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Vernacular Event – Manjari, a bouquet of Expressions

The Junior Section of Calcutta International School held its Annual Language Vernacular Event – Manjari, a Bouquet of Expressions - conceptualized by the Language Coordinator , Mrs Sushmita Ray and the teachers of the Language Department. The event was held on the 9th and 10th of February in the AVR in school.

This popular and much awaited event was planned and organized in a slightly different way this time, as it included a variety of events, and diverse types of oral presentation using props, apart from recitation of poems, such as narrating a story, monologue and role play, show and tell.

All these different events also helped the students to develop their confidence and hone their speaking skills.

The young Hindi and Bengali students of Grades 1 and 2 performed in the events - Show and Tell and Monologue respectively on February 9th in the morning , while Grade 3 performed in the Event - Retelling a story in the afternoon of the same day.

It was very encouraging to see the participants of Grades 1 come on stage to speak about their favourite objects in their mother tongue. Students of Grade 2 imagined themselves as an animal or insect and spoke with confidence with either a prop or dressed as one.

In another event, the Grades 3 participants narrated beautiful stories with morals to the audience present. It was wonderful to see the confidence in these young learners and their styles of narration.

The Hindi and Bengali students of Grades 4 and 5 showcased their skills on the 10th of February, in the morning, in the Event – Recitation.

This year , the Core Hindi and Bengali Students of the Junior Section of CIS also took part in the event to display their readiness in recitation in these two languages to which they have very limited exposure as they have just started learning the language.

The judges for the Annual Regional Language Vernacular Event – Manjari were present and ex teachers of the Language Department of CIS - Mrs Sharmila Majumdar, Mrs Kuntala Ghosh for Grades 1 and 2 and Ms Aruna Mukhopadhyay and Ms Manidipa Raychaudhuri for Grades 3 , 4 and 5 for Bengali.

For Hindi, the judges were teachers Ms Suman Dhanuka and Mr Pratik Ali for Grades 1 and 2, and Ms Sudha Tulshan and Ms Suman Dhanuka for Grade 3, while - Ms Soni Jha and Ms Alka Agrawal were the judges for Grades 4 and 5.

After listening to the exquisite renditions of each finalist on stage, the judges praised them on their originality, delivery, performance, and confidence and praised the changed format of the event which gave the students further exposure to the languages.

The event was beautifully compered by the language teachers of the department who showed their skills of presentation while introducing their class event through narration, stories, songs and well written poems. The elegant and symbolic trophies and certificates for the vernacular event - Manjari, a Bouquet of Expressions were designed by the Art Teacher Mr Bardhan.

At the end of the most enjoyable two day programme which delighted and mesmerized the teachers and students in the audience, Mrs Pratima Nayar, Principal Junior School, stated the vital importance of learning and speaking, and appreciating one's own native language and the significance of an event such as Manjari- A bouquet of Expressions. The Department was ably guided by Mrs Neelam Choudhary, Junior Section Head as the event was redesigned to make learning and the languages interesting and fun to learn.

Grade 1 & 2 Winners



Grade 1 - Hindi

1. Maisha Agarwal and Yuvaan Bhutoria
2. Aryan Newar
3. Tanushree Saraff



Grade 2- Hindi

1. Sanay Parasampuria and Dhruv D Patodia
2. Tamanna Bhutoria
3. Saisha Narula



Grade 1 - Bengali

1. Amarissa Das Hartmann
2. Samarth Sanyal
3. Pratham Pal

Grade 2 - Bengali

1. Tara Mazumder
2. Ripanshi Dutta
3. Arhaan Sen



Grade 3 - Hindi
1. Dyuti Jain
2. Aayan Sikaria
3. Vanya Khaitan

Grade 3 - Bengali
1. Sanjh Chakraborty
2. Ayra Tehreem Khan
3. Mohor Mukherjee Ghosh



Grade 4 - Hindi
1. Avyukt Fatesaria
2. Moksh Lalani
3. Krishnav Marothia



Grade 5 - Hindi
1. Vedang Shah
2. Aarav Pasari
3. Prakhar Jain



Grade 5
1. Sammagnah Bardhan
2. Damayanti Ray
3. Kayaan Raja,

Grade 4
1. Samara Laiq
2. Shnaya Chowdhury
3. Zara Sengupta,

Hindi and Bengali Core students



Building Bonds for a Sustainable Future

We need Joy as we need air. We need Love as we need water. We need each other as we need the Earth we share.

A joyful and interactive Parent-Child Collaborative Event "Building Bonds for a Sustainable Future" was conducted by the Science Department- Junior Section on Thursday, 23rd February 2023 for Grades 1 to 3 and Friday, 24th February 2023 for Grades 4 and 5 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm in the school premises.

The purpose of the entire event was to create awareness about the environment in which we live and promote practices that will help the learners of CIS to become active and responsible citizens, to build a better world that they want to live in.

The presence of the parents and grandparents working jointly in a close partnership with their children motivated both, the learners and the teachers. It was a unique, hands on learning experience for our young learners.

Based on these guidelines the activities for different grades have been designed.

Grades 1-2 kept in mind the 3 Rs – Reuse, Reuse, Recycle

Grade 1 prepared healthy snacks using home grown microgreens– non fire cooking. The youngest members of the Junior school without compromising on taste or variety, displayed mouthwatering salads made with - watercress, mustard, parsley, moong, mint, radish, basil and innumerable other fresh potted greens combined with fruits, vegetables, healthy breads, eggs and seeds.

Students learnt that growing microgreens is an amazing way to help the planet as well as nourish our body. As microgreens require way less resources than traditional farming and contain more micronutrients, they are a great opportunity for reducing the stress as well as providing more nutrient-packed full food into our daily lives.





Grade 2



Grade 2, the activity planned was- Upcycling of plastic/glass/tin. The main goal was to design planters/bird feeders with waste materials. The young learners with their parents showed how upcycling takes something no longer in use and gives it a second life and a new function. The pupils designed and created useful items made of discarded steel containers, used water bottles and other used household items. They nimbly crafted items which were more useful and beautiful than what they were previously or originally.





Grade 3



Grade 3 to 5 worked on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which are a universal call of action to protect our planet and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere



Grade 3, made lively posters on the “CLIMATE ACTION”, thereby spreading awareness about the impacts of climate change and find suitable solutions to combat the same. The parents and students jointly took on this project for educating masses about climate change through poster making depicting the causes and impact of climate change due to global warming, afforestation and ensuring waste management and a plastic free zone.





Grade 4



Grade 4 learners designed different eco friendly spaces depicting “CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT USING RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY”. They created plans for a Green Sustainable Space that uses affordable and clean energy for all.

The challenge for the parents and children was to create a plan and design a smart city, or a residential building, a school, or an office, a shopping mall, airport, a playground , or a railway station keeping in mind the key features mentioned.

Students along with their parents /grandparents collaborated to design any one of these, and gave a name to their planned space.They also labelled the source of renewable energy shown in the plan and wrote a concept note explaining how their plan justified the conservation of energy and is built in harmony with Nature.





Grade 5

Grade 5 the senior most grade of the Junior Section enacted small role plays along with their parents on “GOOD HEALTH AND WELL BEING”.

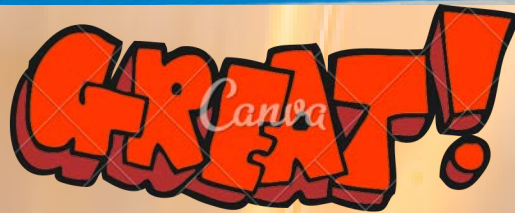
The role plays took into consideration their scriptwriting, improvisation, research, originality and enactment skills. The audience was spellbound by their fantastically, extraordinarily well performed short skits.

These skits enlightened us about the causes, symptoms, consequences and preventive measures to protect us from harmful communicable, non-communicable diseases and mental well-being. The goal of spreading awareness about healthy lifestyle and promoting well-being for all was achieved in a fun filled way.

As a school, we are walking the path of creating active environmental citizens by making our young learners conscious. Environmental sustainability is the responsibility of all.







CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartiest congratulations to Aadya Jalan for participating at the Tolly Horse Riding show and securing the 2nd position in the Class Pony show.



Well done, Rehaan Mukerji for participating in the Eastern India Equestrian Championship at the Tollygunge Club 2022-23. He took part in 2 categories and got 1 prize for both.





We are proud of Medhaavi Kaul for participating in the Eastern Region Equestrian Championship 2022-23. She also got a bronze medal in the sack race and a silver in her confined riding class event



We applaud Daanya Narsinghani's achievement of scoring 5 points and helping her team win in the equestrian races.

Vaanya Baid took part in the Equestrian show held in Tollygunge club on 18th-19th of February. She was in the Beginner Pony category meant for kids aged between 6-12. They were judged on their riding skills in which they had to independently ride the horse and make it walk and trot as and when instructed. Dress code and posture while sitting and riding the horse are also very important aspects for riders and points were given for the above also.



We are happy to share that Aarav Pasari appeared for the Garde 3 Level 1 Communication Skills exams conducted by Trinity College, London in November, 2022 and scored a distinction in the exam.

TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON		Examination Report <small>This is not a certificate</small>	
Communication Skills - Individuals 3 (Online) (2020)		Centre: Kolkata (290)	
Candidate name: AARAV PASARI		Candidate ID: 1-4371511639	
1. CONVERSATION		Marks	
It was interesting to hear that in your leisure time you love to read. You shared with such enthusiasm Harry Potter and Percy Jackson. An engaging conversation. Conversed with sense of ease and confidence.		9	
		/10	
2. TOPIC TALK			
You shared about wanting to see more renewable energy and less use of fossil fuel with confidence and appearance of ease. Engaging opening and use of visuals. Voice was effectively modulated and there was sense of vitality and enthusiasm for the topic. Carefully researched, detailed talk that was effectively structured, creative and engaging. Conversed with passion and maturity.		46	
		/50	
3. PLACE OF INTEREST TALK			
Described and recommended Jaipur with confidence, personality and enthusiasm. Ideas were effectively organised and provided many places to visit including elephant village and Jantar Mantar, food, shopping and times to visit. Voice was effectively modulated and there was some lovely touches of humour. Questions were responded to with fluency and enthusiasm.		37	
		/40	
Marks on this Examination report are provisional until the results are confirmed by the issue of a certificate (or otherwise). Attainment Bands - Distinction (85 and over), Merit (75 and over), Pass (65 and over).		Total:	92 /100
Examiner signature: _____	Examiner number: 4647	Date: 14/11/2022	
(Order number: 1-4370449753)			



'Being in their shoes'

"Teachers of grades 1 and 3 attended a workshop conducted by the SEN and Counselling department on Effective Classroom Management. The session began with some simulation activities to give teachers an experience about the difficulties faced by the SEN students in the mainstream classroom. Further, the session enabled teachers to role play some of the most common learning and behavioural everyday scenarios that they encounter in the classroom, with the purpose of strategising effective techniques for student handling. Being in the shoes of the students enabled participants to develop greater empathy and understanding of the emotional needs of their students."

Seminar on Early childhood Education



Mrs S. Majumdar, Mrs U. Das and Mrs T. Yadav attended an interactive session on Early Childhood Education with Dr. Swati Popat Vats on Saturday, 11th February 2023 at 2.30pm in Indus Valley World School. Dr. Swati Popat Vats, a global educator, spoke about her dedicated association and initiative in reinventing Early Childhood Education. The event was inaugurated by Ms Amita Prashad, director of Indus Valley World School. Dr. Vats was welcomed by all present. She discussed some of the most important features of the NCF (National Curriculum Framework) that will help schools to provide a more holistic and integrative learning experience for the young learners. It was an enriching experience.

**Let the colours of
Holi spread the
message of peace
and happiness in the
life of all**

Happy Holi !

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