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Nursery - 12.08.21

Upper Nursery - 11.08.21

Grades 1 and 2 - 12.08.21

Grades 3, 4 and 5 - 13.08.21

Math Workshop for teachers
with Alison Borthwick - 26.08.21

7th Annual International
Abacus Vedic and Mental Maths
Olympiad - 27.08.21 - 29.08.21

Choir Audition for Grades 3-5
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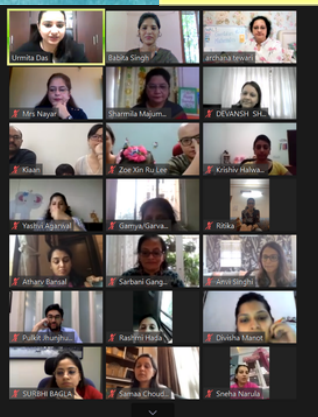
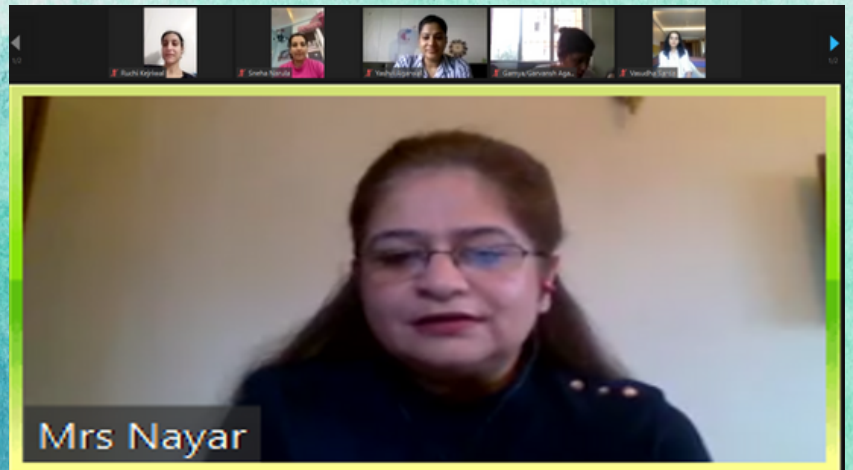
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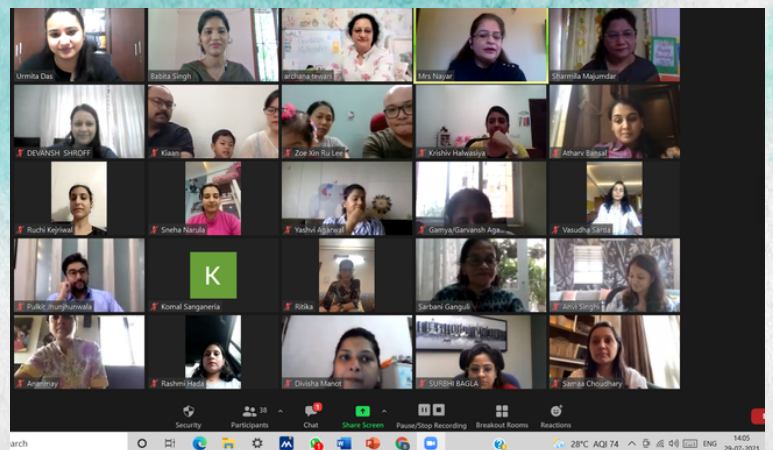
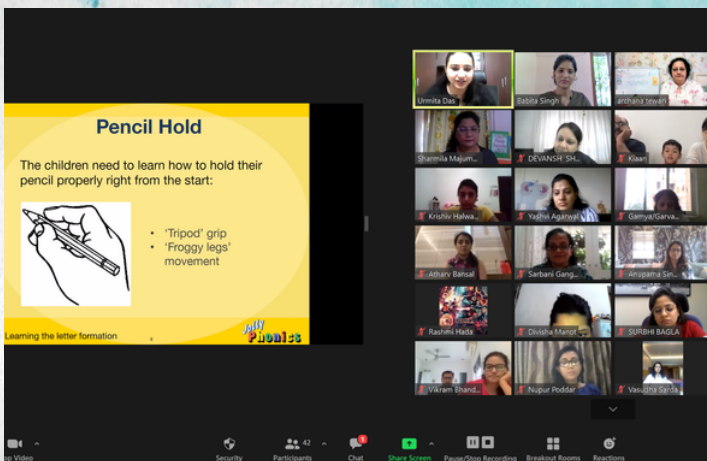
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Jolly Phonic Orientation for Parents of Grade Pre-Nursery



The Jolly Phonics Orientation for the parents of Pre Nursery took place on 29th July 2021. Mrs Nayar addressed the gathering and thanked parents for their support during online schooling. Mrs Majumdar spoke about the introduction of values and developing various skills at this level through various events. The teachers gave an overview of the English programme -Jolly phonics in short. The way forward for Math and EVS subjects were also highlighted. Teachers provided details on how these would be taught during the online sessions. It was an interactive session between the parents and the teachers.



Learning with Art!

The budding artists of Pre Nursery created masterpieces of their own inspired by the renowned artist Wassily Kandinsky. He was known to be the pioneer of abstract art. While learning about shapes and colours, students for the first time attempted free hand painting with concentric shapes and mixing of colours.



FACTS ON INSECTS by the young explorers of Nursery A

Some crawl, some fly, some even dig in the ground, insects are found almost everywhere on earth.

- There are millions of species identified so far.
- Insects do not have any bones at all.
- They breathe through tubes and sacks from where air can pass.
- They have no lungs.
- Insects have special eyes called compound eyes.
- They are cold blooded and are mostly found in warm places.
- Insects are very important to life on earth. They help in pollination.



FUN FACT
Spiders are not insects!



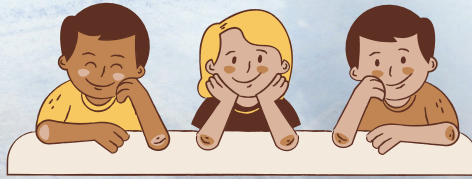
Artists by nature



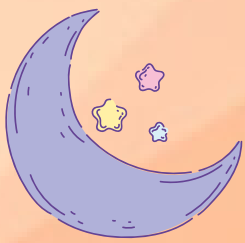
Students of Nursery B made their own insect craft. This is the first time that the four year olds have tried their cutting skills in class on something so intricate. Some tried to make it look real while some wanted it to look attractive. This piece of Art was an integration with EVS and English based on the topic 'Insects' on the phonic sound /i/.



WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT - WE ARE ALL FRIENDS!



Learning about the similarities and differences in the human body, the children of Upper Nursery made self portraits in the Art lesson. Each one expressed themselves in a unique manner as they drew their different body parts and learnt the importance of the five senses. We discussed the significance of accepting and appreciating each other no matter how different we are. Our inner beauty shapes our personality. It shows on our faces. Each of us is special and valuable.



Moon Landing Day

Birla Industrial & Technological Museum, National Council of Science Museums, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India organized an online programme - Demonstration with models on "Miraculous Moon", to commemorate the first landing of Human on Moon, which was held on Tuesday, 20 July, 2021 from 3:30 PM. This was followed by a quiz on "Moon Mission". Children of CIS had the exciting opportunity to be invited to view and participate in the online programme organised by BITM..



The Moon Landing day program was a knowledgeable session on the moon and its role in our universe. The best part was that the demonstrator would always be ready with models and explanations after his concept theory.

Prakhar Jain 4B

I found the session very interesting and informative. Solar and Lunar Eclipses were very well explained. The quiz was very exciting. The demonstrations with the 3D models were easy to understand and very creative. The models were extremely well-made.

Agastya Chanda 5A

It showed us how the moon has no atmosphere and asteroids are able to hit the moon. It also showed us the stages of the moon. It was fun!

Ronit Basu 4A

I would like to say that the Moon Landing Day Online Demonstration Live Video was amazing and super informative! It was fun to watch and I really enjoyed it. I even learned new things from the live video. I wish that these kinds of live videos will be arranged every year. Either way, the live video was super fantastic for me.

Subhrajit Chakraborty 5A

Plans to bike before climate strike!



Bengal Clean Air Network (Bengal - CAN), a network of key stakeholders determined to improve the quality of air across Bengal, initiated a very unique activity in which children from Grades 4 and 5 were requested to write letters in their own handwriting or draw pictures about a safe walkable, cyclable city with clean air and creating cycle and NMT lanes in Kolkata. The students engaged themselves actively and creatively in a letter-writing and drawing activity. They expressed their ideas about civic planning and road management, prevention of further pollution, safety and the pleasures of cycling in their letters addressed to the Honourable Chief Minister of West Bengal.

Date - 20/7/21

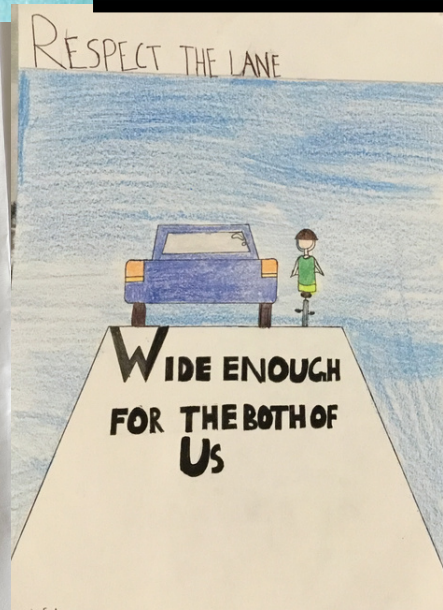
To - The honourable chief minister of West Bengal,
Nabanna, Kolkata.

Subject - Building up the infrastructure of N.M.T lanes.

Dear Ma'am,

I hope this letter finds you in good health. This letter is about making more NMT (Non-motorised transport) lanes in Kolkata. The place where I live, Newtown is full of such lanes. And if we look carefully the only two non-motorised transport is cycling and walking. So, cyclists and long distance walkers have no fear of getting hit by bigger vehicles, thus preventing accidents. I am going to focus on cycling corridors. If we look at a footpath and a road, then we can transform that footpath into a cycling corridor. Cycles are handy to use, we do not need to burn fuel and it is a very good exercise too. It reduces air pollution. I would like if there were posters encouraging cycling in Kolkata. So let's get together and make our city a happier and greener place to live by cycling and building safe cycling routes for people.

Yours faithfully
Samaynath Bardhan
Class IV A
Calcutta International School



The Honourable Chief Minister
Nabanna, Kolkata.

I hope this letter finds you well. I, Adhrit Sengupta, of class 4B of CIS, Kolkata would like to share my suggestions to combat air pollution in our dear city Kolkata.

As we know, air is very important to all of us and the increasing pollution levels is causing lot of health problems for all of us. To help combat the air pollution we can-

1. Clean the footpaths and plant trees at regular intervals of 15 ft each.
2. The dividers should also have trees planted. Big trees which will clean the polluted air. Plants like neem, keekar, vakul, palas, kadamb, saffron and smaller shrubs like oleander are extremely useful for this.
3. Strict control of vehicles that emit polluted air must be kept.
4. Maintain cycle corridors on either side of the roads and encourage everyone to cycle.

I hope you will consider my suggestions along with my friends and implement them to improve the air in Kolkata and make our dear city, greener, cleaner, and pollution free.

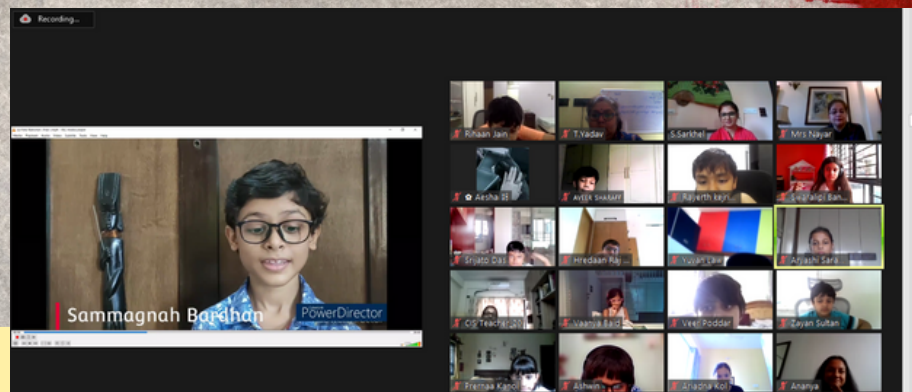
Thanking you,
Regards,
Adhrit Sengupta

In the exhibition "Clean Air & Cycling - Children Art exhibition", which was held on the occasion of World Nature Conservation Day on 28th July 2021 and was inaugurated by the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany Kolkata (Calcutta), Mr. Manfred Auster, all the submissions were displayed.



La Fête Nationale de France

As a part of our constant endeavour to enable students to appreciate other languages and cultures, an assembly was organised where the French learners of Grades 3 to 6 gave a stunning presentation, highlighting various aspects of France. The presentation was in the form of a beautiful video which transported the audience momentarily to the land of Voltaire, Baudelaire, Camus and Molière.



Glimpses of the card making activity done by the 3rd Graders on the occasion of 14th July was followed by their informative presentation on the iconic Eiffel Tower. Next, Grade 4 students shared some unknown, interesting facts about France. This was followed by the 5th Graders who informed the audience briefly about the historical significance of 14th July and how the French celebrated it in olden times and now. In this connection they also spoke about the various symbols of the French Republic. The Grade 6 students took over from there and presented the poem 'Liberté' by the famous French poet, Paul Éluard. They recited a few verses of the poem in French followed by its English translation. The confidence and ease with which the students spoke in French was truly amazing. The presentation ended with the singing of 'La Marseillaise' - the National Anthem of France by a few students of Grade 6. The programme was attended by Mrs. Nayar, the Section Heads of the Primary, Junior and Middle Sections of CIS, the HOD of the Language Department, Mrs. Rituparna Mukherjee, teachers and all students of Grades 3-6.

SEN Department Reaches Out

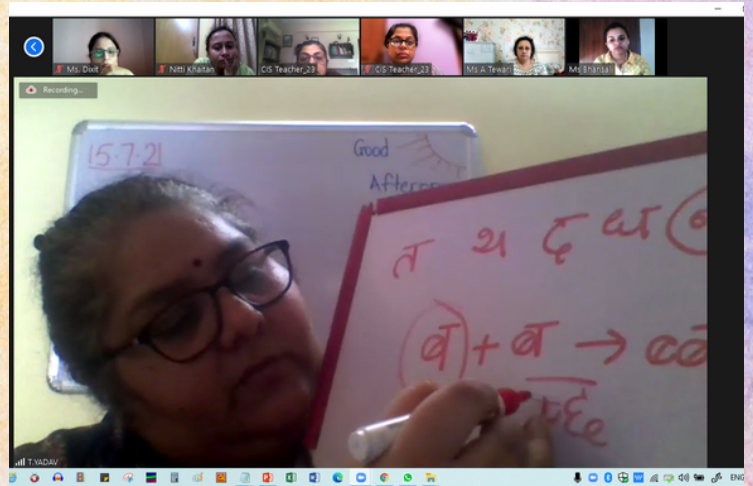
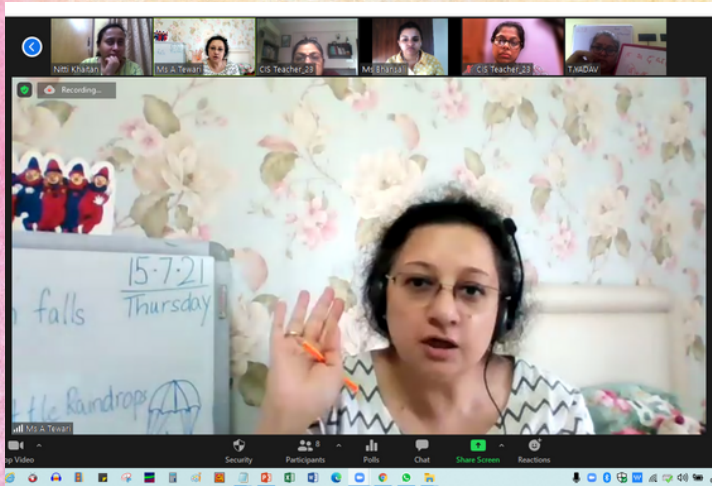


The Special Education Needs Department conducted a non-academic session with Junior School SEN students on 30th July, 2021. The rationale behind this program was to help the children express their feelings, build rapport and self-confidence. A digital spin wheel with a variety of fun questions and activities was used by the Special Educators to make the session more interesting for the students. The students completely enjoyed themselves, expressed themselves freely and shared their willingness to attend more of these one of a kind sessions. The SEN department eagerly looks forward to hosting similar events in the near future.



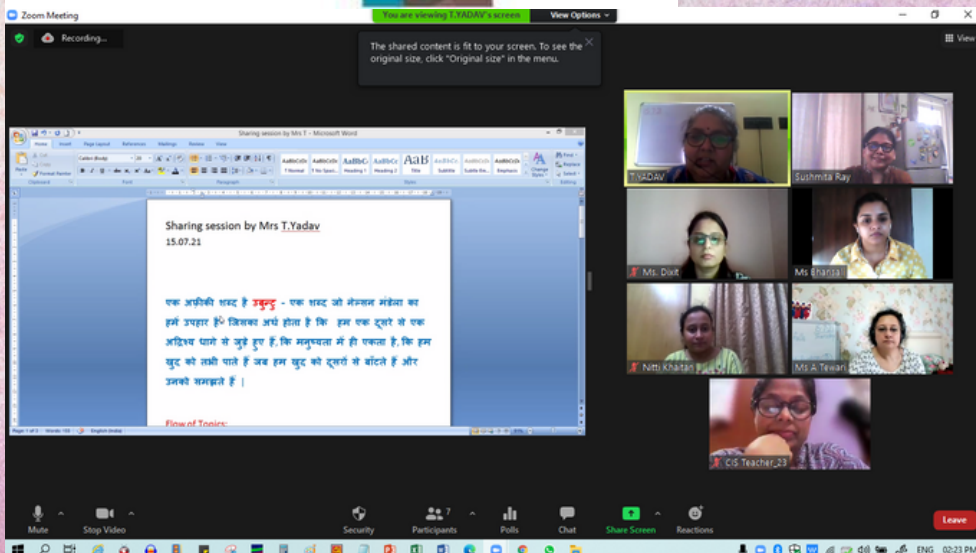
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Sharing best practices



A sharing session was organised for the Hindi language teachers by Mrs Ray, Subject Coordinators Languages on 15th July, 2021. Mrs. Tinku Yadav, an experienced teacher of the department, shared innovative teaching techniques and strategies with her colleagues.

Differentiation techniques, language games and vocabulary building activities were also shared to make the teaching and learning process more efficient. It was an interactive and informative session for all present.



Media Coverage

Calcutta International School found mention in the Times of India Press Report on the 29th of July, 2021, as one of the ten schools in the city that took part in the Art and Letter Writing Exhibition at the Press Club in Kolkata organized by Bengal CAN and the SwitchON Foundation requesting the Honourable CM of WB to promote Cycling for Clean Air in Kolkata.



Congratulations



We congratulate Mrs. Tania Mukherjee Roy for completing 5 years of dedicated service in CIS. May you continue to succeed in all your endeavours.



Certificate of Loyalty



This award hereby certifies special recognition for
Ms. Tania Mukherjee Roy
in honour of a high quality work service for 5 years
Congratulations for completion of 5 years of service with Calcutta International School Society in the month of July'2021
We convey our heartfelt gratitude for this long association
Pratima Nayar
Mrs. Pratima Nayar
Principal - Junior School
Mr. Ayan Pal
CEO

**“The only person
who is educated
is the one who
has learned how
to learn and
change.”**

– Carl Rogers



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