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21.4.21 to 23.4.21 - End of the year Assessments for
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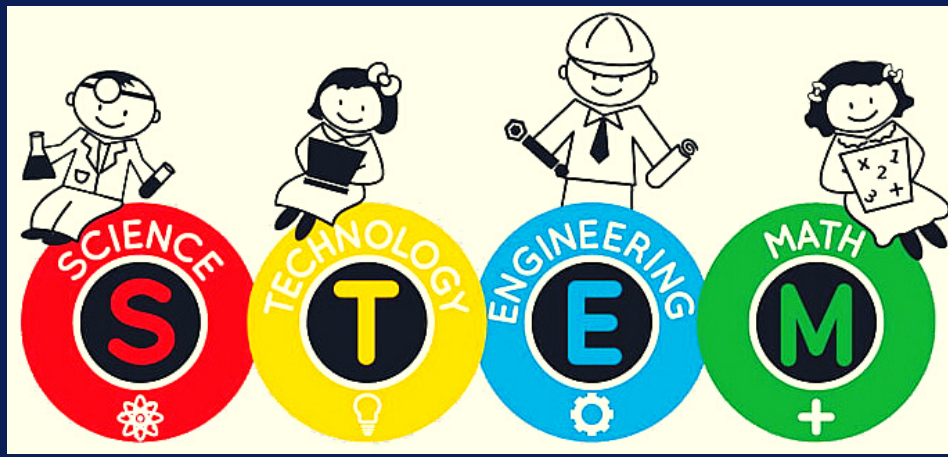
26.4.21 to 28.4.21 - End of the year Assessments for
Grade 4

22.4.21 - Earth Day Celebration - Grades Pre Nursery to 5

Welcome to

EARTH

MONTH



WEEK

The Primary Math department observed the week from 8th - 12th March as STEM WEEK. Students with a positive growth mindset are much more likely to take chances, think out of the box, and persevere when their first ideas don't quite work out as planned. This is essential for STEM study and was one of the main goals of exploring STEM. The experience of learning and understanding concepts while integrating with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics has been truly amazing for each student throughout the section.

The students of **Pre Nursery A** together with their teachers participated in engaging STEM activities. In this endeavour, we learnt about dinosaur fossils, magnets and the process of launching a rocket.



Dinosaur fossil activity – Students made dinosaur dough fossils. They measured and recorded the ingredients used to knead. Once the dough was ready, students took imprints of their dinosaur toys/fork to make trace fossils. To end the activity, they air-dried and baked the fossils under the sun or in the oven.



Launching Rockets - Students participated enthusiastically in creating their paper rockets and launchers. They rolled and folded paper to make the rocket with its launcher. Some of them used straws. They blew in the launcher and watched as their rockets flew away. Students measured the distance by counting steps. They recorded their observations in the activity sheet.



Fishing coins - In this activity, we learnt about magnets and its attraction to metal. Students made fishing rods using sticks/blocks/ice-cream sticks, they used a string and tied a knot with the help of their parents. Children used magnets to fish out coins from a bowl of water. They were given a time of 30 seconds to complete the activity. Students counted the number of coins they could fish out within the given time.

In **Pre Nursery B** English, Math and EVS lessons were integrated to provide holistic learning. Students assembled an octopus from scratch, froze liquid juice to a solid ice lolly and had it too to see the wonder of water change its form. A follow up number activity was done where students pasted dots on the paper ice cream with numbered sticks. An alternative escape route for Jack of Jack and the beanstalk was also planned and demonstrated by the young engineers! Paper folding art, origami, was used to make a paper boat as a follow up activity to the story – Little Grey Donkey. It was a week full of fun and discoveries!



The little engineers of **Nursery A** were engaged in constructing, experimenting, recording and problem solving.

Our first activity was building a strong house for the little pig using toothpicks (as many required) and only 12 play dough balls. The role of the wolf was played by a hairdryer, which tried to blow the house down. Children recorded the number of toothpicks they used to build a strong house and illustrated their observation of what happened before and after the wolf tried to blow the house down.



Our second activity of the week was constructing two catapults with different fulcrum using plastic spoons and pegs. Children enjoyed shooting paper balls, comparing the catapults and analysing which one shot the paper balls farthest.



To conclude the STEM Activity Week, children chose an activity of their choice and shared it with their peers and teachers in class.



In **Nursery B** the STEM activity was integrated with EVS as children created their own Spring garden. They used play dough, pasta, straws, a tray, paper flowers and discussed the properties of each object as we worked on the project. Children counted the number of straws, pasta pieces, paper flowers and the cakes of play dough used. They recorded these observations on a sheet provided to them incorporating the number of steps involved in the process.

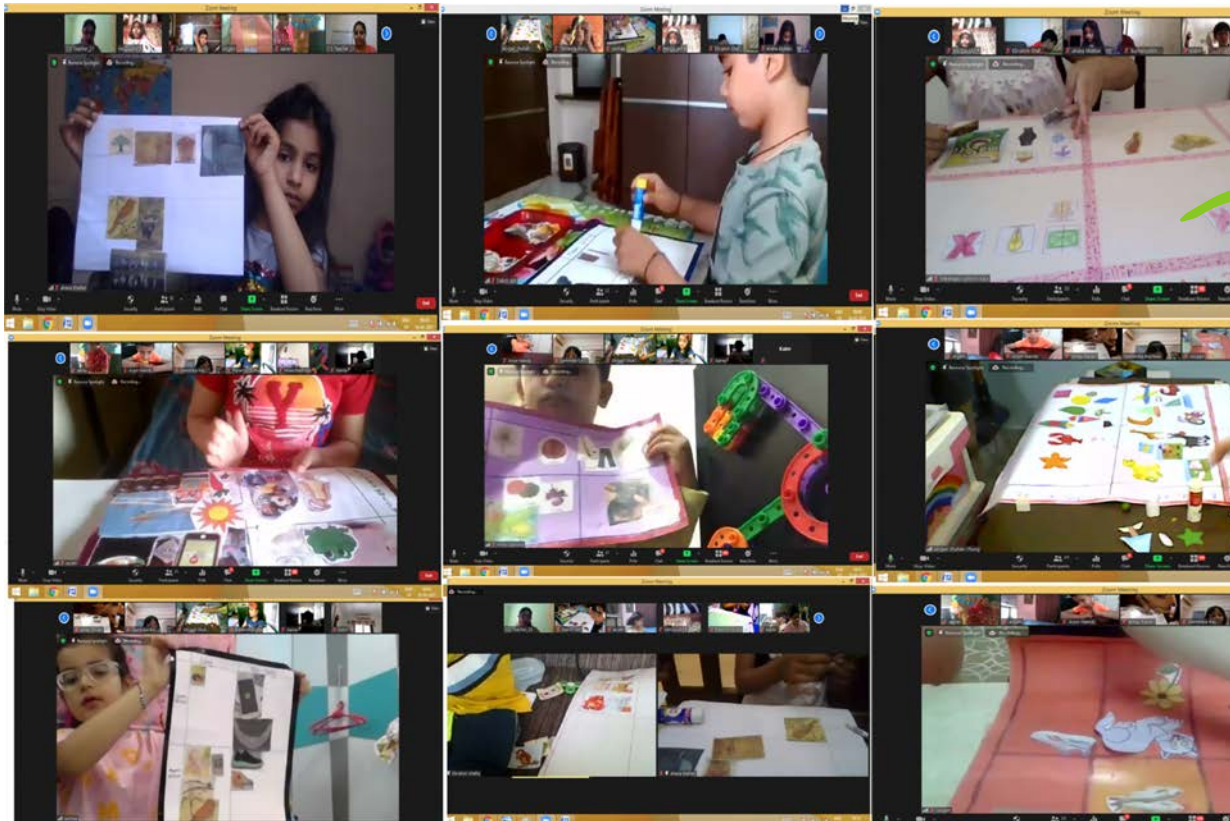
On the day of the presentation by children, some of them showed varied activities like rolling marbles on a roller coaster made by them with play dough, counting Lego pieces and building a robot and then drawing its shadow, mixing different colours and counting the number of colours used to make a new colour. Others made charts and showed their work on the Spring garden done in class. The students of Nursery B showed great enthusiasm and involvement in each activity.



The children of **Upper Nursery** did sorting and categorizing of Data by collecting magazine cut outs and placing them in the proper place in a Carroll Diagram. This was a collaboration of Science with Math where the children learnt about living and nonliving things and the materials they are made of. The children focussed on the properties of symmetry and asymmetry as they observed each picture and put them in the right place.



Upper Nursery A



Upper Nursery B

VIP of the week

Meet the last few VIPs of Upper Nursery A and B for the month of March. It has been a wonderful journey knowing each child's personality and listening to them share a slice of their life. Thank you for displaying your talents, treasured moments, family stories, favourite things and future aspirations. It was the best way to know you from a distance!

UPPER NURSERY A



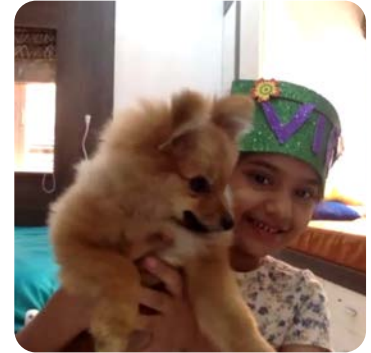
Mitchell has had a adventurous childhood studying in different parts of the world. He enjoys fishing, sports and dressing up for Halloween.



Soraiya the rare gem expresses her love for singing, dancing, art, yoga and baking. She gives the best hugs too!



Michael weaves magic into everything he does- Reading, writing, sports and playing the piano are some of his favourite things



Mannat's smile lights up her face as she proudly talks about her new pet and her love for gymnastics, dancing and swimming.



Julian the versatile star enjoys growing up in Kolkata and says he loves adventure, animals, dancing and spending time with his family.



Dhruv the guiding star is a treasured friend. He loves the outdoors and enjoys nature, travelling and spending time with his family.



Anaya the enthusiastic star is keen to try out different art and craft activities, dancing, dressing up for festivals and posing for pictures.



Araddya is a creative and innovative star. She enjoys devoting her time towards making beautiful pieces of art and craft.

UPPER NURSERY B



Aarav, the explorer shared amazing facts about the continents of the world.



Aarna spoke of the importance of water and the water cycle.



Ebrahim took us for a tour to New Zealand- his birthplace and presented a few Maori dance steps



Arohi shared information about herself, her likes and dislikes.



Wogen narrated unknown facts of our Solar System and the Milky Way and spontaneously answered questions posed to him.



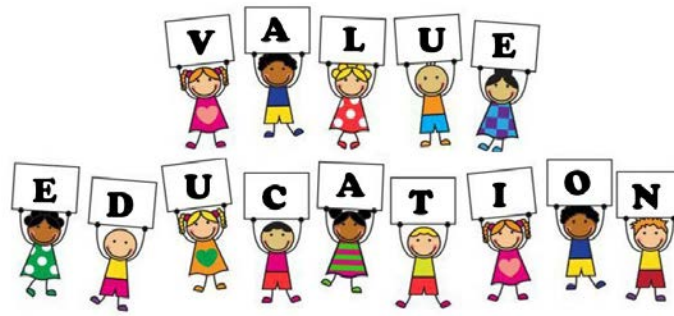
Ripanshi shared her travel diaries and stole our hearts with her talent in singing and dancing.



Hrian propogates his love for regular exercise and Yoga- a way of healthy living.



Sammika's love for flowers and butterflies was evident through her presentation.

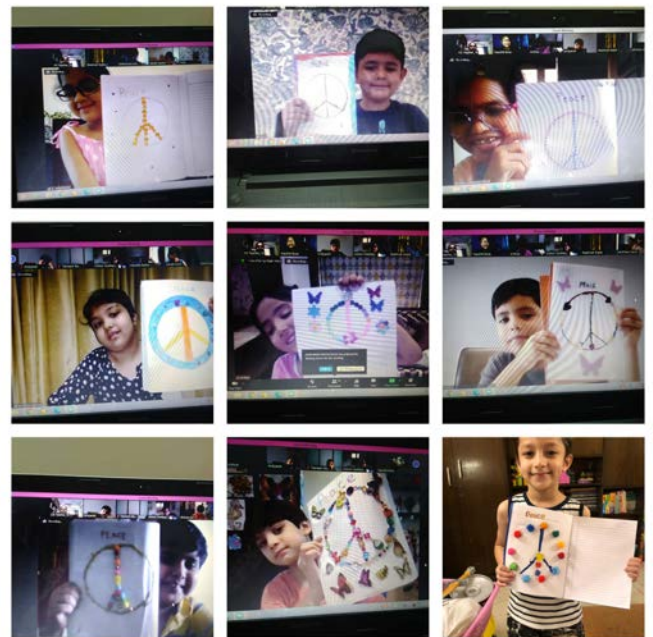


Open your arms to change but don't let go of your values - Dalai Lama

Teaching children the right values is the best way to make sure our society and our future generations flourish.

Grade 1

It is paramount for our children to learn values since they deeply influence our behaviour, attitude, decisions and relationships. Children learn values through our explanations of the world. Keeping this in mind, the students of Grade 1, have been learning to differentiate between what is good and bad, an endeavour which shall help build their ability to solve problems in their life successfully and independently. Value Education classes also aim at the children having fun while learning these values through songs, stories, art and craft.



Peace is always beautiful



Kindness is free...sprinkle them everywhere

Children made posters on 'Cooperation' in their ICT class



Team Work



Building together

Alone we can do so little. together we can do so much!

Grade 2

It is not enough for students to hear about values. To really learn they must experience them at different levels, making them their own. Moreover, values are needed to be used throughout the day. It is the responsibility of each adult to role model and exemplify these values to the younger generation. The young learners of Grade 2 were able to reflect on important cultural values like **Unity** and **Gratitude** through famous quotes, stories, nature and animals, art and songs in the Value Education sessions. They enjoyed several activities while focusing on the attitude of gratitude, showing appreciation, valuing the work of others, creating a sense of belonging and increasing well-being for all.



Unity is Harmony



gratitude towards Mother Earth



Qualities needed to improve the world



Gratitude increases our happiness



Gratitude is the Best Attitude



Giving thanks in all languages

Grade 3

The importance of **Honesty** and **Patience** has always been relevant for cognitive development. Through stories, various activities and Q and A students of Grade 3 were encouraged to look at the effect of individual actions on others and how each one of them can make a difference in society by imbibing these core values. They were asked to make up a skit / situation for portraying themes of Patience and Honesty. They then looked into the effect of dis-honesty and impatience on the lives of others and shared how they felt.

The learners discovered some ways to increase **Patience**-

1. Be confident that you can
2. Practice regular diary writing
3. Eat food slowly
4. Meditate
5. Build the habit of reading books
6. Expect the unexpected
7. Do not Compare
8. Give yourself time.



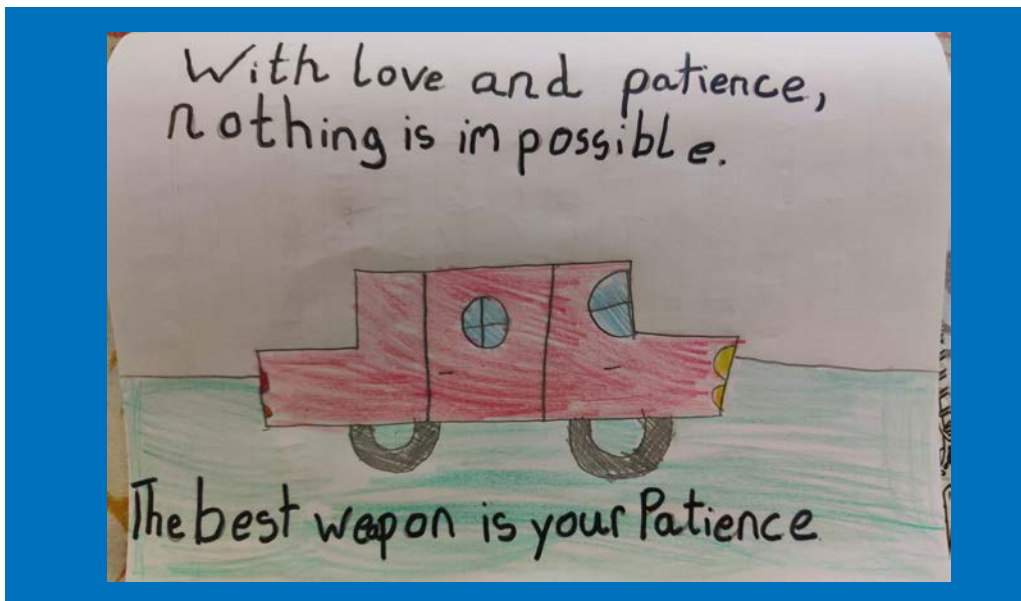
Healthy Relationships are built with Honesty



Patience to learn a new skill



The fruit of Patience is sweet

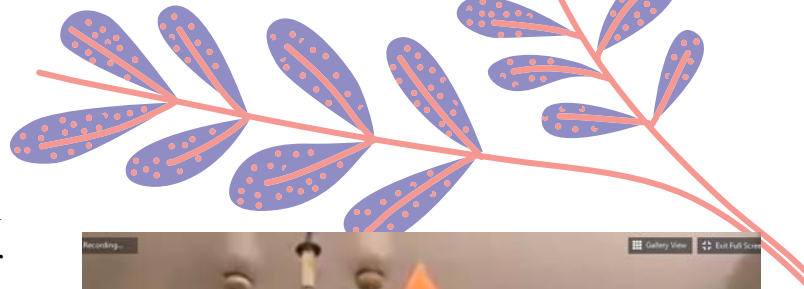


Patience grows with practice



Patience with my family

Grade 4



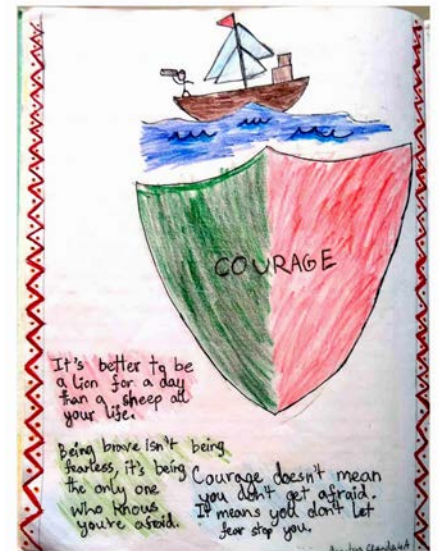
The values of **Hope** and **Courage** are essential tools of human survival. It is the key for building faith, resilience and inner strength. The students of Grade 4 explored a variety of situations where they have had to face their fears, increase their courage and stand up for themselves and their friends. They also learned the important lesson of not giving up! Sharing personal experiences and thoughts and reading about famous courageous people helped the students to discover the importance of these values through the medium of stories, creative expression, quotes and PPT's.



Light a candle of Hope



This is what courage means to me...



Have the courage - Don't give up easily



An expression of courage



Be courageous like Maa Durga



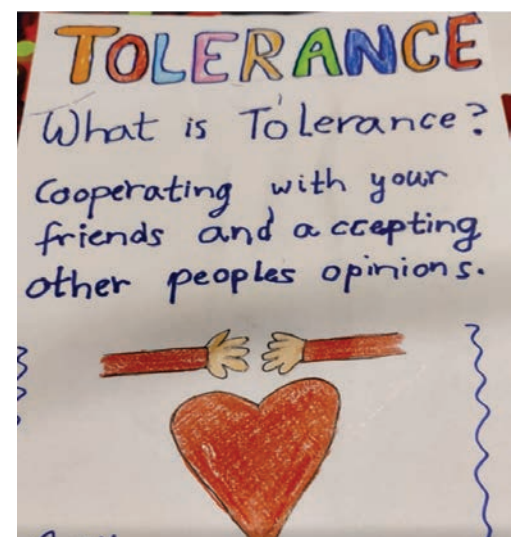
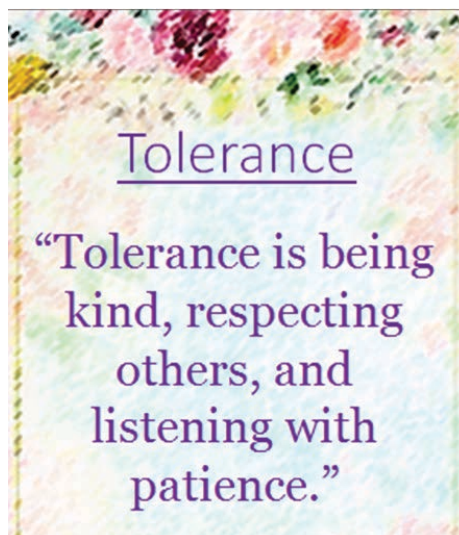
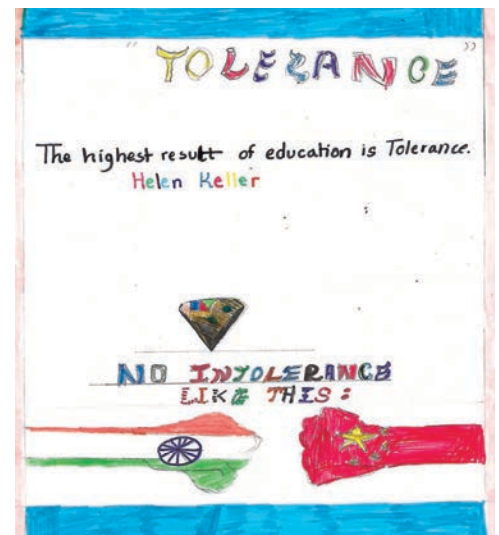
Discovering courageous Heros

Grade 5

Children around the world are increasingly affected by violence, growing social problems and a lack of respect for each other and the world around them. The students of Grade 5 are learning some important social values in their Value Education classes through discussions and various other activities and we hope to see them grow into responsible citizens who will take over the world one day and turn it into a loving and peaceful place where everyone is respected and live together in harmony.



Peace begins with tolerance and respect for everyone.



There is only one happiness in life: to love and be loved

Junior School Vernacular Elocution Competition - where the heart speaks the language of one's soul.

Once again the students of the Junior Section displayed their oratory skills by participating in the Vernacular Elocution Competition on the virtual platform.

We at CIS believe that every student must get an opportunity to participate in the events of the school. Based on their performances of a poem assigned to them, students from Grades 1 to 5 were selected by the teachers for the final event in their respective language.

The Vernacular Elocution Competition was held on the 18th and 19th of March 2021 amidst great excitement and enthusiasm. It was a sheer delight to listen to the students' recitation of poems as much as it was listening to their teachers who were compering the events. On both the days, the students and teachers were exposed to some excellent theme based poems which caught the attention of the judges present. They appreciated the variety of choices and the effort put in by the students to memorise and elocute the poems with clarity and modulation, articulating the words well. The judges appreciated the students' understanding of the poetry pieces as they were recited meaningfully.

Mrs Nayar congratulated the students on their performances and encouraged them to take pride in their mother tongue and never hesitate to speak in the language. She also expressed her appreciation on the successful execution of the event on the online platform and thanked Mrs Choudhary, Mrs Ray and all the teachers of the Language Department for organising the event and guiding the students well.

Grade 1

Theme - Nature based poems



Bengali

Judges -Mrs Tania Ghosh, teacher of CIS, Senior Section and Ms. Tania Podder from Akshar School.

1st - Mohor Mukherjee Ghosh
2nd - Saranya Saha
3rd - Ayra Tehreem Khan





Hindi

Judges -Ms. Suman Dhanuka, Hindi teacher of CIS, Middle Section and Ms. Anupama Jhunjhunwala from Akshar School.

- 1st - Amaira Singhania
- 2nd - Dyuti Jain
- 3rd- Samarth Saraff

The students were applauded for the confidence on the online platform and their effort to articulate the words well, with perfection.

Grade 2

Theme - Nature based poems



Bengali

Judges -Mrs. Antara Banerjee, Subject Coordinator - Math, CIS, Junior School and Ms. Tania Podder, Bengali teacher from Akshar School.

- 1st - Demira Mukherjee
- 2nd - Samara Laiq
- 3rd - Shnaya Chowdhury



Hindi

Judges -Mrs. Sujata Ahuja, Subject Coordinator - Science, CIS, Junior School and Ms. Anupama Jhunjhunwala, Hindi teacher from Akshar School.

- 1st - Rhyah Khurana
- 2nd - Krishnav Marothia
- 3rd - Avika Kejriwal

The judges complimented the students on their choice of poems and their effort to learn them well.

Grade 3

Theme - Games/Holidays/Childhood



Bengali

Judges -Mrs. Preeti Roychoudhury, HOD - English and Coordinator Languages - Senior School and Ms. Tania Podder, Bengali teacher from Akshar School.

- 1st - Kayaan Raja
- 2nd - Sammagnah Bardhan
- 3rd - Damayanti Ray





Hindi

Judges -Ms. Kashmiri Marwah, teacher of English and Hindi, CIS, Junior Section and Ms. Pragya Gupta, CIS parent, entrepreneur and theatre personality

1st - Aarav Pasari
2nd - Vedang Shah
3rd - Viren Chakrabarti and Shivam Himatsingka

The judges were elated to hear the students recite such wonderful poems of varied themes which lent the morning a perfect start. They appreciated the students for their enthusiasm and wonderful portrayal of the poems.

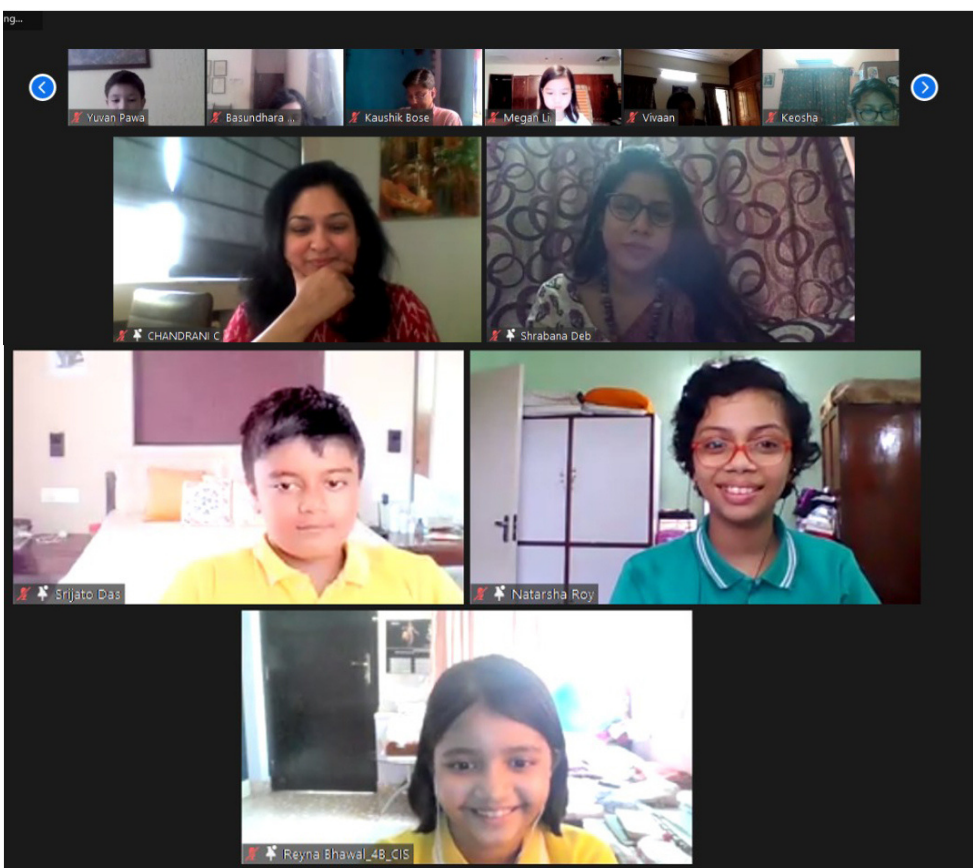
Grade 4

Theme - Food/Festivals/Celebrations

Bengali

Judges -Mrs. Chandrani Chatterjee - Science teacher, CIS, Middle and Senior Sections and Ms. Shrabana Deb - Special Educator and Elocutionist from Akshar School.

1st - Srijato Das
2nd - Natarsha Roy
3rd - Reyna Bhawal





Hindi

Judges -Ms. Pragya Gupta, CIS parent, entrepreneur and theater personality and Ms. Manasi Mishra, CIS parent and social worker

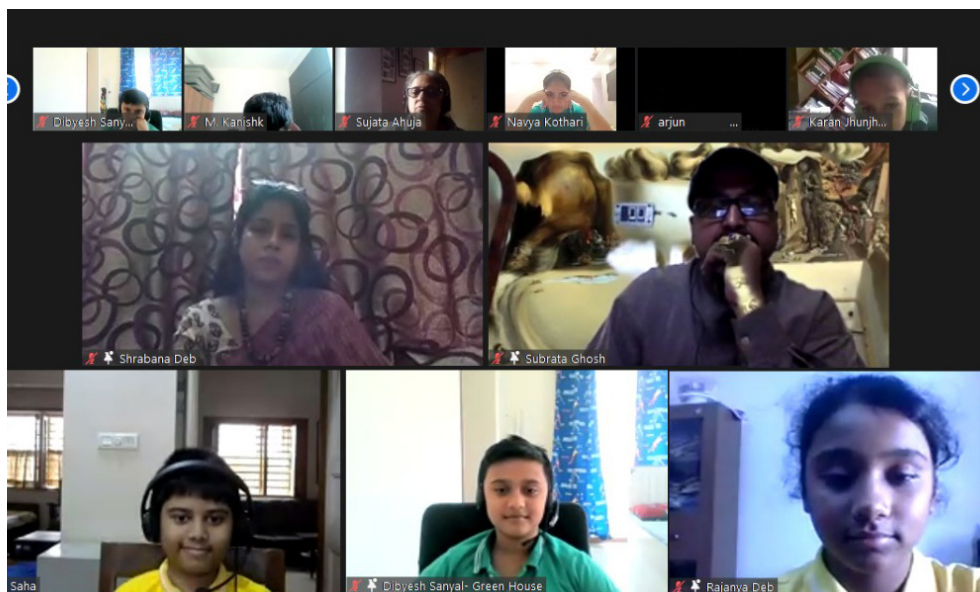
- 1st - Yuvan Pawa
- 2nd - Vedika Gupta
- 3rd - Arham Jain



The students of Grade 4 impressed the judges with their recitations and choice of poems. The poems chosen were complimented. The audience present were also entertained to some lovely poems and songs from the Bengali judges which added a different flavour to the day.

Grade 5

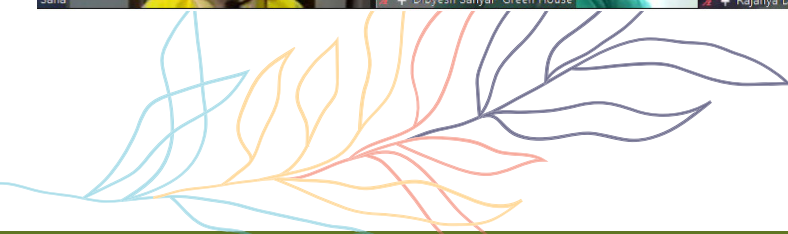
Theme - Patriotism



Bengali

Judges -Mr. Subrata Ghosh – HOD, Art and Design, CIS, and translator of French poems to Bengali and Ms. Shrabana Deb - Special Educator and Elocutionist from Akshar School.

- 1st - Srijan Saha
- 2nd - Dibyesh Sanyal
- 3rd - Rajanya Deb





Hindi

Judges -Ms. Soni Jha – Hindi teacher, CIS Senior School and Ms. Manasi Mishra, CIS parent and social worker.

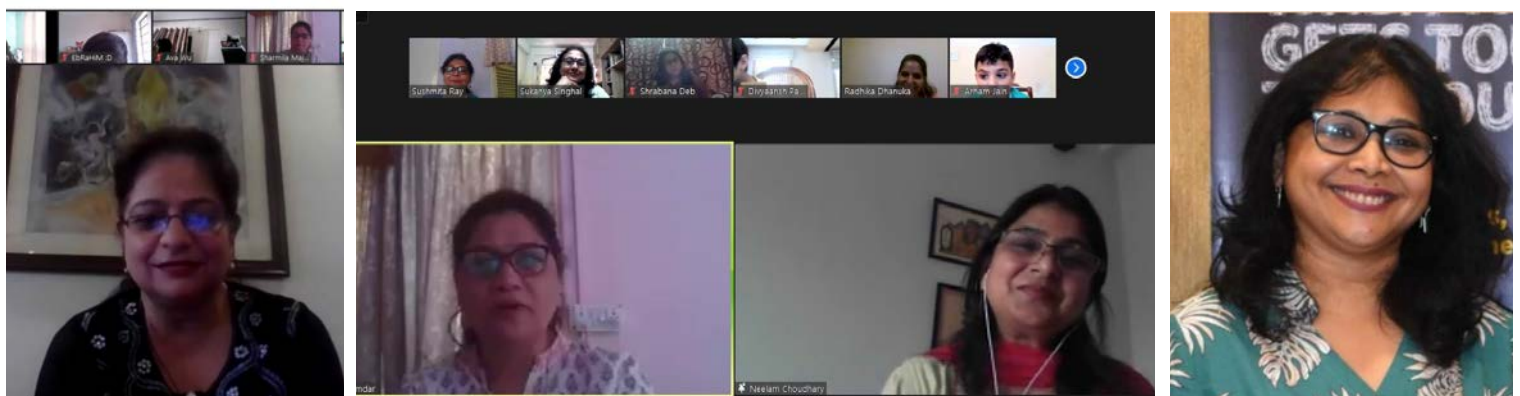
1st - Manya Garodia and Navya Kothari
2nd - Vansh Marda
3rd - Ihit Dhar



The poems on patriotism, by the students of Grade 5, raised the bar of the competition. Not only were they elocuted well, with clarity and poise they also stirred up the audience and choked them with emotions of pride and love for their motherland. The judges acknowledged the students and teacher's efforts and appreciated the superior level of the competition. As requested by all present, the two judges, Ms Shrabana Deb and Ms Soni Jha also recited poems for the students.

The Section Heads, Mrs Sharmila Majumdar and Mrs Neelam Choudhary expressed their delight at the day's proceedings, congratulating all the participants of the competition. Mrs Ray concluded the event by thanking the students and the Language teachers on the completion of a successful competition and mentioned that all participants would receive a certificate from school while the winners would be entitled to a lovely trophy.

Two perfect mornings spent by the judges, students and teachers in the month of March.



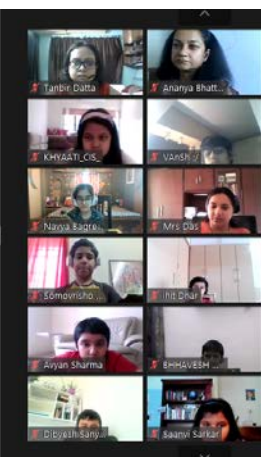


AWARENESS-THE EARTH HOUR21

WWF-India conducted an online presentation as part of the Earth Hour' 21 awareness campaign for the students of Grade 3, 4 and 5 on 24th and 25th March, 2021. This campaign was conducted by a young volunteer, Ms. Bhaavya Malpani. She enriched the young learners about the necessity and importance of Earth Hour through fun learning and interactive session to inspire them to adopt the cause of conservation as their own.

She encouraged the young students to turn off non-essential electric lights, for one hour, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday 27th of March, as a symbol of commitment to the planet and continue doing it by spreading this awareness and saving one of the non renewable resource of our planet. She also engaged the students to participate in an online quiz during the Earth Hour' 21 awareness campaign.

The program was spearheaded by Ms. S. Ahuja with the support of teachers from the Junior School. Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Choudhary and Mrs. Majumdar were the respected heads present at the awareness programme- THE EARTH HOUR21!



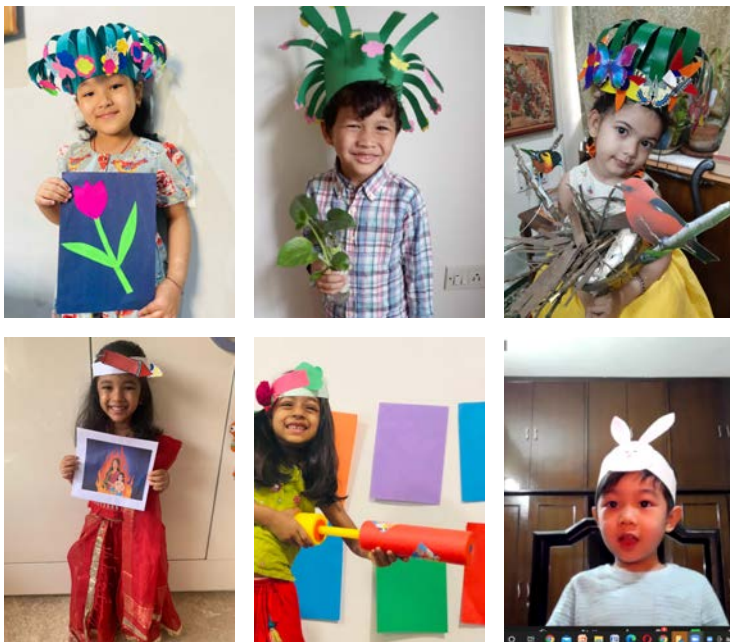


SPRING ASSEMBLY

Spring, the season of new beginnings was celebrated in a special joint assembly from 22nd - 24th March 2021 in the Primary Section. The assembly encompassed all that Spring brings- New life, transformation in nature, newness, happiness, harmony, friendship, Holi and Easter.

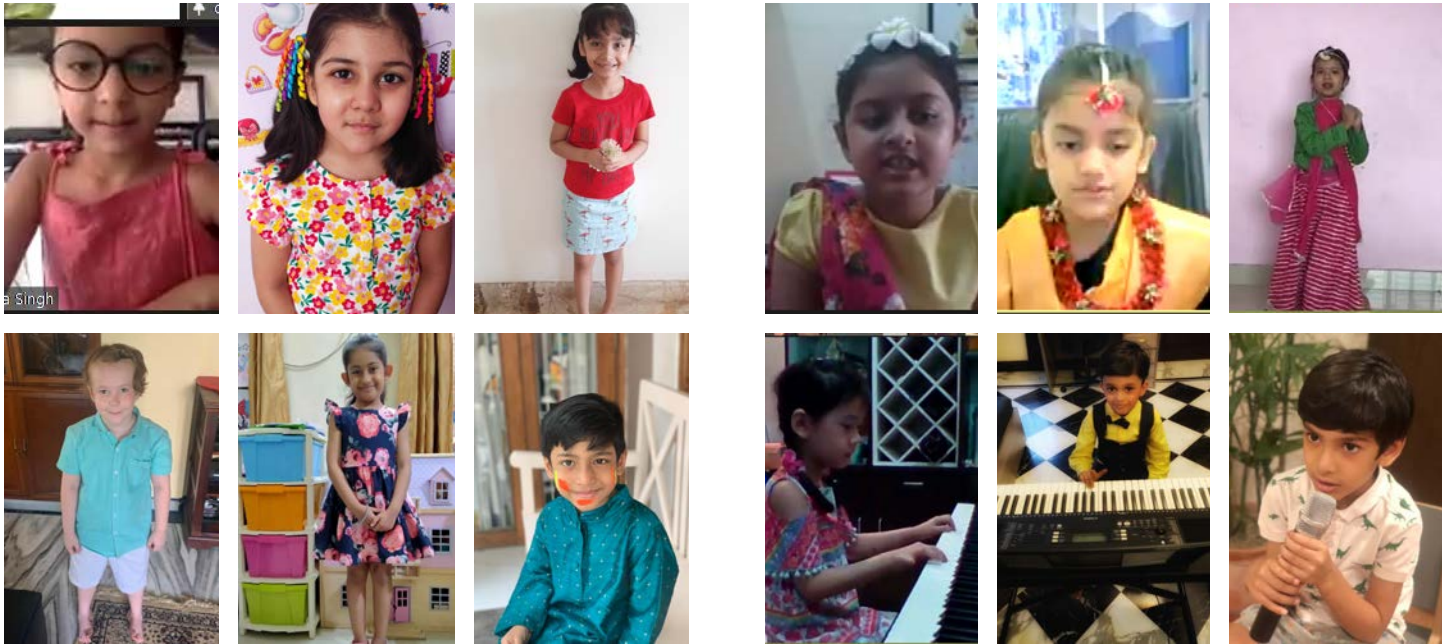


Students and teachers of **Pre-Nursery** adorned in shades of yellow and pink brightened the occasion and wholeheartedly welcomed the festival of colours – Holi. The teachers presented a slideshow and spoke about the celebration of Dol or Holi in West Bengal and other parts of the country. Students were engaged in creating their own Spring masterpiece. They painted rainbows and flowers, created gardens, butterflies and so much more. We ended the assembly with a wish for a happy and joyful Holi!



Nursery celebrated the Festival of Colours and Easter on the 22nd of March. They were dressed in colourful headgears to celebrate the season. While some danced to the beat of ‘holi aayi re’, some others shared interesting facts about Spring. Poems on Easter and Holi were recited enthusiastically by the students. The adorable and striking outfits added to the gaiety of the season.

The children of **Upper Nursery** ushered the colourful season of Spring with their vibrant dance performances, songs, drama, music and recitation. Children performed a skit based on the story “A thing about Spring”. The participants donned beautiful handcrafted masks and headgear. The pieces of music played by a few children on the piano were mesmerising. They put up a magnificent show and were eloquent, graceful and confident.



CIS junior school choir presents...



On the last day before Spring Break, CIS Junior School celebrated the advent of Spring - ‘Rituraj Basanta’, with a joyous virtual Spring Assembly. The Junior School Choir organized an offering to celebrate the rejuvenation in mother nature, the festival of colours and LIFE!

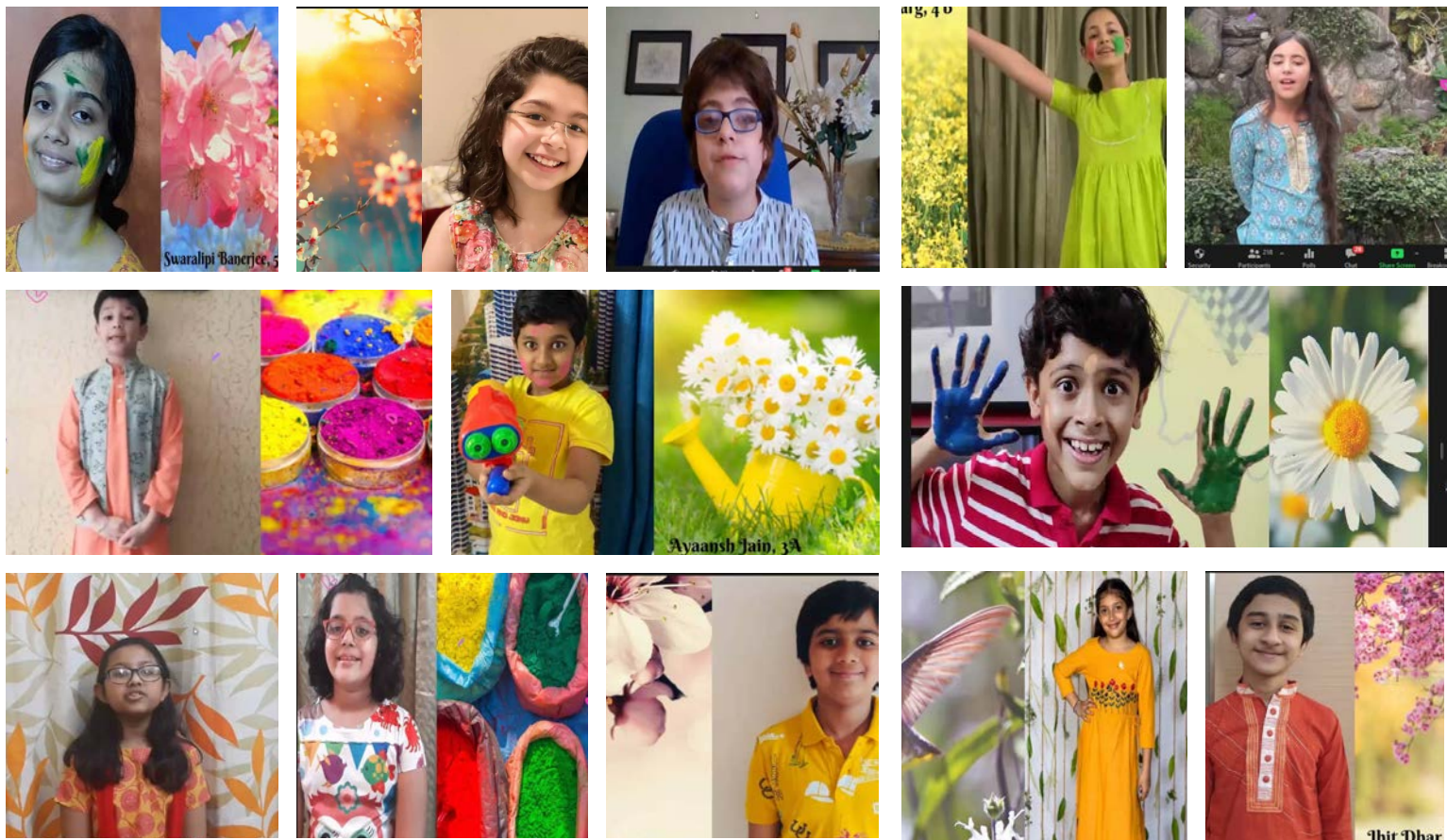
Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Choudhary thanked the Junior school choir for the foot-tapping and heart gladdening songs and the teachers - Mrs. Sarkhel, Ms. Debnath, Mr. Mukherjee and Mrs. Lakhani for their efforts in making the event successful.

New beginnings are on the way, it's time to welcome them.

Triumph of good over evil

The festival signifies the victory of good over evil .
The day before the festival, there is a tradition of lighting fire and burning effigy of Holika- a demoness who was burnt to death with the help of Lord Krishna. This custom is popularly known as Holika Dahan.



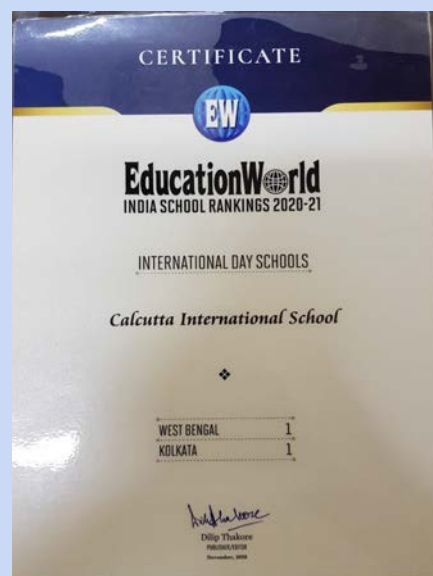


CONGRATULATIONS



We take great pride in announcing that Calcutta International School has been ranked 1st in Kolkata and West Bengal in the International Day Schools category, India School Rankings 2020-21, by Education World.

Congratulations to all the students, parents, teachers and staff. We extend our sincere gratitude to all of you for your continued support.





iNAVMO & IMMO 2021 - SCHOOL AWARDS

We proudly congratulate Shashwat Gupta of Grade 1 and Mehr Vineet of Grade 4 for winning the National Champion Trophy Certificate of Excellence in the International Mental Math Olympiad 2021.

SN	Student Name	Class	Student ID	Awards	Group	Rank
1	MEHR VINEET	4th	2000772	NATIONAL CHAMPION TROPHY CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE	GAMMA 4	7
2	SHASHWAT GUPTA	1st	2000866	NATIONAL CHAMPION TROPHY CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE	GAMMA 2	11

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Navya Kothari of Grade 5 has won the Class Topper Silver Medal Certificate of excellence. She has also been selected for Round 2, State level of **Discovery School Super League (DSSL)**, which was held on 12th MARCH, 2021.



The Telegraph Awards 2020

The prestigious Telegraph awards, which were declared virtually on the 10th December, 2020, saw CIS winning awards in several categories. These awards were handed over to the recipients by Ms Sanjita Mohalanobis, Senior Executive - Y Vertical ABP, on 20th March, 2021, at the CIS school campus. We congratulate Team CIS once again for achieving this incredible feat.



Honour Certificate for Excellence in Academics



Certificate of Appreciation for Social Service



Certificate of Appreciation in Eco-Friendly Initiatives



Merit Certificate for Excellence in Extra Curricular Activities



Lifetime Achievement Award for a Teacher - Mrs Sharmila Majumdar

Professional Development

Ms. Amanda DuPratt and Ms. Tanbir Datta, of the Junior Section, underwent a 3 week extensive training named Extension Cambridge Primary English (0058) in February. This three week course was divided into four lessons. During each lesson, teachers from around the world collaborated in small groups to identify key issues, engaged in discussions and asked questions.

The course focussed on the following areas:

Syllabus challenges - how we plan for these and measure the effectiveness of our interventions.

Understanding the marking principles and assessment structure.

Applying marking principles.

Using formative feedback to support student progress.

It was an enriching experience and the teachers look forward to implementing the learning from the course in their day to day teaching learning process.



Media Coverage - From the CEO's desk



In an enlightening advertorial written for the Telegraph, Mr. Ayan Pal, CEO, Calcutta International School set forth the reasons why Cambridge International became a perfect fit for CIS. The article highlights the flexibility and global reach the curriculum provides along with equipping our students with high-order thinking skills which further empowers them to take more ownership of their learning.

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