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January Events



4.1.21 - School reopens after Winter Break29.1.21 - English Elocution Competition forGrades 1 to 5.

Workshop

A Japanese workshop will be conducted by IB students for students of Grades 3 to 5
Monday 11.1.21- Grade 5B

Tuesday 12.1.21- Grades 4A and 4B

Wednesday 13.1.21- Grade 3B

Friday 15.1.21- Grades 3A and 5A

Welcome

A warm welcome to Mrs Sreeparna Mukherjee as the Grade 4 Math teacher who will be substituting for Mrs Kirti Gandhi during her leave.



elebrating Christmas





It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Grades Pre Nursery to 5 presented spectacular Christmas assemblies to mark the beginning of the season of festivities and cheer that Christmas brings along. The confidence with which the little ones narrated Christmas stories was remarkable. They simply stole our hearts. Added to the charm were their Christmas outfits and decorations bright with Christmas trees, stockings and mistletoe.

Grade Pre-Mursery



With Christmas around the corner. the excitement levels of the students and teachers of Pre Nursery knew no boundaries. Both the sections came together and watched each other sing through a video recording compiled by our music teacher, Mr. Mukherjee. We ended the assembly by singing and dancing to some of the popular Christmas songs. A special thanks to our dear parents for their support. The words of encouragement from Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Majumdar surely made the event a memorable one.

Grade Mursery

The students of Nursery A and B observed Christmas virtually on December 14th 2020. The small wonders of Nursery A put together a short story titled 'Rudolph saves Christmas'. The girls narrated while the boys enacted.



In Nursery B, some students danced joyfully to the tune of "Christmas Twistmas", while others prepared a challenging song for their age - "Twelve days of Christmas". They sang it graciously in sweet melody to spread the Christmas Cheer! Mrs. Nayar joined us in the merry making and wished everyone peace, happiness and good health. It was a beautiful sight to see all dressed in Christmas hues of red, green and white! Each one had decorated their backdrop to a Christmas theme to set the festive mood.



Grade Upper-Mursery

"Tis the season to be jolly'- We all love Christmas and Santa Claus!!

The children of Upper Nursery A and B had a joyous time during the online Christmas celebration. In the spirit of the season, they dressed vibrantly in red and green and decorated their backdrops with festive art and craft. They sang and danced with glee to the beat of the carols. Santa Claus made a sudden appearance from the North pole ringing the Christmas bells with a Ho Ho! The children were ecstatic and kept calling out excitedly to Santa while he lovingly met each one of them. It was a beautiful and warm closure to the term. Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Choudhary and Mrs. Majumdar graced the assembly and gave their good wishes to one and all.





Grade 1 retells classic Christmas stories

The excellent storytellers of Grade 1 ushered in the festive season by retelling the classic Christmas story of Rudolph saving Christmas for Santa Claus, with his bright red nose and the story of 'The Elf on the Shelf', about how Santa Claus knows who is naughty and nice, through the elves that report everything to him.





The thoughtful Grade 2s chose to include the well being of their loved ones over material gifts in their wish list for Christmas. In a lively assembly that included singing, music and quizzing, Osh Mullick and his classmates won accolades for producing a short film for the occasion. The film was entitled "Mr. No One".



Grade 3 writes a letter to Santa

The Third Graders wrote sincere and heartfelt letters to Santa. Their reflections on the good and not so good deeds they did this year were highly appreciated by each and every member of the audience. A surprise visit from Santa left the students in splits and they promised Santa to be even better children in the coming year.



Grade 4 believes variety is the spice of life.

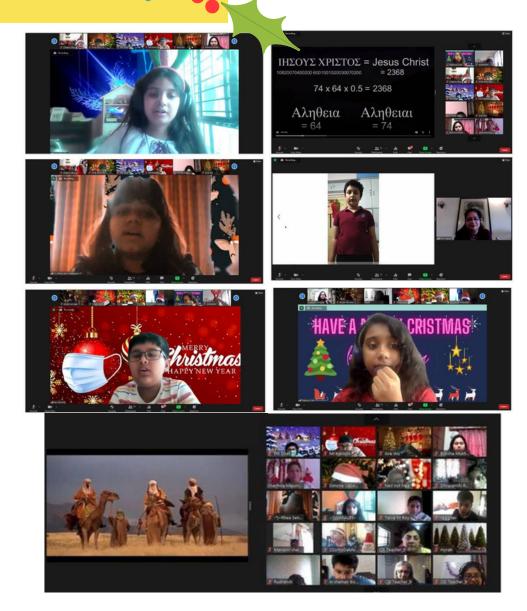
Grade 4 students left us spellbound with their varied talent and creativity. The assembly included singing and dancing to festive songs, Christmas craft making, presentations on the life of Christ and finally a ramp walk as they wished Merry Christmas to all.

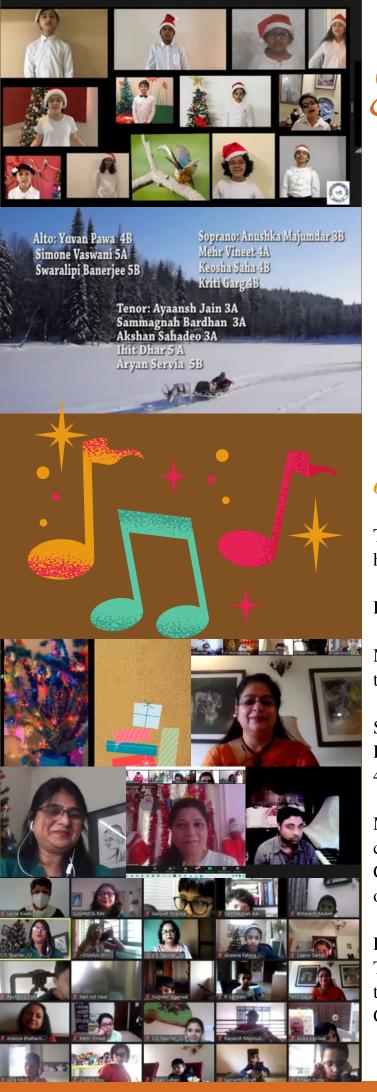


Grade 5 recreates Biblical History

The senior most members of the Junior School, the Fifth Graders left us awestruck with their interdisciplinary approach to the Christmas theme by thoughtfully and creatively integrating History, Geography, Literature, Math, and Art to the story of Christ's birth. The students also mentioned the prevailing circumstances and reminded everyone to remain safe while celebrating and not to forget their current saviour, the mask!







Junior School Choir

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!

The CIS Junior Choir created history, as they ushered in the festive season with their first ever online performance. The choir members joined voices in a virtual choir by recording themselves individually and then meticulously putting their videos together. The final video: "Distant Voices", which was played at the end of the prize distribution ceremony, brilliantly showcased the passion and talent of our singers.

Our heartfelt thanks to.....

The talented members of the Junior Choir for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Parents for their support and cooperation.

Mrs Subhasree Sarkhel and Ms Avradita Devnath for their role in the selection and training of the choir.

Special thanks to Mrs Shweta Mazumder and Ms DuPratt for their help in the selection round of Grade 4.

Mrs Pratima Nayar, Principal Junior School for her constant encouragement and support. Mrs Neelam Choudhary, Section Head-Junior Department for overseeing the production.

Last but not the least, our Music Teacher, Mr Tathagata Mukherjee for his passion and dedication that made the first ever virtual performance of the CIS Junior Choir possible.



Grade Pre-Nursery



Mrs. Amrita Kajaria joined us for the story telling session much to the delight of her daughter Sara and her friends from both the sections. A popular Christmas Read Aloud by Clement Clarke Moore was narrated by her with expressions and zest.

The most exciting time came when Mr.Kajaria joined the session dressed as Santa Claus and distributed gifts calling out every child's name in the class. The parents had arranged for a little token like a small toy or chocolates from before as per Mrs. Kajaria's suggestion. The children presumed that they received the gift from Santa himself. They were frantically looking for dear old Santa in the room. We had such a fun filled session.

Grade Nursery

In the month of December, students of Grade Nursery A had a couple of engaging sessions with parents. Uraaz's mother, Mrs. Shah, shared interesting facts about fruits and showed us how to prepare a healthy fruit salad. Aryan's mother, Mrs Newar, got creative and made an autumn picture with leaf printing.





Nursery B had the pleasure of having a parent visitor, Mr. Abhishek Chakravarty, a marine engineer by profession, to speak to the students about the 'Life at Sea" in the phonic sound /l/ week. Through a power point presentation, he explained the students the uses of the different vessels and how the various equipment were used to navigate the ships safely.

In the phonic sound /j/ week, Nursery B had Mrs. Nidhi Kundalia as the parent visitor who conducted jellymaking and jelly-cake making demonstration in an extremely organized fashion. She followed it up with a Treasure Hunt of /j/ sound objects pulled out by her daughter, Ananya, from a jelly dish. There were interesting objects hidden inside- jug, jig-saw puzzle, jelly fish, jam, jet plane, to name a few. As a cherry on the dessert, Mrs. Kundalia took up an intriguing storysession of 'The Jelly That Wouldn't Wobble' while she shared screen for the children to see the pictures and words as well. Her class was well packaged with all the components of a complete session timed accurately.



Grade Upper - Nursery

Mr Robert Kehoe, Mitchell's grandfather from USA made the Christmas celebrations in Upper Nursery incredibly special by giving us a surprise visit dressed as Santa Claus. We all were thrilled and delighted to meet him! He narrated stories about the North Pole and his red nosed reindeer-Rudolf. He also shared a list of the "Nice n' naughty children" and made sure not to leave single a child out! Santa's message for the all the children was to be more responsible, obedient, caring and never to give up hope. He brought good cheer and created magic with his presence! He bid farewell and took off singing "Rudolph the red nosed reindeer"

Thank you Mr Kehoe for the best Christmas ever!





THE TELEGRAPH SCHOOL AWARD

"The key is not the will to win... everybody has that. It is the will to prepare to win that is important." - Bobby Knight

We are proud to announce that Calcutta International School participated in The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence 2020 and has won awards in several categories. The awards were announced on a digital platform specially curated for the Awards Ceremony on 10th December 2020. Our heartiest congratulations to the entire school community- Students, Teachers, Admin, Non Teaching staff and Parents who have all played an important role towards this prestigious school achievement



HONOUR CERTIFICATE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS



MERIT CERTIFICATE FOR EXCELLENCE IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION IN ECO-FRIENDLY INITIATIVES



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICE





Under the Individual Category, Akrish Ripul Jhaveri was presented the Honour Certificate – The Award for Academic Excellence by a Student.

- Completed his A Levels with 4 A* grades
- 3rd in India for AS Level Results among 6000 students
- World Topper in Accounting at the AS Level

Heartiest Congratulations to Akrish! CIS is proud of his achievement!

Divyansh Jain (Taekwondo) received the Merit Certificate - The Award for Outstanding Talent in Sports.

- Part of Indian National Taekwondo Team 2018-2020 (Won 1 Silver medal in Kathmandu, Nepal)
- Part of Bengal State Taekwondo Team 2016-2020 (Won 1 gold, 2 silver and 7 bronze medals in 8 national tournaments)(Also captained the under 18 Bengal team in the 2019 Nationals)
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- Led the Taekwondo Under 18 Team for nationals in Goa in 2019.
- Selected for World Taekwondo Championship to be held in Australia (2020)

Heartiest Congratulations to Divyansh! CIS is proud of his achievement!



The Adamas University Award for Outstanding Talent in Sports

Certificate of Merit

Divyansh Jain, Calcutta International School



A Role Model - 'Lifetime Achievement Award for a Teacher', The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence 2020 - Primary Section Head, Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar was felicitated with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award for a Teacher' in recognition of her deep and selfless commitment to the school, nurturing young lives and for being a strong pillar to the institution.

With over 35 years of experience, Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar has touched and shaped the lives of not only those who have walked the corridors of Calcutta International School but also awed the ones she met outside with her brilliance and humility. Her belief in imparting holistic education to the students and motivating, guiding and nurturing her colleagues relentlessly over her long tenure has earned her the position of a distinguished educationist. A valuable asset, her 30 years of continued and committed service at CIS has turned her into a legend! The institute proudly salutes Mrs Sharmila Majumdar.

We would like to acknowledge the teachers who contributed and collated information for The Telegraph Awards for Excellence 2019-2020 from Junior School and the SEN and Counselling Department.

- 1. The Award for Eco Friendly Initiatives Mrs Neelam Choudhary
- 2. The Award for Excellence in Academics Mrs Tanbir Datta
- 3. The Award for Social Service Mrs Sukanya Singhal
- 4. The Award for Excellence in Co Curricular Activities Mr Abdul Samad, Mrs Tanbir Datta
- 5. The Award for 'A School that Cares' Ms Lakshmi Khanna, Mrs Farishta Dastur Mukerji, Mrs Spriha Patronobis, Ms Baishakhi Sarkar, Mrs Gargi Sinha Mitra, Ms Avradita Debnath
- 6. The Award for the School of the Year Mrs Tania Roy and Mr Sudipta Bardhan
- 7. The Lifetime Achievement Award for a Teacher Mrs Sharmila Majumdar, Mrs Sushmita Ray
- 8. Photographs, Layout and Design Mrs Mousumi Guha, Mr Sudipta Bardhan, Mrs Sushmita Ray
- 9. The Telegraph Awards Coordinators Mrs Sushmita Ray (Junior School) and Mrs Sanjukta Poddar (Senior School)

Prize Distribution Ceremony

We are all winners here!

The prize distribution ceremony for classes 1-5 was held online on 18th of December 2020 to recognize and acknowledge students for their overall effort in Term 1. An online event which was witnessed by the entire Junior Section began with Mrs Nayar acknowledging each and every student for the effort and adaptability they have shown in a year which has been phenomenal and extremely challenging. She reminded the students to thank their teachers who rose to the occasion, undertook intensive training and worked long hours to make each day of online school count. She also thanked the parents for supporting the school at every step and helping the students adapt to the new normal. Pictures of the school decked up for Christmas were shared with the students.

The certificates were presented online by Mrs Nayar, Mrs Choudhary and the respective class teachers who congratulated the prize winners for maintaining netiquettes, sincerity in academics and showcasing exemplary self-discipline all through Term 1.

Grade 1A

1 Mohor Mukherjee Ghosh

2 Taher Rampurawala

3 Ansh Sharma

Grade 1B

1 Samarth Saraff

2 Vihaan Bawri

3 Maisha Khan

Grade 2A –

1 Frederick Rhodes

2 Viha Goenka

3 Osh Mullick

Grade 2B

1 Rhyah Khurana

2 Anishka Agrawal

3 Avyukt Fatesaria

Grade 3A -

1 Oliver Alexander

Buechel

2 Sanaya Gupta

3 Ayaansh Jain

Grade

3B

1 Wamiq Ali Molla

2 Anaya Chatterjee Dante

3 Anya Guha



Grade 4A

Grade 5A -

1. Arham Jain

1 Kanishk Mohan Gandhi

2. Yugveer Agarwal

2 Ihit Dhar

3. Mehr Vineet

3 Aisha Kothari

Grade 4B

Grade 5B

1. Saanvi Sarkar

1 Cheerojeet Roy

2. Vedika Gupta

2 Swaralipi Banerjee

3. Keosha Saha

3 Navya Kothari

Heartiest
Congratulations!
Keep up the fine effort!

Congratulations!



Aarav Pasari of Grade 3B participated in a debate competition for the very first time and got the award for "Best Speaker". The debate was organized by an organization called SpeakSmart.

Agastya Chanda of Grade 4A appeared for the ABRSM Grade 1 theory exam last month online. He scored 75/75 and received a distinction.

Session on Cyber Safety

The school counsellors conducted an insightful session for students of Grade 3 in November 2020, to raise awareness on Cyber Safety and Cyber Hygiene. The session created an opportunity for students to interact with the school counsellors about how they are spending their time online during the pandemic, and how they can be safe while exploring the virtual world. This was followed by a parenting session for parents of Grade 3, wherein the focus was on how parents can ensure digital wellbeing for their children. In this respect, some pertinent points that were shared are as follows:

- Be an appropriate digital role model·
- Keep yourself aware of cyber safety, cyber crime and cyber laws.
- Talk to your child about the same, to create awareness.
- Create boundaries and enable your child to understand what needs to be kept private and what may be shared.
- Discourage any inappropriate cyber activity, help them understand that inappropriate actions in the virtual world have consequences in the REAL world.
- Help them understand that not everything on the internet is true.
- Be involved in their "virtual" life, show interest, do online activities together.



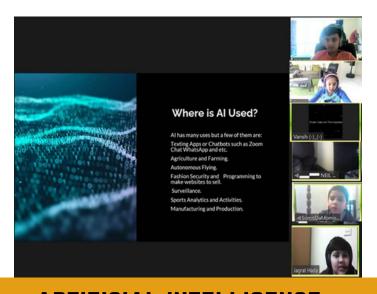


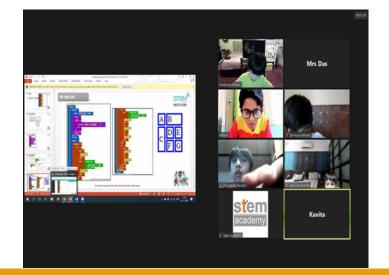
- Explore websites/apps/games/content that you know your child is using/viewing online.
- Encourage offline activities anchor their real lives. Some offline activities mentioned were music, playing instruments, art and craft, play dough, building lego, jenga etc, puzzles, board games, gardening, cooking/baking, card games etc.
- Apps for child lock and parental monitoring.
- If possible use shared devices.
- Do not allow them to sign up for anything if they are underage.





The Goethe-Institut, in association with STEM Academy PVT Ltd, invited students from Grades 2-5 to participate in STEM based workshops from 23rd to 26th November – *Artificial Intelligence, Web Designing, Animation, Coding & Programming and Virtual Reality*. It was a unique opportunity for the participants to explore and learn through STEM/STEAM based integrated topics, allowing them to think critically and develop problem-solving skills.



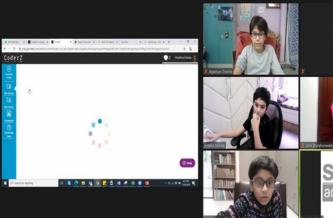


ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Vansh Vir Marda, Dibyesh Sanyal, Neil Gutgutia, Manya Garodia, Jagrat Hada, Somovrisho Guha and Eimi Yuasa from Grade 5

WEB DESIGNING

Frederick Rhodes (2A), Aavyukt Goenka (3B), Devasya Ramani (3A), Ashwin Chowdhury (4B), Divyaansh Pansari (4A)





VIRTUAL REALITY

Ishir Jhunjhunwala (2A), Arisht Chopra (3B), Viren Chakrabarti (3A), Agastya Chanda (4A) and Krishiv Poddar (4B)

CODING AND PROGRAMMING

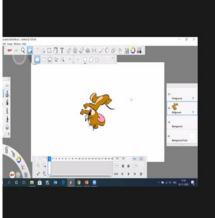
Moksh Lalani (2B), Aaradhya Didwania (3A), Prakhar Jain (3A), Krishaangi Poddar (4B) and Hreedan Raj Bihani (4A)



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ANIMATION

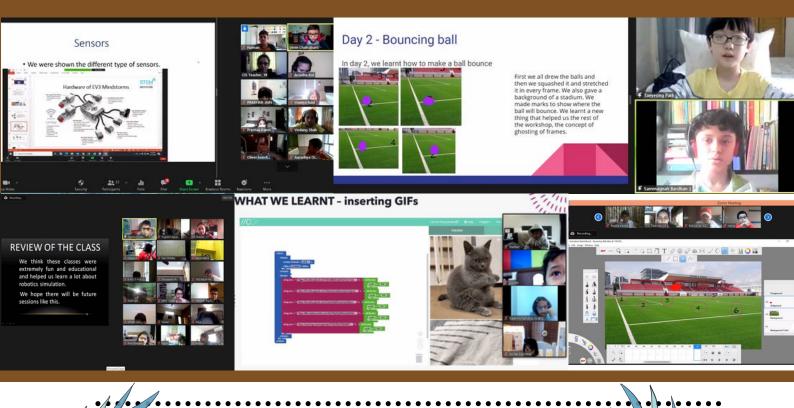
Divisha Kejriwal (2B), Sammagnah Bardhan (3B), Jihoo Park (3B), Mehr Vineet (4A) and Reyna Bhawal (4B)

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the animation workshop. It was very exciting for me as I learned something new. It was fun to understand and learn how to animate. The teacher explained all the concepts very nicely. I would love to show the class a Tom and Jerry cartoon that I animated myself!" - Divisha Kejriwal 2B

Feedback from Students

"I had so much fun doing this AI coding workshop. I got to learn many new things and explore the world of coding with it. I never knew that we could do such things with coding and I did not know there were many ways of coding. Artificial intelligence is intelligence demonstrated by machines, unlike the natural intelligence displayed by humans and animals. It was really interesting when Scratch 3.0 Gui would create a block from the site we used in a simple way" - Eimi Yuasa 5A

Later these children shared their experience with their peers through class presentations.



Workshop on Composting BLACK GOLD

Grade 4 and 5 students learn the art of composting.

A workshop on composting was conducted for the students of Grade 4 and 5 on the 1st and 15th of December 2020 by Mrs Lata Bhatia, founder of Green Legion, whose vision is to clean and "green" Kolkata through waste segregation, recycling, and composting, growing vegetables and herbs in terrace gardens. Nearly 90 students of the Junior Section, Calcutta International School, learnt hands on how to make compost, a valuable plant food, at home with readily available organic kitchen waste such as vegetable and fruit peelings, in plastic compost bins.

The workshop was organised by our science coordinator Mrs.Sujata Ahuja in the school laboratory. Mrs.Nayar welcomed our guest on the behalf of CIS family and the vote of thanks was given by Mrs.Mazumdar on 1st December 2020. Mrs Choudhary was present at the workshop on 15th December and welcomed Mrs Bhatia and delivered the vote of thanks.

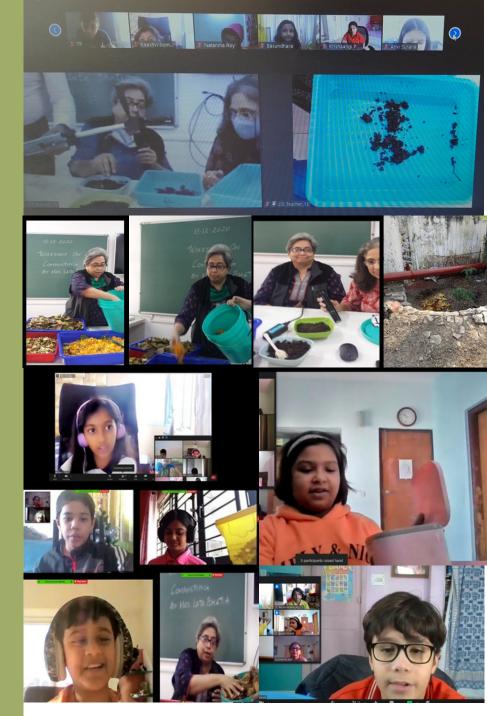


The eager learners who were ready with their kitchen waste and dry leaves and bucket linked in virtually from their respective homes, to the General laboratory, where Mrs Bhatia and Mrs Sujata Ahuja, Science Coordinator- Junior School were demonstrating and instructing them, how to layer the organic kitchen waste between dry leaves and kitchen waste, all a part of nature, in the composting bin.

This would, eventually, in 60 days turn into compost, which when added to gardens, would condition the soil and make soil rich with nutrients and more accessible to plants growing in the garden. Students learnt about the layering process, the aerating process, and the decomposition process as a part of composting that day.

They were involved with Mrs. Bhatia in asking interesting questions and shared their feedback on the workshop. Some of them came up with the idea to sustain this practice of recycling the kitchen waste and would share with Mrs.Bhatia once their compost would be ready.

The students learnt that since composting, through recycling organic kitchen waste, helps to enrich the soil and prevent wastage of nature's diminishing resources, solving the problem of dumping vast quantities of kitchen waste in landfills, it is like "black gold".



Some feedback of the students on Composting Workshop *From Earth to Earth.*

"Workshop was very nice and we learned how to make compost with kitchen waste and dry leaves. If the whole world starts to make compost, it can have a great effect on nature." - Arham Jain (4A)

"I think the composting workshop was a great way to make waste into something useful." - Basundhara Chowdhary (4A)

Feedback - Grade 4B



""The workshop was awesome! I learnt to compost and I am sure I will do it every day now onwards. It is such a good way to use old kitchen waste and dry leaves to help grow our plants which in return will give oxygen. I had a great time learning with Mrs. Bhatia." - Reyna Bhawal

""I loved the composting workshop. From now on I will compost the kitchen waste everyday and save garbage. The most interesting part of the workshop was when we were composting the kitchen waste. Composting is fun. I hope the school does more composting workshops with Mrs. Lata Bhatia. Thank you Mrs. Lata Bhatia for such a fun workshop. I would rate the workshop 5/5." - Krishiv Poddar



Feedback - Grade 5A

"I thoroughly enjoyed the composting workshop, I learnt many new things about our environment and how compost helps it. I also learnt how to actually make the compost with kitchen waste from my home. I had a great experience at this workshop." - Anjini Dasgupta

"It was interesting to learn how to make compost with our trash to help save our environment. We should do this more often since the earth gives us so much and she doesn't expect anything in return." - Vrinda Majumdar

Feedback - Grade 5B

"The workshop was quite interesting. I was fascinated about the fact that we can do composting at home with waste. I believe I can use this for many plants at home without buying it and I can be sure that it is actual compost since I made it!" - Dibyesh Sanyal

"It was really fun! We learned how to make compost with kitchen waste, newspaper, bucket and dried leaves. It will be a while before we get compost because it takes around 2 months (60 days) to make it." - Rajveer Surana

"I did not think we would have so much fun composting. I hope the compost we are making will turn out to be good compost so we can use the waste we usually throw away to grow more plants."
- Navya Kothari



Serving Happiness for Breakfast

The best memories are made gathered around the table.

'Breakfast Meet with Class Teacher' was a unique initiative for fostering, nurturing and celebrating the beautiful student-teacher relationship. Students brought not just food but smiles, fun, enthusiasm and non-stop chitter-chatter to the breakfast table. As the conversations flowed and the joy multiplied, the teachers and students realized that this special occasion had created memories to be cherished for a long time.





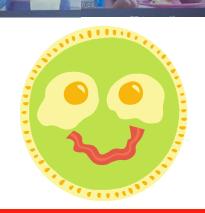














Professional Development - Sharing Session





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Mrs Subhasree Sarkhel, the French teacher of Junior Section, shared the strategies learnt in the CAIE course on 'Improving Speaking Performance in the Classroom' with the teachers of the Language Department. The enriching session, also attended by Mrs Pratima Nayar and Mrs Neelam Choudhary, led to a fruitful exchange of ideas on various activities that could be carried out. Mrs Ray expressed her eagerness to implement such activities for students in the months ahead.



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