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Nursery - 22.3.21

Upper Nursery - 23.3.21

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2020-2021

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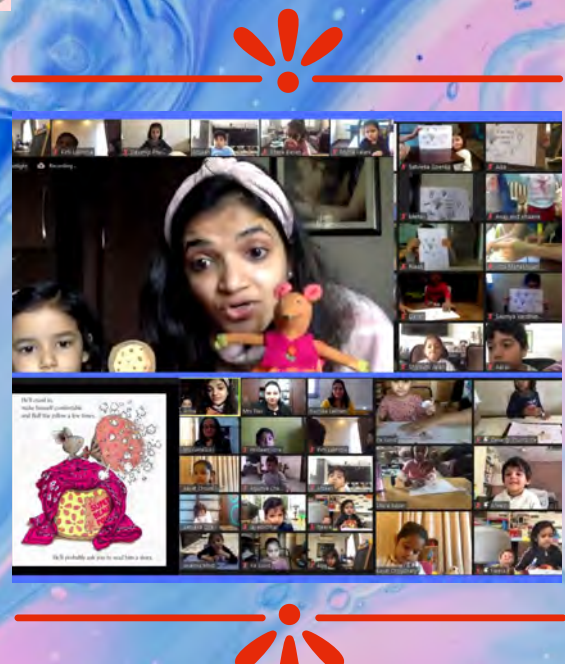
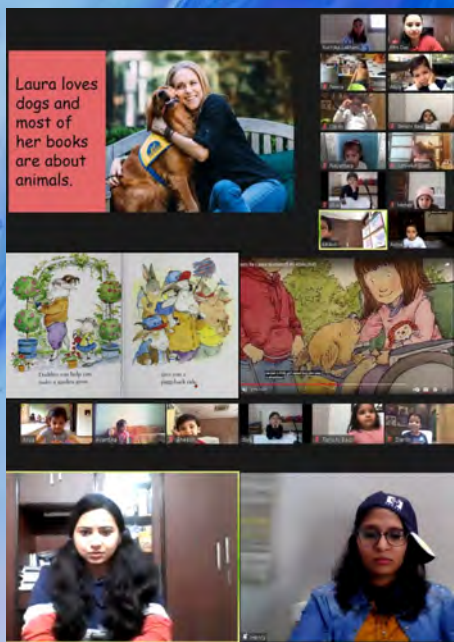




# Pre Nursery A

**“Just as jellybeans come in lots of flavours, there is a book everyone will like”- Laura Numeroff**

The CIS Primary Section celebrated author’s week, from 8th February to 12th February 2021, with great fervour and enthusiasm. This year Pre Nursery A read story books by the renowned children’s author, Laura Numeroff. We learnt about the author’s love for animals in each of her storybooks. She speaks about the values of love, compassion, friendship and others through a series of stories catering to the young learners. It was delightful to have Mrs. Bansal narrate the story - ‘If you give a mouse a cookie’. Her enthusiastic narrative, props and presentation captivated the students and teachers alike. Engaging story sessions were held in class. Students, together with their parents, created attractive crafts after reading the story - ‘What mommies and daddies do best?’ They also drew pictures of their favourite books by the author. It was an enriching learning experience.





# Pre Nursery B

Pre Nursery B's celebration of the famous works of Laura Joffe Numeroff, during the Author Week, was an enchanting experience. Tracking the story line was exciting due to the circular sequence of events in all of Laura's stories. Students were encouraged to make sock puppets, doughnut craft, birthday party hats, solve a maze, illustrate their favourite things from the books that were read, to name a few. Each session was made memorable by their enthusiastic participation.

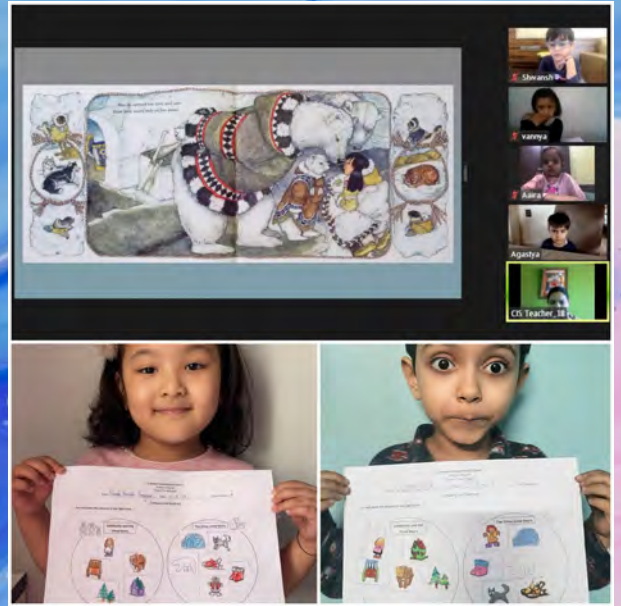






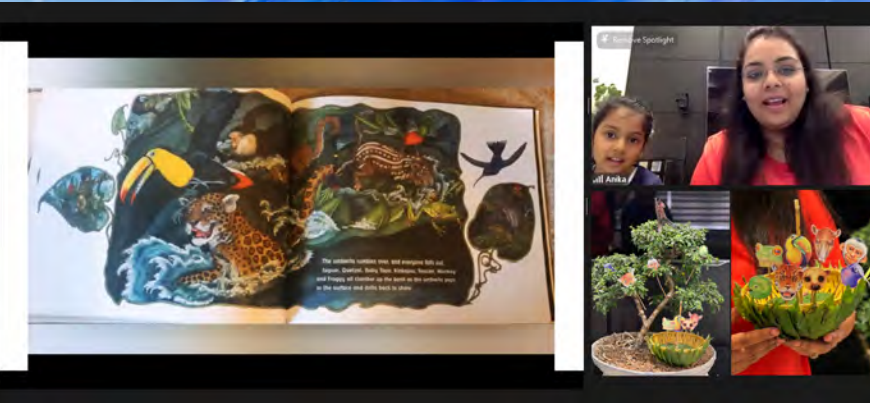
# Nursery A

Jan Brett was the author chosen for Nursery A. She is a writer and an illustrator of children's picture book. She loves travelling and all her stories depict animals and people from different culture. Just like her, the students of Nursery A also travelled to three habitats – the farm, the Arctic and the Rainforest through her stories The Hat, Three Snow Bears and The Umbrella respectively.



The character of 'Hedgie the hedgehog' in the story 'The Hat' was loved by all. Students made their own magnificent 'hat' after the story was narrated with the help of stick puppets.

The 'Three Snow Bears' was similar to the famous story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Children enjoyed comparing and identifying the similarities and differences between the two stories.



Anika's mother, Mrs. Khaitan narrated a story, 'The Umbrella'. It had animals from the Rainforest. The sequencing activity, with a Rainforest model and stick puppets, kept the students engaged.

The week was concluded with the learners drawing beautiful illustrations of their favourite story by Jan Brett.







# Nursery B



Nursery B celebrated the stories of Jan Brett. Through a power point presentation, videos and slides of her life sketches as a writer and an illustrator were shared with the students. Her love for travel and experiences were brought to life through a questionnaire session. The narrations of 'The Mitten' and 'Gingerbread baby' were integrated with follow-up activities on craft, painting music, P.E and Maths. 'Show and Tell' highlighted characters of their choice, as each one displayed objects from the story. It was a fun-learning week and the students showed great zest in doing all the activities independently.

## JAN BRETT- AUTHOR OF THE WEEK- NURSERY B



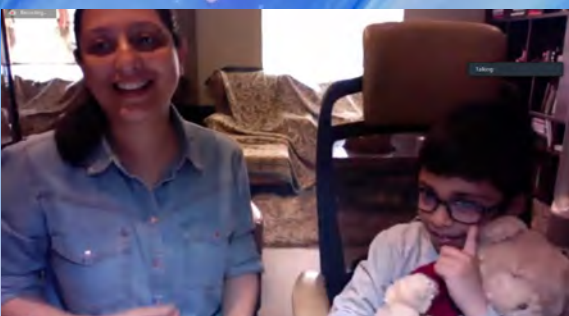


# Upper Nursery A



**“A child who reads will be an adult who thinks”**

Reading is the best exercise for the minds as it takes you places and develops your imagination. During Author Week, the students, of Upper Nursery A, were introduced to three authors and their stories - Jodi Moore, Faustin Charles and Natalie Russell. The entire week was filled with exciting activities as we weaved story telling with values, music, drama, art, creative writing, illustrations, book reports and Science and various other dimensions like making headbands of story characters, introducing dress codes and bringing toys to the classroom. Parents participated with equal enthusiasm and made it a wholesome and extra special week.







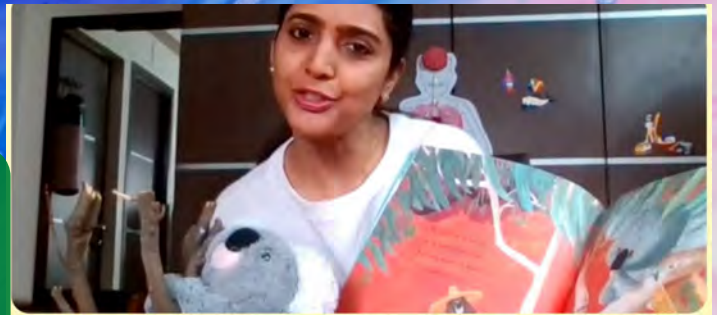
# Upper Nursery B



Upper Nursery B celebrated the works of two renowned authors - Giles Andrea and Rachael Bright. The books by these authors are on the topic of 'Growth Mindset' for young learners. Their stories help to start a conversation about taking risks, dealing with failure and having persistence through it all.



'Giraffes can't Dance', is a gentle inspiration for every child that 'Yes, we can' achieve what we want, even with little words of encouragement. Students heard the story with rapt attention as Mrs. S. N. Kaul (Medhaavi's mother), narrated the story. It was followed by introspection, where each student discovered, within themselves, the power to reach their goals.



'The Koala who Could', is an inspiring, rhyming story that empowers young readers to face change with courage and delight. A parent, Mrs. R. Jain, narrated the story with the help of props. Students had fun gathering facts about Koalas and making little Koalas on trees.



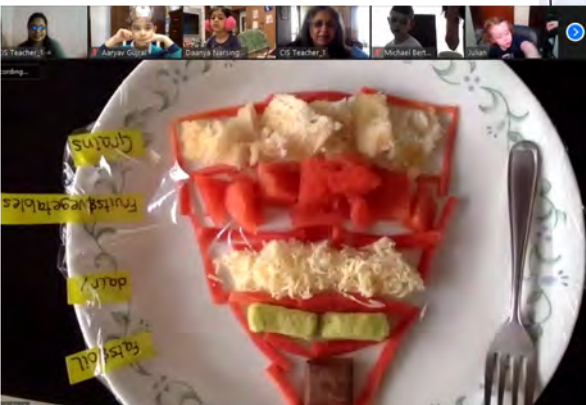
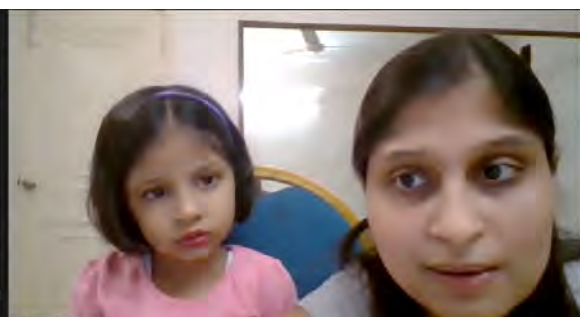
'Be Brave Little Penguin' is a feel-good rhyming story with a positive message. The story was narrated by Mrs. V. Khaitan (Ahana's mother). A follow up craft activity with shapes was enjoyed by the students.





# OUR HEALTHY WEEK

We do lots of things  
to keep fit and  
healthy!



The students, of Upper Nursery, participated in a “Healthy Week” project to understand the importance of self-hygiene, drinking enough water, sleeping on time, eating well and keeping fit. They followed a timetable to complete different tasks and maintained a record of their daily activities. One of the activities of the programme was to eat a ‘Balanced Diet’. The learners came prepared to eat a wholesome breakfast with their peers. Mrs. Ahuja (Science Coordinator, Junior School) spoke to the students about the importance of breakfast. She shared the benefits of eating a healthy breakfast and also some facts about how our intestine works. It was an insightful discussion which the students enjoyed thoroughly. Parent visitors organized special activities for the children and added a new dimension to the learning. It was a good experience and we have learned so much about taking care of our bodies, eating nutritious food and staying healthy.





# UPPER NURSERY - VIP OF THE WEEK

Meet the new VIPs of Upper Nursery A and B for the month of February. The students felt very important and happy as they shared their PPT's about their special interests, hobbies, talents, strengths and future aspirations on the virtual platform!



Aaryav, the knowledgeable one, loves to spend time with nature, gardening, animals and aspires to be a scientist



Aaryan, the musical star, is a talented singer and chess player who enjoys meditating and reading with his brother, Riyan



Arjun, the walking encyclopedia, loves to read and is fascinated with Nature and Science



Daanya, the pop star, has a passion for singing, writing and acting and believes in never giving up



Ronin, the brave samurai and artist, uses his imagination to create designs and poems

## UPPER NURSERY A



Tara, an avid reader, takes pride in her home library and likes to learn new languages



Miraan, the keen golfer and promising singer, takes pride in following his father's footsteps



Vaanya, the singer, is gifted in making her own songs, drawings and creates wonders with lego blocks





**'Books are our best friends'  
Kabir's love for reading keeps  
him busy in his cosy corner**



**Arjun loves reading and  
enjoys a variety of books**

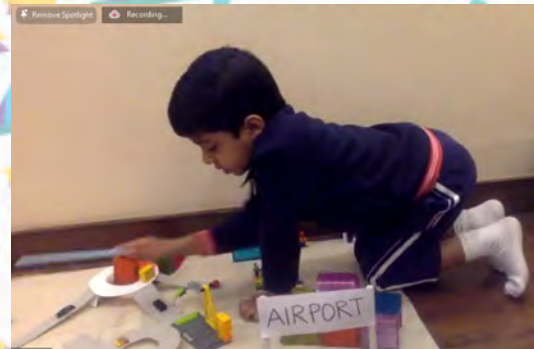


**Aadya shared her love for  
travelling and exploring  
nature**



**Ahana shared her interest in  
Geography and Animals**

# UPPER NURSERY B



**Amay loves to create models of  
places he has visted**



**Daksh enjoys discovering  
and experimenting**



**Tamanna has 'Wind  
beneath her Wings'- Roller  
skating, a skill mastered  
during the lockdown**



**Medhaavi shared her love for  
nature and unique ways of  
propagating her plants**





# JUNIOR SCHOOL ENGLISH ELOCUTION COMPETITION



**“The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.” – Mark Twain**

Public speaking is indeed a skill that not only requires good vocabulary but also a lot of courage. Braving the impediments posed by online learning, students of Grades 1-5, participated in the Virtual Junior English Elocution Competition 2020-2021 on the 28th and 29th of January 2021. The eloquent participants created history at the first ever Virtual English Elocution Competition, as they broke the barriers of distance and enthralled the audience with their power of elocution. The students were confident on the online platform and it was a sheer delight to listen to them as they elocuted with clarity, proper modulation and articulated their words well.

The competition was judged by external as well as internal judges who were cordially invited to the digital platform by the Principal of the Junior School, Mrs. Pratima Nayar. Mrs. Nayar and Section Heads, Mrs. Choudhary and Mrs. Majumdar, graced the occasion to encourage and appreciate the participants. They were happy with the success of the event and thanked the students, parents and the English teachers for their support and guidance. All participants of the day will receive a Certificate of Participation and the winners will also receive a trophy each.

## GRADE 1

The students, of Grade 1, recited poems on the theme of nature. The judges, Mrs. Kuntala Ghosh, an ex teacher of CIS and Mr. Surya Subha Banerjee, Section Head and English teacher of the Middle section at CIS, were impressed with the performances and applauded the young learners.

The winners of Grade 1 were -  
1st - Ayra Tehreem Khan  
2nd - Mohor Mukherjee Ghosh and  
Ryan Dutta Gupta  
3rd - Saranya Saha





# GRADE 2



The theme given to the second graders was 'The Beauty of Nature' who took all present on a Nature's Trail. The judges for the event, Ms. Piali Ray and Ms. Kusumika Mitra were full of appreciation for the lovely poems chosen and the commendable effort put in by the young learners.

The winners of Grade 2 were -

1st - Samara Laiq and Vairaj Jhunjunwala

2nd - Zara Sengupta

3rd - Anishka Agrawal



# GRADE 3

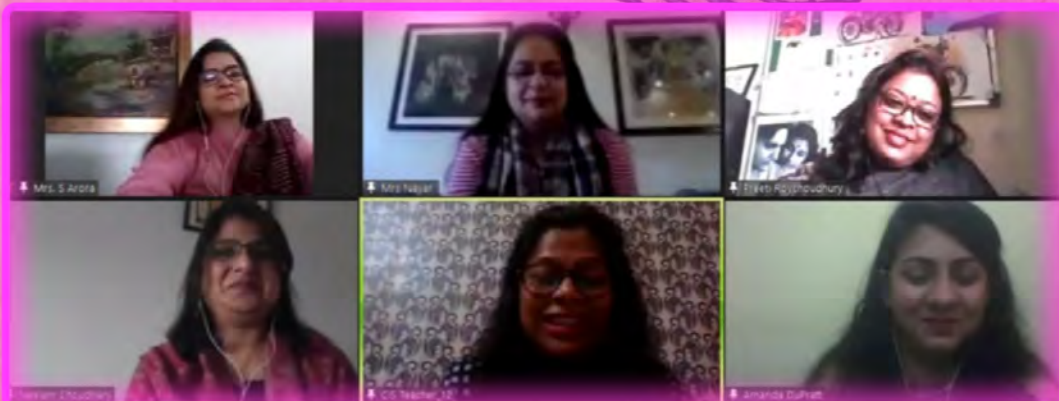
The talented competitors, from Grade 3, recited poems on the theme of joy, hope and new beginnings. The judges, Mrs. Shalini Arora and Mrs. Preeti Roychoudhury, loved each performance and admitted that judging them had been a tough task. As a result, there was a tie for all the top three spots and each participant took home a trophy!

The winners of Grade 3 were -

1st - Sammagnah Bardhan and Ayaansh Jain

2nd - Vedang Shah and Vaanya Baid

3rd - Aarav Pasari and Shivaay More





# GRADE 4



The powerful and articulate orators, of Grade 4, mesmerised the audience by delivering self-written speeches with confidence and poise. Some students expressed their views on the life lessons they have learnt due to the unforeseen school closure during the pandemic while the other participants spoke about the most important people in their lives with reasons. The judges, Mrs. Ushashi Ghosh and Mrs. Tina Servaia, were fascinated by the fact that all the speeches were written by the students and that they shared their perspectives effortlessly. They confessed that judging the students was a difficult task and so there was a tie for the first and second spots.

The winners of Grade 4 were -

1st - Agastya Chanda and Natarsha Roy

2nd - Khyaati Kothari and Ashwin Chowdhury

3rd - Hridhaan Gupta

This year, six finalists from Grade 5, presented famous speeches by well-known personalities from different walks of life and from different periods in history. The contestants were judged by two external judges - Mrs. Kaveri Dutt, of the Loreto Education Board, South Asia Province, and Mr. Surya Subha Banerjee, Section Head of the Middle Section in CIS. The students were complimented by the judges for their excellent, socially relevant and mature, though age appropriate choice of speech.

The winners of Grade 5 were -

1st - Swaralipi Banerjee

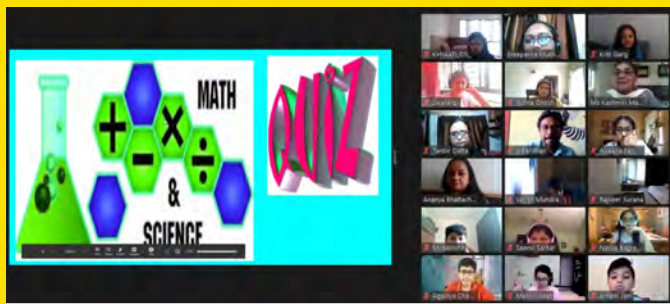
2nd - Dibyesh Sanyal

3rd - Anjini Dasgupta

# GRADE 5







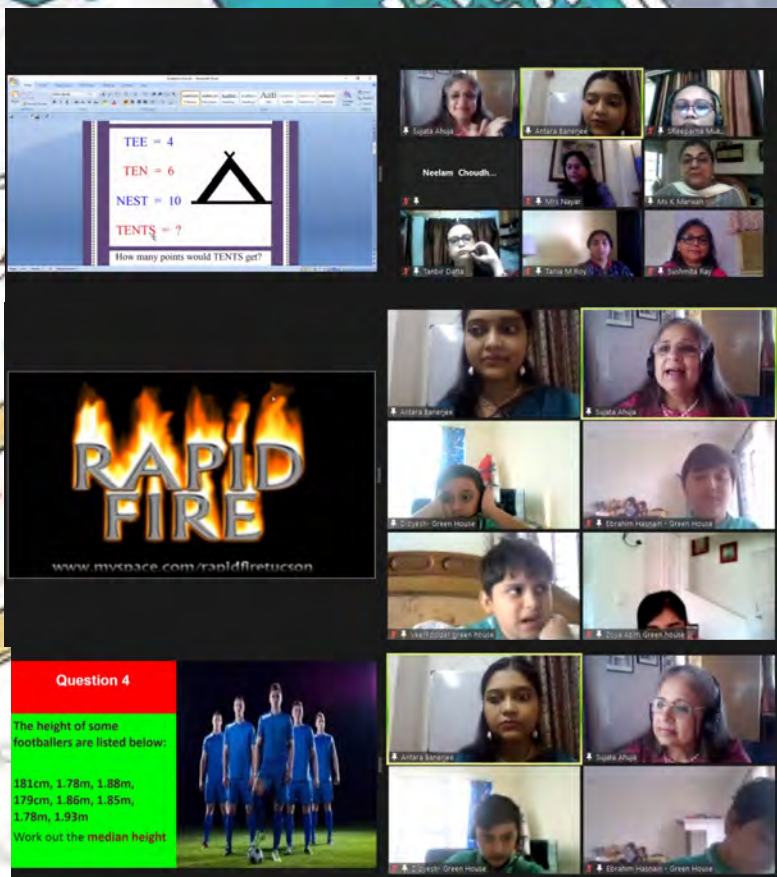
# JUNIOR SCHOOL MATH & SCIENCE QUIZ

A Virtual Math-Science Quiz was held on Friday, the 19th of February, which was well attended by pupils and Faculty of the Junior School, as well as by the Heads of Departments of both subjects from the Senior School. 4 Pupils from each House, from Grades 4 and 5 combined, formed a team with 3 teams in total in this closely contested House Competition between the 3 Houses – Red, Green and Yellow.

The team members from Red House were – Agastya Chanda and Ashwin Chowdhury from Grade 4 and Neil Gutgutia and Karan Jhunjhunwala from Grade 5. Yellow House was represented by Vivaan Siotia, Tanay Rampuria from Grade 4, Rajanya Deb and Srijan Saha from Grade 5. From Green House, the quizzers were Veer Poddar and Zoya Azim from Grade 4 and Ebrahin Hasnain and Dibyesh Sanyal from Grade 5.

The Quiz Masters, the Math and Science teachers of the Junior School, namely Mrs. Sujata Ahuja, Mrs. Antara Banerjee, Mrs. Ananya Bhattacharya, Mrs. Sreeparna Mukherjee had conceptualized the virtual quiz.

The quiz was held in a number of time bound, grippingly exciting and varied rounds with interesting questions that were linked to the school curriculum and these tested the extent to which students could apply their knowledge and skills to real-life situations. These began with a round of general questions from each subject through a PPT with wonderful animation side by side. This was followed by a Rapid Fire round which tested the tenacity, and presence of mind of the intrepid participants, along with their knowledge, on the spot calculation powers, memory, logic and application skills.

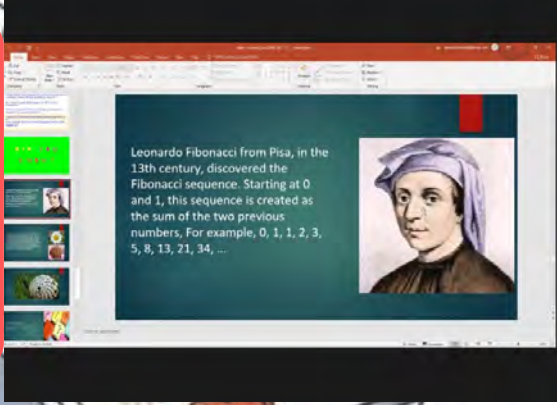






In the Activity Round, an experiment, by Laboratory Assistant, Mr Sumanta Adhikary, was shown to the participants and had to be decoded by them, and a Math puzzle had to be solved as well.

The Activity Round was held in Breakout Rooms, while the rest of the audience were shown a PPT on a great Mathematician, Leonardo Fabionacci, during this period.



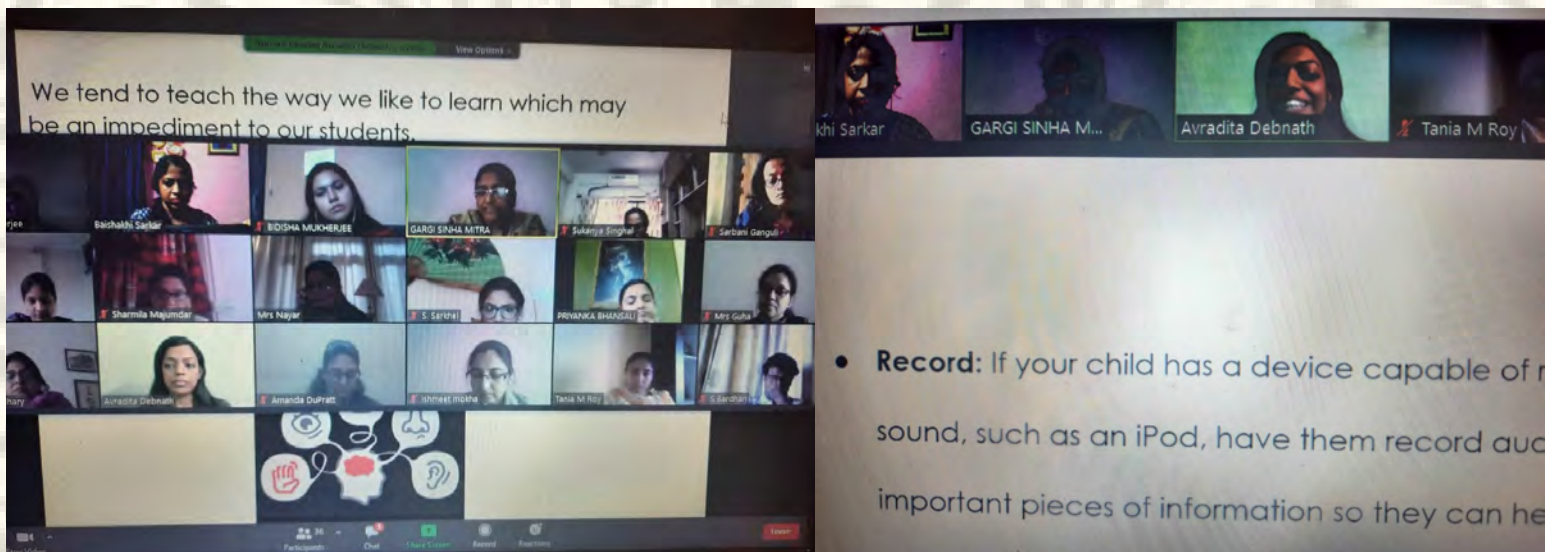
The most exciting part was when the results were announced. Red House won, followed by Green and then Yellow House.



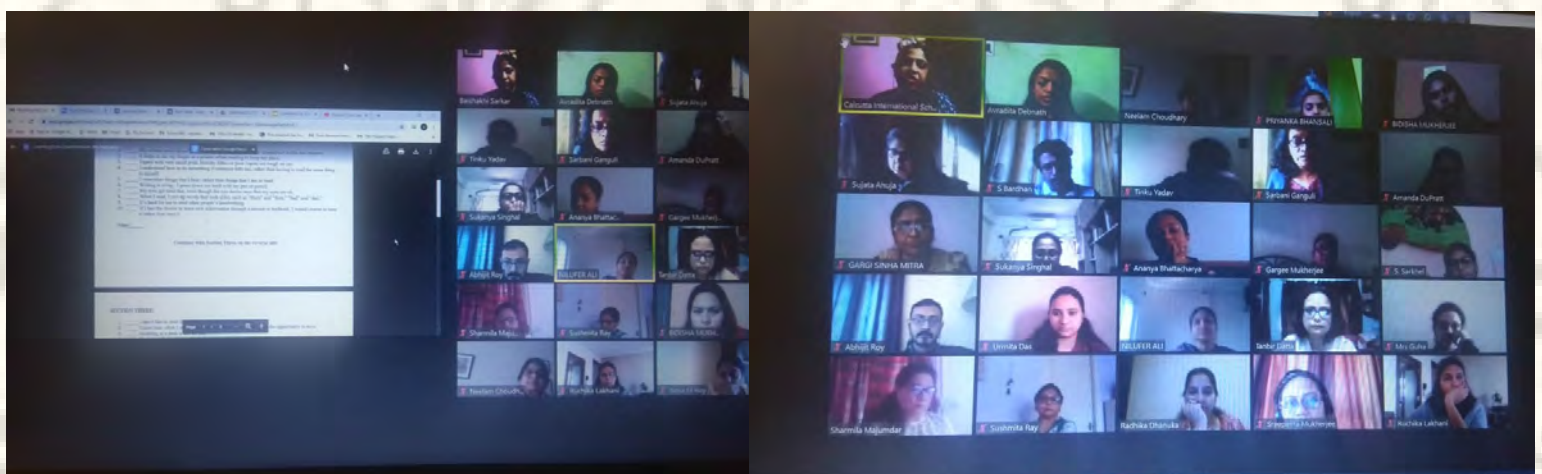
Nothing succeeds like success. A picture of the beautifully designed Trophy for the winners, as a reward of their success, along with the Certificates of Participation for each quizer was shown and which would be handed over shortly to them. Mrs. Nayyar, Junior School Principal, Mrs. Choudhary, Section Head- Junior Section and Mrs. Majumdar, Section Head-Primary Section under whose leadership and initiative this occasion had been made possible, congratulated the Math and Science teachers of the Junior School as the Quiz was a result of their aspirations and efforts for the pupils.



# Workshop by the SEN department



The SEN department conducted a sensitization programme for mainstream teachers of Junior School - "Learning Style - Creating an engaging environment" on 8th February, 2021. The programme was planned as part of the continuous training from SEN dept to mainstream teachers. Rationale behind this programme was to help the teachers to understand the individual differences in their students' learning styles, so that they can implement best practice strategies in their classrooms. A video was shared highlighting the importance of individualized learning style. Later, teachers were asked to answer a questionnaire based on the learning style. This activity helped teachers to identify their own learning style. After that, through a PPT, the strengths of each learning style and strategies to teach students under each learning style (Visual, Auditory, Kinesthetic and Tactile) were discussed. The SEN Educators, Mrs. Sinha Mitra, Ms. Debnath, Mrs. Ali and Mrs. Sarkar cleared teachers' doubts through a question answer session. At the end, teachers had to fill in a google form as an exit ticket. The program was interactive and the teaching strategies shared by the SEN department for diverse learners is surely going to be useful.





# Counselling Session

The students of grade 4 attended a session on "Communication with Empathy" with the school counsellors (4A on 5th February and 4B on 12th February, 2021). The interactive session enabled the children to brainstorm and discuss the various aspects of communication such as eye contact, tone of voice, waiting for one's turn to ask questions, using gestures and many more. The importance of non verbal communication was explained, with a special emphasis on Listening skills. Children were given an insight into how Active Listening can enhance communication with others.



Communication skills are a crucial aspect of interpersonal relationships. For communication to be effective, we must work on being receptive to others, as much as we need to focus on self expression. To sensitize Grade 2 students on the topic, the school counsellors held life skill sessions on 19th and 26th February, 2021. The interactive sessions emphasized the importance of Non-Verbal Communication and how it impacts our interpersonal interaction. Various aspects of communication were addressed and explained - such as listening, eye contact, use of gestures, paying adequate attention to the speaker, reflecting, waiting for one's turn to speak, to name a few. The session aimed at enabling students to be effective and holistic communicators.





# ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

## CIS LOYALTY AWARD

We are so proud to have Ms. Kashmiri Marwah and Mrs. Gargi Sinha Mitra, as part of our CIS family, for the last 15 and 10 years respectively. We are confident that they will keep up the good work for many years to come. Congratulations on achieving such an awe inspiring feat. Their dedication is truly appreciated. Thank you for being such valuable members of our team.

### Certificate of Loyalty



This award hereby certifies special recognition for

Ms. Kashmiri Marwah

in honour of a high quality work service for 15 years

Congratulations for completion of 15 years of service with Calcutta International School Society in the month of

January 2021

We convey our heartfelt gratitude for this long association

Mrs. Pratima Nayar

Principal – Junior School

Mr. Ayan Pal

CEO

### Certificate of Loyalty



This award hereby certifies special recognition for

Mrs. Gargi Sinha Mitra

in honour of a high quality work service for 10 years

Congratulations for completion of 10 years of service with Calcutta International School Society in the month of

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CEO

## Pidilite Industries Limited Organic All India Science Contest 2020-2021

**Rayan Karan Samtani, of Grade 3B,  
has qualified for the National level of  
the All India Science Contest.**

**We wish him all the best!**





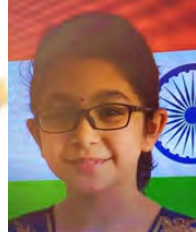
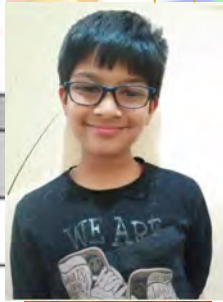
# iNAVMO & IMMO 2021 - SCHOOL AWARDS

The International Mental Math Olympiad was held in two phases. Round 1 was selection round and round 2 was Semi Final Round. In each round children had to attempt 50 questions in 5 minutes.

Special mention to Shashwat Gupta, Grade 1, and Meher Vineet, Grade 4, who qualified and appeared for the National level in the month of February.



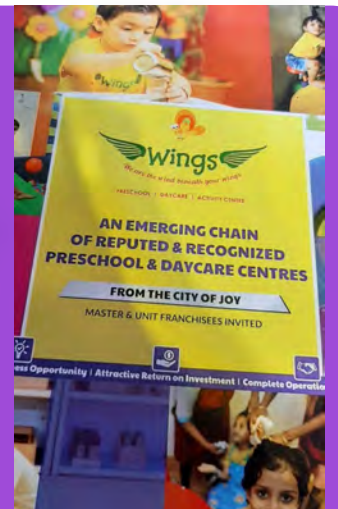
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<b>GAMMA GROUP (MENTAL MATHS)</b>					
1	2000866	SHASHWAT GUPTA	1st	GAMMA 2	CLASS TOPPER GOLD MEDAL CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
2	2000861	KRISHNAV MAROTHIA	2nd	GAMMA 3	SCHOOL GOLD MEDAL CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
3	2000791	RAYAN SAMTANI	3rd	GAMMA 3	SCHOOL SILVER MEDAL CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
4	2000772	MEHR VINEET	4th	GAMMA 4	CLASS TOPPER GOLD MEDAL CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
5	2000947	VIRAJ ROY CHOWDHURY	5th	GAMMA 4	CLASS TOPPER GOLD MEDAL CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE



## Mrs Nayar as the Chief Guest

Dr Suborno Bose, Chairman, IIHM & Indismart Group Worldwide and CEO, International Hospitality Council invited Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Junior Principal of Calcutta International School to attend the launch of 'Wings'. She congratulated the team for having successfully operating its preschool in the city and for moving ahead with the ambitious plan of expanding the footprint of 'Wings'. Mrs. Nayar also expressed her wish to provide hands on experiences for developing a realistic environment as is prevalent in the learning culture of CIS.

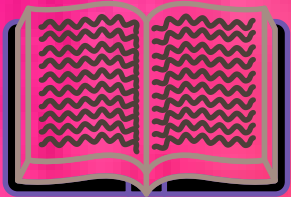
Mrs. Nayar was requested to present the 'Jewel of Bengal Awards' to some of the most iconic personalities of Bengal for their tireless efforts and contribution to society especially during these very trying times. This special occasion and ceremony organized by IIHM - Asia's largest Hotel School Chain was held at the Regency Lawns, Hyatt Regency, on 30th January 2021.



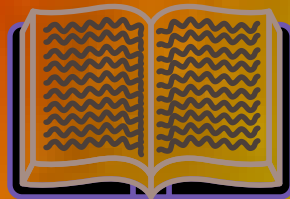


# HAPPY HOLI

Team CIS wishes you and your family a very bright, colourful and joyful Holi.



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