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28.4.23 - Foreign Language Day

HAPPINESS ASSEMBLY

**Be so happy that when others look at you,
they become happy too.....**

The Primary Section began their “Happiness Assembly” with smiling faces and positive energy. The Music Room radiated happiness as everyone was dressed in vibrant shades of yellow.



The event was made memorable as the Junior Section Head, Primary Section Head, administration department, Coordinators of the Language, Science and Humanities and other subject teachers joined us in the endeavor of spreading happiness.





Pre Nursery A



Pre Nursery B

The students of the Primary Section infused our lives with joyful and mesmerizing songs.



Nursery A



Nursery B



Upper Nursery A



Upper Nursery B

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS

**'Count your age by friends, not years
Count your life by smiles, not tears' - John Lennon**



Grade 1A



Grade 1B



Grade 2A



Grade 2B

The students of Grades 1 to 5 celebrated the 'International Happiness Day' on the 20th of March, 2023 with enthusiasm and excitement. They were all dressed up in yellow and looked as bright as sunshine.

Grade 1 celebrated the day by making good wishes for their loved ones and also by thinking and sharing things that make them happy as we know that "Doing things with great love gives us Happiness".

Grade 2 shared their favourite toys, books, puzzles and colours with their classmates as they believe that "I can give happiness to others by sharing" and made good wishes for others because "Good wishes for everyone make me happy inside".

Grade 3 celebrated Happiness Day by giving happiness to others with words that are like flowers, not thorns and making Happiness rules for the class. The students of Grade 4 wrote happy affirmations which were displayed on the soft board in the corridor while the senior most students of the Junior School, Grade 5 spread happiness in their homes and in school. They tried to make the members of their family happy by spending time with them, playing or cooking for them. In school, the students went around thanking all the dadas and didis with hand made cards for keeping them safe and secure in school and helping them in every way possible.




Grade 3A 



Grade 3B 



Grade 4 

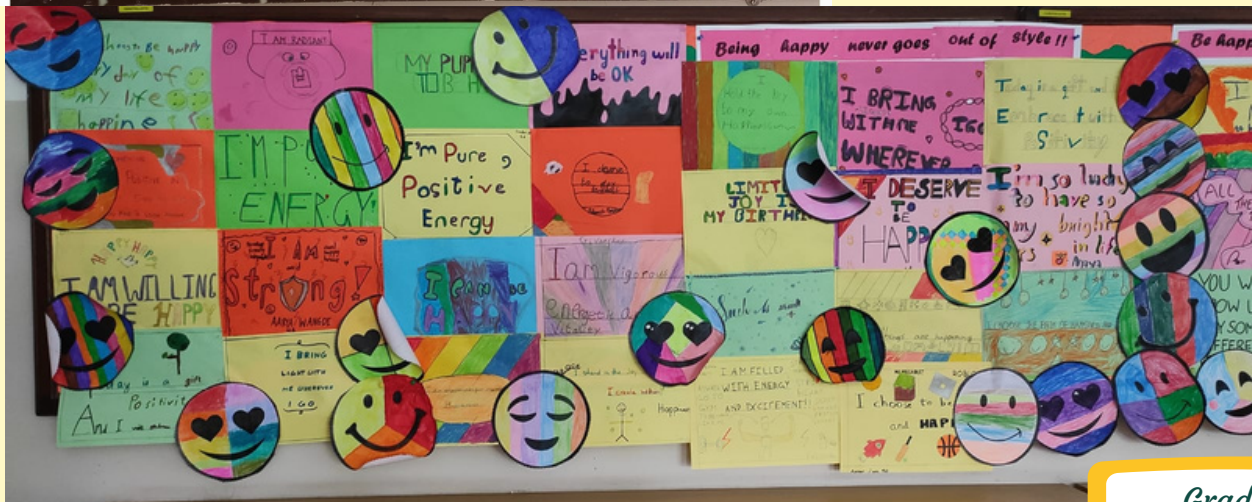
OUR HAPPINESS BOARDS



Grade 1 



Grade 3 



Grade 4 

CELEBRATING SPRING

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!!"

The Spring festival of Doljatra was celebrated with the students of the Primary Section on 6th of March in the Tot-Lot.



Grade Pre Nursery A



Grade Pre Nursery B



Grade Nursery B



Grade Nursery A



Grade Upper Nursery

The story of Holi was narrated in Hindi. The young learners were encouraged to participate in the interactive story session. The message of 'Good wins over Evil', was shared. They sang songs on 'Basant' and danced to the tune of Holi songs. The session ended on a cheerful note as all of them wore a tilak with 'abeer-gulal'.

The students of Grade 4 ushered in Spring and Holi, the festival of colours with a colourful show of dance and music. The songs were sung by the Junior School Choir while the Grade students performed dance. The programme began with a short alaap and bandish on Raga Bahar. This was followed by 'Aji dokhino duar khola' a song by Tagore describing the freedom of spirit brought by the festival of colours. The song speaks about opening up our minds to the colour and fragrance of nature and cherish the spirit of freedom.



The programme ended with a beautiful Bhojpuri song named 'Aj biraj me hori re' which set the mood for the festival of Holi. This song narrates the saga of Radha, Krishna, and the Brajabasi during Holi. Attired in traditional costumes, the young students of Grade 4 danced beautifully to this song. They presented a fusion of the traditional dandiya, freestyle and classical techniques of dancing which was much appreciated and applauded by the audience.



VIP'S OF UPPER NURSERY

GRADE UPPER NURSERY A



Veer Poddar carried out two experiments with his peers, ably guided by his parents. Students enjoyed doing the interesting experiments.



Aarav Kothari played the synthesizer. He was accompanied by his eldest sister Aisha Kothari. She sang while he played the instrument.



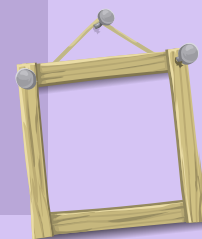
Anaisha Nirmal spoke about herself and shared a beautiful chart.



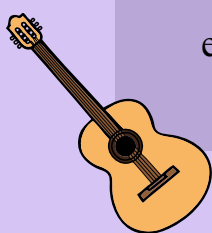
Nayantara Singh showcased her musical skills by playing the synthesizer and singing two of her favourite songs. She then narrated a story 'Wonderful friends forever' written and illustrated by her!



Aisha Bansal kept her classmates involved in an engrossing craft activity. They made a photo frame with popsicle sticks and sequins.



Divikksha Goenka showed her peers how she played different chords on her guitar. She then enthralled us with her dance moves.



GRADE UPPER NURSERY B

Anaisha Modi spoke about the continents and oceans of the world. She did a puzzle activity on the topic with her classmates.



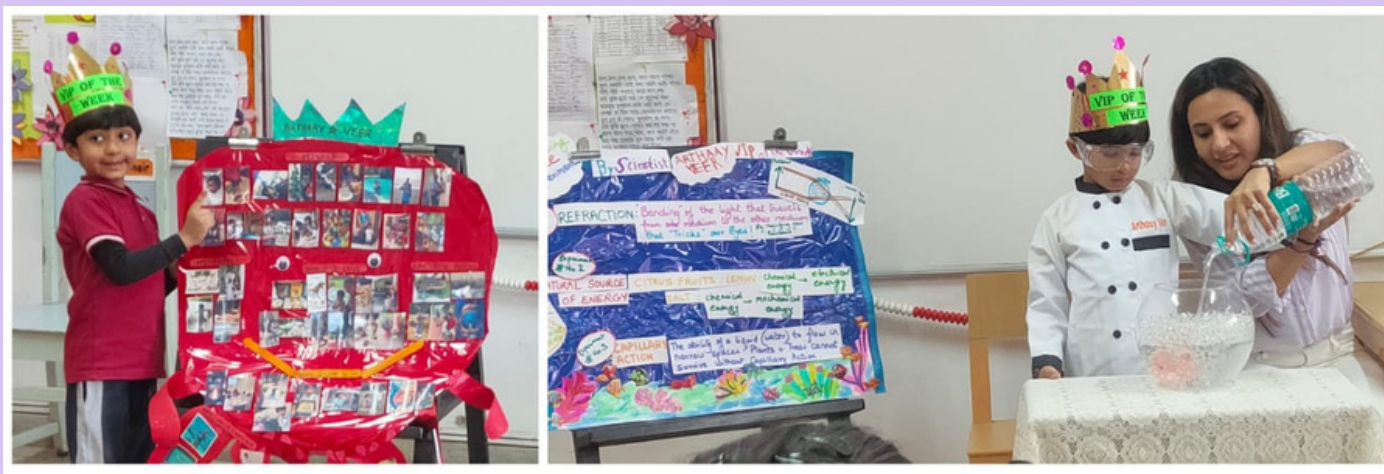
Naksh Jain demonstrated a few moves in Taekwondo. He also demonstrated making healthy crepes and helped his friends do so in class.



Deetyaa Jalan performed the volcano experiment in class.



Sara Kajaria taught her friends to colour and design small jute bags. Her parents spoke about how jute is a biodegradable material and better than plastic.



Arthaay Veer Himatsingka performed 3 Science experiments. two on Light and one on the Capillary action. He made every student perform an experiment where they made small caterpillars using the capillary action.

GRADE 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY... SHARING EXPERIENCES



On Friday, 24th of March, 2023, the learners of Grade 5 shared their experience of their Class excursion that took place on the 16th of February, 2023 to Metcalfe Hall and Princep Ghat. Grade 3 and 4 learners were the audience in this assembly along with the Junior School teachers.

Both the section of Grade 5 collaborated and created a PPT presentation with well researched facts, vivid photographs and sharing of their own experiences of the trip.

The students spoke about the historical significance and the majestic architecture of Metcalfe Hall. They were excited to share their experience of climbing the firm wooden staircase and visiting the rooms displaying paintings, books, pictures of Old Calcutta, a real boat, foreign journals and manuscripts, prints of art works and artifacts representing Kolkata's past and present. During the presentation of Princep Ghat, the learners explained the historical importance of the palladian porch, crossing of a Railway Line and the walk up to the ghat of the Hoogly river to get a clear view of the river with its boats and barges.



The speakers gave a vivid picture of the Metcalfe Hall through their presentation giving every small detail about the place. Their beautiful presentation motivated the audience to plan a visit soon to this heritage building in Kolkata.



RECITATION DAY - UPPER NURSERY

The English Recitation Day for Upper Nursery A was held on 1st March and for Upper Nursery B on 3rd March, 2023 in the Music Room.

The Junior School Principal, Mrs. P. Nayar and the Primary Section Head, Mrs. S. Majumdar encouraged the young participants. The judges for the event were Mrs. N. Choudhary, Junior School Section Head and Mrs. P. Roychoudhury, the English HOD. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to recite before a live audience for the first time. They had learnt a poem of their choice and charmed us with their selection of poems. They were loud, clear, expressive and exuded a lot of confidence. The performances were impressive and they were awarded certificates of participation and storybooks as prizes.



 Grade Upper Nursery A 



 Grade Upper Nursery B 

Congratulations to all the participants!

The winners of the event were as follows:

UPPER NURSERY A

**1st position - Noa Alma
Munshi**

**2nd position - Aliya Merh,
Avantika Mall and
Nayantara Singh**

**3rd position - Diya Singhvi
and Anaisha Nirmal**

UPPER NURSERY B

**1st position: Diya Agarwal, Arthaay
Veer Himatsingka and Myrra Lalani**

**2nd position: Ira Sood and Agustya
Hrishi Chamria**

**3rd position: Devangi Phumbhra,
Anaisha Modi, Deetyaa Jalan, Naksh
Jain and Ahaan Sanghvi**

ECA

YELLOW COLOUR BELT EXAM

Taekwondo has turned into a Modern International Sport. 'Tae' means to kick or squash with the foot, 'kwon' means to use a hand or fist to block, punch, and strike or destroy and 'Do' denotes an art or way. It is a free – fighting combat sport using hands and feet to repel an opponent. The students are trained to become more self-confident and disciplined.

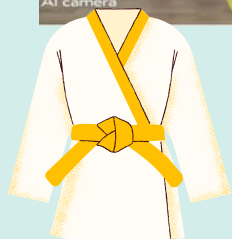




Our Taekwondo ECA students appeared for the Yellow Colour belt exam. This exam was conducted externally by United Amateur Taekwondo Academy, India, West Bengal. It is affiliated to Sang Rock World Taekwondo, South Korea whose headquarter is in Kukkiwon in South Korea.

The students had to get registered for this exam. They were graded on the following -

1. Poomsae 1 with basic skills
2. Stance
3. Blocks punch and kick



ECA DANCE ASSEMBLY

On 3rd March, 2023, the Junior School ECA Dance students put up a brilliant show of their dance performances. They worked tirelessly to make sure that every move that they made was flawless.



Dance is a divine art form. It gives us the opportunity to express our thoughts and emotions through our body movements. The heart of dance is considered to be the soul while the soul of music is considered to be the heart. That is what the young dancers followed. They showcased different dance forms that they had learnt throughout the year, followed by their self choreographed presentations and free style dance moves. The audience at the music room were enthralled by their mesmerizing performances.



GRADES 5 AND 6 COLLABORATE TO LEARN TOGETHER

“Coding is today’s language of creativity....” - Maria Klawe

Learning to code or code to learn? That’s the big question in today’s time. Coding is essential not only in developing programming skills but also critical thinking, creativity and problem solving. In such an endeavour, students of Grades 5 and 6 came together to work collaboratively on a Scratch project. They created games, stories, music, scenes and so much more. It was an engaging session of exchanging ideas, experimenting and learning.



Students presented their projects with confidence and explained what motivated them to choose the theme of the activity. The collaboration provided an opportunity for students to make new connections and develop a bond of friendship with their peers. Overall, it was an exciting and incredible experience.

TEACHER TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

PBL WORKSHOP

Project Based Learning is a teaching methodology that enables students to work on a project over a period of time. They develop a deeper understanding of the concept by analyzing, questioning and problem solving. To understand the basic structure, theories and principles of such a teaching methodology, Mrs P. Roychoudhury (HOD English), Mrs T. Yadav, Mrs R. Dhanuka and Mrs U. Das attended a 3-day online workshop from 1st to the 3rd of March. It was organized by Priyamvada Taneja Consulting and conducted by Ms. Eryn Wiseman.



The session was well designed and interactive in nature. Our instructor Ms. Wiseman was approachable and well versed in the topic. It was an intense workshop with a lot of thinking, processing and planning involved. The main tenets of the workshop were -

1. To understand the basic differences between a traditional project and a PBL,
2. Planning a PBL unit using conceptual understanding and guiding questions and
3. To communicate the learning objectives and outcomes to the students clearly to ensure they benefit from the unit.

Various teaching strategies were discussed to integrate these tenets in our teaching methodology. The workshop was indeed thought provoking. It was planned with ample activities, home learning and scope for discussion. It was an enriching experience.

What can PBL look like?

How can we make better food choices?



Can you build a bridge to span 3 meters?



What can we do about all the rubbish in school?



Can you write, plan and perform a puppet show for Kindergarten?



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CAIE TRAINING

Mrs. Mousumi Guha completed a three week online training in, 'Extension Cambridge Primary English', from 6th February to 26th February 2023. The training provided an understanding of the challenging areas of the curriculum, how to plan to support learner progress, the difference between progression tests and Cambridge Checkpoint, how to use the end of the series report to identify the specific ways in which learners need to improve and what formative feedback we could give to each learner. It was an enriching course where learning took place through sharing of strategies and ideas by all the participants.



Mrs. Shweta Mazumder, the Science teacher of the Junior Section attended the Cambridge Primary Science Training from 3rd February to 26th February, 2023.

She shared her takeaways from this training. She said that earlier she used to think that the end of the series report was for the stage 6 teachers to work upon. Now, however, she feels that if one can plan based on the end of the series report there is a lot that she, as a teacher of stages 2 and 3 can also work upon. Besides, the workshop provided a deep insight into the Formative Assessment. Overall, it was a wonderful exposure to interact with teachers all over the world and share each other's teaching techniques.



POSH TRAINING OF THE SUB-STAFF

Workplace Act of India mandates every organisation to define their sexual harassment policies, prevention systems, procedures and service rules for its employees.



Keeping this in mind Ms. Triparna Nandy of Swayam was invited to conduct training sessions for the sub staff and House Keeping Staff of CIS on the 4th and 18th of March, 2023 respectively.

Triparna Nandy has 9 years of extensive experience in the development sector across the fields of public health, human trafficking, education of street children & women and child development. She forayed into gender equality work with her current position as Programme Associate in Swayam. Her journey with gender work has been a learning experience and a personal experience, influencing her life.



The training was conducted in Bengali and involved the staff members in discussion, role play of real life scenarios which were very effective in making understand intricate nuances involved in sexual harassment incidents. It helped the staff members to know what is acceptable in the work place and what constitutes sexual harassment and what does not. It gave an insight into the process of inquiry procedure and redressal mechanism.



The sub staff and House Keeping staff were very happy to attend this one of a kind workshop. The POSH training was a further step towards creating awareness about POSH, protecting the employees and creating a safe working environment at CIS.



Congratulations to our Olympiad Medalists!



**SWEET APRIL SHOWERS,
DO SPRING MAY FLOWERS**

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