



# CIS HERALD

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## September Events

3rd September

*Teacher's Day Celebration*

7th September

*Coffee Meet with parents of Grade Nursery*

8th September

*Coffee Meet with parents of Grade*

*Upper Nursery*

20th September

*Coffee Meet with parents of Grade 1*

21st September

*Coffee Meet with parents of Grade 2*

23rd and 24th September

*Eloquentia - Inter School Literary Fest  
for Grade 5*

27th September

*Coffee Meet with parents of Grade 3*

28th September

*Coffee Meet with parents of Grade 4*

29th September

*Coffee Meet with parents of Grade 5*

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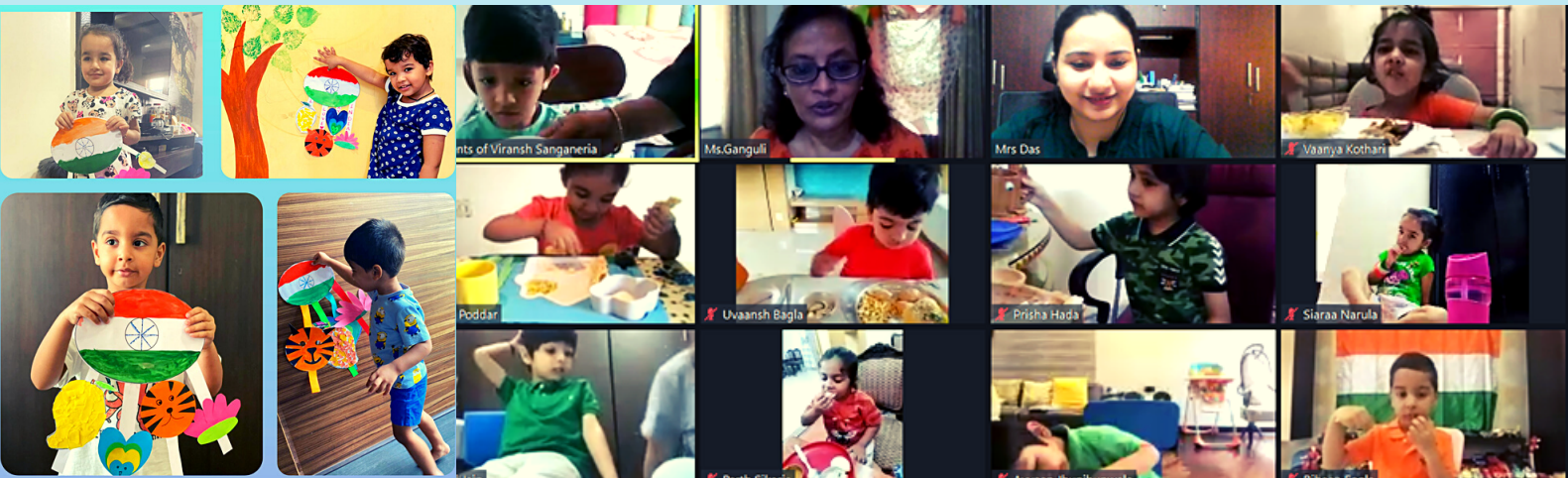
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# Independence Day Assembly

## Grade Pre Nursery A

The young patriots of Pre Nursery A, celebrated India Day with much fervor and enthusiasm. Students dressed up in tricolour attire, performed on the song 'Nanna Munna Rahi Hoon'. They spoke about India's unity in its diversity - although we speak in different languages, dress differently, but in our hearts we are all the same. We are Indians! We are one!

Students worked on innovative crafts together with their parents. The special celebration ended with the students enjoying some Indian snacks on screen.



## Grade Pre Nursery B

The students of and parents of Pre-Nursery B participated with great enthusiasm in a collaborative art project for the Independence Day assembly on 13th August, 2021. Students were dressed in traditional costumes representing different States of the country as well as famous national leaders like Gandhiji, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Rani Lakshmi Bai, Bhagat Singh etc. Students confidently shared greetings from their respective states. A few students sang a few lines of the songs they had learnt. Teachers shared a short video compilation of the dance and song performances sent by students. Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Majumdar graced the Assembly with their august presence and motivated the students with their encouraging words.





## Grade Nursery A

The students of Grade Nursery A celebrated the 75th year of Independence by sharing few facts about our incredible country India. They took turns and spoke about the National symbols; the colours in our flag and what they represent; the Great Himalayan Range; number of states in our country and where we live. The presentation ended with the singing of the National song 'Vande Mataram' and the National anthem 'Jana Gana Mana' by two of the students individually. As a follow up activity, students created the National flag with paper mosaic technique to show love, respect and pride. JAI HIND!



## Grade Nursery B

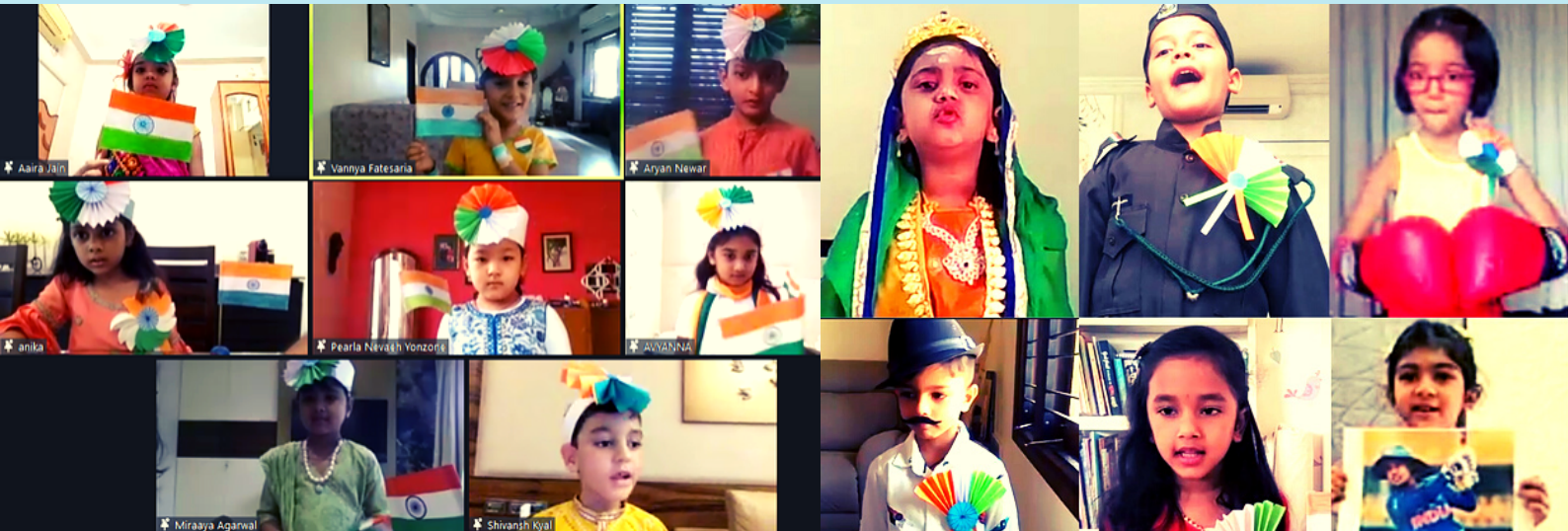
Nursery B celebrated India Day virtually on 12th August, '21. They exhibited their patriotism through a variety of activities – a patriotic dance, “Mere desh ki dharti”, an illustration of the Indian flag, a soldier saluting puppet, a tricolour food snack sequencing task and to top it all, a quiz on the national symbols of our country and their significance. The students were aptly dressed for the occasion against an eye-catching and symbolic backdrop.





Grade Upper Nursery A and B celebrated India Day to commemorate India's Independence on 11th August. This was our first virtual assembly and an exciting event for all of us.

The students welcomed Mrs Nayar, Mrs Majumdar, our parents, teachers and each other by waving the Tri coloured flags with great fervour to the song "Sare Jahan Se Accha". The various performances included an amalgamation of songs, speeches, dances, poems and a skit on our Motherland. It was a day to remember the freedom fighters for their contribution in the freedom struggle. Children came well dressed in Indian attire and as different leaders in the most unique way. There was also a mention of the extraordinary power of the women and incredible performance of the Indians who recently won medals for our country. A PPT was shared with glimpses of our great nation, its diversity and its leaders. It reminded us once again that we are free and need to value the freedom for which so many Indians laid their lives. The Assembly concluded with the National Anthem. Jai Hind.



## Grade 1

Grade 1 students learnt about different monuments of India. They researched and discovered various facts about the historical structures across our country. They prepared charts in class and shared them with their classmates. A ppt of their work was showcased in the Independence Day assembly.





Grade 2 A and B explored the two beautiful union territories of India – Jammu Kashmir and The Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The young tourist guides of Grade 2A, spoke confidently and in detail about the top tourist attractions in the Kashmir valley. Through an attractive presentation, they transported the audience to the pristine snow capped mountains, the picturesque Dal Lake, the beautiful Tulip Garden among many other famous places to visit. For the spiritually inclined they offered the famous religious shrines of Amarnath Caves and Vaishno Devi. Those with an adventurous streak were presented with the opportunity to ski and paraglide. A mention of the tantalizing Kashmiri delicacies, an inseparable part of Kashmiri culture, added flavor to the presentation.

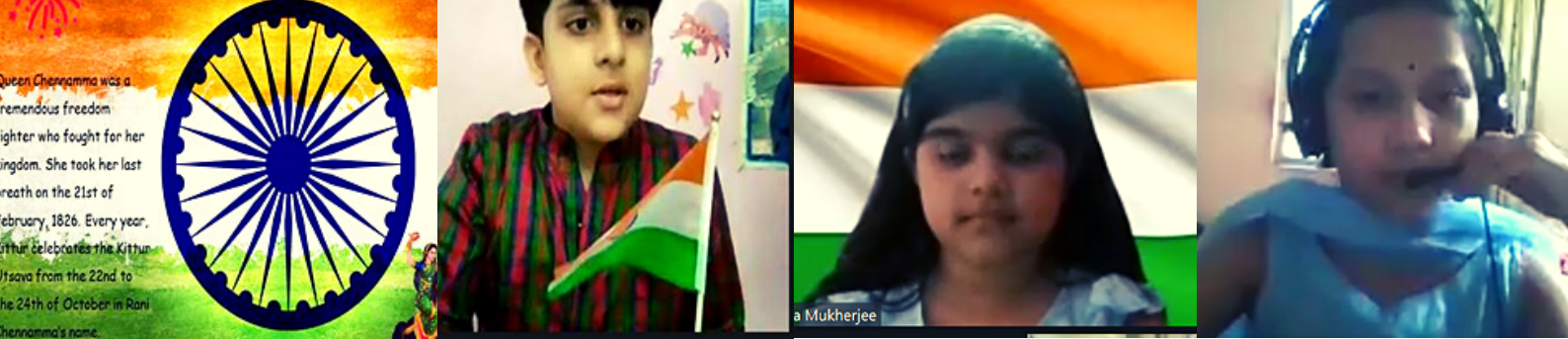
Grade 2B created a virtual travel brochure, promoting the beauty and history of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. They began with a solemn visit to the famous Cellular Jail and instilled the audience with patriotic fervor, as they raised their voices chanting slogans of “Inquilab Zindabad! Vande Mataram!”

Next, they went on a search for vitamin sea! With catchy taglines and funny slogans, they tried tempting the audience into taking a visit to these magical islands with exotic beaches, adrenaline pumping marine sports and sumptuous seafood. Their charming cajoling had the audience beguiled and quite convinced to book a ticket and fly!



The students of Grade 3 learnt about six women freedom fighters of India - Bhikaiji Cama, Tara Rani Srivastava, Moolmati, Kittur Rani Chennamma, Uda Devi, Kanaklata Barua. These brave hearts have contributed immensely to India's freedom movement but have always been the unsung heroes. The students informed the audience about six such great daughters of the Indian soil. The presentation was followed by a display of the posters made by the students for this occasion. Their presentation ended with the recitation of two regional language poems - excerpts from the poem 'Jhansi ki Rani' and 'Biplobi Pronaam', backed by a beautiful enactment.





Queen Chennamma was a tremendous freedom fighter who fought for her kingdom. She took her last breath on the 21st of February, 1826. Every year, Kithur celebrates the Kithur Utsava from the 22nd to the 24th of October in Rani Chennamma's name.

## Grade 4

Students of Grade 4 shared some fascinating facts about India's neighbouring countries - Afghanistan, Bhutan, Maldives, Bangladesh, China, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan and the contributions of the Indian army through an interesting PPT. They danced to a patriotic song and paid a heartfelt tribute to the Indian Armed Forces.



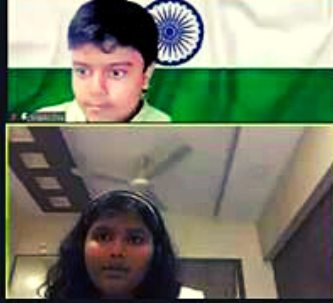
## Grade 5

As a finale to this year's India Day Assembly, Grade 5 viewed the independence of India from an all round perspective. Students made a presentation on the challenges faced in the task of nation building in terms of poverty, hunger, poor health, lack of education etc.

They researched and presented a few of the Sustainable Development Goals like Peace, Climate Change, Education and discussed the situation of India pre and post Independence. They drew our attention to the problems India faces in these spheres and shared their solutions to achieve these goals by 2030 as chartered by the UN. They understood that India has progressed manifold in the last 74 years but still has a lot of ground to cover to become a force to reckon with. They chalked a path for the citizens of India to come together to combat these problems and take India forward globally. They felt that it would be the best gift to all our freedom fighters who have worked so hard and sacrificed their lives to give us an independent India.



**Climate Action- Before Independence**



...this lies the Sustainable development goals or Global collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to lead more sustainable future for all.

...Set up in 2015 by the United Nations, General intended to be achieved by the year 2030

...that you are developing a nation at a pace that for the future generation to lead a comfortable, stress



**Solution**

The Problem faced in Independent India

- Keep fund aside to have quality training for teachers.
- Have more textbooks in different Indian languages to make it easier for students who did not get the opportunity to learn English, to continue with their educational studies, in their language.
- Encourage families to send their girl child to school, but they must educate their first born child.

Give them incentives, so



**Mahatma Gandhi and Peace**

...has been provided by the Father of our Nation- riving peace rallies for protesting, writing to bracing the diversity of our country and each other we can follow his principles and to our country.

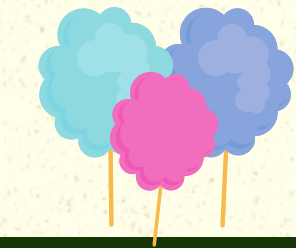
...for India but, for the entire world to recognize nophy and principles can contribute ITS towards SDGs.

...pragraha' (non-violent protest) carry the moral and environmental threats, be it climate rce depletion.



# Parent Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Kayan came as parent visitors in Nursery B with a novel and enchanting demonstration of making a 'Candy Floss' on a candy floss machine. Mrs. Kayan started the session with an introduction of how candy floss came into being followed by Mr. Kayan's demonstration of making candy floss using granulated sugar of different colours. The session was wrapped up by an age appropriate story "Cotton Candy Clouds" which aroused the imagination of the students and made them think of the varied shapes and sizes of Candy Floss symbolic to the clouds.





# Role Models

**It is said if you are given a chance to be a role model, then one should always take it because you can influence a person's life in a positive light. And so here we have 3 eminent teachers in the Junior Section of CIS, who have been reconized for their work and they have created a benchmark in the teaching profession in the year 2020 - 21.**

**Ms. Lakshmi Khanna**

**Faculty of English and Science (Primary School) and Value Education (Junior School)**

Ms. Khanna has made significant contributions to making the young students transition well to the online platform of teaching and learning. She has proactively explored various age appropriate and innovative tools to conduct her lessons online to keep the learners engaged. She has made an effort to connect with each individual child, as well as with the parents beyond the class hours. Ms. Khanna initiated the VIP of the Week project, Healthy week, Peace Day, Earth Day, Author week. Even in the virtual mode of teaching Ms. Khanna maintained the school ethos of inviting parent volunteers and grandparents to create novelty in the class.

Ms. Khanna is known for starting a day with 'Quiet time' and 'Creative Meditation' with the students giving them positive affirmations and setting the mood of the day. She has continued with this practice online. She has celebrated every child's birthday in her class with a candle lighting ceremony to make the child feel special.

She introduced 'The Peace Hero Award' for students who practiced acts of kindness, and the values of respect amongst members of the neighbourhood and family in view of the World Peace Day celebrated in September 2020.

A dependable and conscientious member of the Junior Section faculty who willingly takes on responsibilities and lends her support in all areas of the school.







**Mrs. Antara Banerjee**

### **Math and ICT Coordinator**

As a math teacher she focuses on a learner centric holistic education and skill development for each student. She has explored various online tools for teaching and assessment and incorporated them effectively in her lesson plan and delivery catering to all levels of learners. Her lessons have been engaging and interactive.

As a coordinator she has raised the level of student performance in the subject along with her team. She has proactively initiated student participation in events like: Math Science Quiz and Mental Math Olympiad, Byjus Quiz, ICT workshops. She has extensively researched and held meetings to explore the Marshall Cavendish /Mangahigh programme for the Junior section. She has used elements of the CAIE mentoring course that she undertook in mentoring her colleagues.

Commendable effort was put in by Mrs. Banerjee to redesign the online assessment criteria and grade descriptors for all grades for ICT and Math for the Reports for the Academic Session 20-21. She initiated and ensured the end of year summative assessments for Grade 4 and 5 were successfully conducted for the first time in the Junior Section.

She has also explored the newly introduced CAIE Early Years Programme and held several meetings with the representatives to bring this curriculum into the Primary section. Has very good work ethic and is a dependable member of the Junior Section faculty who willingly takes on responsibilities and lends her support in all areas of the school.







**Mrs. Subhasree Sarkhel**  
**Junior School French Teacher (Faculty of Languages)**

Mrs. Sarkhel has been very proactive as a teacher of French and as a member of the Language Department. The French - Spanish collaboration and Assembly on Rabindra Jayanti was spearheaded by her. She has been very alert with her online teaching techniques and has experimented with and used tools like Nearpod, Padlet to make her lessons interesting in the last academic session.

After the completion of the CAIE training in Improving Speaking Performance in the Classroom (French), Mrs. Sarkhel conducted the sharing session well with the other teachers of the Language Department. She herself had adopted the strategies in her lessons.

Mrs. Sarkhel spearheaded the team of the foreign language teachers while formulating the rubrics of the 4 skills (LSRW).

She also guided the foreign language teachers and conducted sessions when we were introduced to the LMS. She has provided additional academic support to students (not exposed to the language) beyond the school hours and successfully brought these students into the mainstream class.

Apart from her academic responsibilities, Mrs. Sarkhel was proactively involved in training the Junior School Choir in the Academic Session 20-21 along with the music teacher. She was particularly involved with the Spring Assembly conducted by the Junior School Choir.

As a class teacher she has reached out to the students and was proactive to address emotional concerns faced by few students particularly in transitioning to the online platform. Her contribution to the Special Class Assemblies which she coordinated with her co class teacher was well noted. A melodious singer, Mrs. Sarkhel took on the responsibility of the singing group for the Children's Day program. She is a diligent and industrious member of the Junior school faculty.







# Representation in Math Symposium

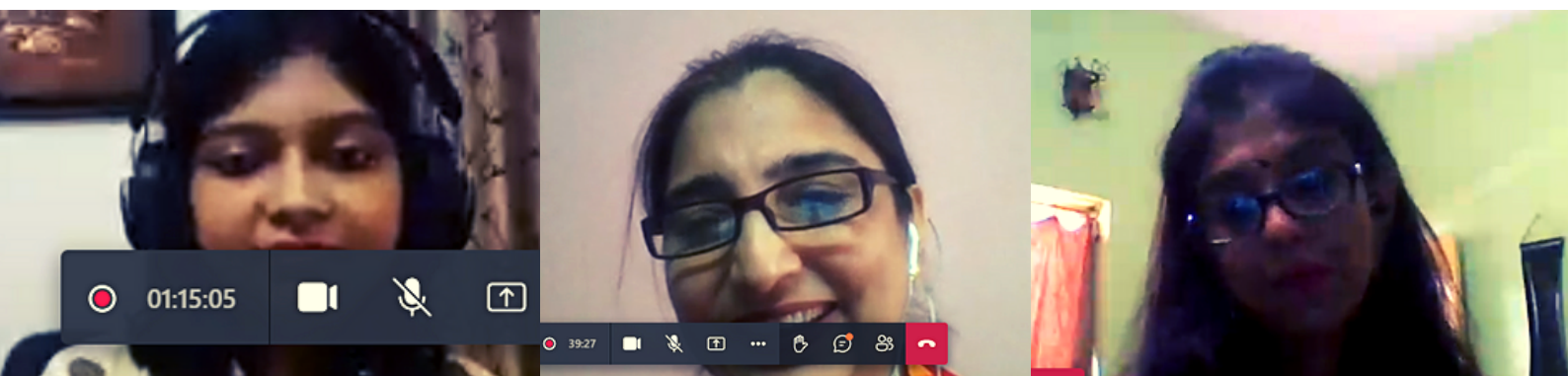
On 8th August 2021, Mrs Antara Banerjee, Mrs Ishmeet Mokha and Mrs Gargee Mukherjee participated in a pan India symposium for Content Creation called Integrate.ED which was organized by Shiv Nadar School Noida. Team CIS was one of the few contestants who got selected to showcase their content to educationists and dignitaries participating from different schools.

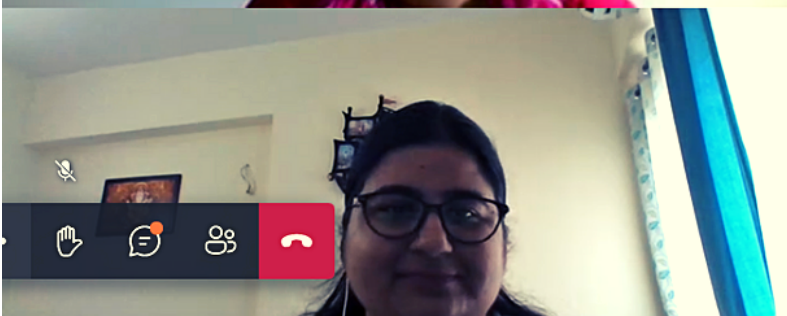
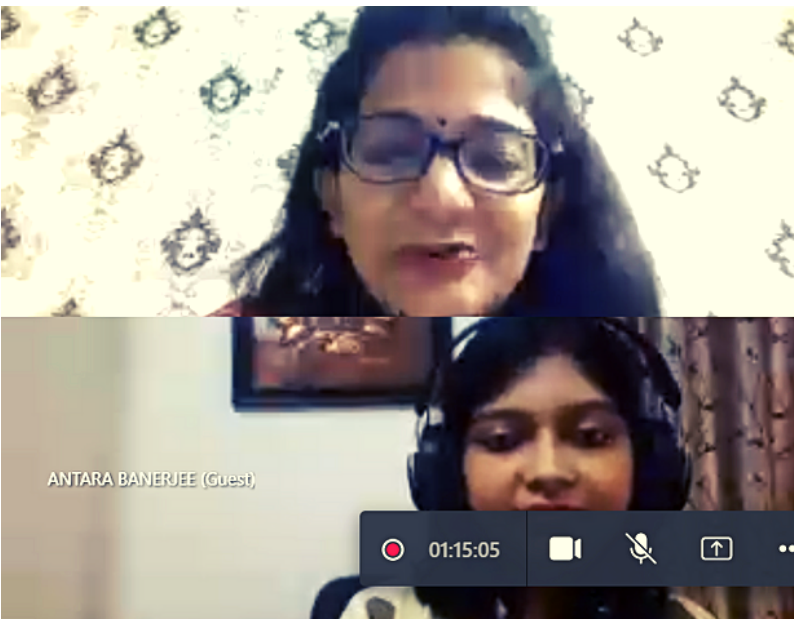
The judges on the day of the event were Ms. Meenambika Menon who is a school improvement partner with the Shiv Nadar Foundation and Dr. A.K Wazalwar, a professor, DESM, NCERT New Delhi.

The Content Creation was a platform to exhibit the uniqueness of individual lesson plans, worksheets, teaching learning aids, activities, instructional methods etc. It was a space to showcase how the usual teaching - learning can be done, in a more learner centric approach.

The judges especially appreciated Calcutta International School for collaborating Mathematics with other subjects, using strategies that are connected to everyday life and making mathematical concepts easy and workable keeping in mind students with different learning abilities. The transition to the online mode of teaching of CIS was also credited and simultaneously for using different teaching aids and methods to reach out to students.

Later on 16th August 2021, the Content Creation project was shared with the other teachers of the Mathematics department. Teachers spoke about their experience of presenting their content and how they were questioned on different aspects of differentiation and application of the strategies in the classroom. The overall experience was great. It gave us an opportunity to learn from other educators and share some brilliant ideas.





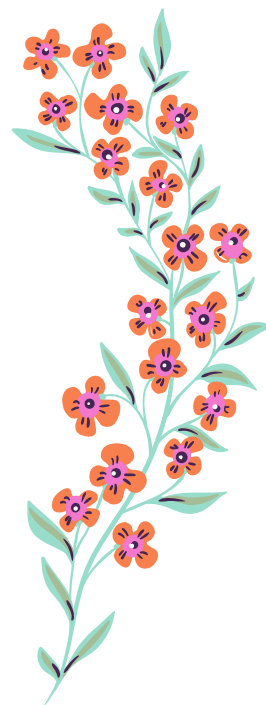


# Awards and accolades



Our Career Counsellor, Mrs. Sanjukta Poddar was nominated among the Top 5 Counselor's in India from across 600+ entries at the 2021 IC3(International Career & College Counselling) Awards.

This nomination is a reflection of her contributions in the field of career and college Counselling. It is recognition of her desire for exploration, willingness to learn, and a continued demonstrated interest in the field of counselling. At the forefront of practicing and encouraging full integrity in terms of predicted grades and documentation, ethical application processes and admissions, and helping students to find their best fit, she has shown leadership through promotion of the criticality of ethical counseling practices.



## Announcement

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs. Tania Mukherjee Roy has been appointed as the “Subject Coordinator-Humanities” for Junior School with effect from 1st of August’21. Heartiest Congratulations to her on this well deserved appointment.

We wish her all the very best in her extended role at CISS.





# Loyalty Awards



## Certificate of Loyalty



This award hereby certifies special recognition for

Mr. Sudipta Bardhan

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  
August 2021

We convey our heartfelt gratitude for this long association

Mrs. Pratima Nagar

Principal – Junior School

Mr. Ayan Pal

CEO

We congratulate Mr. Sudipta Bardhan and Mrs. Ishmeet Kaur Mokha for completing 15 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

Mrs. Ishmeet Kaur Mokha

in honour of a high quality work service for 15 years

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# Congratulations



# Individual Accomplishments

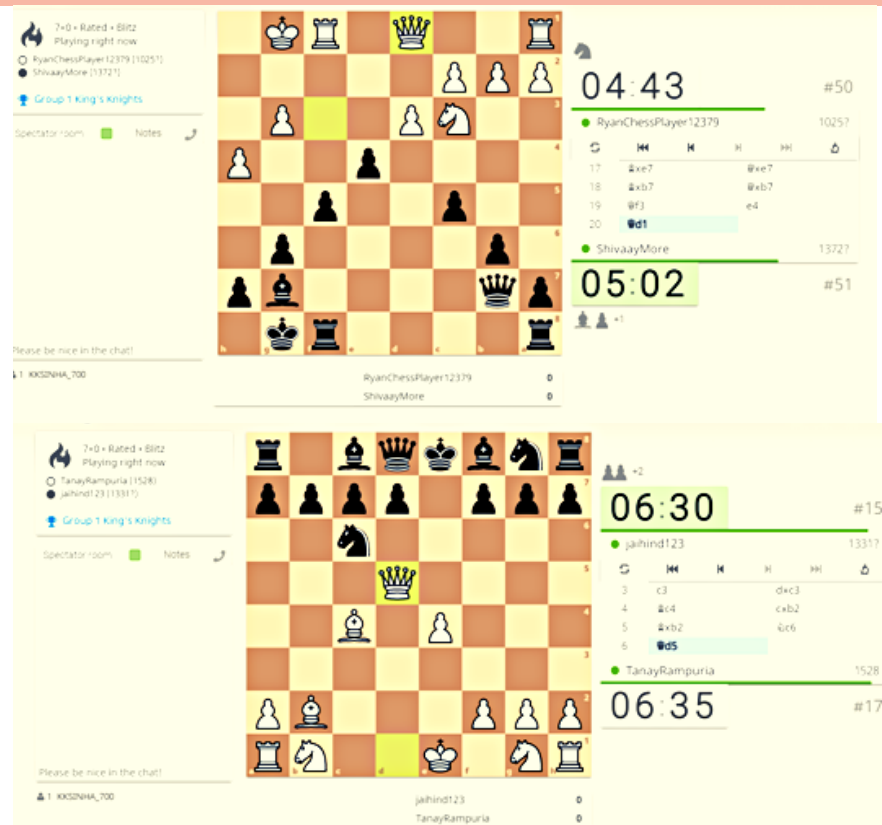
Aryaman Kedia of 4A participated in a 4-a-side football tournament organized by the Vision Sports Academy in Kutch district along with 9 other teams. We are extremely delighted to share that their team won the tournament and Aryaman scored the maximum number of goals for the team. Heartiest congratulations to Aryaman!



## Checkmate!

Tanay Rampuria, Khushagra Mohta of Grade 5B and Shivaay More and Aavyukt Goenka of Grade 4B have represented the Junior Section of the Calcutta International School in the Online Interschool Chess Tournament hosted by BD Memorial International on 28th August 2021.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Kaushik Sinha and Mr. Abhijit Roy for guiding our students and organising the online selections.



# HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR CHOIR 21-22

## Grade 3A

- Avika Kejriwal
- Demira Mukherjee

## Grade 3B

- Frederick Rhodes
- Dhruv Mukherji
- Moksh Lalani
- Syra Krishna Modi

## Grade 4A

- Anushka Majumdar
- Shivam Himatsingka
- Sammagnah Bardhan

## Grade 4B

- Kiyam Jal Balsara
- Prerna Kanoi

## Grade 5A

- Agastya Chanda
- Mehr Vineet

## Grade 5B

- Ashwin Chowdhury
- Kriti Garg
- Yuvaan Pawa
- Avyaan Sharma
- Saanvi Sarkar
- Keosha Saha
- Sriyato Das

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD: ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Soumen Ghosh Khan - Mr. Khan has been shouldering the transition from Offline to Online Mode very efficiently during this pandemic. He has been troubleshooting and addressing all concerns of the employees effectively.



Ms Sujaya Sinha - Ms. Sinha has been taking care of the responsibilities of the Department under the guidance of the Finance Manager single handedly. Her attitude towards work is praise worthy.



Arun Kumar Rout - Mr. Rout has been delivering all outdoor works in midst of lockdown due to ongoing pandemic. He has always been very proactive and sincere in his work.





# Helping Hands of CIS

One cannot miss a bright smiling greet from the Dadas and Didis of CIS while entering the school premises. No evidence is required to prove their efficiency in the field they are engaged in. Most of them are very old and experienced employees of this organization. However, they have remained adaptable to every new work or responsibility that is given to them. They have handled the book distribution for the whole school in the recent past following all covid protocols and is therefore highly commendable and well appreciated by the school management.

Apart from the book distribution they have handled text books from different vendors during this lockdown period although some of them stay very far from the school. Recently they approached the Facility Manager to help them with spoken English as most of them are keen to learn new things for the betterment of the individual. Some of them have learnt Microsoft Excel and MS Word in the computers to help us with the data entry.

Observing their curiosity to learn the language so that they can speak in English with the teachers and students a special session was done to enskill them. The management applauds their enthusiasm and recognizes their tremendous effort. Well done and keep up the good work.



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