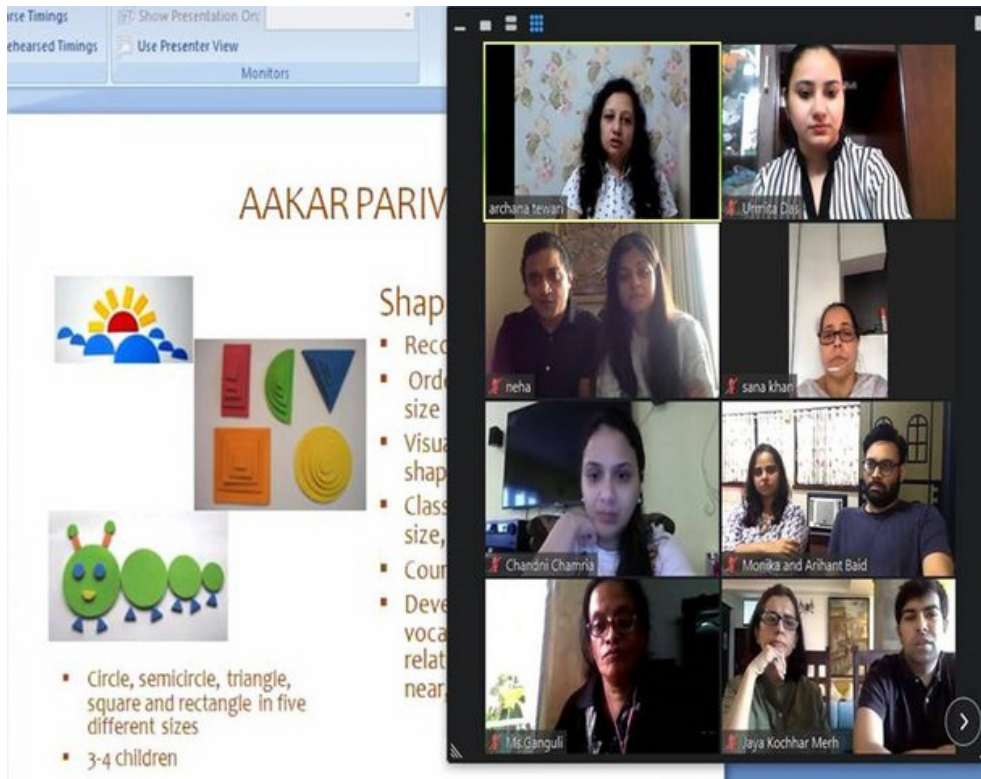


## *Celebrating Teachers Day with the Student Council*

The Teachers Day celebration hosted by the Student Council of CIS, on the same day, was a one of a kind experience. The students presented an interesting variety of thoughtfully put together programmes that included engaging and innovative games for the teachers and a spectacular display of talent by the students of Senior School. Former students of CIS paid a surprise visit through pre-recorded video messages and acknowledged the influence and contribution of their teachers in shaping not just their future but also their mind and soul. The CEO, Mr. Ayan Pal, took us down memory lanes as he gratefully remembered his teachers from school and shared fond memories of his former students. He congratulated the Student Council for successfully hosting the unique event and expressed his desire to see the school back in action soon. Colonel Roy, Chairman of the BOG congratulated the teachers for exhibiting the highest order of resilience in spite of the challenges they handled in the new normal. He applauded the Junior and Senior School Principals for the formidable teams they have led during the difficult period. The members of the BOG thanked the teachers for their invaluable contributions to the school and wished them a happy teachers day.



# Jolly Phonics and Jodo Gyan



A virtual Orientation on “Jolly Phonics and Jodogyan”, was conducted for the parents of Pre-Nursery on 14th September. Jolly Phonics is a fun and child-centered approach to teaching literacy through the letter sound association in English and Jodogyan is an innovative approach to teaching Mathematics in the foundation years of the child, to develop number concepts. This was a wonderful opportunity for the parents to understand the methodologies followed in Pre-Nursery.



**JODO GYAN**  
Trust For Learning and Cooperation





# SOCIAL STUDIES

*All the Cool Kids are Learning It!*



## What's in My Neighbourhood?

The students of Grade 1 were taught the concept of a 'neighbourhood' through a project set for them in Social Studies. The students took pictures of their surroundings, from their balconies/windows and terraces, and made a chart describing their respective neighbourhood. This project helped to make them aware of their surrounding environment and to appreciate the beauty in it.

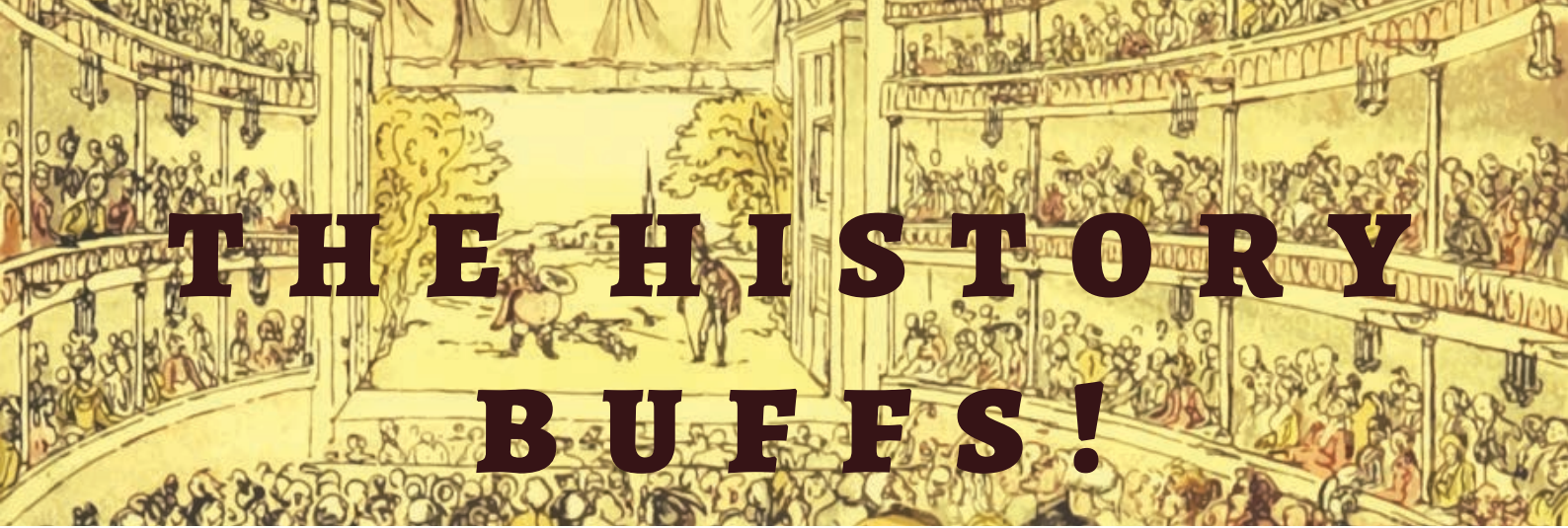


## On a Treasure Hunt with Grade 2

Ahoy! While learning about Maps and Directions, students of Grade 2 took to drawing a treasure map to better appreciate the utility of a map and obtain a sense of direction. The activity was a nice blend of their learning and their imagination. Using their creativity, they drew a treasure map which helped them reiterate their learning on features of a map. They ensured that their treasures were well hidden and the route to reach that was not simple. Arrgh!







# THE HISTORY BUDDS!

The more you know about the past, the better you are prepared for the future.

- Theodore Roosevelt

## Meet the Archaeologists of Grade 3

The students of Grade 3 found the study of artefacts, fossils and the tools used by the archaeologists very interesting. A task was set to make their own 'dig' in a shoe box using sand or potting soil. Using simple toy tools and objects they measured their dig, excavated buried objects, collected, labeled and exhibited them too. The students got a taste of the adventurous life of an archaeologist and realised that archaeology not just involves digging but also research. Some have already decided on becoming archaeologists in future.





# The Olympians of Grade 4

**Olympic Games**

**Personal Info**

- Name: Simone Biles
- DOB: 14/3/1997
- Country: Columbus, U.S.A
- Age: 23

**Olympic Info**

- Event: Gymnastics
- Years: 2012 - Now
- Years in total: 8

**Medals won in each activity**

The first time Simone went to the Olympics she earned her first individual Gold medals in different Gymnastic activities such as - all-around and vault and floor. She also won a Bronze medal for the activity "Balance Beam".

**Medals**

- Gold : 19
- Silver : 3
- Bronze : 3

**Which Olympic event place and year**

Simone wanted to compete in the Olympics in 2012, sadly she was too young to be qualified for the Olympics, so she went in 2016 in Rio De Janeiro when she was old enough.

**Why is Simone Biles inspiring?**

- Hard childhood
- Didn't give up- waited 4 years (2012 to 2016) to compete since she was too young in 2012
- Won 19 gold medals
- She comes out stronger in every bad situation

**Simone Biles**

Anvi Singhi 4A

While studying about the Ancient Greek Civilization, the students of Grade 4 learnt about the Ancient Greek Olympics. Students did a comparative study of the ancient and modern Olympics bringing to light the traditions which are still practised and the new inclusions.

Aimed at developing research skills, the students dug out facts on famous Olympic personalities, highlighting their contributions to not only the Olympics but also in inspiring generations to follow their footsteps.

## How Leander Paes inspires me -By Ashwin Chowdhury

**Name:** Leander Paes  
**Year and place of the Olympics participated:** 1996 Atlanta Olympics  
**Name of sporting event:** Tennis  
**Medal won:** Bronze (3<sup>rd</sup>) in singles

Leander Paes is an Indian tennis player. He is an inspiration to me as he was the first Indian to win an individual medal. He also won in many other tennis tournaments, and got the **Padma Bhushan** on 2014 for his contribution on tennis. He has a mantra saying

**“NEVER SAY DIE, YOU CAN ALWAYS COME BACK”**

It means to always keep up even if you lose, to never quit.





# Researching with Grade 5

The students of Grade 5 researched the tenets of Gupta dynasty which envisaged the golden period in the history of India. Following the given guidelines the students were successful in finding facts about Gupta Science and Medicine, Mathematics, Art and Architecture. They made a presentation in class and debated on how a similar ‘Golden Age’ can be recreated in present India.

**Gupta Art and Architecture**

The Gupta Dynasty, founded by Chandragupta I, ruled in North Central India between the 4th and 6th centuries CE and the period is considered a golden age of artistic accomplishment. The Gupta period witnessed the beginning of a new style of architecture, which evolved from the earlier tradition of rock-cut shrines. The temples were now made of brick, stone and mortar. Adorned with towers or shikharas and elaborate carvings, these temples were often dedicated to all the Hindu gods. Unfortunately, relatively few of the large number of Gupta temples built have survived.

Gupta architecture is very diverse in style, design and features. This very diversity illustrates that Hindu temple architecture was in its formative stage and was yet to arrive at the standardised situation of later centuries. Nevertheless, the influence of Gupta-era buildings on later Indian temple architecture indisputable and continued right through to the Medieval period.

Ihit Dhar – 5 A

**Mathematics in the Gupta Empire**

We know that the ancient Indians were excellent engineers from the way their cities, Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro, were laid out. But few people know that they also excelled at Math, Astronomy, Physics, Chemistry, and Medicine.


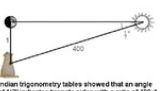
Although the Arabs are often given credit for inventing our number system. But, actually, they got many of their ideas from Ancient India. In fact, the Arabic name for a "mathematician" is "hindsa", which means "from India".

Some very advanced mathematical discoveries were made during the **Gupta Golden Age** in India.

The biggest of them was — zero! The concept of "zero", or nothing, this concept is very important, because it is also used to show place value!

The ancient Hindu symbol of a circle with a dot in the middle, known as *bindu* or *bindhu*, symbolizing the void and the negation of the self, was probably instrumental in the use of a circle as a representation of the concept of zero.

The famous mathematician Brahmagupta established the rules for dealing with the concept of 0 and negative numbers. Other Mathematicians in the Gupta age invented a special form of Geometry called Trigonometry. Aryabhata was another famous mathematician who calculated the circumference of the earth. Bhaskara II was a mathematician who developed many equations.

**Mathematics of the Golden Age**

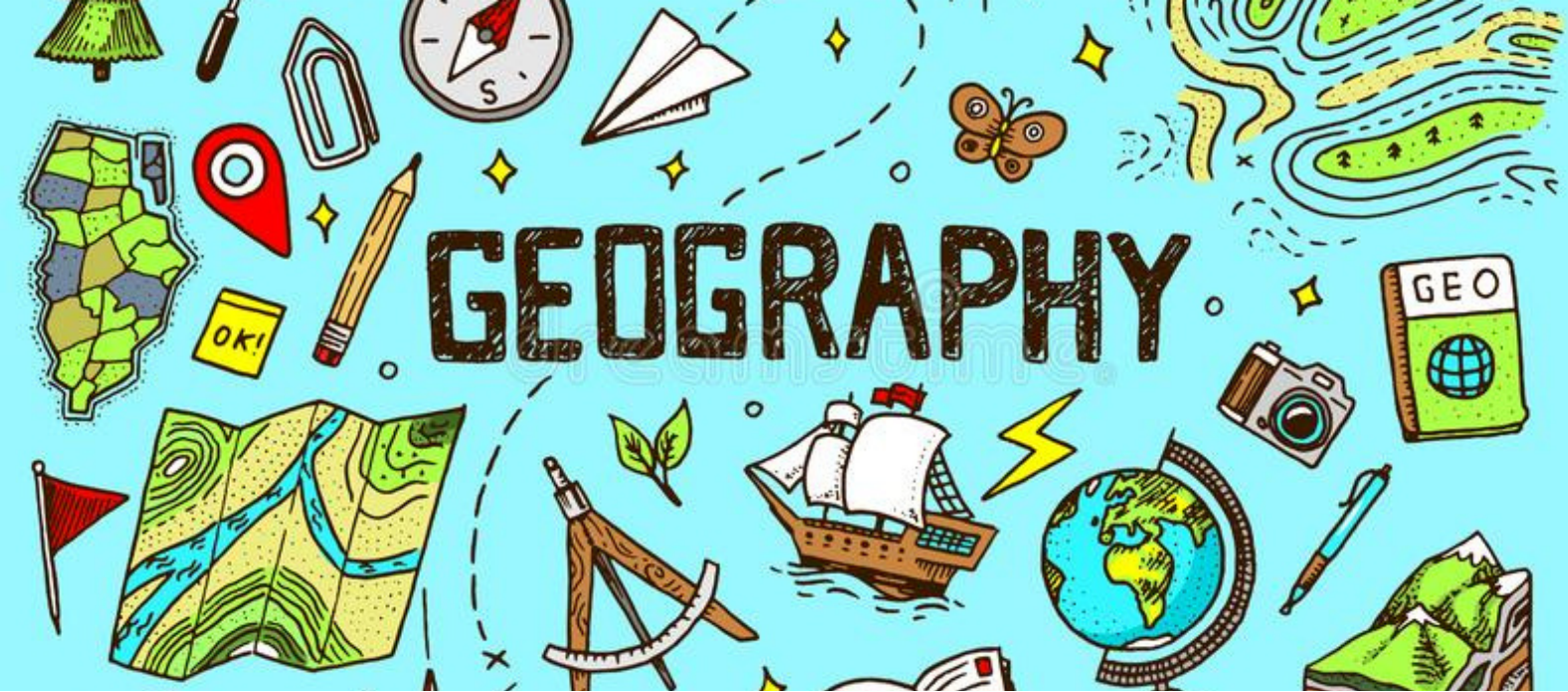


Golden Age of India is a reference to those periods in India where the country saw many innovations. One of such periods include the times between the 4th century and 6th century CE of Gupta Empire because of the large achievements Indians made in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art, dialectic, literature, Indian logic, maths, astronomy, religions and philosophy during the Gupta Empire. The decimal numeral system, including the concept of zero, was invented in India during this period. There were many scholars at this time including Aryabhata, who is believed to have planned the concept of zero, as well as estimate the number of Pi. Aryabhata is also believed to be the first of the Indian mathematician-astronomers who assumed the theory that the Earth moves round the Sun and is not flat, but instead is round and rotates on its own axis.

Indian mathematics emerged in the Indian subcontinent from 1200 BC until the end of the 18th century. In the classical period of Indian mathematics (400 BC to 1200 AD), important contributions were made by scholars like Aryabhata, Pingala, Brahmagupta, Bhaskara I, Bhaskara II, Hemachandra, Kātyāyana, Yātyīśabha, Mallana, Pāṇini and many more. The decimal numeral system, in use today was first recorded in Indian mathematics.

Vrinda Majumdar – Grade 5





## Without Geography You are Nowhere!

### The Creative Bunch of Grade 3!

Students drew planets using various circular objects available in the house like coins, rings, and bottle caps. They coloured their planets keeping in mind how they appear in our solar system. The children had fun while they learned various important facts about our solar system.



### The Geo-scientists of Grade 4!

In Grade 4 a hands on experiment with a globe and a torch was conducted to prove that the Earth's rotation causes day and night.





# Unity in Diversity Among Grade 5!

Students of Grade 5 dressed up to represent the North Indian states of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. They shared popular myths and fables which represent the culture and traditions these states uphold. The learners vividly recalled their observations and experiences from the time they had visited these states. This activity aimed at invoking a sense of commonness among the learners along with exposing them to the physical, cultural and traditional features of these regions.



Sanaiya Punwani



Dibyesh Sanyal

## Merveilleux

The theme for the August edition of our CIS French Magazine 'Le Mirior' was 'Lockdown Diary'. The aim of this special edition was to spread positivity during the 'new normal' times. The French quarterly which is entirely managed by the students of Senior School regularly receives fascinating articles from the students of Grade 5, Junior School. Their contribution to last month's edition included engaging articles, recipes and artwork. We are full of praise for these passionate scholars for soaking up not just the language but also the essence of the French culture.



*"Pour rester occupé pendant la quarantaine, je passe mon temps à dessiner."  
-M. Kanishk (5)*

*"Pour rester occupé pendant la quarantaine, je passe mon temps à cuisiner."  
-Anjani Dasgupta (5)*



*Pour rester occupé, j'aide à la maison en cuisinant et en nettoyant la vaisselle.*

*-Arshaman Biswas (5)*





# CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



## Peace Begins with a Smile!

CIS celebrated 'The International Day of Peace' virtually on the 21st of September. The Primary Section held Assemblies in each virtual class, which were attended by Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Majumdar. Children dressed up as "Peace Angels", spoke about the Peace symbols and what Peace meant to each one of them. They sang songs, meditated, did crafts, sending out vibrations of Peace and Love all around. Spreading hope in the face of the pandemic the students of the Junior Section came together during class teacher's time and shared their thoughts and ideas on how to weather this storm and make the world a better place.



The little Angels of Pre Nursery A, sang a song 'Light a Candle for Peace', holding a candle in their hands.



Pre Nursery B shared the word 'Peace' in different languages and presented the song 'Light a Candle for Peace'.





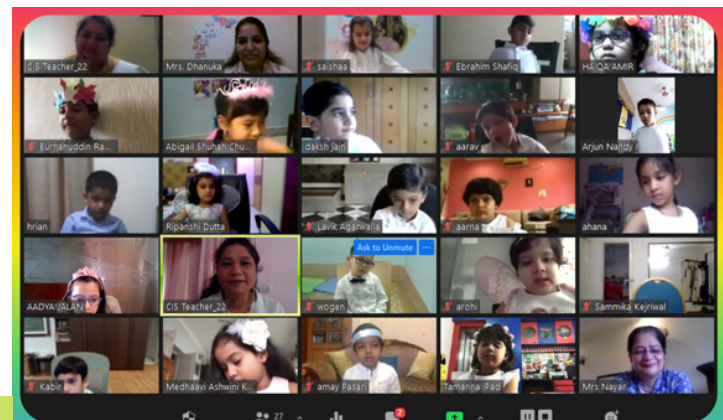


The Peace Angels of Nursery A recited a poem- 'Peace is a mindset...' followed by meditation and sharing.

Nursery B showcased the craft on Peace along with a song - 'I've got the joy in my heart to stay....,' which was compiled into a short video.



Upper Nursery A celebrated the day wearing their Peace crowns and T-shirts painted by them. They sang the song - 'It's a small world...', and wrote their own 'Peace pledge' promising to shine as a Peaceful Star.



Upper Nursery B made an attempt to discover Peace within, understand its meaning and practice the virtue of peacefulness. The Peaceful Angels sang the 'Rainbow Peace Song' and recited the Peaceful Affirmation - 'I am a Peaceful Star I am...'









# Celebrating the Peace Heroes of CIS



“International Peace Day” is observed on 21st September every year by the United Nations to “Commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples.” For the past one month the students of CIS have been working on the value of “Peace” during Value Education to understand its importance and discover ways of bringing this value into their daily life, through the medium of stories, songs, illustrations, creative meditation, visualization, and observing Peace Time. We also celebrated some of our world famous Peace Heroes like Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa and Dadi Janki. The students took up the challenge of maintaining a Peace Journal for 21 days in a row. This Journal was a personal check of one's behaviour and attitude. They had to try to practice being calm, stable, patient, respectful, kind, cooperative and friendly on a day to day basis. They monitored their own progress through this journal and were supervised by the parents. The Vallant Peace Heroes from CIS emerged on 21st September.



## **Congratulations to the Winners of the Peace Hero Award !!**

- |          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| Class 2A | Ishir Jhunjunwala     |
| Class 2B | Mayank Agarwal        |
| Class 3A | Ananya Almal          |
| Class 3B | Anushka Majumdar      |
| Class 4A | Mehr Vineet           |
| Class 4B | Alveena Fatima Jawade |



# Our Parents in Action!

## Nursery B



Story of 'Harry the Happy Mouse' & a 'Happiness Card' by Mrs. Kajaria.



The students of **Upper Nursery A** were fortunate to have a parent visitor Mrs. Nidhi Gujral who guided them through to make a Peace Logo on a T- Shirt and a Peace Dove headband for the International Peace Day Celebration. They used a variety of materials to create original masterpieces. Many thanks to the talented parents and students!



## On a quest for suitable materials...

The students of **Upper Nursery B** had an enriching session with a parent visitor, Mrs Rinkle Jain. She spoke on the current topic of 'Materials' being done in Science, conducted experiments and helped the children make a craft on the houses of 'The Three Little Pigs', using different materials.





# Proud Achievers of CIS

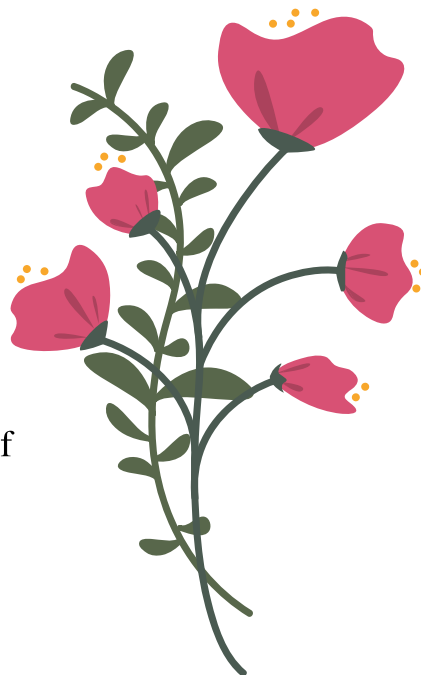
## Take a Bow!

In their continued endeavour to honour and acknowledge teachers, IIBM in association with International Hospitality Council (IHC) London awarded **Mrs Sushmita Ray**, Language Coordinator of Junior School, and **Mrs. Neera Dubey** of Senior School as 'Corona Warrior Teachers' for their spirit of valour, positivity and commitment. The felicitation was held on an online platform on the 11th of September, 2020. Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Principal Junior School, in her address applauded the teaching community for the excellent work done by them to ensure that the flame of knowledge continued despite all the challenges faced. CIS is proud of their accomplishment and congratulates both teachers on their achievement.



## For the Love of Music!

We have the pleasure to announce that **Mrs. Subhasree Sarkhel** won the 8th place in the 'Sing-A-Song' online singing competition for teachers, organised by The Times of India-NIE. Blessed with an angelic voice, Mrs. Sarkhel was awarded a certificate for her brilliant performance.



## Proud of You!

Heartiest congratulations to **Anjini Dasgupta of Grade 5A** for being selected for the Regional Final Round of Young Chef India Schools. We are very proud of her achievement and wish Anjini the very best for the upcoming event.





## Every Drop Counts!

We are proud to share that **Aarav Pasari of Grade 3B** has been actively working on the mission "Save water, save life", a Rotary Club initiative. As a part of the drive, Aarav made a poster and took a pledge to save water. Collecting rejected water from the RO water filter and later using it for mopping and washing clothes is a simple yet effective water saving technique he has been following at home.



## FEATHERS IN YOUR CAP!


In an endeavour to instill creativity amongst the students of CIS, Pidilite presented an interesting opportunity where the young learners could obtain a certificate, as a recognition of their participation in the Art/Craft activity done during the India Day week 2020. We congratulate the recipients for their beautiful display of creativity and imagination.

We also congratulate the students who won a certificate for participating in Discovery Super League Season 3. Well done, students. CIS is proud of you!



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