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7.12.22 - Primary School

Christmas Assembly

9.12.22 - School Carnival

14.12.22 - Prize Distribution for
Grades 1 to 5

15.12.22 - Christmas Assembly
Junior Section

Welcome to CIS

Grade 1A - Meher Bhatia Mukherjee



Trick or Treat

Halloween was celebrated on 31st October with a fun-filled and exciting fancy dress parade in the Primary Section. The students of Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Upper Nursery came dressed in various spooky and adorable avatars to mark the welcoming of good spirits and driving away of the bad spirits. The students got the opportunity to go trick or treating, enjoy candies, dance on Halloween songs and appreciate a different culture.



GRADE PRE NURSERY A



GRADE PRE NURSERY B



GRADE NURSERY A



GRADE NURSERY B



GRADE UPPER NURSERY A



GRADE UPPER NURSERY B



Primary Section celebrates Children's Day



“Children reinvent your world for you.” – Susan Sarandon.



Pre Nursery A



Pre Nursery B



Children's day celebration in Nursery A

Nursery A

We believe everyday is Children's Day but this day is ought to be special for our little ones.

Teachers of the Primary Section celebrated Children's Day by enacting the story of 'Chicken Licken' with a twist. The students joined in the chicken dance tapping their feet and flapping their wings merrily. The students wore T shirts designed especially for the occasion with their name written on it. They carried home a goody bag full of items which enthralled them.



Nursery B



Upper Nursery A



Upper Nursery B



Children's Day celebrations in the Junior Section

Children's Day was celebrated in the Junior Section with great enthusiasm on the 14th of November 2022. The students began the special day by spending time with their class teachers. They were given t-shirts which had their names on the back and on the front was a picture of either their favorite character, their own photograph or an art work.

The class teachers also handed them goodie bags filled with their favorite snacks much to their joy.

This was followed by class photo sessions of students dressed in their new T -shirts.



Grade 1 A



Grade 1 B



Grade 2



Grade 3A



Grade 3B



Grade 4



Grade 5B



Grade 5A



Next, the students watched the programme in the AVR put up especially for them by the teachers.

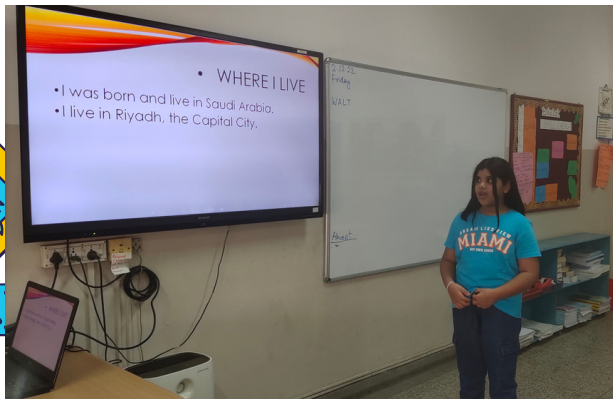
The programme began with Mrs Nayar's loving address to the children.

This was followed by thoroughly enjoyable performances of the teachers which included songs, dances and ad spoofs. The show ended with all the students performing Zumba with their teachers. This programme was smoothly anchored by Mrs Choudhary and Mr Bose.

The children went home early, happy and content.



A Young Visitor From Saudi



On 2nd Dec, Safia Rojoa of 3B 's cousin sister, Hanan Khan from Saudi Arabia visited CIS to experience what school was like here , and was welcomed as a young guest. from overseas. She shared a small presentation about herself. She enjoyed spending time and interacting with the students of 3B and the teachers.

CIS students also got an opportunity to learn about her country and her school.



The popular mantra has come to life with the Science department of CIS Junior School taking the initiative of creating awareness amongst the learners about the collection and segregation of solid waste. This event has been in collaboration with 'Vital Waste'.

Students along with the teachers have been taking active part and conscientiously collecting waste in the cardboard boxes kept outside their classes and staff room where paper waste is being segregated from the plastic waste.

The executives from Vital Waste weighed and collected waste from each grade after a month. To our great surprise there was a tie between the winners. Grade 2 along with the teachers shared the 'Star Poster' which was pasted on their classroom and staff room doors.

The poster rightly acknowledged the winners - 'To our solid waste collectors- We appreciate and thank you more than ever.'

We hope to continue the collection of segregated waste drive as it not only boosts the confidence of young learners but also instills in them the value of proper garbage disposal to safeguard our environment from land pollution.





Rice Distribution



As a part of our School Social Responsibility (SSR), the Junior School collaborated with the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM) and took part in the IIHM Zero Hunger SDG activity. Students of Grades 1 were encouraged to contribute 5 kg rice to a family in need.

Student council members took up the responsibility in delivering the rice packets to some homeless families staying opposite ESI Hospital, Sealdah on Tuesday, 29th November 2022. They were accompanied by Mrs Singhal, Mrs Sarawgee and Kishore and Lokkhi Dada on this day.

The students handed over the rice packets to the families who had gathered on the footpath and received the same with smiling faces.

The student council members will share their experience with the Junior School students during an assembly.

All students have received certificates of participation from IIHM.

This was a big exposure to our students. They experienced firsthand the harsh living conditions of the homeless people. We hope that in the future this experience will help them to develop empathy and also prepare them to be responsible citizens.



Counselling Sessions in the Primary Section



In the month of November, school counsellors Mrs. Spriha Patronobis and Mrs. Sukonna Halder conducted life skill sessions with students of the Primary section on Body Safety and Awareness. The interactive and activity based session was aimed at sensitizing students on good/safe touch - bad/unsafe touch, difference between the two, personal space, sensitive areas in our body that one needs to be careful about. Through role plays students were enabled to understand how touch can be incorporated in healthy relationships to demonstrate affection, but that at the same time seeking permission is important so that the boundaries and personal space of another person can be respected. Students were given the insight to not only identify unsafe touches but also learn strategies to seek help in case they experience such incidents and are at risk.



Pre Nursery A



Pre Nursery B



Nursery A



Nursery B





Upper Nursery A

Upper Nursery B



Session on Empathy



In November, the counseling team conducted a session on Empathy with the Students of Grade-4. This was an interactive and activity based session that aimed at providing knowledge about what empathy is and why it is important for us, and also to initiate the process of empathy through experiential learning. The activities were outlined to promote deeper understanding of how our words and actions connect to our thoughts and feelings and how by being aware of our own feelings and behaviors we can understand and connect with others."

SEN Department - Workshop on Cerebral Palsy



Mrs. Baishakhi Sarkar, HOD SEN and Mrs. Gargi Sinha Mitra, special educator attended a two- day International Conference “Bridging the Gaps – Moving Towards Greater Inclusion”, organized by Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP) and Department of Special Education, Stockholm University, Sweden, 14th and 15th November 2022.

The conference covered a wide range of topics- Inclusive Education in India, Perspectives and Challenges; Indigenous assistive technology for inclusion; Open Schooling; Intergenerational and lifelong learning; Inclusion for students and young adults with mental health issues. There was a panel discussion on the topic-Inclusion in Education and Intergenerational and lifelong learning: attitudes, communication (special reference to the deaf community, children with autism, CCN).

The takeaway of the conference was Inclusion of students in the mainstream classroom and the need for a paradigm shift from the deficit model to the ability model.

Diversity alone is not enough. Educational Organizations need to focus on inclusion and creating an enduring culture that makes students feel that they belong. It’s obvious that everyone is different, to develop true inclusion, as educators we need to “focus on those things we have in common, and then embrace our differences.”

The two-day was quite enriching. Looking forward to attending such conferences in the future.





Coffee Meets



Pre Nursery



Nursery



Upper Nursery

CIS cherishes the active engagement of parents in the teaching-learning process of students. To achieve this purpose, the Coffee Meets are a meaningful medium of a free exchange of thoughts and feedback between the school and the parents.

This year, after a hiatus of two years, the coffee meets were held in school in November for the Primary and Junior Sections.

The meets were conducted by Mrs Pratima Nayar, Principal of the Junior Section, with Mrs Neelam Choudhary (Junior Section Head), Mrs Sharmila Majumdar (Primary Section Head), Academic heads - Mrs Preeti Roychoudhury (HOD English), Mr Subrata Ghosh (HOD Visual and Performing Arts), Subject Coordinators Mrs Antara Banerjee (Maths) and Mrs Sujata Ahuja (Science/EVS) and Mrs Tania Roy (Humanities).



Parents were forthcoming in their appreciation and observations regarding various facets of the teaching-learning process and provided invaluable feedback. The feedback and suggestions given by the parents at the Coffee Meet was appreciated.

Mrs Nayar led the team in the discussions that ensued and important points were taken note of. Some pertinent suggestions received from parents would be implemented in Term 2 in an endeavor to strengthen the Home- School partnership we strongly believe in at CIS.



Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



Students' Accomplishments



Aarav Agarwal of class 2B participated in National level GK quiz competition in wonder kid organized by brain o brain abacus class. He was awarded 10th rank all India and 1st in West Bengal. He received an achievement certificate and prize.



Heartiest congratulations to young athletes Saisha Narula and Dhruv Patodia who are in Grade 3 for having taken part in the Kiddathon and for successfully having completed a 1.25 km and a 2.5 km respectively. Keep it up!



Prerna Kanoi of Grade 5 B won the CRC junior tournament, girls under 11. She managed to play all her matches after the choir practice and won the finals today morning.





We are delighted to share that Sammagnah Bardhan of Grade 5A participated in *The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2022*. He has received a Gold Award for his essay.

This year a record breaking number (26, 322) of entries got submitted. Sammagnah participated in the **JUNIOR CATEGORY**. He chose to write on the **TOPIC - Imagine you are a grandparent in 2022. Tell your grandchildren a bedtime story about an inspirational person. Title of entry: The Nurturer**



Vihaan Bawri (3A) won the 6th place in the Children's day Chess Meet' 22 organised in association with Ekal yuva group.



Demira Mukherjee, Class 4 did take part in Green Olympiad Level 1 exam 9th, November, 2022 and she scored 82% for which she will receive a Merit certificate. The syllabus was purely out-of-curriculum and International Schools have even much different curriculum. This is the first time she has taken the TERI exam.





Special Recognition



Congratulations to Ms Neha Dixit for successfully completing 5 years of dedicated service in Calcutta International School



The CIS Herald Team wishes its readers Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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