



# CIS HERALD

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*Welcome to  
CIS!*

**We warmly and  
lovingly welcome  
Sydel Nazir to  
Grade 3B and  
Aditri Lahiri to  
Grade 4A**







# Newsletter Information for the Month of December 2021



*The Junior School choir performance of  
the tree lighting ceremony at the Hyatt*  
Thursday, 2nd December



## Primary Section



*Christmas Activities and Carol Singing*

Monday, 20th December - Pre Nursery

Tuesday, 21st December - Nursery

Wednesday, 22nd December - Upper Nursery

## Junior Section



*Prize distribution, Christmas Assembly  
and Carol Singing*

Monday, 20th December - Grades 1 and 2

Tuesday, 21st December - Grades 3 and 4

Wednesday, 22nd December - Grade 5



*Winter Vacations Starts*

Thursday, 23rd December



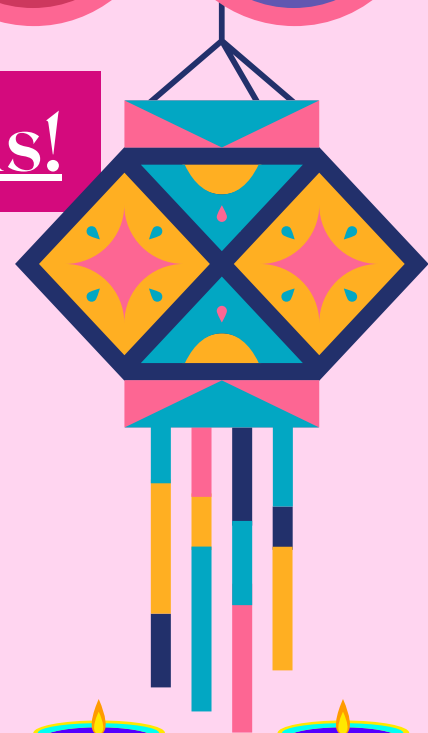
*School Reopens*

Tuesday, 4th January 2022



# It's all about Autumn Festivals!

The Primary Section ushered in the autumn season with great joy and enthusiasm. Each class rejoiced and celebrated the autumn festivals - Diwali and Halloween - in their own special way.



## Grade Pre Nursery A

For Halloween, the students dressed up in a costume of their choice and a mask which they painted in class. The students listened to the exciting adventures of a witch and her encounters, in the story: Room on the Broom. To celebrate the joyous occasion of Diwali, the students painted a rangoli and diya during the Art class.



## Grade Pre Nursery B



Autumn festivities were ushered in with the celebration of Diwali and Halloween. The Festival of Lights was made memorable by preparing a decorative candle holder using an old CD. Students dressed up for Halloween appropriately. They sang the song, 'Five Little Pumpkins sitting on a gate' and heard the enchanting story, 'Room on a Broom'.





## Grade Nursery A

We celebrated the Autumn festival, Diwali and Halloween through stories and craft. The students were shown the story of Ramayana and why we celebrate Diwali. For Halloween, the students were engaged in making a Jack – o’ lantern craft and they displayed them with great zeal.



## Grade Nursery B



The students of Nursery B celebrated Halloween virtually and made a happy start to the Halloween week. Each and every student was dressed in spooky characters like Dracula and Dracula's daughter Maria, scary Elsa, ghosts and witches on a broomstick casting spells. Some were either masked or had faces painted. To break the scary feeling, one of the students chose to be the fairy godmother with a wand making everyone’s wish come true. The session ended with a song - 'Happy Halloween' while all the characters moved on its beats.



## Grade Upper Nursery A

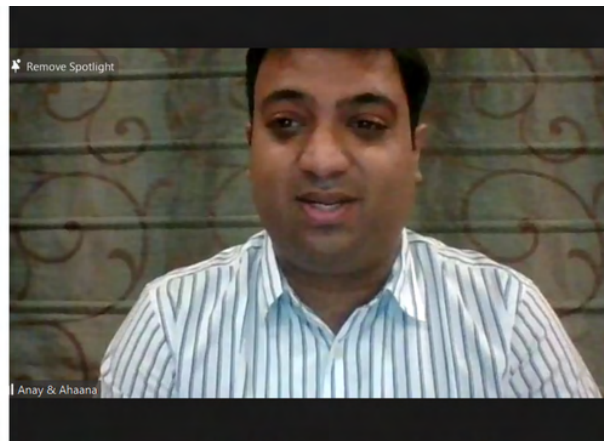
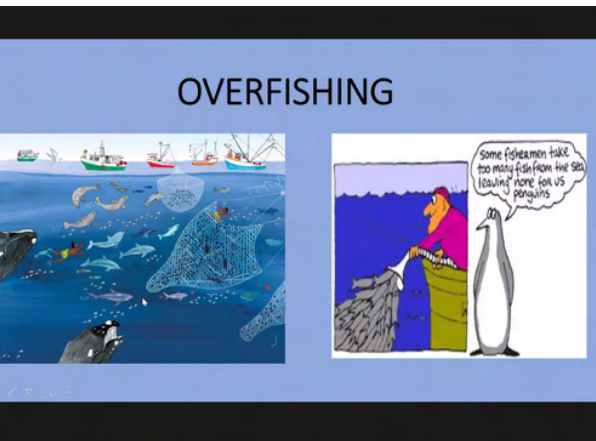
The students of Upper Nursery A celebrated Halloween with full enthusiasm! They looked terrific in their spooky attires. It was wonderful to have a parent visitor share Halloween facts with us all the way from the United States. Mr Scott Hartmann spoke about the story of Halloween and the three key traditions of pumpkin carving, house decorations and trick or treating through a colorful and informative PPT. Halloween became even more fun with all the visuals and experiences that he shared. The costumes and props that the children brought to class added to make it even more lively on the virtual platform.



# Parent Visit

## Grade Upper Nursery B

Upper Nursery B had a parent visitor on 3rd November, Mrs R. Dalmia. She guided the children to create beautiful Mandalas to decorate their doorways for Diwali. Her step by step instructions facilitated the children to make lovely Mandala patterns.



## Grade Nursery A

We had Anay and Ahaana's father, Mr Churiwal, as the parent visitor in our class. He spoke about underwater life and how over fishing is effecting them through a PPT. He shared a story and did a craft with the students using play dough and toothpick. Children enjoyed making the sea urchin with play dough.



# Children's Day - Celebrating our future with the leaders of tomorrow

"The best way to make children good is to make them happy" - Oscar Wilde

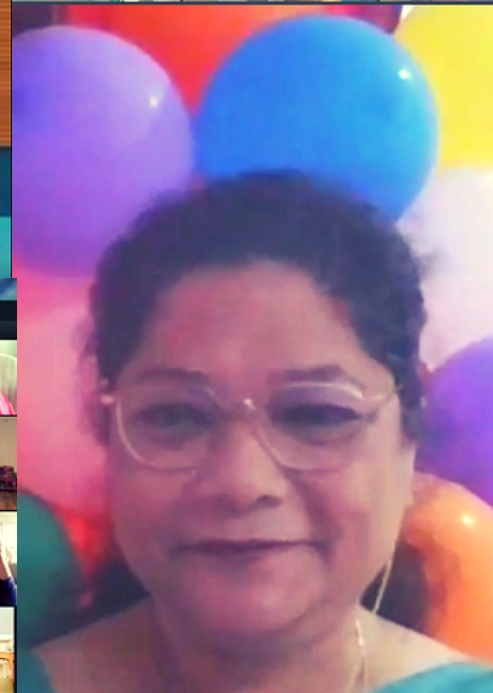
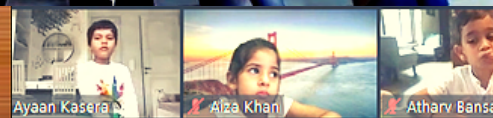
The Teachers of the Primary Section made Children's day special by screen sharing their performances on 'See the sun shining in the window', a dynamic dance called 'Jerusalem', a puppet show specially created by the teachers for the children and a novel rendition of Musical chairs by Mrs Nayar, Mrs Majumdar and Mrs Choudhury. The teachers further extended the celebration in their respective classes and made it memorable for the students by dancing to peppy numbers like 'Gummy Bear'. The students also joined excitedly to the feet tapping number. The students had fun eating their snacks and grooving with the teachers. The teachers showered them with good wishes and gave a big bear hug!

## Celebrations during CT Time





*The Primary Section celebrates Children's Day together*



# Celebrations in the Junior School

*On Children's Day, the students of CIS beamed with joy while they were virtually brought back to school to celebrate and enjoy the day. Missing school for almost two years they loved watching their teachers perform on the school field and inside the school building. The day began with a thoughtfully planned Class Teacher's time with engaging and fun-filled activities for the students.*



## Grade 1

The children had a joint session where they enjoyed their favourite breakfast and interacted happily with their friends and teachers. Following which they watched a small video clip on gratitude.

## Grade 2

Students enjoyed playing innovative online games like 'Tag the Teacher' and 'Guess Who's Missing?' They had breakfast with their friends and CTs and also enjoyed dancing to their favourite songs.



## Grade 3

The Children's Day celebrations began in Grade 3 on a delicious note, with the students and their class teachers having their favourite breakfast together on the virtual platform. After the scrumptious meal the children played a General Knowledge quiz on Nearpod.

## Grade 4



The Class Teachers played short videos that captured some special moments of the children in their online classes. After that the students played a quiz in which they had to look at the baby pictures of their friends and class teachers and identify them. Children enjoyed watching the video and playing the quiz.





Grade 5 enjoyed a breakfast with friends along with a chatting and sharing session. They shared what they want to do in future to bring a change in the world. Path breaking ideas and inventions from incredible young minds across the country who have shown us solutions to 21st century worst problems- from reducing pollution to switching on to cleaner energy or fighting the plastic menace, were shared with the students of Grade 5.

## The Junior Section celebrates Children's Day together

The Junior School came together virtually for a whole school Children's Day celebration. Ms Laxmi Khanna and Ms Amanda DuPratt gracefully hosted the event which began with an inspirational message from the CEO, Mr Pal. Mrs Nayar welcomed the students and expressed her deep affection for them. First on the list of performances was 'Musical Chairs', a surprise performance by the three heads of Junior School - Mrs Nayar, Mrs Sharmila Majumdar and Mrs Choudhary. The students remained glued to their chairs as they watched them dance in perfect harmony. The Primary School teachers made the students revive memories of days spent in kindergarten as they danced to an adorable number - A Beautiful Day!

A humorous skit about the food addicted city of Kolkata made the students laugh and drool as the teachers transformed into the different food items Kolkata is famous for. Teachers swayed to the popular song Jerusalema and surprised the students with their entrancing moves. Next on the list was an African Safari led by teachers, dressed like park rangers, who danced and sang the much liked 'Roar' song.

Images of the teachers practising for the Children's Day and a virtual tour of the school was shared with the students. Students loved this 'Behind the scene' video and got misty eyed at the sight of their beloved school. The event came to a close with the students and teachers dancing together to popular songs.



# HUMANITIES

*Humanities - The calling of the Humanities is to make us truly human in the best sense of the word - J. Irwin. Miller*

## Grade 1

### Places in my Neighbourhood

The students of Grade 1 were taught the concept of a 'neighbourhood' and identifying places in their neighbourhood through a project set for them in Social Studies. They were asked to click pictures of their surroundings, from their balconies/windows and terraces, and make charts describing their neighborhoods. This project made them aware of their surrounding environment and also to appreciate the beauty in it, which is very important.

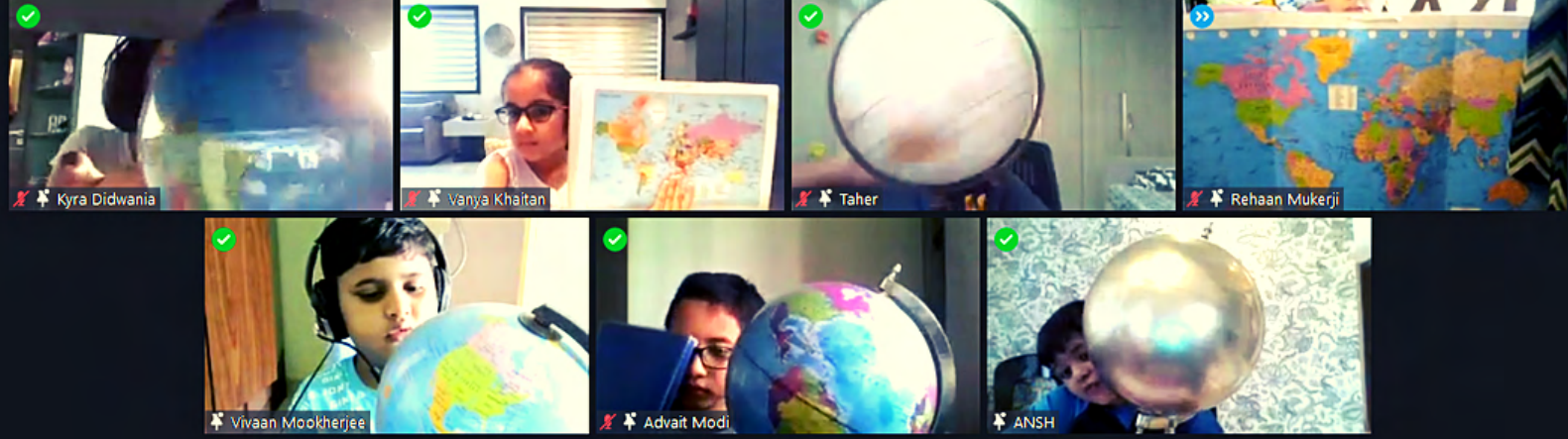


## Grade 2

### Map Skills

The students of Grade 2 enthusiastically displayed their Maps and Globes on the online platform while learning how to locate continents and oceans. They have become quite experts in handling the globes and browsing the maps.





## Grade 3

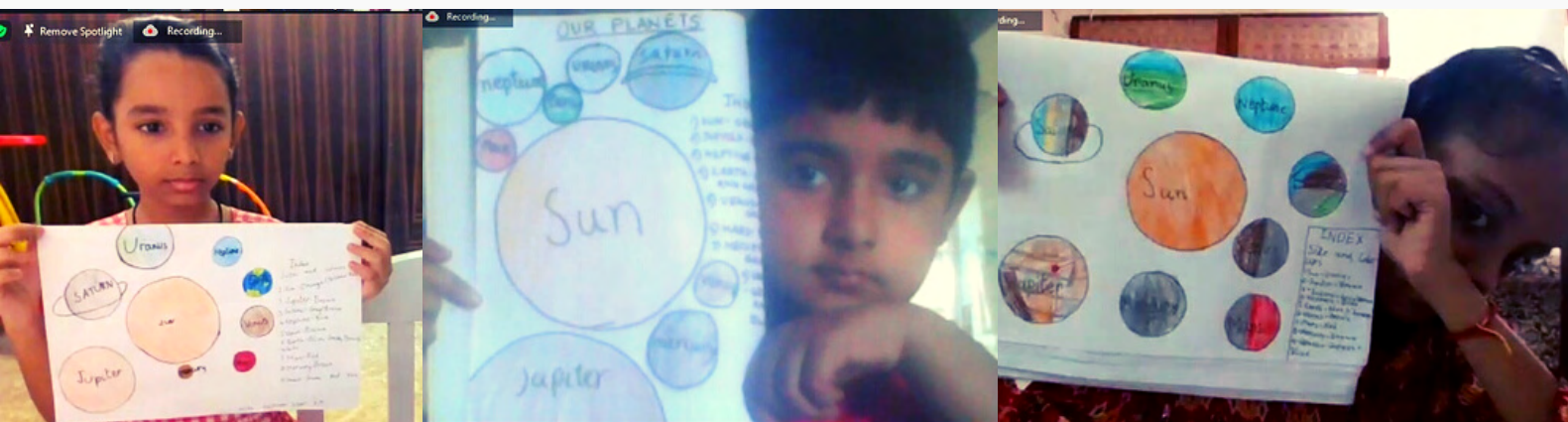
### Ancestral Artifacts

The students of Grade 3 discovered a handful of resources at home, some of which are right from their own ancestral heirloom. They had to collect the artifacts and investigate the kind of source, the material used, the time period and value of the artifacts etc. Later they shared their findings in class through a peer sharing session.



### Sizing up the Planets

Students of Grade 3, used various circular objects available in the house such as bottle caps, bangles, bowls, coins to draw planets around the Sun. This activity enabled the learners to estimate the sizes of the planets. They also coloured their work to understand the colour of the planets.



## Grade 4

### Crisis in Rome

The students of Grade 4 have been learning about the ancient Roman civilization and were greatly inspired by the Roman Senate which was a governing and advisory assembly in ancient Rome. The students worked in small groups and made an attempt to take the role of Roman Senators with a modern day outlook and bring about a change to save the city of Rome. It was perhaps their first stepping stone in becoming policy makers of tomorrow. Mrs Nayar and Mrs Choudhary had attended the presentation.



## Earth's movement and its effects

Students of Grade 4 came up with various available objects in the house to explain the movement of the Earth around the sun. They explained the movement which results in seasons. Students explained the concept of Polar Night and continuous day in the Poles. This was a peer learning session where students taught each other how Earth's Rhythm is affecting us.



### Grade 5

## The Change Makers

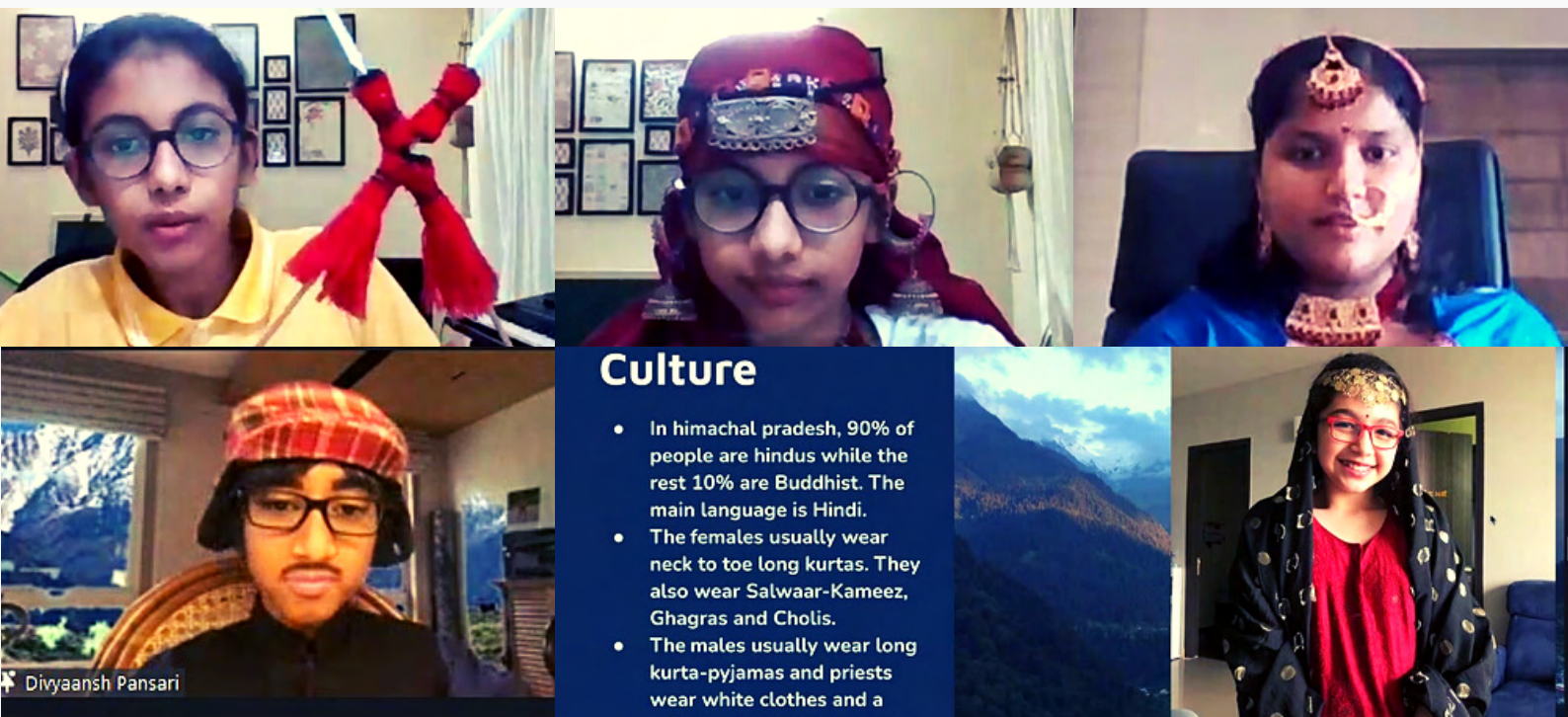
The students of grade 5 worked in small groups to create modern day administrative policies based on Ashokan edicts for better urban governance. This activity made students compare and reflect on the policies of the present governing bodies and that of the Mauryan times and then draft a plan based on the welfare state.

Group 3 - Ashokas edicts			Rajvir, Yugveer, Kriti, Natarsha, Saanvi	Group 2 - Lotus		
Administrative -	Religious -	External Affairs		Administrative	Religious	External Affairs
Hospitals should be built for the poor.	To be liberal and avoid selfishness	Don't judge languages and religious policies of foreigners	Poor people to be given treatment without payment	People still follow Buddhism	Hospitals and Other Communities Built	
Water allowance	Everyone should be tolerant enough to understand others symbolic beliefs	Try to learn about other religions/countries to maintain a peaceful environment	Allowance to Water	Be friendly to all	People shouldn't be judged by skin colour	
Medical ailments should be less expensive for the people who cannot effort so much money.			Build more colleges and more areas for hospitality.	Everyone is Equal	Garden for the Monks	

Krishaan,  
Keosha,  
Kaashvi,  
Hridhaan

## Exploring the Himalayas

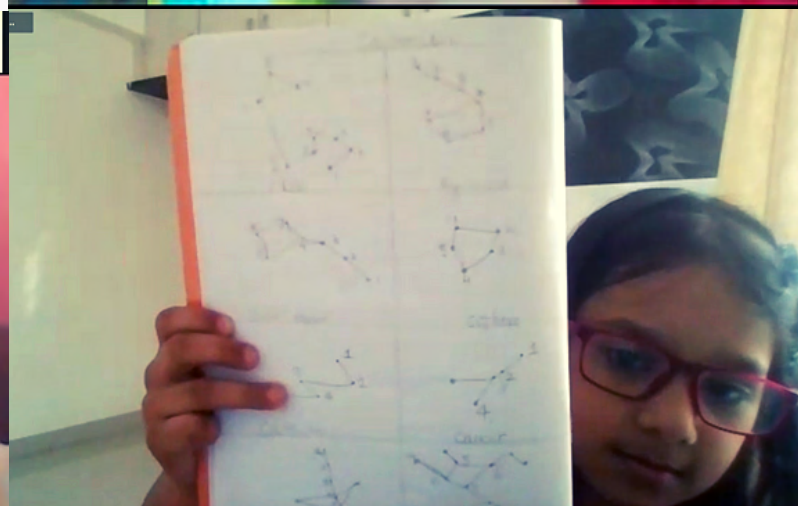
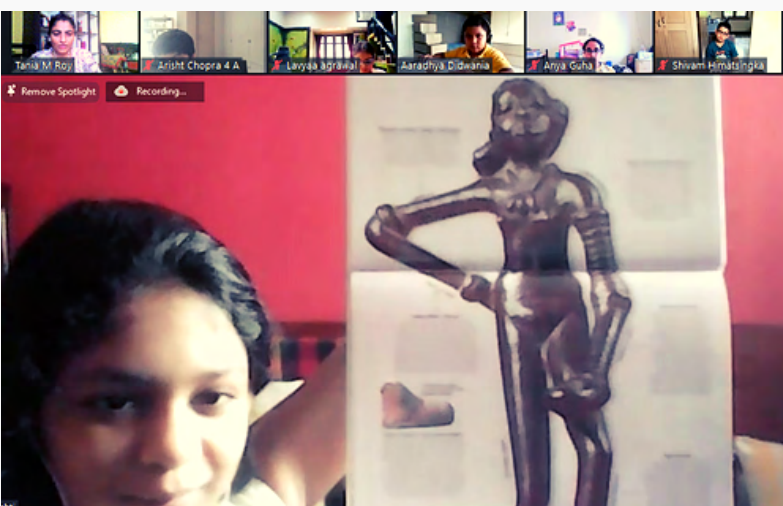
Students of Grade 5, presented their work on various Hill States of Northern India where they researched during the class to come up with Climate, Food, Culture, Festivals of these places. Students were able to develop knowledge and understanding about these states which are based around the Himalayas.

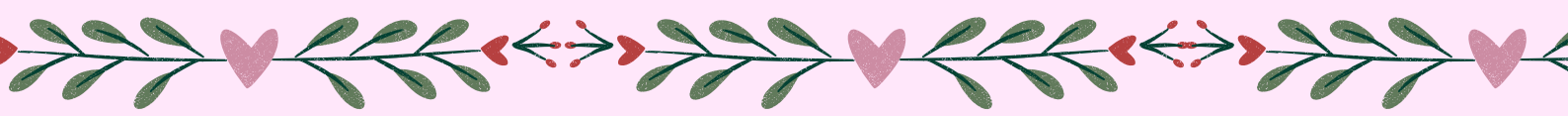


## Enthusiastic about Humanities



The Humanities enthusiasts enjoyed sharing their drawings and resources during class time.





# An interaction between children of the same God

As a part of our School Social Responsibility (SSR), the Junior School has collaborated with Lotus Rescue, an NGO for projects this Academic Session (2021-22).

Mrs Rooplekha Sinha Roy, the founder of Lotus Rescue had an orientation programme with the students of Grades 4 and 5 in October, to brief the students on her organization and the way we can help the students of her school and work with them. She also addressed questions the students had about the children of Lotus Rescue.

The students of Grade 5 had written letters to students of Lotus Rescue. Our students also received letters from the students of Lotus Rescue. On Friday, 19th November 2021, Grade 5 students participated in an interactive session with the students of Lotus Rescue in the zero period. The students talked to each other and shared their interests and chose their friends to continue this interaction through exchange of letters. Mrs Nayar along with Mrs Rooplekha Sinharoy and some teachers of Lotus Rescue and CIS were present to encourage the children.

We hope that this initiative will create a value based outlook amongst our students and together we can work for the betterment of this underserved section. This initiative will help develop empathy and a sense of responsibility in our students and teach them to support those in need to make the world a better place.



# Welcome to CIS!

An interactive session with the new students who joined CIS this Academic session 21-22 was held. The students introduced themselves and shared information about themselves ranging from the city they had come from, their old school, their hobbies and their favourite subjects. All the students expressed that they were happy to be at CIS and enjoying their lessons. Mrs Nayar assured the students that she would organise a tour of the school campus for them soon and concluded by wishing them the very best.



## Student Achievements

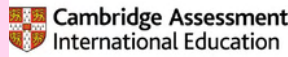
With flying colours!

We are delighted to share that Ariadna Eva Kol, class 4B, has been awarded a certificate by the Russian Government for her drawing which she submitted for a drawing competition held by the Russian Government online worldwide.



# Professional Development and Sharing

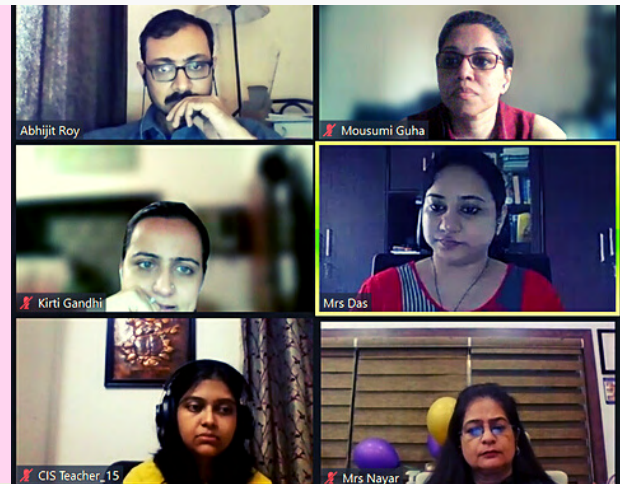
Mrs Tania M Roy attended the Introductory Cambridge Primary Global Perspectives course conducted online by Cambridge Assessments International Education from 06/10/21 to 17/11/21. Her tutor was Ms Sally Burbeary who guided Mrs. Roy to successfully achieve the completion certificate. The 7 weeks long course required collaborating with educationists from other parts of the globe which gave her the opportunity to explore the perspectives of cultures, both familiar and unfamiliar, from our own personal opinion to the opinions of students on the other side of the world, all whilst learning to develop their critical thinking and research skills. Her overall experience was innovative and stimulating and she looks forward to exploring current issues and developing vital skills in students through the introduction of the subject in the coming years in the Junior school.



## Certificate of completion



Mrs Urmita Das had attended an online CAIE Extension course on Digital Literacy in the month of September. Through a presentation, which highlighted the key components of the course, she shared her experience, her learning and understanding of the same with the ICT teachers on 11th of November. A few teaching and evaluating strategies were exchanged to further enhance the teaching - learning process. Mrs Das also expressed her appreciation for being enabled to collaborate and participate with teachers across the globe.



### Digital Literacy

This strand supports learners to become increasingly proficient and independent in their use of hardware and software, through the development of the fundamental competencies that are required when using digital devices.

It is important that learners understand the risks that they could encounter when using devices and this strand enables them to make the effective decisions that will reduce their exposure to the dangers that exist when using devices, both online and offline.

This strand enables learners to understand the context and the continuing development of the digital world. They will discover the purpose of the key components of their devices and will understand how those devices can connect with the wider world.

### How is it different from ICT?

- Digital Literacy has a much wider scope
- It does not restrict the learners to follow a specific learning system.
- The curriculum provides for the holistic development of the learners.







# Our Accomplishments and Proud Moments

## The Telegraph School Awards

With great pride and enthusiasm we announce Calcutta International School's grand success in The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence 2021. CIS continues to shine bright at the awards and has yet again backed awards in several categories. Our heartiest congratulations to the entire school community- Students, Teachers, Admin, Non Teaching staff. This feat would have been impossible without your support.

**The Surenra Paul memorial Award for**  
**Courage**  
 is proudly presented to

*Neha Khati, Abhinav Bharati High School*  
*Yashvi Bhutoria, Calcutta International School*  
*Minakshi Kumari, Sunrise (Eng. Med.) School, Howrah*  
*Oindrila Banerjee, Silver Point School*



*The Surenra Pal Memorial Award for Courage was presented to Yashvi Bhutoria.*

*Heartiest Congratulations to Yashvi!*

*The Balrampur Chini Mills Award for Outstanding Talent was presented to Suryaansh Basumallik (MUN & Public Speaking).*

*Heartiest Congratulations to Suryaansh!*



**The Balrampur Chini Mills Award for**  
**Outstanding Talent**  
 Certificate of Merit  
 awarded to

*Dhruv Saraf (Public Speaking), La Martiniere for Boys*  
*Ram Daftari (Quizzing), Birla High School*  
*Suryaansh Basumallik (MUN & Public Speaking), Calcutta International School*

**The Madanlal Dhandhanian Charitable Trust**  
**Award for**  
**Academic Excellence by a Student**  
 Certificate of Merit  
 awarded to

*Soumya Das, South Point High School*  
*Swapnesh Sinha, St. Augustine's Day School, Barrackpore;*  
*Tarak Das, South Point High School;*  
*Yash Vardhan Pansari, Calcutta International School*

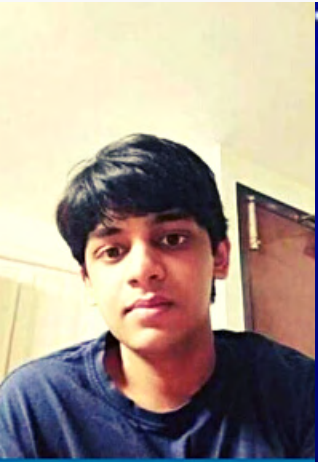


*The Madanlal Dhandhanian Charitable Trust Award for Academic Excellence by a Student was presented to Yash Vardhan Pansari.*

*Heartiest Congratulations to Yash!*



*The Madanlal Dhandhanian Charitable Trust Award for Academic Excellence by a Student was presented to Kiron Deb.*



**The Madanlal Dhandhanian Charitable Trust Award for Academic Excellence by a Student**  
**Certificate of Merit**  
 awarded to  
 Kiron Deb, Calcutta International School  
 Mehetab Alam Mollah, Jadavpur Vidyapith  
 Parthib Das, Apeejay School, Salt Lake; Rahul Mandal, DAV Public School, Midnapore; Sanskriti Singh, National High School, Hazra Road Campus ...

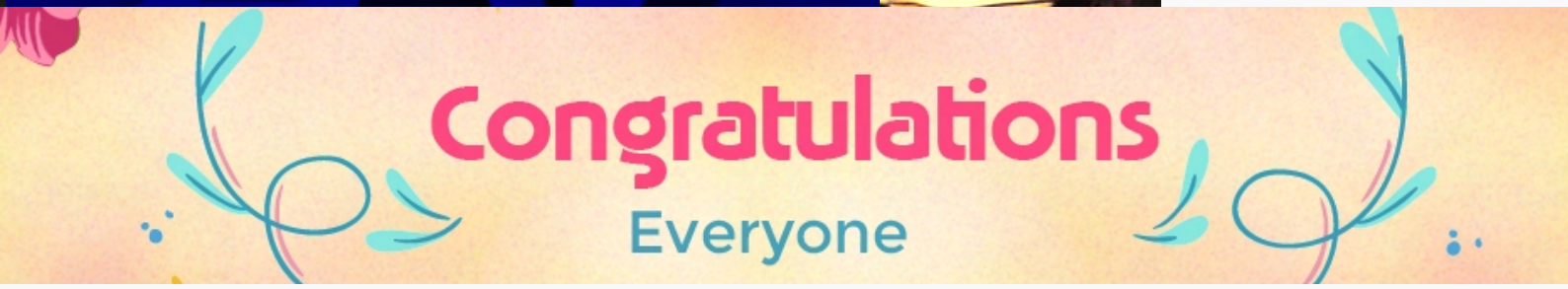
*Heartiest Congratulations to Kiron!*

**The Madanlal Dhandhanian Charitable Trust Award for Academic Excellence by a Student**  
**Certificate of Honour**  
 awarded to  
 Sarnab Banerjee, Julien Day School, Ganganagar  
 Vanisha Rungta, Pratt Memorial School  
 Yashvi Bhutoria, Calcutta International School



*The Madanlal Dhandhanian Charitable Trust Award for Academic Excellence by a Student was presented to Yashvi Bhutoria.*

*Heartiest Congratulations to Yashvi!*



*We would like to acknowledge the teachers who contributed and collated information for the Telegraph Awards for Excellence 2019-20 from Junior School and the SEN and Counselling Department.*

- Compilation, Design and Layout - Mrs Sushmita Ray, Mrs Mousumi Guha, Mr Sudipta Bardhan
1. Award for Eco Friendly Initiatives - Mrs Sujata Ahuja, Mrs Bidisha Mukherjee and Mrs Tania M Roy
  2. Award for Excellence in Academics - Mrs Antara Banerjee and Mrs Sanjukta Poddar
  3. Award for Social Service - Mrs Neelam Choudhary, Mrs Tania M Roy and Mrs Tinku Yadav
  4. Award for Extra and Co Curricular Activities - Mr Abdul Samad
  5. Award for A School that Cares - Ms Lakshmi Khanna, Mrs Farishta Dastur Mukerji, Ms Spriha Patronobis, Mrs Gargi Sinha Mitra, Ms Avradita Debnath and Mrs Baishakhi Sarkar
  6. Award for the School of the Year - Mrs Sushmita Ray, Mrs Mousumi Guha and Mrs Sanjukta Poddar.



# Principal Par Excellence Award

We are extremely proud to share that Mrs Pratima Nayar, Principal - Junior School, has been felicitated by IIHM with the 'Principal Par Excellence Award' on 3rd November 2021. On behalf of CIS we congratulate Mrs. Nayar on her well deserved achievement.



## Way to go Teachers!

The publishing house Collins reached out to the Primary Section teachers of CIS to be reviewers of their new series of books for the Primary level. This initiative was headed by Dr Elaine Higgleston who leads the team at Harper Collins in this segment. There was a fruitful exchange of views and opinions along with documented reviews of the material sent to the teachers of the Primary section. The team was encouraged by Principal of the Junior section Mrs Pratima Nayar, and coordinated by HOD English Preeti Roychoudhury with ample support from Section Head Mrs Sharmila Majumdar. As a token of appreciation, Collins sent pdfs of certificates, while preparing the hard copies of the same. It was indeed a wonderful opportunity to see the valued opinions of our faculty being appreciated and acknowledged by distinguished individuals like Dr. Higgleston who works closely with the Cambridge curriculum.



# Break a Leg!

Teach.erat.hon - 2021, a Pan India event organised by Lilavatibai Podar High School, celebrates the mastery of the digital platform, the brilliant new initiatives instituted by every school, the painstaking efforts to upskill teacher knowledge and tech know-how as well as improve student engagement and bridge the gap between real and virtual.

We wish our four faculty members from Junior School, Ms Archana Tewari, Mrs Gargee Mukherjee, Mrs Subhasree Sarkhel and Mr Abhijit Roy, the very best for their participation in this event.

## Exploring Avenues for Collaboration

Mr Daniel Emmerson, Director of Global Education at Felsted School (United Kingdom) visited CIS on Thursday, 25.11.2021 to meet the Junior School Principal, Mrs Pratima Nayar and explore possibilities of a collaboration between the two schools. It was a fruitful interaction between the two school heads and we are looking forward to an engaging partnership programme.



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