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September Events

5th September 2022- Teachers' Day Celebration

PTM -

3rd September 2022 - Grades 2 and 5

10th September 2022 - Grades Nursery A, Upper Nursery and Grade 4

17th September 2022 - Grades 1 and 3

24th September 2022 - Grade Pre Nursery, Grade Nursery B

22nd September 2022 - Primary Section celebrates Peace Day

29th September 2022 - Primary Section - Puja Assembly

30th September 2022 - Junior Section - Puja Assembly

English Elocution Competition -

Grades 1 to 3 - 27th September 2022

Grades 4 and 5 - 28th September 2022



Inter House Basketball Tournament for Junior School - 8th September 2022 onwards

Welcoming New Students!

Grade Pre- Nursery A - Sara Kothari

Grade Pre- Nursery B - Kabir Kothari

Grade 3B - Amaira Bhagat

Grade 4A - Aarya Wangdi

Grade 4B - Dojin Jung

Grade 5A - Divit Kejriwal

Grade 5A - Aradhya Mukherjee



Celebrating India Day

On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day of the nation, the Primary Section celebrated India Day on 10th August 2022 in the music room. This was the first special assembly of the academic year and for many students it was their first experience of an in-person performance in school.

The students and teachers were taken through the various performances of the day by Ms. Khanna and Mrs Dhaunka who were the emcees of the event. Mrs Majumdar presented a special badge to welcome Mrs Nayar, Principal - Junior School, to the programme. There was a colourful display of songs, dances and poems as the students of the Primary Section celebrated the spirit of Freedom – Something we all value and cherish. The students looked patriotic dressed in the tri colours and their Indian attire. Through their performances, they expressed their love and respect for the country, its people and the soldiers who keep our country safe. The event concluded with Mrs Nayar's encouraging words to take our country forward towards a golden and bright future. The National Anthem was sung by the students and the teachers to close the ceremony.

Jai Hind.

Grade Pre - Nursery

The students of Pre- Nursery ushered the spirit of the Independence Day through their performances. The young learners of Pre- Nursery B spoke about the different National symbols. This was followed by a dance by Pre- Nursery A and B on the song Nanha munna rahi hoon.



Grade Nursery A



The young freedom enthusiasts of Nursery A performed a dance on a song called Teri mitti mein. Dressed in white kurta pyjama and a 'kesari' (orange) dupatta, the students portrayed the essence of the song through their soft gentle movements.

The young patriots of Nursery B came dressed in Indian attire. They danced to the rhythm of Vande Mataram and showed love for their country.



Grade Nursery B



Grade Upper Nursery A

The students of UNA expressed their love for the nation with full enthusiasm by singing a beautiful Hindi song by our very own legendary Indian singer Kishore Kumar..." Aa chal ke tujhe main le ke chaloon..." This was followed by a dance performance on a song by Late Shri Lata Mangeshkar in 1957. The melody "Tak-Tak Dhoom Dhoom" is a happy and inspiring song encouraging the children of our country to be brave and fearless in difficult situations. No matter what happens, be strong; protect your country and keep marching forward singing Tak-Tak Dhoom Dhoom.



Grade Upper Nursery B

UN B sang the song We Shall Overcome, Hum honge Kamyab and Amra Korbo Joy, in three languages to express solidarity.

It was followed by a poem, "Hum Bachhe Hindustan Ke," to bring in the spirit of courage and unity on this special day.



“Independence is happiness” - Susan B. Anthony

After a gap of two years, CIS celebrated the 75th Independence Day of India in physical space with great pride and honour on the 10th and 12th of August 2022.

Grade 1 celebrated Independence Day with great zeal. They spoke about the freedom fighters of our country and reminded us of their sacrifices. Children performed on the song “Aao baccho tumhe dikhaye” which explained the value of the hard-won independence and “Desh rangila” which highlighted the diversity and glory of our country.



Grade 2 worked on a research project based on India's struggle for independence. However, the challenge was to complete this task without the help of online search engines. Students were encouraged to interview their grandparents and collect historical facts and personal experiences of their great grandparents who had witnessed India attain its independence. The students successfully completed their project and presented before the audience tales of bravery and patriotism. They also shared stories of their great grandparents who had left their home and started life from scratch post partition. These stories were followed by Aaryav Gujral's performance, where he enacted a speech Gandhi ji would have given if he were present amongst us today, imploring us to live in peace and harmony. Finally, both the sections came together to sing a patriotic song.



Grade 3 students shared their own viewpoints on what freedom means to them. They collaborated with their peers to research on interesting facts about India. This was followed by a dance performance and instrumental music recital by some students.



Grades 4 and 5 collaborated to present a short docu-theatre, India of my Dreams. The students talked about one unsung hero of the freedom movement, Kodi Katha Kumaran. They also shared their vision of a modern India by 2047, after 100 years of independence through skits, pictures and dialogues and talked about some resolve, actions that have been taken towards the realization of the goals and achievements as citizens so far. This assembly was a unique experience for both teachers and students as it showcased the integration of various subjects like English, History, Drama, ICT and PE.



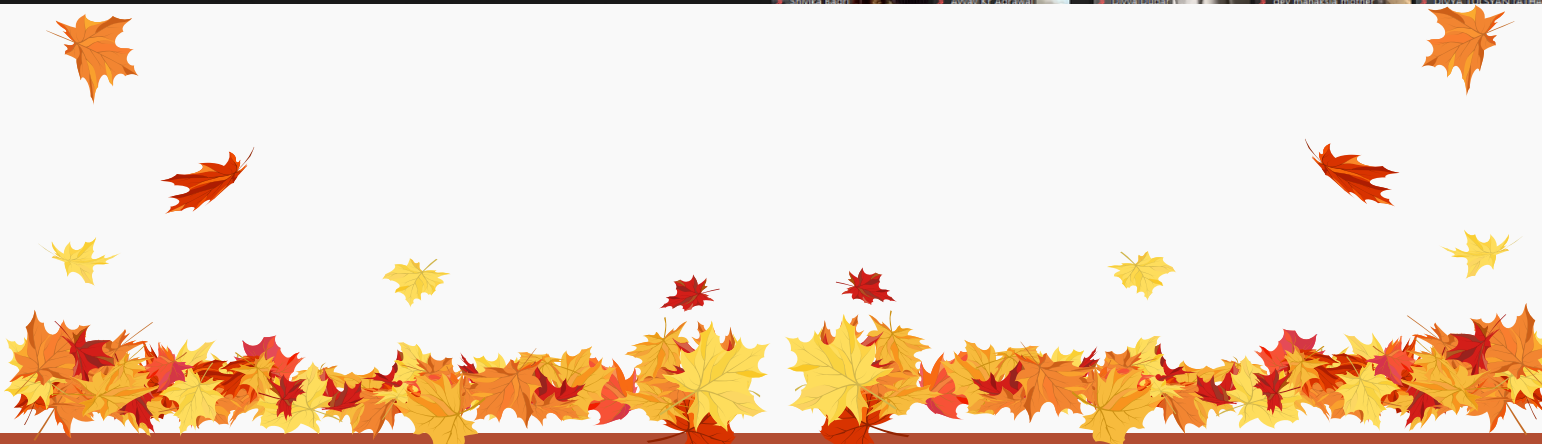
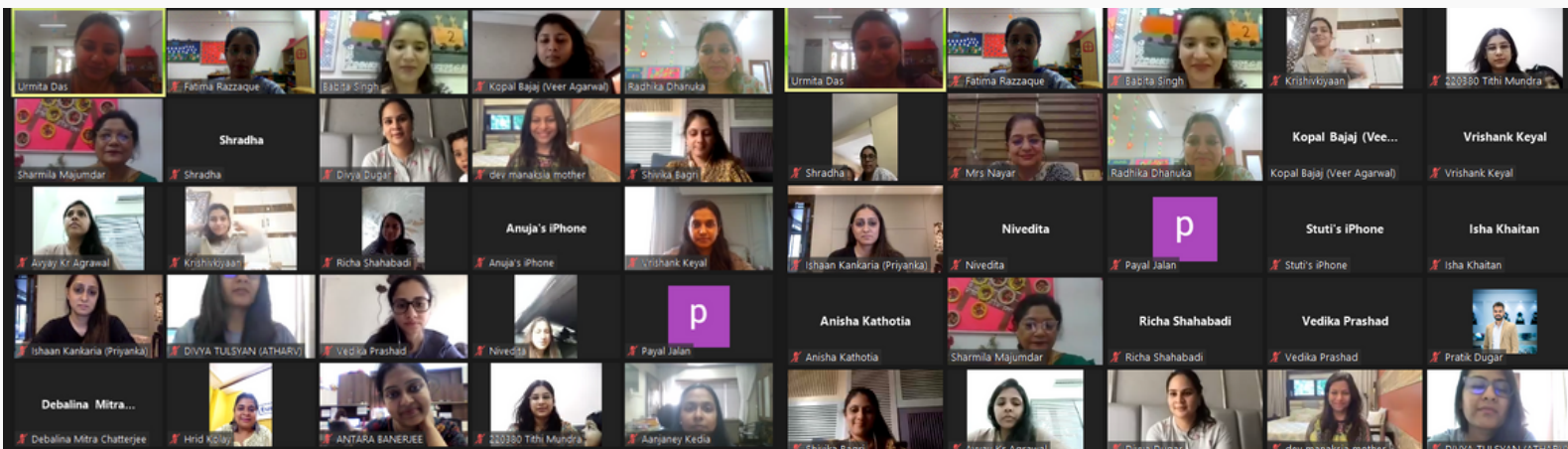


Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Choudhary applauded the endeavours of each class as they mesmerized the audience with their brilliant performances. Mrs. Nayar thanked Ms. Marwah for splendidly anchoring the event. She appreciated the contributions of the class teachers and all the subject teachers who made this programme a grand success.

Jolly Phonics Orientation - Grade Pre Nursery

The Jolly phonic orientation was held online on 5th August, 2022 on Friday for the parents of Grade Pre-Nursery. A few new parents from Grade Nursery also joined the session. They were welcomed by Mrs Nayar after which the session was conducted by the teachers. The parents were introduced to the Jolly Phonic programme through a PowerPoint presentation.

Jolly Phonics is a comprehensive literacy programme, based on multi-sensory synthetic phonics method that gets children develop phonemic awareness from an early age. They were also briefed about the Jodo Gyan apparatus, an innovative method for developing mathematical concepts and reasoning at an early stage using colourful and child friendly manipulatives. The session concluded with an open house forum.



Parent Visit

The parents of Grade Pre Nursery A and B were invited on 10th and 12th of August to visit the Primary Section of the school. The initiative was greatly appreciated by the parents who got an opportunity to be a part of their child's experience in school. Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Majumdar welcomed the parents to the school premises. The teachers conducted the tour starting from the Music room and ending with a visit to the classroom.

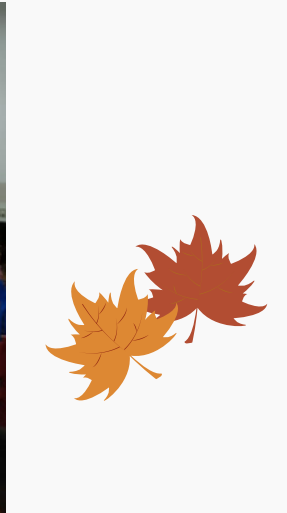


Counselling Sessions - Grade 4

Grade 4 students attended sessions with Mrs. Spriha Patronobis (school counsellor) in the month of July on Gender Sensitisation.

The interactive and activity based sessions enabled students to adopt a more neutral perspective of gender. The children reflected on how gender stereotypes are formed and affect perception of others and actions towards them, often resulting in an undesirable impact on relationships.

The stimulating discussions enabled students to go beyond stereotypes and develop better acceptance of themselves and their peers.



Junior Choir @ Yuva Music Festival

The Junior School Choir is back!

After a gap of two years, the Junior School Choir performed at the Yuva Music festival held at ICCR Kolkata on 11th August 2022.

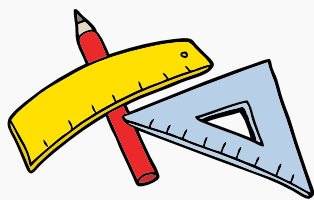
Since its inception in 2014, our CIS Choir has been associated with Yuva Music Festival, performing at their annual meet each year. This year, the choir performed a song called ‘Stand Together’ by Jim Papaoulis which was done in 3 parts Soprano 1, Soprano 2 and Alto. The lyrics of the song matched the theme of the festival ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’ - The World is a Family. It was highly praised by the acting U.S. Consulate General, the organisers and the audience.



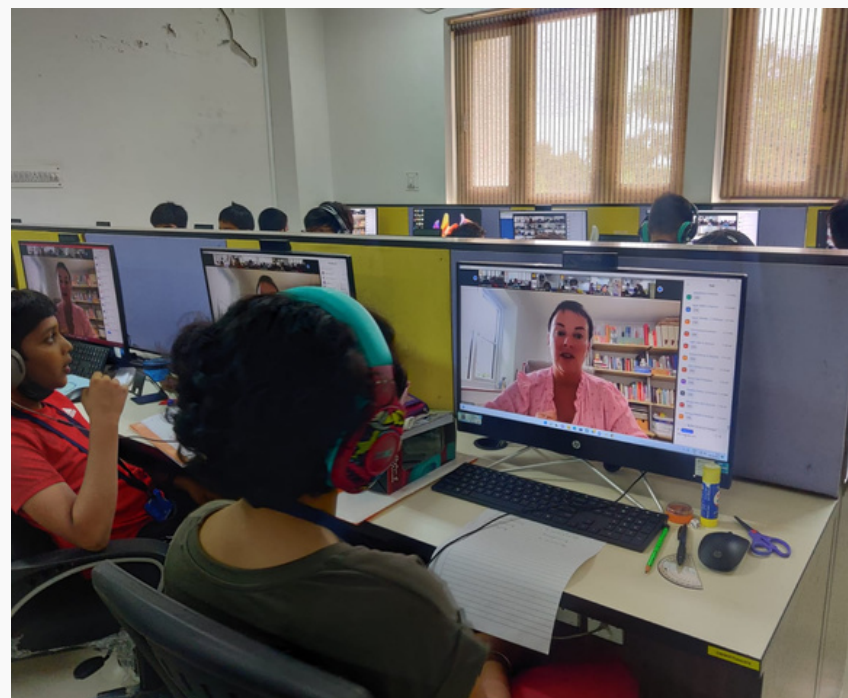


At the end of performance, the choristers and Mrs Nayar, Principal of Junior School were felicitated with certificates and mementos by the organisers.

Heartiest Congratulations to the Choir members. CIS is proud of the achievements of its Choir and would like to thank Mr Tathagata Mukherjee and Mr. Soham Roy Chowdhury, Music Faculties for guiding them ably. We wish them the very best for all their future endeavours.



MATH WORKSHOP



On August 4th, 2022, a Math workshop was organized for the students of Grade 5. The workshop titled “Thinking Working, Playing with Mathematics” basically focussed on using mathematical skills to solve problems by characterizing, specializing, generalizing, improving, critiquing and convincing.

Dr. Alison Borthwick facilitated the workshop. She is an experienced education consultant who has worked in the field of Mathematics education for over 20 years, and has worked closely with the Cambridge International team, offering advice and consultancy on the new Primary and Lower Secondary Mathematics curriculum.

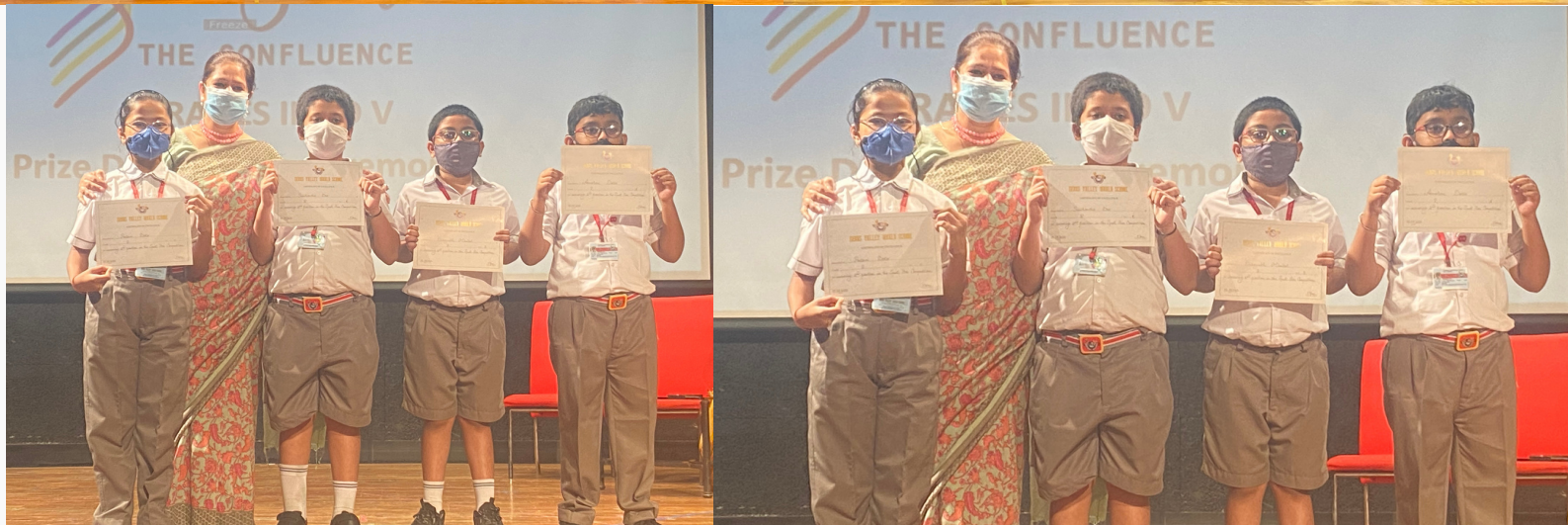


Thinking and Working Mathematically (TWM) is a unique feature of our Cambridge Primary and Lower Secondary Mathematics programme. The process of thinking and working mathematically encourages learners to talk with others, challenge ideas and to provide evidence that validates conjectures and solutions. The workshop focussed on this aspect which in turn supports higher order thinking that assists learners in viewing the world in a mathematical way.

In the hour long workshop, children through different games and puzzles were thinking, characterizing, generalizing and convincing their peers to arrive at different solutions. It was an enriching experience for our children.

Mrs. Nayar at the Indus Valley World School

Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Principal-Junior School was invited by Mrs.Amita Prasad, Director of Indus Valley World School, Kolkata to honour them with her presence on the special occasion of the Inter House Fest SANGAM 2022 on Tuesday, 16th August 2022 . Mrs. Nayar graced the occasion, distributed certificates and trophies and addressed the students of Grades 3 to 5.



Inter School Hindi Fest

The students of Grades 2 to 5 got an opportunity to participate in an offline inter school Hindi Fest "Kaushal" on Saturday, 30th July 2022 held at the Ruby Park Public School, Kolkata.



Three students from Junior Section - Aaryav Gujral, Krishnav Marothia and Vedang Shah represented CIS and participated in 2 events - 'Abhinay and Kavya Avritti' after an initial round of auditioning.



Krishnav Marothia of Grade 4B was awarded for the 3rd place in the Abhinay - group B category.



The fest had been designed to showcase their talent and foster in them a spirit of healthy competition. Participating in such an event provided the students with an exposure to the Hindi language. Mrs Nayar is proud of these young learners and congratulated them and the Hindi teachers of the Language Department on their successful participation.

Snippets of Mrs Choudhary and Mrs Ray's conversation with these enthusiastic participants in Hindi.

कृष्णव मारोठिया कक्षा ४ बी का छात्र है | (Krishnav Marothia is a student of 4B)

कौशल प्रतियोगिता का अनुभव कैसा रहा ? (How was your experience at the Kaushal fest?)

कृष्णव – शुरुआत में मुझे डर लग रहा था पर जैसे ही मैंने मंच पर कदम रखा मेरा सारा डर जाता रहा | (I was scared at the beginning, but I was able to overcome my fears when I started performing on stage)

जब आपको अभिनय में तीसरा स्थान प्राप्त होने की घोषणा हुई आपको कैसा महसूस हुआ? (How did you feel when you won the 3rd prize?)

कृष्णव - मुझे उस समय बहुत खुशी हुई और मैं यह सोच रहा था कि घर में और विद्यालय में सब कितने खुश होंगे | (I was very happy at that moment and was thinking how happy my family members and school teachers would be.)

आर्यव गुजराल कक्षा २ बी का छात्र है | (Aaryav Gujral is a student of 2B)

आपने किस प्रसिद्ध हस्ती का अभिनय किया ? (Which famous personality did you choose to enact?)

आर्यव - मैंने महात्मा गाँधी का अभिनय किया। (I chose Mahatma Gandhi)

आपने महात्मा गाँधी को क्यों चुना ? (What made you choose Mahatma Gandhi?)

आर्यव - मैंने महात्मा गाँधी को चुना क्योंकि वह शांति और अहिंसा के रास्ते पर चलते थे, और मैं बड़ा होकर उनके जैसा बनना चाहता हूँ।

(I chose Mahatma Gandhi because he preached peace and non violence and I want to do the same when I grow up.)

क्या आपको डर लग रहा था कि आपको हिंदी में इतना कुछ बोलना पड़ेगा ?(Were you scared to speak in Hindi?)

आर्यव - मैंने बहुत अभ्यास किया था इसीलिए मुझे डर नहीं लगा।
(No I wasn't because I had practised at home.)

वेदांग शाह कक्षा ५ बी का छात्र है | (Vedang Shah is a student of 5B)

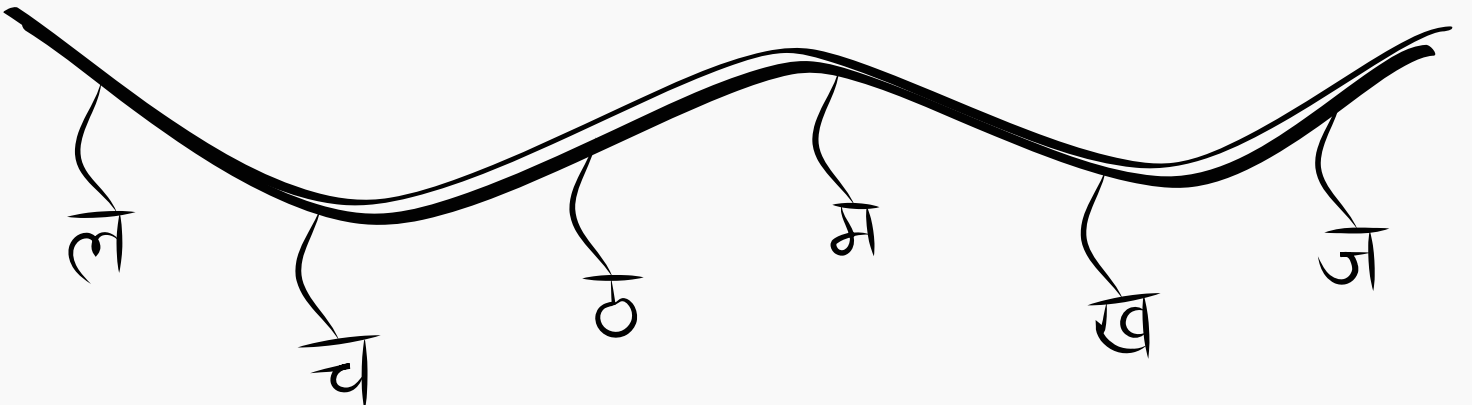
वेदांग, क्या यह पहली बार है जब आपने हिंदी प्रतियोगिता में भाग लिया है? (Vedang, is this the first time that you have participated in the Hindi language competition?)

वेदांग - मैंने स्कूल में कई प्रतियोगिताओं में भाग लिया है लेकिन यह पहली बार है जब मैंने किसी बाहर के स्कूल की प्रतियोगिता में भाग लिया है।
(I have participated in competitions in school but this is the first time that I participated in an inter school event.)

इस प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने का आपका क्या अनुभव रहा? (How was your experience at the competition?)

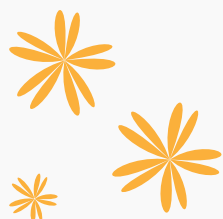
वेदांग - जब मैं कविता पाठ करने गया तो हमें कहा गया कि माइक से दो कदम आगे बढ़ करके अपना परिचय देना है और परिचय देने के बाद दो कदम माइक से हटकर के कविता पाठ करना है। मुझे ऐसा लग रहा था कि हो सकता है कि मेरी आवाज माइक पर फटी फटी आए, उस समय थोड़ी सी मुझे घबराहट थी लेकिन फिर जब एक बार यह तय हो गया कि आवाज सही पहुंच रही है तब मैंने पूरे आत्मविश्वास से अपनी कविता पाठ की।

(I was told to stand close to the mike while introducing myself but take two steps back when I recite. I was nervous and thought that my loud voice could crack while reciting using a mike, but when I realised that the sound was clear, I recited the poem with full confidence.)



Meri Wali Bhasha

Teachers of the Language Department, teaching the Regional and Foreign Languages in the Junior and Senior School had attended a workshop – ‘Meri Waali Bhasha’ in the months of June and July. Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Choudhary acknowledged them with certificates for their participation in the workshop.



“Blessed and football-obsessed”

Children can't be calm when it's football. For them every season should be football season. Students are back on the ground and are playing like champions and the team spirit leaves them with the feeling of pride. Football has no moment of dullness. It is a universal game that millions of people around the world play and love. It's a great relaxer, stress reliever, teacher of discipline and teamwork. Apart from that, it keeps the body and mind fit and healthy. There is excitement till the last second of the 90-minute game. The joy of passing the ball from the jungle of opponents and the joy of smashing the ball to the goal is priceless. It teaches our students the importance of sportsmanship, leadership and unity.



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CLEAN AIR CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER AWARD 2021-22

We are delighted to share that Calcutta International School has been recognised and appreciated for its wholehearted participation in the Inter-School ‘Clean Air Championship 2021-2022.’ programme by “SwitchOn Foundation”



As a winner, CIS has been awarded with a 1 kilowatt solar power plant. The organisation has stated that as a school CIS has set the benchmark for others to follow and has expressed its keen desire to work further with the students.



Meeting with Junior School Teachers & Admin Team

A session was organized with Mr. Koushik Dutta, GM CIS and the Junior School Teachers & Admin Team on the 19th of August'2022 in the Music Room to discuss Medical Insurance, Tax Planning, LTA, Salary Transfer in Axis Bank.



Olympiads

Grade 1 Batch of 21-22 receives Olympiad Medals and certificates



Grade 2 Batch of 21-22 receives Olympiad Medals and certificates



Grade 3 Batch of 21-22 receives Olympiad Medals and certificates



Grade 4 Batch of 21-22 receives Olympiad Medals and certificates



Achievement

Rihansh Pandey of 4A took part in One Day Rapid chess tournament held on the 14th of August, 2022 in Kharagpur and secured the 1st position in his category. He also participated in the All Bengal School Chess Tournament, organised by Kolkata District Chess Association at Beliaghata Government College of Ceramic Technology and played like a professional..



Awards and Accolades

“Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.”
Voltaire.

CIS is known for its appreciation towards its employees. At the end of each academic year, staff members are appreciated for their contributions and efforts. This year was no different as Mrs. Nayar, Principal Junior School, Mrs. Servaia, Principal Senior School and Mr. Dutta, General Manager, acknowledged the teachers and other staff members of the Junior School.



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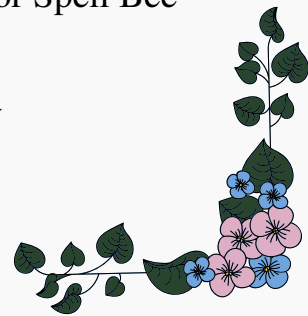


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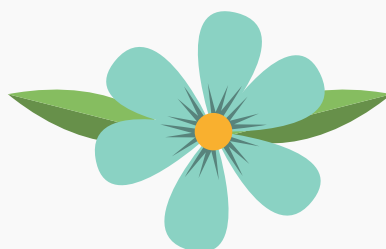
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