



Parent Newsletter

Senior School

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December

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st

- Emailing of IBDP ~Year 1 Report Cards

11th

- Maths & Science Assembly ~ Middle Section

18th

- Christmas Celebration ~ Middle Section
- Last working day for students and teachers.
- Student feedback to be emailed (PTM) ~ Grades 9 to 12

KNOWLEDGE KNOWS NO BOUNDS

IB Professional
Development

ONLINE WORKSHOP



Four teachers from CIS are currently undergoing a four week training being conducted by the IB. The training involves pedagogical aspects of the curriculum as well as hand-on training in assessment. The training will help hone their skills further.

The teachers are

- * Mrs Chandrani Chatterjee - Chemistry
- * Mrs Teesta Haldar - Environmental Systems and Societies
- * Mrs Paromita Bhattacharjee - Physics
- * Mrs Tina Servaia - Coordinator training



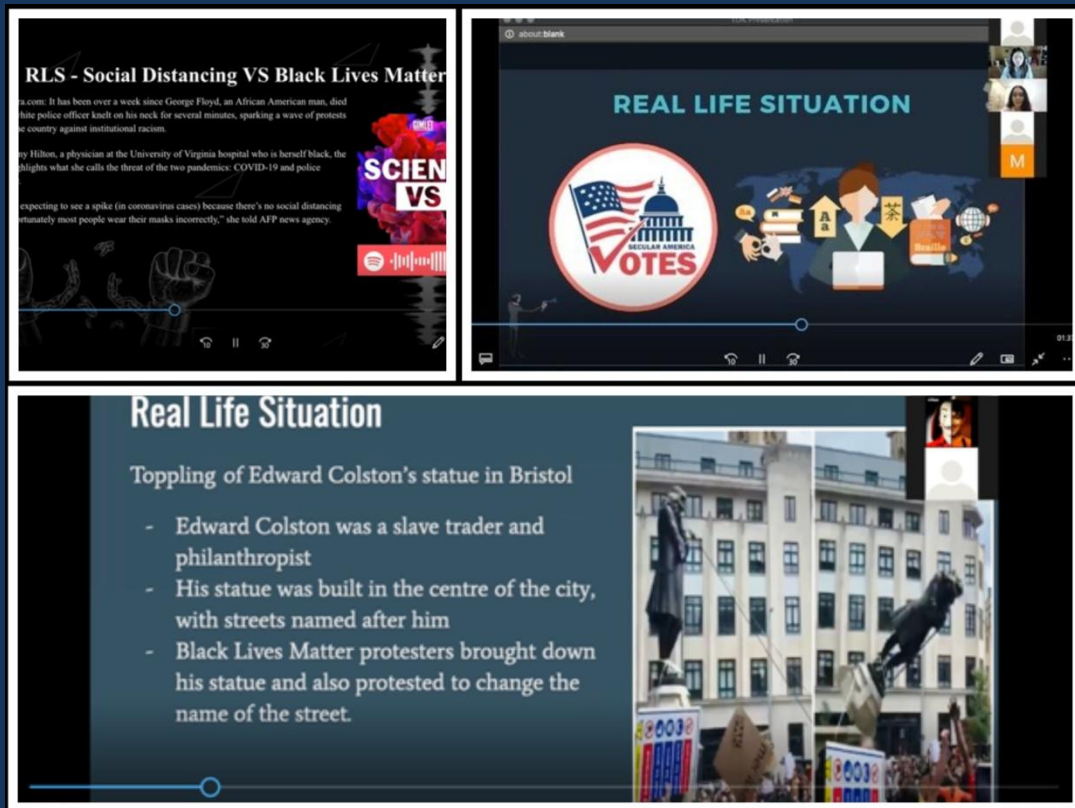
PLC on Research Skills

On 25th November, the IB Department held a **P**rofessional **L**earning **C**ommunity session on developing Research Skills. Teachers broke down Research Skills into smaller components and discussed each component in detail.



They shared strategies and best practices on how to develop these skills in the students of the department. This will go a long way in helping students with the research components of their curriculum such as the Extended Essay and Internal Assessments. The department also has plans to hold similar sessions on various pedagogical aspects in the coming months.

TOK Presentation



The IBDP-Yr2 students have completed their TOK (Theory of Knowledge) Presentations, an essential and interesting part of their curriculum. For the TOK Presentations, students have to choose a Real Life Situation and analyse it using TOK Concepts within the TOK knowledge framework.

Students selected innovative and thought-provoking real life situations, such as -

- * **Black Lives Matter** protests
- * **issues related to COVID**
- * the **toppling of Edward Colston's statue**
- * **# social media challenges**

IBDP-Yr1 students attended the two-day long session in order to gain deeper insights into what **TOK** is all about. Teachers who attended were impressed by the clarity and perceptiveness reflected in these presentations.

TO STUDENTS, WITH LOVE

Children's day at CIS



On the 12th of November, the teachers of Senior School came together to celebrate **Children's day** at CIS. This was a unique experience as the celebrations were held remotely.

Students enjoyed the varied performances by teachers. Piano recitals, songs, dance compilations, skits and a lot of fun filled programmes were a part of the event.

We, the teachers have always appreciated our students and their efforts for social causes were therefore highly appreciated through a video montage. CIS teachers wish all students good health, happiness and a great year ahead.

English and Art Collaboration by IBDP –Year 1



A collaboration between English and Art Departments on the subject of Advertisement by IBDP Yr 1 was spearheaded by their English Teacher, Ms. Rituparna Mukherjee, English HOD, Ms. Preeti Roychoudhury and Art HOD, Mr Subrata Ghosh. The various levels of the Bloom's Taxonomy ladder were covered and students created meaningful content based on their learning. The entire collaboration culminated in creating original advertisements by the students.

SPREADING FESTIVE CHEER



The **Interact Club** of CIS worked with “Tollygunj Homes”, home for senior citizens, to brighten their days during this festive season of Diwali. The Club distributed 156 homemade diyas, provided by Adya Sarda, the Director of Community Outreach along with sanitizers and masks - all essential items to combat the ongoing pandemic. The smiles of the elderly members of the Home were as bright as the diyas lit by them. Holidays such as these not only uphold religious values but also bring the old and young together to create beautiful, everlasting memories.

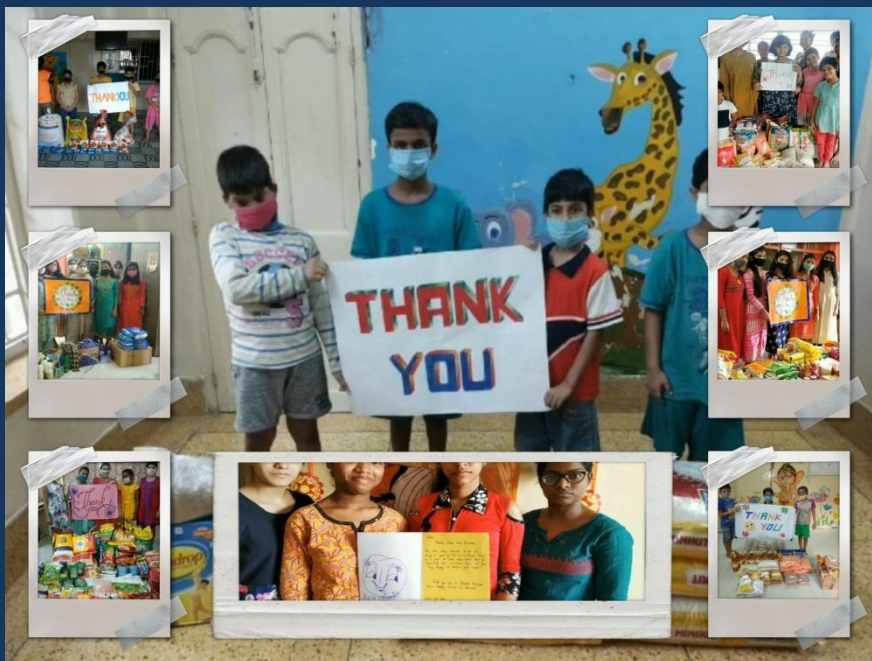
A NOBLE CAUSE

The '**Ek Mutthi Anaaj**' Drive initiated by Projookta Roy of AS-1 helped contribute towards the nutritional requirements of the children from several homes run by Hope Kolkata Foundation including the *Ashar Alo* girls' home, *Ashirbaad* boys' home, Be Kind boys' home and Kasba girls' home.



As it was not possible to organise a physical grocery donation drive this year, funds were raised online by contacting individual donors and parents of CIS to help make this event a success.

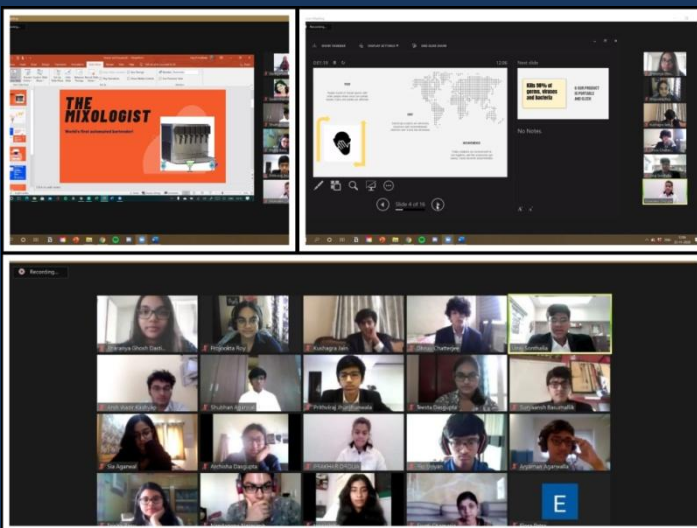
Over one lakh Rupees was raised for this noble cause.



A BATTLE OF WITS

On Sunday, 22nd November, selected students from Grade 9 to 12 participated in an online shark tank hosted by the students of AS Travel and Tourism as part of their coursework.

The budding entrepreneurs showed how their innovative minds could solve the problems currently being faced by five sub-industries of the tourism industry - Gastronomy, Accommodation, Transport, Attractions, and Entertainment



The winners were declared by the esteemed judges:

- * Ms. Swati Chamaria
- * Ms. Ellora Patra
- * Ms. Sudha Tulshan

Ms. Susmita Mukherjee and our respected **CEO, Mr Ayan Pal**, graced the event and felicitated the winners.

All proceedings are to be donated to **Truly Period** - an ex-student led organisation working towards raising awareness about menstrual hygiene in the city and its outskirts.

First

SIMRAN KOTHARI (Gr 10)

SURVANSH BASU MALLIK (Gr 10)

Second

SHUBHAN AGARWAL (Gr 10)

SAMRIDDH PODDAR (Gr 10)

Third (a tie)

NANDAGOPA NARASIMHAN (Gr 10)

PRAKHAR DROLIA (Gr 9)

AND

TANNISHTHA MUKHERJEE (IBDP-YR1)

KOMAL KATARUKA (IBDP YR-1)

FOR THE LOVE OF LANGUAGE

THE MIDDLE SECTION ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSEMBLY

programme was held on 27th November. The aim of this assembly programme was to provide a platform for the students to hone their critical thinking and public speaking skills.

Grade 8 **debated** on whether

“Voting age should be brought down to 16”

Two students from 8A spoke in favour of the motion while two from 8B spoke against it.

The Debate was judged by two esteemed judges:

- * Ms. Tina Servaia
- * Ms. Susmita Mukherjee



Evangelini Saha
of 8A
was adjudged
the
best speaker



Ruhani Duttagupta (8A)

Rahil Nafis (8B)

**SECOND
POSITION
WAS A TIE
BETWEEN**

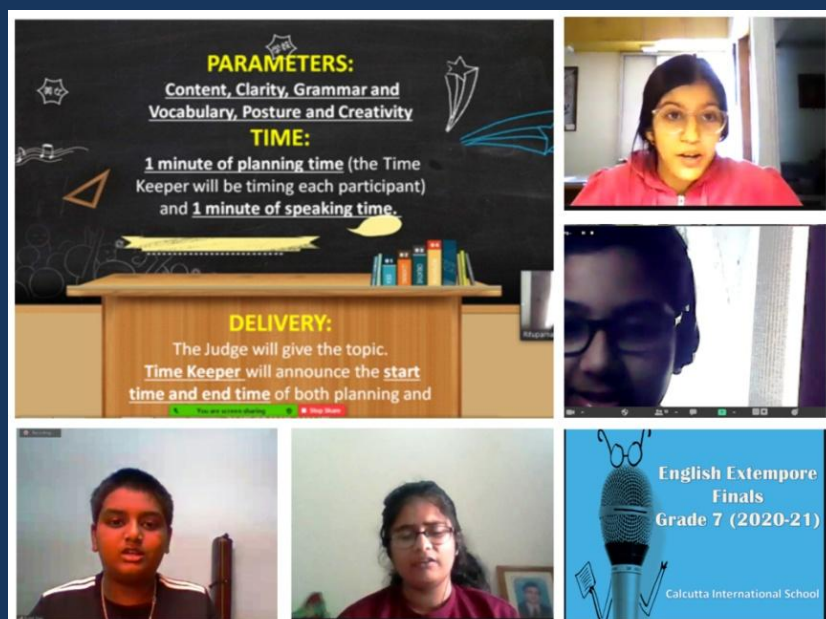
The motion was put to vote and it passed the floor by 63 - 44 votes, in favour of team 8A who debated for the motion.

The debate was moderated by

- **Deeptendu Shekhar Ray**
and
- **Deeksha Vijaypaul**

Grade 7 students had **Extempore Competitions** where students delivered impromptu speeches with very little time to prepare, on amusing topics such as -

- * How to be a Slacker
- * A Sense of Humour is Essential
- * The Silliest Thing I Ever Did



The winners of the final round were announced during the assembly.

ADVAY
NATHANY OF 7B
SECURED THE
FIRST PLACE



First Runner Up

DEEPRO ROY 7B

Second Runner Up

OINDRILA PAL 7A

Grade 6 presented a podcast titled

"Peptalk during the Pandemic"

where the students spoke about how to keep the morale high in these difficult times.

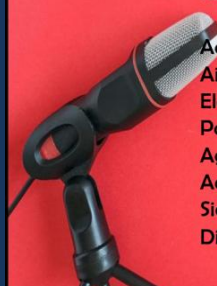
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Manjeer Mitra of Grade 10 was awarded Bronze in The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2020

