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This November

Recognizing October as Dyslexia Awareness Month in CIS by the SEN Dept.

Tuesday, October 26th: Dyslexia Awareness sessions started and conducted for Grades 3 to 5.

Tuesday, October 26th: Awards Ceremony (Online) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to award students of Senior School who have won awards in several categories of The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence 2021.

Thursday, October 28th: Observing Dyslexia Awareness Month by wearing red in CIS by students and teachers from Grade 3-5 to promote awareness in a positive way.

Collection Drives on Special Days for School Social Responsibility (SSR).

Junior School collaboration with Lotus Rescue, an NGO for projects this Academic Session (2021-22).

Collection drives to celebrate special days together and interacting with disadvantaged children and women of Lotus Rescue.

Thursday, November 4th: Grades 1-5 take part in a Virtual Creativity Campaign by Bengal CAN to share their innovative ideas to combat air pollution during Diwali.

Friday and Saturday, November 5th and 6th: Kali Puja and Diwali.

Friday, November 12th: Children's Day celebrations.

Friday, November 19th: Orientation on Access Arrangement for parents of students with diagnosis by Special Educators.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 19th, 20th and 21st: Second round (Semi final) of the IMMO.



We warmly welcome

Rajveer Anand who has joined Grade 4B

and

Roozbeh Nubaid Nuraz who has joined Grade 1A.







The Junior Section of Calcutta International School organized a unique collaborative Inter School Literary Festival on the online medium on 23rd and 24th September 2021.



The festival was an innovative venture spearheaded by the Department of English and witnessed an amalgamation of the creative juices of 20 participants from Grade 5 from 4 schools including CIS. The other participating schools were The International School from Bangalore, South City International School and The Heritage School from Kolkata.

The objective of this festival was to encourage collaborative creative work amongst students from different schools who would work together towards a common purpose.

Envision, Engage, Express



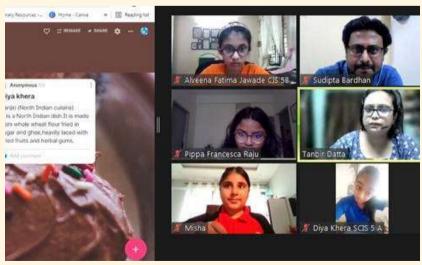


Designed by Mrs Preeti Roychoudhury, the Head of Department - English, at CIS, the Literary Festival invited schools to send in 5 participants for the 5 groups - Fantasia, Good News Alert, Foodentity, Dear Diary and Acting Out. Each of these groups were supervised by designated teachers from CIS, (Mrs Sukanya Singhal, Mrs Sushmita Ray, Ms Amanda DuPratt, Mrs Shreyaa Dutta Gupta, Mrs Tanbir Dutta, Ms Kashmiri Marwah, Mr Sudipta Bardhan, Mr Kaushik Bose, Mrs Subhashree Sarkhel and Mrs Tania Roy) who formed the backbone of the journey to collaboration. These teachers met the participants in a special ice breaking session in August and then facilitated the creative collaboration amongst the participants on September which was the main day of work. The groups put their heads together and created wonderful presentations by the end of the 3-hour work sessions. camaraderie There was much and cooperation amongst the young participants who displayed commendable team spirit and enthusiasm.







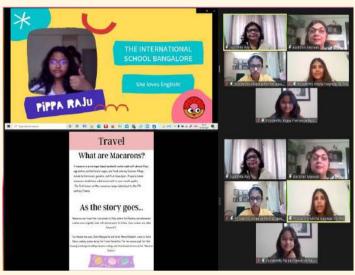








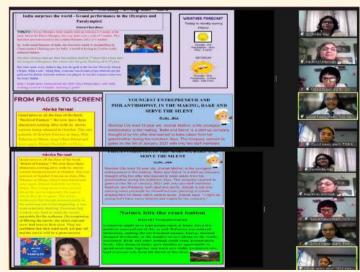
















The 24th of September was marked as the Grand Finale when Director of the Indus Valley School Kolkata, Mrs Amita Prasad graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Along with Principal Mrs Pratima Nayar and Section Head Mrs Neelam Choudhury, she effusively praised the presentations made by the participants and commended the collaboration undertaken by these young minds.

Mrs Nayar observed the detailed presentations as well as the original thinking displayed by the students. It was under her inspiration that the entire Project had taken wing and she was delighted at the meaningful experience it had created for all involved.





Mrs. Amita Prasad

Mrs. Pratima Nayar





Mrs. Neelam Choudhary

All the participants were awarded specially designed certificates on the occasion along with book vouchers as gifts. An incredible team of teachers including Mrs Mousumi Guha, Mr Abhijit Roy and Mr Sudipta Bardhan also collaborated to design the official logo of the fest. The smooth running of the technical aspects of the festival were taken care of under the watchful care of Mrs Antara Banerjee, Mrs Urmita Das, Mr Abhijit Roy and Mrs Sushmita Ray.

The Literary Festival sought to make a departure from the conventional competitive fests of the city and promote collaboration amongst young students across the city and country in this first-of-its-kind endeavour. The venture received much support and praise from all participating schools and this has further strengthened the resolve of CIS to carry forward this initiative in the coming years.

English Elocution Competition



The Junior School English Elocution Competition 2021-2022 was held on the 1st and 4th of October for Grades 1 to 5 respectively. The young participants showed what confident speakers they are through their variety of poems and speeches. The competition was judged by internal as well as external judges on 5 criterias - choice of poems/ speeches, modulation, articulation, clarity and memory. The judges were truly impressed with the participants' oratory skills and praised them highly. The event was attended by Mrs Pratima Nayar, Principal - Junior School, Mr Ayan Pal - CEO, Mrs Neelam Choudhary - Section Head - Junior Section, Mrs Preeti Roychoudhary , HOD - English, Mrs Sharmila Majumdar, Section Head - Primary, teachers of the section and all the students of Junior Section. The participants and winners will be awarded with certificates of participation and trophies. The event concluded on a happy note.

Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson











Grade 1

The students of Grade 1 recited poems on the theme of nature. The students sent out meaningful messages through their poems on preserving Mother Nature and her beauty. They covered topics from rain to rainbow and rainforest to the tiniest bugs living in the lap of nature. The students participated with great zeal enthusiasm. The judges who graced the occasion were Mrs Rakhi Dutta Roy from Sri Sri Academy and Ms Upasana Saraswati from Calcutta International School. At the end of the competition the judges congratulated and praised the children on their confidence, intonation and proper pronunciation.

Mrs Nayar and Mrs Choudhary praised not only the winners but the whole class as they all had put in effort and enthusiastically learned and recited poems exceptionally well in the preliminary round. The winners of Grade 1 were - 1st place - Aaryav Gujral and Devyansh Shah, 2nd place - Eira Jhunjhunwala and Tamanna Bhutoria and 3rd place - Ahana Khaitan.

Grade 2

The Grade 2 students recited poems based on nature and impressed the judges with their confidence and choice of poems. Their poems talked about the wonders of nature, the beauty of seasons and the lessons we can learn from observing things around us.

Judging the event, Ms Kusumika Mitra from Calcutta International School and Mrs Anindita Bose from Sri Sri Academy, praised the participants for their public speaking skills and thanked them for ushering nature into our homes through their beautiful poetry renditions.



Dyuti Jain stood first, Mohor Mukherjee Ghosh joined the podium in second place while Vivaan Mookherjee stood third.





Grade 3

The students of Grade 3 recited poems on hope, joy and new beginnings which was very apt as they started off the day's event on 4th October, 2021. Through their well-chosen poems, the participants showed us how we should never give up hope even in the darkest of times, happiness can be found in the littlest of things and a new day always brings a new beginning. This message comes at a time when things around us look so bleak; however, we must continue to hold on and always remember that the sun will rise the next day again.

The judges of the event, Mr Surya Subha Banerjee from Calcutta International School and Ms Monica Mirchanadani from The South City International School, were impressed by the confidence and oral skills of the young learners and appreciated how good they were. They even shared some areas on which the students could work on for the future. Moksh Lalani stood first. Vairaj Jhunjhunwalla and Zara Sengupta stood second while Demira Mukherjee stood third.





Grade 4

The students of Grade 4 delivered self written speeches on either the person they admire the most or an activity they like to do for fun. While some students spoke about their mother and father, some of them inspired us with their viewpoints about their favourite heroes be it Satyajit Ray or MS Dhoni. They gave a varied insight into their favourite activities be it cooking, pottery or Lego. Above all, the learners highlighted the values they have inculcated or wish to inculcate.

The judges, Ms Sanchita Sen from South City International School and Ms Archana Joshi from The International School Bangalore, were impressed by the oratory skills of the participants. Aarav Pasari won first place, Sammagnah Bardhan came in second and Vedang Shah came in third.















The two esteemed judges were Mrs Sampita Das from South City International School and Mrs Valambal Subramanian from The International School, Bangalore. They deeply appreciated the repertoire of these young elocutionists who brought to life World and Indian History by delivering these powerful speeches in their well modulated voices.

Grade 5

The young elocutionists of Grade 5 delivered well known and acclaimed speeches by eminent personalities, belonging to past and present generations. Their choices were varied, striking and well thought of. Their choice of speech was based on their general knowledge, their idols, their ideals, current affairs, History, Geography, Political Science, social and environmental problems, their patriotism, national pride and their internationalism. The speeches they preferred and selected echoed their beliefs, values, hopes, fears for the future and their concerns.

The speeches these young orators chose and delivered ranged from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's speech on his vision of/for India to Winston Churchill's 'The Finest Hour Speech', Martin Luther King's unforgettable 'I have a Dream' to young Severn Cullis Suzuki's speech on Saving the Environment, to name a few. Each speech was well received by the attentive audience.



While expressing their views on the competition, they said that it had surpassed all their expectations. Special credit was given to the elocutionists for their near perfect modulation, even in certain places in the speeches where finding the right tone and pitch was challenging. The proud winners were Saanvi Sarkar - first, Alveena Fatima Jawade - second, and Krishiv Poddar - third.

Brama Session Parents as Visitors



Brama Session Parents as visitors

This refreshing collaboration and super effort by the parents was much appreciated by the Junior school Principal, Mrs Nayar, Section head Mrs. Majumdar, English HOD Mrs. Roychoudhury and the Drama teacher Mr K. Bose who attended the session. As an audience we were thoroughly entertained with the variety of acts.

Upper Nursery A

The students of Upper Nursery A participated in a Drama session and enacted interesting roles characters from the story 'Room on the Broom', 'Alice in Wonderland', 'The Princess and the Dragon' as well as some individual acts. Students dressed up as witches, queens, dragons, ogres, knights etc. and brought the characters alive. They used fantastic props, music and appropriate backdrops to enhance the performances. The scripts were prepared and narrated by the parents who came as special visitors during the session. Anika's mother, Mrs Isha Khaitan, Reyaan's mother, Mrs Shefali Agarwal and Amarissa's father Mr Scott Hartmann were the story narrators and made it really delightful with their improvisation.











Upper Nursery B











On 29th September, Upper Nursery B had a wonderful session on, 'Character and Story Enactments', by the students.

The performances were based on various story and comic characters like, Jack and the Beanstalk, Avengers [who had come together to save the world], PG masks and a Mash up of Fairytale characters like, Princess Elsa, Rapunzel, Fairy and Ariel.

Their creative use of props and the costumes contributed to their outstanding performances!

















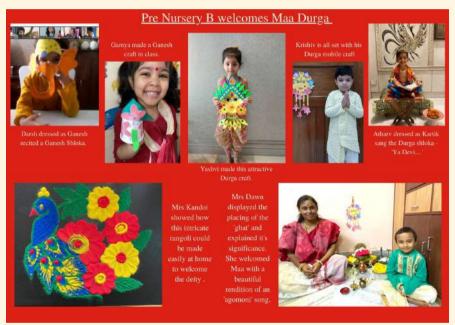




Pre Nursery



On 30th September, students of Pre Nursery A along with their teachers welcomed Maa Durga the deity of Power and Peace to celebrate Durga Puja. The assembly began with 'Durga Mantra' recited by Arjun Vora Kejriwal. He mesmerized the audience with his impeccable recitation. Students were captivating in their Dhunuchi Naach performance. Mrs Nayar and Mrs Majumdar encouraged and motivated the students with their praise and applause. We ended the assembly with a wish for a joyous occasion.



The students of Pre Nursery B created magic with their confident rendition of shlokas and mantras to welcome the deity. Their performances were compiled into a video. It was followed by the 'ghot' placement ceremony displayed by Mrs Dawn and Ganesh Vandana by Ishanjit. Thereafter, Mrs Kandoi made a rangoli to usher in good luck and prosperity into our homes. Mrs Nayar, Mrs Choudhary and Mrs Majumdar graced the assembly with their august presence.





Nursery

Grade Nursery A and B got together to perform for the Autumn assembly celebrated on the virtual platform. Students took turns to about speak the significance of festivals celebrated in this season like Durga Puja, Dussehra and Navratri. They dressed up in vibrant traditional attire perform the to 'Dhunuchi dance' and 'Raas garba'. We concluded the assembly with a video on the story of Ravana and Dussehra.























Upper Nursery



The Virtual Durga Puja Assembly of Upper Nursery A and B on 5th October was a visual treat, as every child came dressed in traditional attire and had a beautiful festive background which created a lovely ambience.

The Assembly began with the raag ' Aigiri Nandini' followed by a welcome for the guests to the auspicious occasion.

The powerful sound of 'Om' from the 'conch shell' blown by Amarissa's grandmother sent positive vibrations and ushered in the festivities. She gave her blessings and greetings to all of us. Children put up a variety of soul touching performances which included reciting 'shlokas', narrating stories of Goddess Durga, singing and performing spectacular dances.

The beat of the dhak charged up the online session performances and spread good cheer in everyone's heart.





Junior Section





The students of the Junior Section welcomed Autumn with open arms and celebrated it with great enthusiasm on 5th October, 2021. The Junior School Choir presented the Autumn Assembly-Autumn Raagas by singing three beautiful songs Aigiri Nandini, Fall into Fall and Pankhida.

The harmonious and melodious singing, colourful attires, dances and smiling faces of the choir members rang in the festive season.

This creative effort of the Junior Choir was very ably supported and guided by Mr Mukherjee, our Music Teacher and the Choir teachers, Mrs Gandhi, Ms Debnath and Mrs Singh.



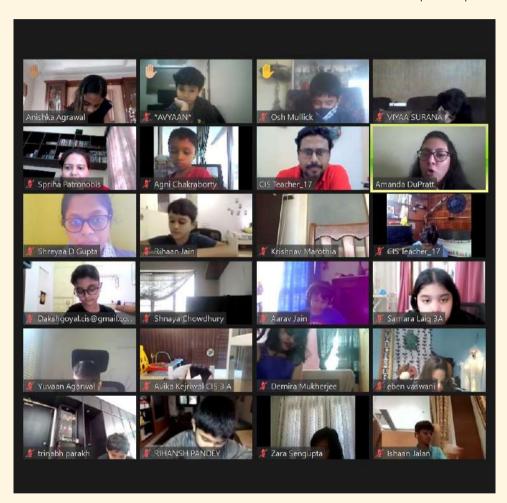
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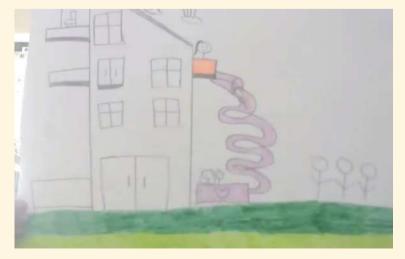
From the School Counsellor's Desk

At CIS, we focus on mental wellbeing and building social and emotional literacy in our students. World Mental Health Day is celebrated on 10th October around the world. However as this date coincided with the Puja break, students of CIS, Junior section, observed this significant event during the week 25th - 29th October 2021. Grades 3, 4 and 5 participated in the event.



Grade 3

For Grade 3, a collaborative activity was conducted by the school counsellor, Mrs Spriha Patronobis, along with English and Art teachers - Mrs Shreyaa Dutta Gupta, Mrs Amanda DuPratt, Sudipta and Mr Bardhan respectively. activity titled 'My Happy Place' enabled students to reflect and visualize a physical/imaginary place, memory or activity that enables them to feel better, especially when they may be facing difficulties. The idea was to inculcate in children the ability to self regulate their emotions, leading to greater self awareness and better emotional health.





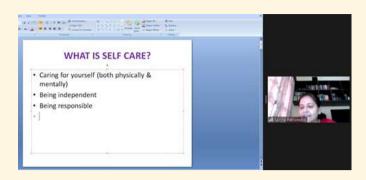




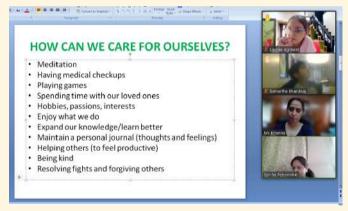
Grades 4 and 5

Students of Grades 4 and 5 attended interactive sessions with the school counsellor, Mrs. Spriha Patronobis, to deliberate on the importance of Self Care. The students were helped to understand how physical and mental wellbeing are connected. They were then engaged in a brainstorming and reflective exercise to build their own list of Self Care activities that ranged from aspects of physical health (such as staying hydrated, getting sufficient sleep, eating healthy, daily exercise, avoiding too much screen time), to those that were deeply connected to their emotional wellbeing and self development (such as being involved in hobbies that make us happy, positive self talk, spending time with loved ones, apologizing for our mistakes and forgiving others for theirs', standing up for yourself, self expression without inhibition, to name a few).













Junior School Math and ICT activities



Math Activities



Pre Nursery A

The young mathematicians of Pre Nursery A gradually developed a love for Math through integrated and activity based learning process. Students, while learning about the properties of basic shapes - triangle, circle and square, created various art and craft projects. They integrated the concepts learnt in creating an insect craft, counting the number of legs, antennae, body parts etc. Learning the formation of numbers has never been so exciting! Students kneaded and rolled dough to make number symbols. The enthusiastic leaners continue to explore and develop new concepts everyday.

Pre Nursery B

The students of Pre Nursery B had their first experience in experimenting with STEM related activities. Learners used dough and icecream sticks to make one dinosaur, two cakes and three sticks to make a triangle after learning to trace and count numbers 1, 2 and 3.



Numbers are fun !!





Nursery A



Crafting and creating with shapes - Students sorted, analyzed and put together 2D shapes to create beautiful art work integrating Math with English and Art. They made a picture of a crab with circles and semicircles while learning the phonic sound 'c' and an engine with rectangles, squares, circle and triangles, while doing the 'e' phonic sound.

Nursery B



The students of Nursery B have learnt concepts many Math through fulfilled hands on activities. They grasped the concept of Pictograph at ease with cut- outs. They enjoyed working on Ten frames using counters and stickers.











Upper Nursery Children enjoy their daily Mathematics lessons by doing various kinds of hands-on activities with objects around the house to count, calculate and estimate.









Grade 1

Students of Grade 1 began this academic year by collecting number Data about themselves and representing the number facts in various ways. They all presented the charts they made, in class.

Grade 2



For the first time, the young learners of Grade 2 explored the creation of regular and irregular shapes using toothpicks. This helped in understanding angles and size of sides to characterise the properties of shapes. Using this knowledge, they drew shapes and marked right angles in shapes.



Grade 3



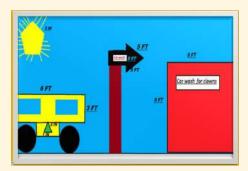
"Save paper, save resources. But learning must go on."

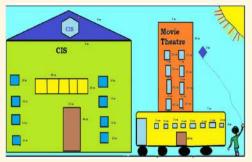
Keeping in mind the importance of using paper skilfully, the students of grade 3 carried out an activity to make regular shapes with strips of paper with sides of a given measurement.

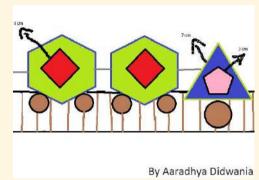
Making of shapes was extended to identifying lines of symmetry, parallel lines, perpendicular lines and angles. Furthermore, the students created images to realise that nothing in the world is without angles.











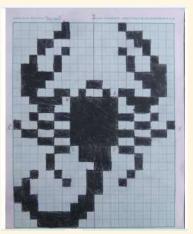
Grade 4

Students of Grade 4 used the concept of Perimeter to draw 'out of the box' objects/scenes to calculate the perimeter of different shapes.

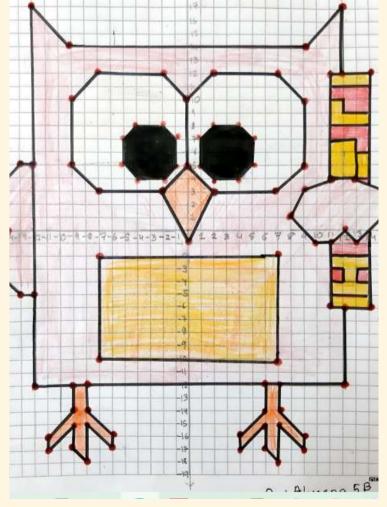
They drew a variety of polygons, of different measurement units, and calculated their perimeter.

Grade 5

Students of Grade 5 worked on the plotting of shapes on 4 Quadrants and created symbols and shapes on coordinate structure which they felt represented their individuality. They plotted animals, shapes and letters which they felt would best represent their personality.



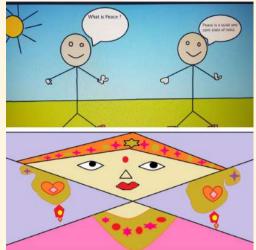






ICT Activities





Grade 1

Students of Grade 1 portrayed their creativity, thinking skills and good eye-hand coordination through interesting illustrations of various celebrations on the newly learnt software MS PAINT.

Grade 2

Students of Grade 2 celebrated International Peace Day by making posters on Microsoft Word. They used all types of formatting tools and enhanced their posters by inserting quotes and phrases.

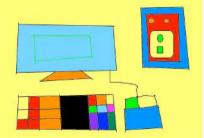












Grade 3

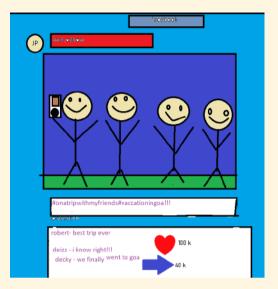
Students have been working on Paint. Some works have been created on Paint, focusing on using basic shapes and colours.





Grade 4

Grade 4 created posters Cyber safety and security, made using paint collaborative group work.













Grade 5



In Scratch, students created simple to complex designs and games using Scratch programming software.

In Microsoft Word, students created word documents using the various tools taught on a word processing software.

Student Achievements



Student Achievements

Essay Competition

CIS students, from the Junior Section, participated The in Oueen's Commonwealth Competition Esaay organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society in the month of June 2021 and have been awarded with the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards for their essays. Sammagnah Bardhan of 4A and Alveena Fatima lawade of 5B received the Gold Award, Frederick Rhodes of 3B received the Silver Award and Reyna Bhawal of 5B, Jagrit Agarwal of 4B and Vivaan Mookherjee of 2B received the Bronze Award.



All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them. - Walt Disney





Chess

Rihansh Pandey, Grade 3A, participated in the West Bengal State Under 9 Chess Championship 2021, held on 2nd and 3rd October, 2021 and secured the 12th position, winning 4 out of 7 games. We wish him all the best for his future endeavours.





Inter-School Golf Tournament

Hredaan Raj Bihani and Varish Mohta, of Grades 5A and 5B respectively, competed and won the 16th Interschool Golf Tournament in the under 13 category held at the Tollygunge Club on 7th and 8th October, 2021. This is their third win in a row for CIS (twice in the under 9 category and once in the under 13). Heartiest Congratulations to our young golfers! CIS is very proud of their achievements.







Miraan Lakhotia of Grade 1A had participated in an Interschool Golf Tournament in Tollygunge Club over two days and was awarded the youngest player award. We wish him all the best in his future endeayours.

Heartiest Congratulations

CIS is extremely proud of all of them!

Teacher Activities



Dyslexia Awareness

You are not alone!!

Dyslexia is not a disease or an identifiable physical condition, but a learning style.

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month, and currently 14.5 million children and 43.5 million adults in the world have dyslexia. However, despite these large numbers, many people aren't aware of the struggle that people with Dyslexia face and they generalise and assume things about them.

SEN DEPT CIS feels that the best way to celebrate Dyslexia Awareness Month would be to spread awareness about Dyslexia. It is the perfect time to think about how much harder dyslexic people's lives are than our own and try to realize more about their situation.

To increase the awareness, SEN dept has shared a document as "Breaking down truth about Dyslexia" to all stakeholders of school – teachers, parents, students and admin staff. Grade 3 to 5 students were sensitized about dyslexia during their CT time. The entire school cohort wore RED in support of Dyslexia awareness.



CIS community in RED on 28th October, 2021 in support of Dyslexia awareness



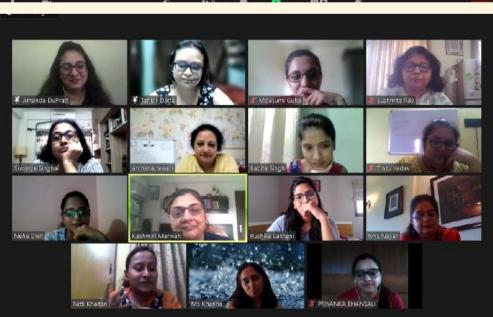
English Workshop Sharing Session

On the 30th of September 2021, Ms Tanbir Datta and Ms Amanda DuPratt conducted a sharing session based on the workshop attended by them at the American Centre – 'Words are how we think, stories are how we link'. The English teachers of the Primary and Junior section, along with Mrs Nayar – Principal – Junior School, attended the session.



The teachers shared their takeaways from the creative workshop which aimed to provide an extensive pedagogical resource for English language learning, developing students' cognitive and language skills and empowering the teachers with tools to engage their students through several performative storytelling techniques such as role playing, tableaux presentations, and forum theatre, thus making language learning interesting.





Ms Datta and Ms DuPratt also shared three activities that they were introduced to in the workshop such as the popcorn sharing technique, three corners and tableau presentation.

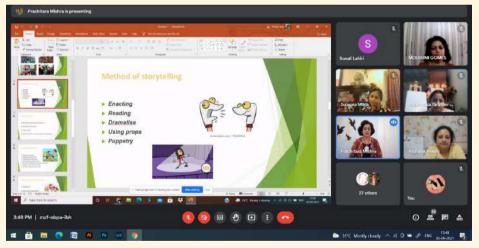
These activities will ensure variety in student responses and provide a chance to everyone in the class to contribute, thus making it student driven.

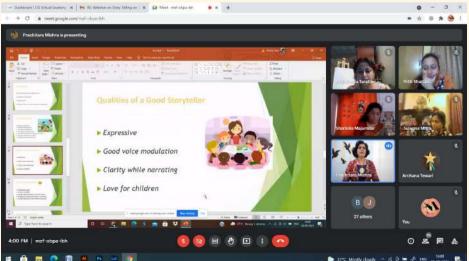
The session was enjoyed by all and teachers were encouraged to use these activities in their lessons.



Storytelling Webinar







Teachers of Pre Nursery and Nursery attended a webinar 'SPINNING TALES' on 30th September, 2021.

The session focussed on the creative ways of telling stories to children helping them explore their imagination to develop self expression and confidence.

The resource person, Prachitara, covered important and relevant points and used props and voice modulations to narrate stories during the session. Professionally trained in song, dance and theatre, she has always enriched her audience in a unique way with her powerful display of emotions.



CAIE Training Primary Digital Literacy Extension Course

Mrs Urmita Das attended the extension course on Digital Literacy online, from the 6th to the 26th of September 2021, with Mr. Hamish Ahmed as the course instructor.

It was a three-week extensive course, outlining the various components of the curriculum. The course was structured in a way to provide a more integrated and collaborative learning experience for all the participants.

Mrs Das had the opportunity of interacting with teachers across the globe, learning their teaching strategies and sharing experiences.

The course was divided into – the main curriculum challenges, lesson planning, feedback & reporting and assessment structure. Digital Literacy is designed with flexibility for the teachers to adopt the principles in accordance with their own school policies. It is versatile in nature with scope for innovation and collaboration. The primary content of the course deals with using digital devices responsibly and learning the norms and practices of a digital citizen.

It was an enriching experience.







CAIE English Training and Sharing Session



Certificate of completion

This is to certify that

Shreyaa Dutta Gupta

Completed the online

Extension Cambridge Primary English (0058)

course conducted by

Cambridge Assessment International Education

01/09/21 to 26/09/21 Credit hours: 15

Christine Özden, Chief Executive Combridge Assessment International Education Mrs Shreyaa Dutta Gupta, of the Junior Section, underwent the Extension Cambridge Primary English (0058) in September 2021. During this extensive, three week course she worked closely with teachers from around the world. 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.

On October 27th, an enriching sharing session was conducted by Mrs. Dutta Gupta where she shared her reflections, learnings and primarily some effective techniques to handle different areas of teaching and learning challenges, faced by English teachers globally. The sharing session was attended by Mrs. Nayar, Mrs Preeti Roychoudhury and the English teachers of Junior School.



