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Happy, Happy New Year!  
We wish you all the best,  
Great work to reach your fondest goals,  
And when you're done, sweet rest.

We hope for your fulfillment,  
Contentment, peace and more,  
A brighter, better new year than  
You've ever had before.

By Joanna Fuchs

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# Author Week



## Pre Nursery A

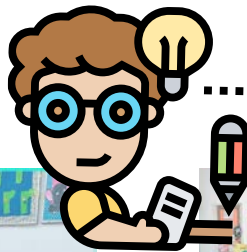


### **I opened a book and in I strode. Now nobody can find me – Julia Donaldson**

This year Pre Nursery A celebrated author week from 28th November to 2nd December 2022, by reading storybooks written by the renowned children's author Julia Donaldson and engaging in craft activities inspired by them. Throughout the week, the colorful and captivating illustrations as well as the imaginative story lines of each book enraptured the children's attention. Stories like – The Gruffalo, Monkey Puzzle, The Gruffalo's Child, Hide-and-Seek Pig, were read out in class by teachers and parent visitors who made the event a memorable one. The students too gave presentations by speaking about their favorite book written by the author. The eventful week ended on a sweet note as the entire Primary Section came together to read books by different authors.



# Pre Nursery B



**Mrs. Agrawal shared the story 'The Gruffalo' and the craft made.**

**Mrs. Agarwal narrating the story 'What the ladybird heard'.**

Students of Pre Nursery B celebrated Author week as they heard stories written by Julia Donaldson. The author is known for her popular rhyming stories. It was an eventful week. They enjoyed creating various crafts with their teachers and parents.

Parent volunteers- Mrs. S. Agarwal and Mrs. M. Agrawal narrated stories. They captivated the students attention by displaying a model of a farm, by using stick puppets which added an interesting element to the story. Students loved painting and making craft with the parents.

Collaboration with Math and EVS was initiated to enhance and make the learning process fun. Students received and learnt the use of a bookmark which was presented to them as a token from school.



**Story of 'Stick Man' heard followed by a sequencing activity..**

**The Smartest Giant in 'Town' being read followed by a group painting activity.**

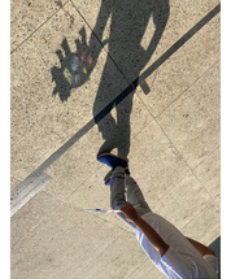


# Nursery A



## STICK AND STONE

- BETH FERRY & TOM LITCHENFELD



## HOW DO DINOSAURS PLAY WITH THEIR FRIENDS.

Students and teachers of Nursery A celebrated Author Week based on the theme of 'Friendship'. Students enjoyed reading books by different authors like Friends by Helme Heine, Tea with Oliver by Mika Song, Stick and stones by Beth Ferry and Tom Litchenfeld to name a few. They learnt about the values of kindness, love, sharing and much more through these beautiful stories. Our young learners are gradually developing a love for reading. We were much obliged with Mrs. Jhunjhunwala volunteering as the parent visitor. She read the story 'How do dinosaurs make friends'.

After the story session she engaged the students in an exciting craftwork on creating dinosaur suncatchers. To end the eventful week, students gathered together with the entire Primary Section to read their favourite storybooks. As a memento, students were given a bookmark from school.



## THE RABBIT LISTENED

- CORI DOEFERFELD



## TEA PARTY WITH OLIVER - MIKA SONG



## FRIENDS

HELME HEINE





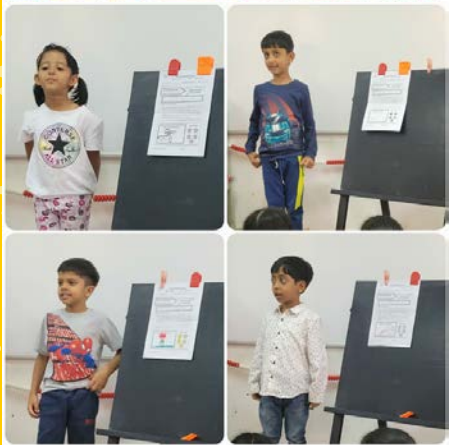
# Nursery B

Grade Nursery B concentrated on stories on 'Friendship' based on the lines of the old proverb "A friend in need is a friend indeed". We invited parent visitors to narrate the stories. The students had an enriching experience as each story unfolded values like Friendship, Tolerance, Helpfulness, Kindness and Acceptance. Each story began with an introduction to the name of the author and the illustrator, the story setting and the characters. We summed up the author week through a 'Reading All Together' session with the entire Primary section on the CIS grounds. It was interesting to see how all the students wore a 'Young Author's' tag around their neck. They were all presented with a bookmark as a token for 'Celebrating love for books'.





# Upper Nursery A



Grade Upper Nursery A had an exciting Author Week! Eric Carle was our choice of author. The students enjoyed learning about his childhood, his interest in nature and art.

Stories read in class were - A House for Hermit Crab, A Tiny Seed, Rooster's off to see the World and The Mixed up Chameleon. The little artists of Upper Nursery A painted sheets, cut them and assembled them to create a beautiful collage of a picture from the story 'A Tiny Seed'.

Mrs Baid engaged the students with a craft reusing plastic bottle caps after her narration of "The Bad-Tempered Ladybird".

Mrs Gupta, presented the story of 'The Very Busy Spider' through a craft activity. Students created a spider web using popsicle sticks, thread, pom pom balls and googly eyes.

We concluded Author Week with students presenting a book report of their favourite story by Eric Carle.



# Upper Nursery B



**Parents introducing the author and sharing his works.**



**Story narration by parents followed by a craft on the story.**



**Students engrossed in activities based on the stories read.**

**Story narration by parents followed by a craft on the story.**



Author Week is an event we all look forward to every year. It is a week full of stories, fun and learning. This year we read stories written by Eric Carle. Students were exposed to the author and illustrator through his books and colourful illustrations. Parent visitors – Mrs R. Maheshwari and Mrs S. Chakraborti added life with their storytelling and craft activities.





# Primary Christmas Assembly

The month of December brings a lot of warmth, hope and joy. To spread the message of love and good cheer, the students of the Primary Section presented a spectacular assembly on a blissful morning of 7th December, 2022 to celebrate the festival of Christmas.

The event was live streamed and the parents joined in to be a part of the festivity. It started with a soulful Christmas carol, Silent Night. This was followed by a musical performance by the students. They took the audience for a magical journey beginning from Santa's workshop to his distribution of gifts to the students from his sack. Each section was dressed in bright and vibrant Christmas hues of red, green and white. They wore head gears of Christmas trees, stars, reindeer, elves, Santa's sleighs and sang melodiously. It sounded as if the angels had truly descended on earth.

It was a fascinating and incredible Christmas Celebration.



Reindeer of Pre nursery A



Students of Pre Nursery B keep the spirit of Christmas alive





Grade Nursery A



Grade Nursery B



Grade Upper Nursery A



Grade Upper Nursery B



# Christmas Assembly with Lotus Rescue.



**“Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting.”**



CIS has collaborated with Lotus Rescue, an NGO that focuses on helping disadvantaged children and women by bringing dignity, clarity and change in their lives.

It was planned that in the Academic Year 2022-23 students of Junior School will work together with some children of Lotus Rescue in various fields of Drama, Sports and Art.

This was initiated with the Christmas Assembly.

Grade 5 students of CIS and some children from Lotus Rescue took out time from their classes and exams and met once a week in the month of November and practiced a play with great enthusiasm.

They were guided by Mr Bose.

On 15th December 2023 the students of Grade 5 along with the children of Lotus Rescue performed at the Christmas Assembly. The students enthralled the audience with their brilliant performance. The first skit was based on 'Miracles of Jesus'.

The second skit was a collaboration with Lotus Rescue on the birth of Jesus Christ. This play was in the epic theatre form of famous German theater practitioner Bertolt Brecht. Mr Bose also added the elements of street theater and comedy.

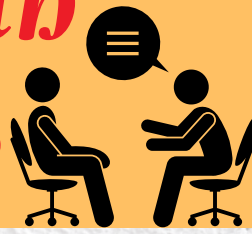
Ms. Sangita who was in charge and always escorted the Lotus Rescue children to school, expressed her heartfelt gratitude for giving such an opportunity to these children and exposing them to a good life.

Mrs Nayar, Mrs Choudhary and Mrs Majumdar also praised the initiative and the hard work by the students.





# Counselling session with parents of Pre Nursery



**"School Counsellors, Mrs. Spriha Patronobis and Mrs. Sukonna Halder, conducted a Positive Parenting session for parents of Pre-Nursery, on 12th December, 2022. The invigorating session largely addressed the 3S of Parenting - Structure, Stimulate and Support, navigating discussions that ranged from handling tantrums, screen time, eating habits, to sibling dynamics. The interactive nature of the session enabled parents with a platform to draw from their experiences and put forth their queries on age appropriate and situation relevant parenting techniques to effect holistic development in their child."**





# Prize Distribution



## Grade 1



1A

**Effort - Tara Ghai, Ananya Kundalia,  
Devansh Chakravarty**

**Conduct - Kripa Agarwal**

1B

**Effort - Sitara Kaushik, Uraaz Ali Shah,  
Avyanna Keyal**

**Conduct - Aarav Nirmal**

## Grade 2

2A

**Effort - Ripanshi Dutta, Haiqa Amir,  
Aaryan Roy**

**Conduct- Anaya Shree Mohta**

2B

**Effort - Namah Thirani, Aarna Kothari,  
Devyansh Shah**

**Conduct- Eira Jhunjhunwala**



## Grade 3



3A

**Effort - Ayan Chakravarti, Rai  
Mazumdar, Maisha Khan**

**Conduct - Ayra Tehreem Khan**

3B

**Effort - Aditya Tripathi, Arshiya  
Gupta, Aaradhya Agarwal**

**Conduct- Inaara Johar**



# Prize Distribution



## Grade 4



### 4A

**Effort - Syra Krishna Modi, Sydel Nazir, Saanvi Chandra**

**Conduct - Yuvaan Agarwal**

### 4B

**Effort - Anishka Agrawal, Avyukt Fatesaria, Sri Varrdan Tewari**

**Conduct - Anaya Churiwala**

## Grade 5

### 5A

**Effort - Srishti Sandilya, Aradhya Mukherjee, Murtaza Johar**

**Conduct: Damayanti Ray**

### 5B

**Effort - Vaanya Baid, Ijae Cha, Naisha Goenka**

**Conduct: Prerna Shri Kanoi**



*Believe  
IN  
yourself*

*Dream  
BIG*



# CARNIVAL





# Fun filled fiesta





**On the 9th of December, 2022 on a crisp, clear afternoon in Winter, CIS held its traditional festival -a Carnival in school involving art displays, music, exciting games, activities,mouthwatering food stalls , the CIS Choir and School Band performances.**

**The fun filled fiesta began at 3 pm and continued well into late evening.**

**This year end celebration began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Senior School Principal , Mrs Servaia , Junior School Principal Mrs Nayar and the General Manager of CIS , Mr Koushik Dutta .The warm, bright glow emitted from it seemed to spread to every corner of the beautifully decorated grounds and school building, representing enlightenment, brightness, joy, knowledge and wisdom.**

**This was followed by the Art Inauguration in which the Primary and Junior School students from Grade Pre Nursery - 5 excelled themselves in the showcasing of their exquisite art works which included paper printing, paper cut outs -figures in motion , Tree of Life painted in lines and patterns, paper collage work , Four Seasons in abstract form, and the piece de resistance was a large scale Satyajit Ray where 54 pieces were attached together in a great accomplishment and effort of team work.**

**Next, to the delight of the students and parents, the Activity/Food & Games Stalls were opened for everyone.**

**And finally, as the evening set in, the magnificent stage was lit by brilliant rays of stage light for the Choir. The CIS Choir sang Christmas carols, this time on home ground with the Kolkata Symphony Orchestra. This was followed by the performance by the School Band.**

**Needless to say the CIS Carnival 2022, was a great success, bringing together teachers, parents and students in a joyful, grand gathering.**



Arun Talukdar  
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# CIS CHOIR GOES PLACES

The CIS Choir, trained by the Music Teacher, Mr Tathagatha Mukherjee and Mr Roychoudhury ushered in the festive spirit by performing at the historical St. John's Church of Kolkata. The concert was organized by the Consulate General of Germany and the Max Mueller Bhavan under the Goethe Institute of Kolkata. The CIS Choir sang to the music played by the Kolkata Symphony Orchestra. Ms Debnath was an integral part of the choir training sessions and accompanied the Junior Choir to the venue. The choir sang the most melodious songs on Christmas - O Christmas tree..., It's my favorite time of the year and Gloria.... The concert came to an end with Feliz Navidad which set the mood for Christmas.



## Christmas Tree lighting ceremony

On the 3rd of December 22, the CIS choir was invited to perform at the annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kolkata. The Tree lighting ceremony began with a welcome address by Mr. Kumar Shobhan Srivastava, the General Manager of Hyatt Regency and a member of the CIS family. This was followed by the lighting up of the 22 ft tall Christmas Tree by Mrs. Nayar, the Junior School Principal and Mrs. Servaia, the Senior School Principal. The CIS choir, assisted by the Choir teacher, Mrs. Subhasree Sarkhel mesmerized the audience with their beautiful rendition of popular Christmas carols. The programme ended with Santa Claus sliding down the building and distributing gifts to the children, followed by the guests enjoying some delicious savories and desserts.



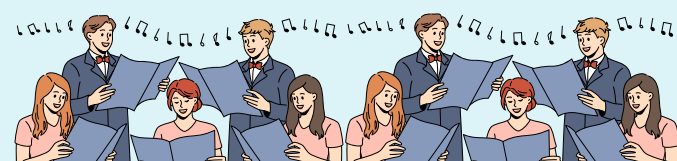
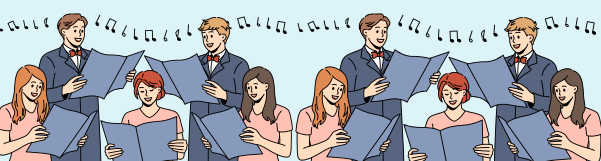


## Choir at St. Paul's Cathedral

The CIS Choir had 20 young members from the Junior School and these members were divided into 3 groups, -Soprano, Alto , Tenor. The young Choir members also performed with Kolkata Symphony Orchestra under the baton of music conductor Sanjib Mondal at the St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th of December 22. The Chief Guest was the Bishop of Kolkata. The repertoire included classics like Gloria by Vivaldi, and new age works like Little Drummer Boy arranged for by ForKing and Country.



## Choir at St. John's







# Achievements



**Students from Grade 4 received the certificates for participation in the GEMA International Student Essay Contest -2022. Krishnav Marothia, Saanvi Chandra, Avika Kejriwal, Anishka Agarwal.**



**Students from Grade 5 received the certificates for participation in the GEMA International Student Essay Contest -2022. Sammagnah Bardhan, Aditri Lahiri and Prakhar Jain**



**Calcutta International School participate in the Inter-School Mahadevi Birla World Academy Relay organised by the School for their annual sports meet on Friday, 16th December 2022. Our Junior school boys team won the title.**





# Congratulations!



**Yuvaan Agarwal a student of Class 4A has secured a gold medal in the under age 10 category -National Taekwondo ITF Championship held at Thyagaraja Stadium New Delhi.**

**This was after he secured Gold at the state level championship last month and represented Bengal at the Nationals held in Delhi.**

**He is amongst the 4 gold medalists from West Bengal.**



**Rihansh Pandey of Grade 4A participated in the Winter Cup Classical Below 1600 Rating Lakecity Open Chess Tournament held on 23-25 December 2022 at Lake City, Udaipur.**

**He secured 5th position in his U-9 category scoring 3 points.**

**We are proud to announce that since Rihansh scored all his points against rated players, he has secured his own rating in the standard chess category with 1004 points and he is now a FIDE rated player.**

**This tournament he played mostly against players above the age of 55 years.**





# It is far more than a game, this is **CRICKET!!!**



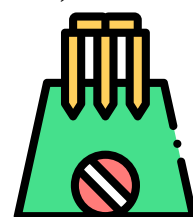
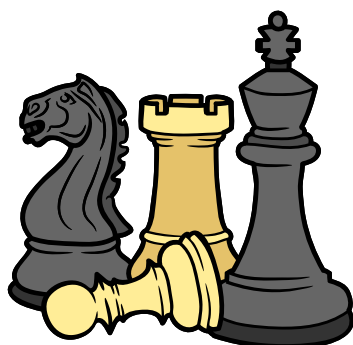
Here every day is a new day and every moment is a new moment. Cricket is all about team play.

Everyone struggles and everyone has a story but together everyone achieves more. Cricket is not just a game but a passion which is very contagious. It is one team sharing a single dream.

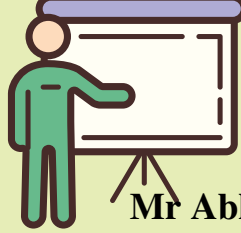
Cricket is now considered the second most recognized spectacle in the world, after soccer. On 14th and 15th December 2022 we conducted our first Cricket trials in school for grades 4, 5 and 6.

The selection was held based on their batting, bowling, speed and catching skills.

The team members from Junior School are Vedang Shah, Aryaman Kedia, Adhrit Sengupta, Atharva Baid, Rayan Karan Samtani, Shaarvil Goenka, Shivam Himatsingka from Grade 5, and Ishir Jhuhjhunwala, Mayank Agarwal, Syed Ibrahim Ahmed, Vairaj Jhunjhunwala, Ahaan Tulshan from Grade 4.







# Teacher training



Mr Abhijit Roy, teacher of Spanish has undergone training on 'Improving speaking performance in classroom - Spanish' conducted by CAIE in October-November 2022. The training focused on defining speaking objectives and situations and identifying the barriers that stop learners from improving their speaking skills in a foreign language. It discussed strategies to develop speaking skills and activities to encourage learners to speak. Brainstorming sessions held with the participants helped in the inflow of new ideas and diverse approaches towards tackling the aforementioned barriers which can be implemented in classrooms.



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