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Newsletter

February Events

7.2.23 - School excursion - Visit to the zoo Primary department

Parent Child Collaborative Event- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math): -

15.2.23 - Grade Pre Nursery

16.2.23 - Grade Nursery

17.2.23 - Grade Upper Nursery

23.2.23 and 24.2.23 - Grades 1 to 5- Building Bonds for a sustainable future - Junior school Parent Child Collaboration

Educational Excursion

Grade 1- 17.2.23 - Zoo

Grade 2- 17.2.23 - Horticulture Garden

Grade 3- 17.2.23 - Fort William

Grade 4- 16.2.23 - Keventers Factory

Grade 5- 16.2.23 - Metcalfe Hall and Princep Ghat

Vernacular Elocution Competition :-

Grades 1, 2 and 3- 9.2.23

Grades 4, 5- 10.2.23



Junior School Annual Sports 2023

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.

A much awaited annual event, the CIS Junior School Annual Sports, 2023 took place after a long gap of 2 years, on Tuesday, the 31st of January in the school ground on a crisp, clear and cool morning. It commenced at 8 :30 am.

Along with Mrs. Nayar, the Junior School Principal, Mrs. Choudhary, the Junior Section Head and Mrs. Majumdar, the Primary Section Head, the Senior School Principal, Mrs. Tina Servaia, the General Manager of CIS, Mr. Koushik Dutta, the Senior School Section Head, Mrs. Susmita Mukherjee, the Senior School HOD Humanities, Mrs. Debalina Mitra, HOD English, Mrs. Preeti Roychoudhury graced the occasion with their presence.

In her welcome speech, Mrs. Nayar cordially greeted the special invitees, the members of the Board of Governors, and the parents, and addressed the students with her words of motivation and encouragement.

This was followed by the introduction of the Chief Guest , Mrs Shivani Agarwalla, a renowned Indian Sports person, also a parent of the school , and an address by her.



After this began the magnificent and majestic March Past by the three Houses –Red , Green and Yellow, beginning with the tiniest toddlers of the Primary section, and then the students of the Junior Section, led by their Captains and Vice Captains, with the School Captain leading from the front.

After the School flag was hoisted and the School Song was sung, the Sports Meet was officially declared open by the Chief Guest, Mrs. Agarwalla.



In the CIS Junior School Annual Sports 2023, there were in total, 72 athletic events, in which students of the Primary and Junior Section from their respective Houses took active part. This list of competitive sporting activities also included a taekwondo demonstration by the students, races for teachers and parents. There was a race organized for the “didis” of the Junior school as well.







This year, students from the Junior Section, from Grades 4 and 5 played for the first time in the School Band.

Students from Lotus Rescue, an NGO that CIS is closely associated with as a part of its SSR, joined in and participated in an exciting relay race – Together we Succeed and also displayed their skills in yoga.





Our emcees for the day - Ms. Amanda DuPratt and Ms. Kashmiri Marwah.

In what proved to be a closely contested competition, Green House emerged as winners, followed by Red House as the First Runner Up, and Yellow House as the Second Runner up. Yellow House won the Prize for Best March past.

The fun filled event, planned and executed by the Sports teachers, Mr. Abdul Samad and Mr Kaushik Kumar Sinha, and coordinated by the Section Heads Mrs. Choudhary, and Mrs. Majumdar, came to an end at 2 pm after the thrilling prize distribution, the jubilant Victory Laps, and the solemn lowering of the CIS school flag.





VIP's of UPPER NURSERY

'VIP of the week' is a special event of Grade Upper Nursery. We celebrate the uniqueness, talent and passion of each student of the grade with activities collaborating with their parents.

Two students of each section were selected as the 'Very Important Person' of the class for that week. The VIPs shared beautiful charts, spoke about themselves and portrayed their talents. Through this activity we encouraged, appreciated and helped students to develop their personality. Parents played an active role and were invited to join in the sharing sessions.

This project will be continued till all the students have showcased their talents in a productive manner.

Grade Upper Nursery A

In the month of January, Grade Upper Nursery A celebrated five VIPs.



Vaani Agarwal enthralled us with her dance and hoola hoop moves.

Moksh Lakhota and his mother entertained us by singing his favourite song '500 miles...'





Darsh More displayed his musical skills by playing the synthesizer and singing the notes Do Re Mi... and Sa Re Ga Ma

Meher Kaur Mangat read a story to the class and demonstrated five yoga postures that keep her fit.



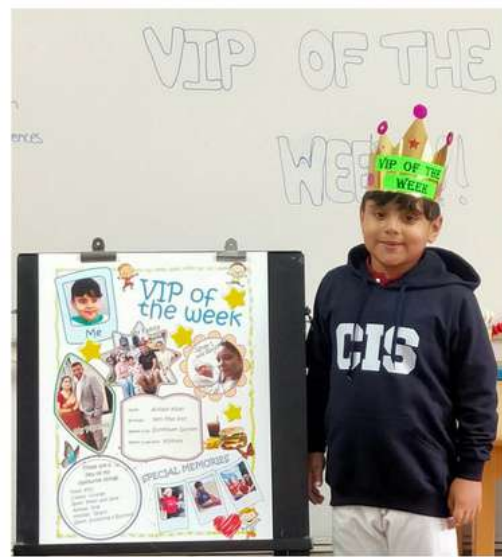
Avantika Mall engaged the whole class in a singing session as she played one of her favourite song 'I'm the happiest Christmas tree...' on her synthesizer. She also played a short tune that was composed by her.

Grade Upper Nursery B

In the month of January, Grade Upper Nursery B celebrated five VIPs.

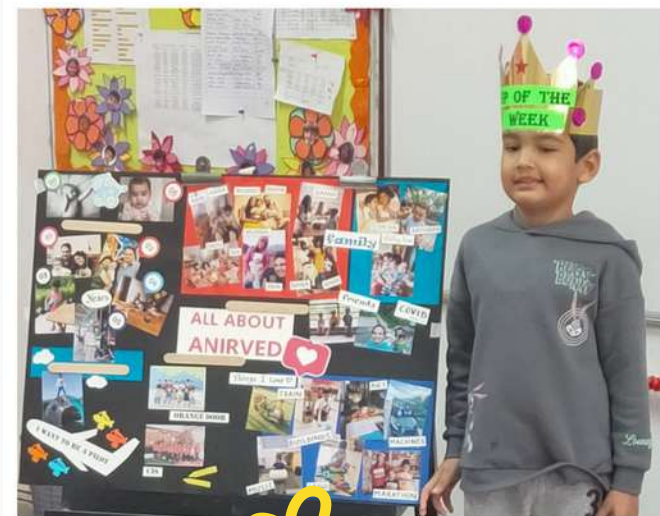
Hridaan Vora taught Origami crafts to his friends which they enjoyed making.



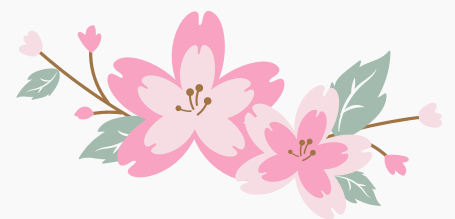


Arzaan Khan spoke about his hobbies and his father spoke about his profession and how he ensures the transfer of cargo, vehicles and animals from one place to another safely.

Diya Agarwal enthralled us with her storytelling and skills in craft.



Anirved Somani taught his friends to make a toy that would spring up.



Devangi Phumbra mesmerised us with the 4 songs she played on the synthesiser.



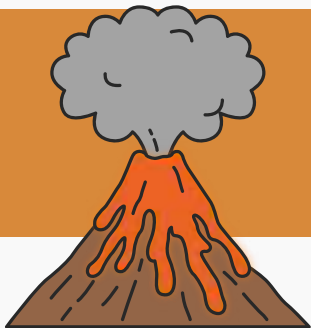


Violin Recital

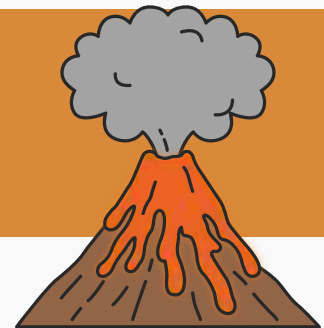
Eimi of Grade 7 visited Grade Nursery to enthuse the students with her violin recital. This was in association with English as part of the phonic sound 'v'.

It was amazing to find the students request her to play their choice of songs. Eimi interacted spontaneously with the young learners.

It was a good start to the new year, collaborating learning between the different sections of the school.



v...v...volcanoes



“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn” of Benjamin Franklin

In an endeavour to make learning fun and holistic, students of Grade Nursery presented models and charts on volcanoes. The topic was introduced as collaboration with the phonic sound ‘v’. The young learners were confident in presenting their project. They chose various methods to showcase their understanding of the topic. To mention a few were an experiment on a volcanic eruption, models of a volcano, charts, pictures and many more. Students enthusiastically explained how magma erupts into lava. We even got to know that the tallest volcano is not on Earth but Mars!

Grade Nursery A



Grade Nursery B



Mistakes Allow Thinking to Happen

"There's geometry in the humming of the strings, there's music in the spacing of the spheres" of Pythagoras

In order to develop every Learner's mathematical proficiency, teachers in CIS systematically integrate the use of concrete and virtual teaching aids into classroom instruction at all grade levels. Harnessing the power of these aids has given invaluable benefits to teaching mathematics. With its aid, students are better able to visualize math concepts and gain insights into necessary fundamentals. Sharing some glimpses of math classes in CIS.

Grade Pre Nursery

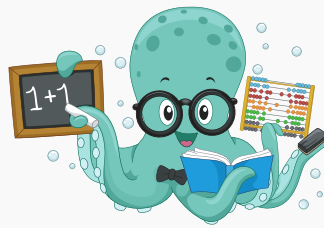
Students of Pre-Nursery participate enthusiastically, in various hands-on activities related to numbers. Various manipulatives are used to develop their mathematical skills such as to identify, count, trace, compare, sort and sequence. The association of quantities with their numerical value is being focused on.



Pre Nursery A students engaged in activities related to counting using games like skittles and roll the dice. Students participate in hands-on activities using hoola hoops, beads and blocks to count, sequence and quantify



Students of Pre Nursery B participate enthusiastically and use manipulatives to identify, sequence and quantify numbers



Different types of activities using various mediums are planned to make learning Math fun in Pre Nursery

Grade Nursery A

Students of Grade Nursery enjoyed exploring the exciting world of numbers. They learnt concepts like sequencing, counting, comparing using a variety of manipulatives. Students are beginning to think mathematically in analyzing and solving problems.



Grade Nursery B



Students are engaged in math activities involving identifying and association of numbers, using different concrete objects from environment to quantify, using manipulatives (Ganit mala) to make learning more interesting.



Students of Grade Upper Nursery were engaged in the various activities which helped them to think mathematically in analyzing and solving problems.

They learnt fraction doing chip paper mosaic, Symmetry with art, position and movement in the Tot Lot and making patterns with 2D shapes.

Grade Upper Nursery A



Grade Upper Nursery B

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Grade 1

Students of Grade 1 were engaged in the various activities which helped them to think mathematically and solve problems. They learnt 3D Shapes - RECYCLE AND MAKE AN OBJECT USING 3D SHAPES

Fun with Symmetry in Pairs

MONEY - SHOPPING ACTIVITY

Reading clock is exciting.

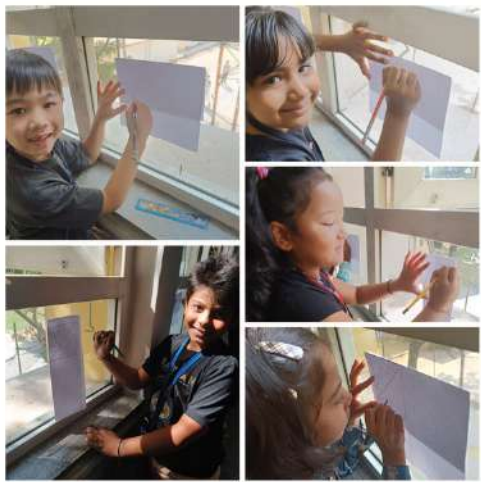
Learning Symmetry in collaboration with Art



Grade 1 A

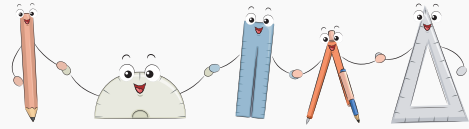
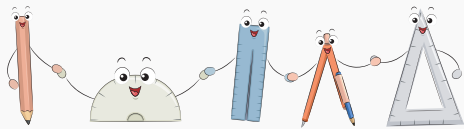


Grade 1 B



Grade 2

Can cooking be done without measuring? Grade 2 explored the weights of various fruits and vegetables in class using a beam balance. This helped to get an idea of an approximate weight of each item. Further they brought real cooking into their classroom. They measured the ingredients to make chocolate balls which they relished after making.



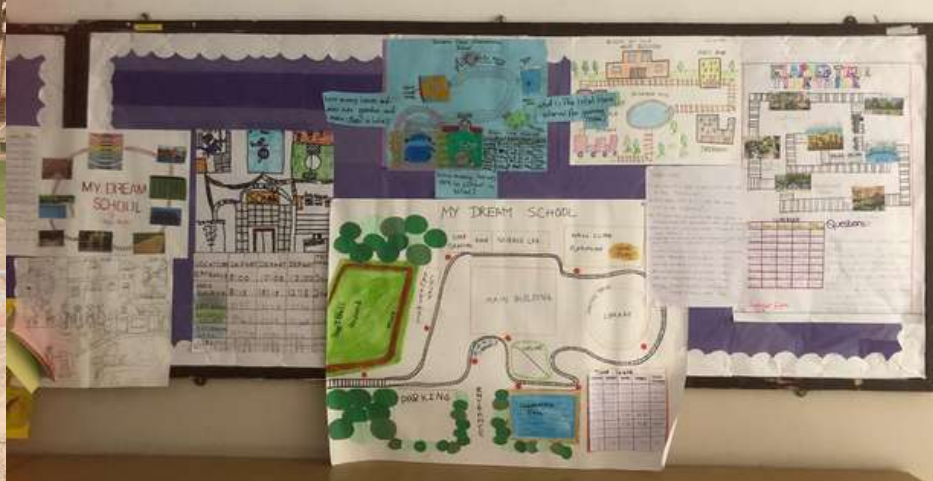


Grade 3

Travelling time is the basics of everyday life. Grade 3 took the opportunity to design the future school of CIS with all the desired amenities in it. That's not all. Bigger the school, the more time taken to move from one department to another. They created a timetable with conveyance provided in school to move around. Time taken and interval when the next bus or transport service will be available to move around in school. This made them think of a plan which could be workable.

Area and Perimeter- Math collaboration with PE. Grade 3 students went down with PE teacher to measure the length and breadth of basketball court and cricket pitch. Then measured the area and perimeter to the courts. With this they brought real life situation into class and realised every piece of land is measured as per area. Land is occupied as per area and not perimeter.





Grade 4

Throughout the term, the children of Grade 4 have engaged in various enriching activities like:

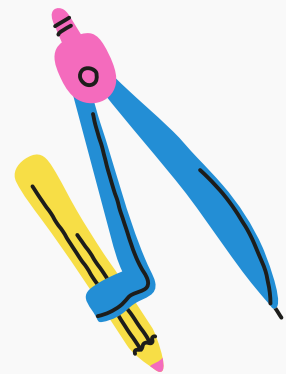
- making clocks and time tables for business entrepreneurs in the chapter of time
- Drawing factor rainbows when they learnt factors and multiples.
- Going to the field for playing a game on prime and composite numbers.
- Designing their own video games based on a template, when learning positions and much more.



Grade 5



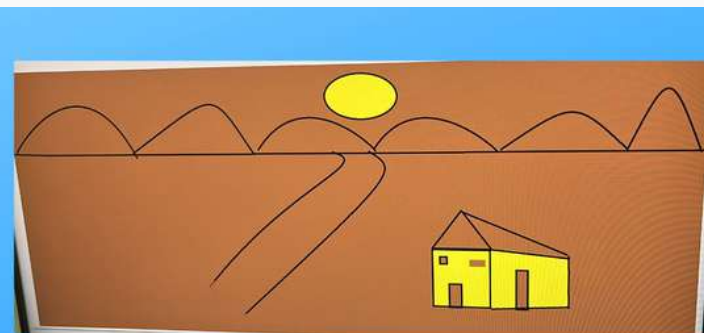
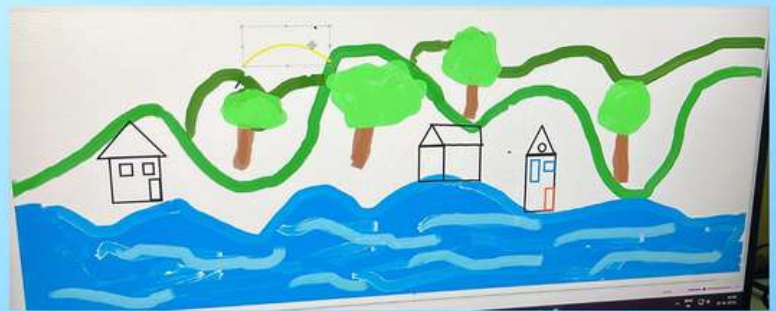
Learning becomes interesting when the learners get the opportunity to apply the concepts. Students of Grade 5 worked on the concept of Four Quadrant plotting, DOT Plot, Factors and Multiples, Quadrilaterals whereby the creativity and thinking skills of the students came to the fore.



Information and Communication Technology

Grade 1

Students experimented and created a landscape using different tools like shape, various brush tools on PAINT.

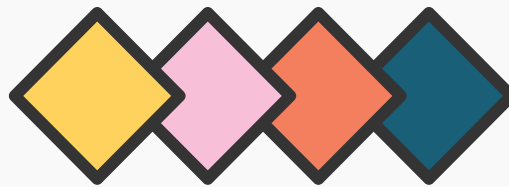




Christmas Cards

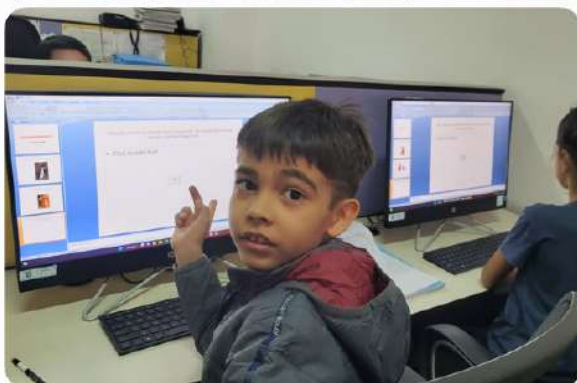
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Grade 1

Students of Grade 1 found immense joy in creating their own creative Christmas card using various tools on PAINT.



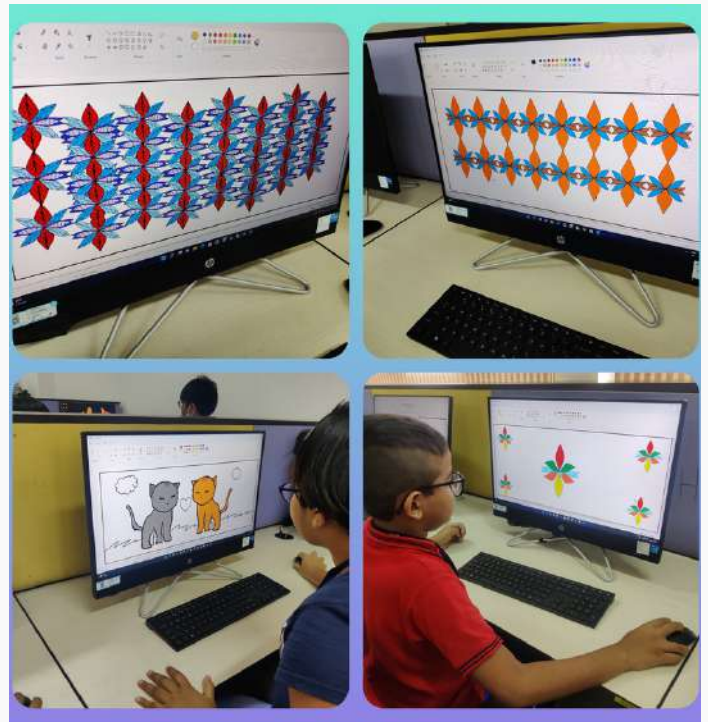
Grade 2

The students of Grade 2 have been working on the word processing software 'MS Word'. They have been creative in making poster layouts for International Day of Peace and typing stories with textbox, clipart and WordArt. We integrated ICT with English in the story typing assignment.



Grade 3

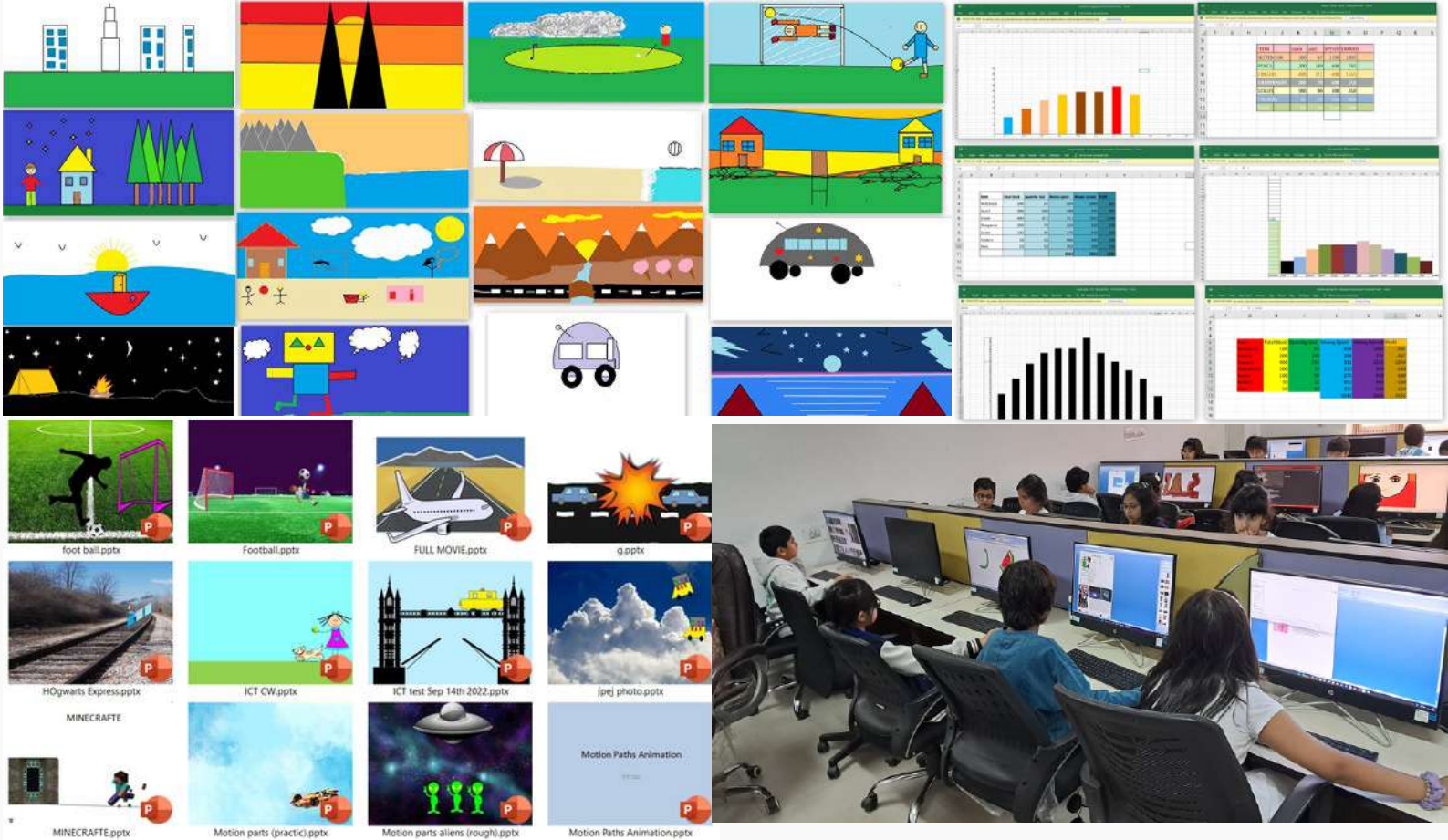
Technology is an essential part of our daily lives. Students learn the applications of different software through a variety of engaging activities. They learnt the concept of symmetry and mouse control and created incredible patterns and designs on Paint. Students are also learning to use ICT as a cross-curricular tool. They created food chains on Word in collaboration with Science.



Grade 4

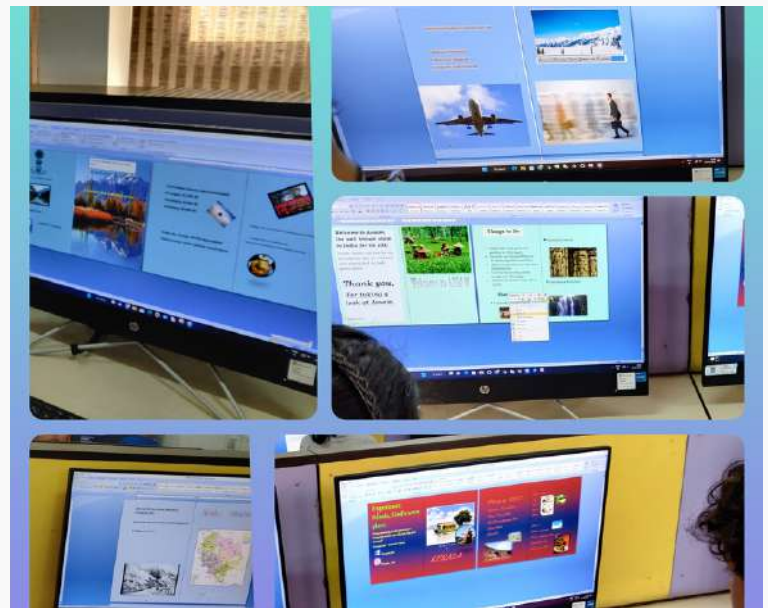
The students of Grade 4 combined their creativity with their knowledge of the MS Office software and produced vibrant artworks on Paint which they also used to create illustrated documents on MS Word. The students also learnt how to tabulate and show information from given data using tables and bar-graphs. They also learnt about theoretical concepts of cyber-security and staying safe online and collaborated with Drama to enact a skit on the dangers of using unauthenticated material from the internet.





Grade 5

Students of Grade 5 took up challenging assignments in developing their application skills. They began to work with computer programming and created innovative designs with Scratch programming software. Students explored their creative skills in creating travel brochures and learnt to research for the topic.



HINDI ELOCUTION EVENT AT ROTARY SADAN



CIS students make us proud!



In its endeavour to promote Hindi language and literature, a Hindi Elocution Competition 2023 was organised by the Ramgopal Sohini Devi Nagori Charitable Trust and few of our students participated in the event. The competition was organised to help develop among children, an interest and love for the language. The participation of students from CIS was acknowledged and appreciated by the organisers.

Grade 1 - Ananya Kejriwal, Aryan Newar, Aarav Nirmal

Grade 2 - Aryahi Chatterjee, Daksh Jain, Tamanna Bhutoria

Grade 4 - Rudra Kedia, Krishnav Marothia

Grade 5 - Prerna Kanoi, Vedang Shah, Aarav Pasari

We are happy to announce that our students performed very well at the event. Aryan Newar of Grade 1 and Vedang Shah of Grade 5 stood 3rd in their groups. Aarav Nirmal of Grade 1 was awarded with the Dinkar Puraskar award.

Mrs Neelam Choudhary, Junior Section Head, who anchored a segment of the event said –

“Listening to the students from different schools across the city reciting poems from a wide variety of genres was a wonderful exposure not only for our students who participated in the event but also for me. I was also happy to see that the students of Calcutta International School were at par with the students of other schools in terms of their performance. They recited poems with great confidence, clarity and expression.



Apart from the trophy for the first, second and third position, Dinkar Puraskar awarded to a child in each category who deserves a special mention for his or performance was appreciated.

I would request parents to encourage their students to take part in such events in the future as I strongly believe in the words of renowned writer Bhartendu Harish Chandra, "निज भाषा उन्नति अहै, सब उन्नति को मूला बिन निज भाषा-ज्ञान के, मिटत न हिय को सूला।।".

Progress in one's own language is essential for the progress of a society and country."



*Parents
Speak*

Impeccably organised and adjudged by renowned literary scholars, the event gave children of ages 5-18 an opportunity to perform on stage and recite a poem, story or sing a song of their choice in Hindi.

The quality of the children's performances was outstanding, and their sincerity was praiseworthy. My son, Aryan Newar of Class 1A, was fortunate to have been given an opportunity to perform at this event (after having cleared the initial selection round). He recited the 1st 4 paragraphs of the poem "Jhansi Ki Rani" by Subhadra Kumari Chouhan and stood third in his age group .

Puja Newar

Parent of Aryan Newar, 1A

Ramgopal Sohini Devi Nagori Charitable Trust organized the hindi elocution context with the objective of promoting the Hindi dialect. It was commendable to observe the active participation from CIS (being an international school). Children from more than 10 schools had participated divided in 4 groups with the age bracket from 5 years to 18 years.

Nidhi Shah

Parent of Vedang Shah, 5B

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR 2023 AWARD



It gives us immense joy to share that Mrs. Nayar was felicitated with the Principal of the Year Award at the 5th EduLeaders Summit on 19th January, 2023 at Leela Ambience Karkardooma, New Delhi organized by Universal Mentors Association in collaboration with Brainwonders.



Workshop on Cyber Crime by Lalbazar Cyber Crime Department

On the 7th and 8th of December, the Cyber Crime Department of Kolkata Police , Lalbazar conducted 2 workshops for students from grades 4-11. The workshop was conducted by the Police Officers, led by Mr. Atul Vishwanathan, IPS , DC Cyber Crime. Labazar, Mr.Prosenjit Bhattacharya, AC CIW and team from the Cyber Crime branch of Lalbazar. The workshop created awareness about various kinds of cyber crimes , and gave an insight to the students about how they can be safe while they are online and also during the time they are using their phones. The students interacted and asked very relevant questions.



Workshop in Delhi

Mrs Antara Banerjee, Mrs Tania Roy and Mrs Preeti Roychoudhury attended a workshop on **2nd February 2023** hosted by **Simon Lind** and **Jaishree Nair** from **9:30 am** to **4 pm** in **Delhi** at **The Park**

This exclusive **workshop was arranged by Cambridge University Press** by ex-pats on **Key Pedagogies Underpinning the New Cambridge Resources.**

The workshop was planned as an orientation for the schools' Subject Heads to help them to understand the curriculum framework and plan their respective subjects and levels' lessons in a better way. The discussions also included the newly designed Cambridge resources including - Teachers Resources, Learner's Book and Workbook in the 3 core subjects focussing on Metacognition, Differentiation, Assessment, Language Awareness and Life Skills.

Our teachers were able to meet and interact with academic heads of various schools in the capital and across the country and build connections in planning modules and educational programs aligned with the metacognitive growth of young minds.



POCSO COMMITTEE

Keeping schools safe allows children to look forward to being in an encouraging environment that promotes social and creative learning. At CIS our endeavor is to focus on the mental well being of every student. Keeping this in mind, the school has now formalized a POCSO –(The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012) Committee. The Committee comprises of the following members : Mrs. Farishta Dastur Mukerji – Chair, Mr.Kaushik Dutta – the General Manager of CIS, Mrs.Tina Servaia-the Senior School Principal, Mrs,Pratima Nayar- the Junior School Principal, Mrs.Spriha Patronobis-the School Counsellor and the following teachers - Mrs.Urmita Das, Mrs.Paromita Bhattacharya, Mr,Sudipta Bardhan, Mrs.Manideepa Roychoudhary.

The Committee has collaborated with RACSHA- an advocacy group, RACSHA (Rise Against Child Sexual Harm & Abuse). It is a network of organisations and individuals working for the prevention, recognition, addressing and healing of victims and survivors of Child Sexual Abuse. Ms. Urmi Basu, member of the RACSHA network and well known national social activist has been empanelled into the Committee as the external expert. We welcomed Ms.Urmi Basu on the 24th of January into our Committee, and are privileged to have her with us at CIS!



POCSO COMMITTEE MEMBERS



DISCOVERY SUPER LEAGUE

It gives us great pleasure and pride to inform that the following students have qualified for
ROUND 2 of the Discovery Super League Season 5

Qualified Students

Shivam Himatsinghka - Grade 5

Naman Kedia - Grade 5

Aarav Pasari - Grade 5

Daksh Goyal - Grade 4

Divisha Kejriwal - Grade 4

Demira Mukherjee - Grade 4

Dvuti Jain - Grade 3

Shaurya V Agarwal - Grade 3

Aditya Chakravarti - Grade 3



Heartiest Congratulations to the students.



Building and Strengthening IT skills to help serve better

The Administrative staff of CIS attended an in house IT capacity building training session on Saturday, 28th January, 2023. It was conducted by Mr. Jayanta Jana, the Centre in Charge, ICA and Mr. Alpeswar Pandit.



RECONNECT...RELIVE...REJOICE...ALUMNI MEET 2023





A KIND WORD IS LIKE A SPRING DAY!

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