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# May Events

## Primary

- 4.5.23 - Drama Day in Upper Nursery
- 8.5.23 - Upper Nursery Graduation Day
- 9.5.23 - Rabindra Jayanti Celebration

## Junior

- 4.5.23 - Grade 5 Debate
- 5.5.23 - Vertical Collaboration between students of Grade 5 and the students of IB 1 ESS students
- 9.5.23 - Rabindra Jayanti Celebration Choir and Grade 3
- 10.5.23 - Foreign Language Day
- 12.5.22 - Math Science Quiz
- 15.5.23 - Music Assembly by Grades 1 to 3
- 16.5.23 - Music Assembly by Grades 4 and 5
- 16.5.23 - English Inter Grade Collaborative Activity
- 17.5.23 - Prize Distribution Grades 1 to 3
- 17.5.23 - Address by students of Grade 9 to students of Grade 2 to raise awareness on the importance of health and sanitation
- 18.5.23 - Prize Distribution Grades 4 and 5
- 19.5.23 - Class party and last day of school.



# June Events

- 23.6.23 - Online Orientation for new parents from Grades Nursery to Grade 5
- 26.6.23 - School reopens for Grades Nursery to Grade 5
- 26.6.23 - Offline Class Orientation for parents of Grade Pre Nursery
- 27.6.23 - School begins for Grade Pre Nursery





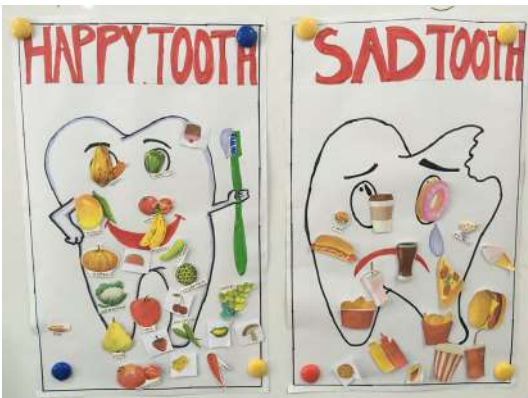
# COMMUNITY HELPERS

IN COLLABORATION WITH PARENTS OF GRADE PRE NURSERY

The role of Community Helpers was explored by the students of Pre Nursery. Mr. and Mrs. Bansal visited the classroom on 10.4.23 and shared the various aspects of 'Tea Farming'. They brought in different varieties of tea leaves and showed its journey from the mountains to our cups, through an AV. Mrs. Bansal showed the students how tea is brewed and then conducted a tea-tasting session. Students interacted with the parents and enjoyed the presentation.



Playing the role of a community helper, we had a dentist visit the classroom on 13.4.23 to talk about oral care. Mrs. Jhujhunwala had come in full attire and engaged the students with rhymes and puppets. She showed the different tools used by a dentist and also how to brush correctly, using a dental model. Mrs. Jhujhunwala prepared a sorting activity where the students identified food items and associated them with a 'Happy Tooth' or a 'Sad Tooth'. It was a fun and interactive session and the students participated enthusiastically.



# The **VIP**s of Grade Upper Nursery

## Upper Nursery A



Neera Surana showed tricks with the hula hoop and narrated a mythological story with stick puppets.



Ahaana Churiwal read her favourite story 'Sleeping Beauty' and explained the two times table.

Anay Churiwal played the synthesiser and taught the class how to play chess.



Diya Singhvi sang the song 'Easy on me' by Adele for her peers.

We learned how to make a happiness medal from Aliya Merh. She and all her friends made a medal for themselves using dry clay.

## Upper Nursery B



Sitara Kayan shared about her interests in travelling and sports like skiing. Her piano recital and skill in spinning the hula hoop amazed the audience.



Ahaan Sanghvi presented a model and explained about the solar system and ISRO. His peers were excited to see him launch a rocket in the playground.



Myrra Lalani demonstrated the process of Rainwater Harvesting with her model. Her peers enjoyed making yummy hot chocolate on the stick with her.



Aiza Khan and Ira Sood presented their charts and conducted a session together where a paper with questions were given to students and the answers were given by Ira and Aiza in French.



Aayat Choudhary shared her passion for dance by performing before her classmates. She also taught her classmates to dance to a song.



Dravin Chakraborti expressed his love for the rainbow through his experiments. He conducted two experiments, one involving the flashlight showing the colours of the rainbow and another experiment which shows how the various colours on a tissue spread, when dipped in water.

Aiza Maheshwari shared that she wishes to be a doctor when she grows up. She shared information about the Skeletal System with her friends, spoke about its importance and interesting facts about our bones.



## Student Accomplishment



Samarth Sarda of Nursery B participated in the Intra coaching Tennis Tournament conducted by Enrico Piperno Tennis Trust at Ordnance club. He received a trophy for being the finalist in the group.

**BRAVO!**

# MATH & SCIENCE Quiz

The students of Grade Upper Nursery B and Upper Nursery A had their Math Science Quiz on 26th April and 27th April respectively. This was a fun competition. The students were divided into 4 teams. Each student got a turn to answer one question for their team. They also had two activity rounds for Science and Math respectively. It was a great exposure for our students and our budding Mathematicians and Scientists did a fabulous job at each round.



## The winning teams



**Upper Nursery A**

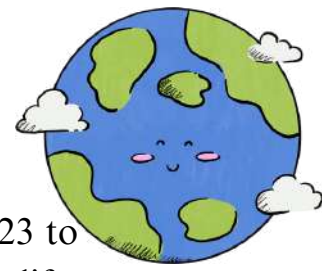
Diya Singhi, Riaan Roy, Tanishi Baid, Anay Churiwal and Meher Kaur Mangat



**Upper Nursery B**

Dhruv Marodia, Aiza Maheshwari, Arthaay Veer Himatsingka, Aayat Choudhary and Dravin Chakraborti.

# Celebrating The Blue Planet



The students of the Primary Section assembled together on April 27, 2023 to celebrate the special day of the blue planet, EARTH, the only planet with life.



The young learners of Grade Upper Nursery welcomed all the teachers and students with the song 'We're in it together, forever and ever, saving our water, land, and air. This is our planet to share...!'



Metals

Organic waste



Paper

Plastic



Glass

Clothing and Textiles



Nayantara Singh of Upper Nursery A and Sitara Kayan of Upper Nursery B, along with their parents conducted an engrossing session on how to follow the 3 R's - REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE. Each one of them represented a material, creating awareness about how it can be reused and recycled in a more effective way.



The interactive session encouraged the students to identify and sort out materials into separate boxes.

The session concluded with the audience singing and dancing to some catchy tunes on recycling and a thank you note from Mrs Sharmila Majumdar - Primary Section Head.





# D R A M A Day



100 years of Abol Tabol was celebrated by the students of Upper Nursery on 4th May, 2023 as a drama initiative under the able guidance of Mr. Kaushik Bose.

Abol tabol (The Weird and the Absurd) is a collection of Bengali children's poems and rhymes composed by the great writer and poet Sukumar Ray. Through the poems written in Abol Tabol, the readers are exposed to a nonsense fantasy world which offers the best of Sukumar Ray's world of pun-riddled poetry.



Upper Nursery A recited 'Baburam Shapure...', which translates to 'Baburam, the snake charmer.' It is a hilarious poem where the children are asking the Snake Charmer to deliver a snake which does not have the usual features that a snake possesses.



Upper Nursery B recited the poem titled 'Shobdo Kolpo Droom.' This poem is about the sounds we hear around us and the various verbs associated with the sounds.





# Graduation Day in Upper Nursery

The Graduation Day Ceremony for the batch of Upper Nursery 2022- 2023 was held in school on Monday, the 8th of May. We celebrated the end of 3 wonderful years of our students in the Primary Section. The students have come a long way since the first day of school, and we are proud of each and every one of them as we watch our students grow and flourish. We know that they are ready to take the next step in their education. As they move on to first grade and beyond, we know that they will continue to learn, grow, and make us proud.

To the Upper Nursery graduates, we congratulate them on a job well done. “We are proud of your hard work, your accomplishments, and your enthusiasm for learning. We can't wait to see all the amazing things you will do in the years to come”.



The Graduation Ceremony began with the Junior School Principal, Mrs. P. Nayar addressing the students and praising them for their achievements followed by the students of Nursery presenting a song for the graduating batch, wishing them all the best for their future. Their loving messages mesmerized the audience.



The students were handed over certificates for their unique attributes and Recitation Day performances along with prizes for the Recitation Day and The Math Science Quiz. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. S. Majumdar, our Section Head followed by the school song.



## Winners of Recitation Day



### Upper Nursery A

- 1st - Noa Alma Munshi
- 2nd - Nayantara Singh, Aliya Merh and Avantika Mall
- 3rd - Anaisha Nirmal and Diya Singhvi



### Upper Nursery B

- 1st - Diya Agarwal, Arthaay Veer Himatsingka and Myrra Lalani
- 2nd - Ira Sood and Agustya Hrishi Chamria
- 3rd - Devangi Phumbhra, Anaisha Modi, Deetyaa Jalan, Naksh Jain and Ahaan Sanghvi



# Class Trip Assemblies

In March and April, Grades 1- 4 shared their experience about the class trips through assemblies organized in the Music Room.



Grade 1 visited the Zoo



Grade 2 visited Horticulture Garden



Grade 3 visited Fort William



Grade 4 visited Keventers

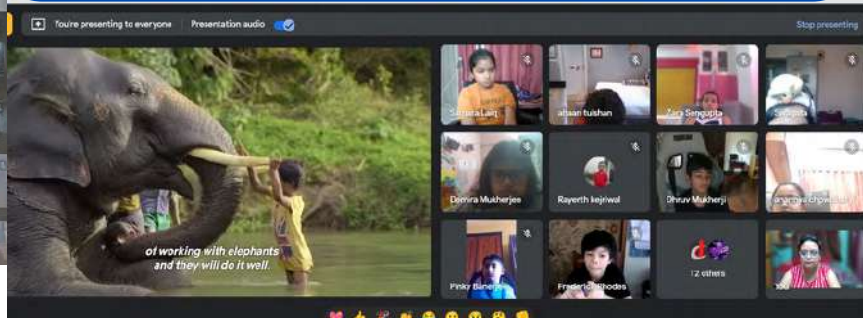
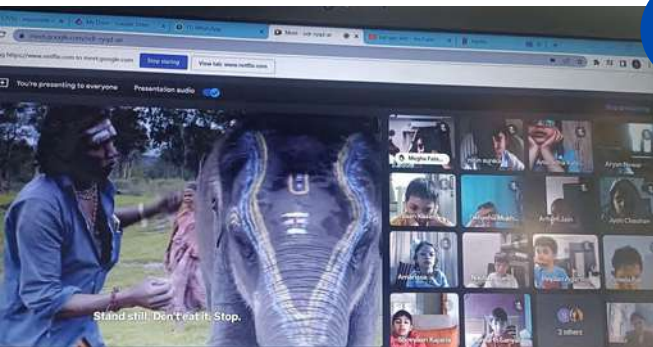


# Earth Day

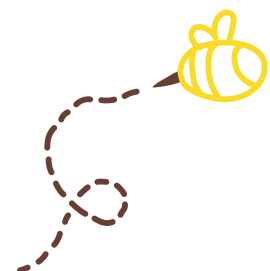


An array of activities were planned on Earth Day this year since we were going to celebrate it in physical space after a gap of two years. Unfortunately, we had to return to online mode due to the prevalent heat wave in the city. However, that couldn't prevent the students of the Junior Section from taking up the challenge and celebrating the day in their own unique ways. While some classes created crafts with recycled materials, some classes made presentations on ways to save the bees, some classes were engrossed watching "The Elephant Whisperers" and identifying with the cause of the elephants. It was a fruitful experience for the students and the teachers.

## Grade 1 and 4 watching "The Elephant Whisperers"



## Grade 2 created crafts with recycled materials



## Grade 3 sharing presentations

# ICT Quiz



On 11th May, 2023 the students of Grades 1 and 4 participated in an engaging session of ICT Quiz. Grade 4 students hosted the quiz with challenging questions for Grade 1 students. All the teams sportingly answered the questions and left no stone unturned to score points. The questions were simple yet thought-provoking. Students look forward to such engaging learning sessions where the focus is on peer interaction and gaining knowledge in a fun-filled manner.





# MATH AND SCIENCE

## Quiz



Maths and Science are two fascinating subjects that help us to understand the world around us. To encourage and enhance the learning of these subjects, a Math-Science quiz was organized for the students of Grades 1-5 on 12th May, 2023.

The coordinators of the Maths and Science departments, Mrs. Banerjee and Mrs. Ahuja respectively, coordinated and guided the teachers to ensure that there was no hindrance in making the quiz competition a gala event.

The participants were made to sit in their house groups. The first segment of the quiz marked the beginning of the competition for Grades 1 and 2. The participants were asked to give explanations for their answers and they surprised everyone with the coherent and logical approach while doing the same. The second segment saw the beginning of the competition for Grades 3-5. The rounds of the quiz for all the classes were the same like the direct questions, the Activity Round, and the Rapid Fire.

Grades 1 and 2



The Quiz mistresses Mrs. Shweta Mazumder, Mrs. Ishmeet Mokha, Mrs. Neha Dixit, Mrs. Gunjan Deb, Mrs. Antara Banerjee, Ms. Sujata Ahuja, and Mrs. Sreeparna Mukherjee conducted the quiz with great efficiency to encourage the children to look beyond their textual boundaries. Mr. Sumanta Adhikari helped the team keep track of the time and arrange the activities.

The activity rounds saw fishing out questions, working on Jodo Straws, separating components from mixtures, and a lot more.

The audience rounds ensured that the most integral part of the quiz, the audience, is not left behind.

### Grades 3, 4 and 5



After the end of the rounds, for Grades 1 and 2, Green House emerged as the winner, whereas after a tie-breaker round, Red House occupied the top slot for Grades 3-5.

All the participants were praised for their efforts and knowledge. Winners were awarded with trophies and certificates.

The Maths-Science quiz was an excellent platform for the learners to showcase their skills and knowledge in these essential subjects.





# Music Assembly

In a one of a kind assembly, Grades 1 to 5 performed one song per class as a part of their annual performance on 15th May, 2023. The instrument players from the respective classes added a special touch to the musical performances of their peers. This assembly was a culmination of all the Music lessons that took place throughout the current academic year.



 Grade 1 - Supercalifraglistic, Invisible

 Grade 2 - Unstoppable, Fix you



 Grade 3 - Let it be, Waving Flag

 Grade 4 - Something just like this,  
Winds of change



Grade 5 - Believer, Hall of Fame

These melodious productions were followed by a surprise performance by pianist Ms. Rose Dam Roy.

The first piece she performed was Mazurka in G Minor, Op. 67 No. 2, composed by Polish composer Frederic Chopin. She then performed two compositions of William Gillock - “Moonlight Mood” followed by a very energetic Valse Etude. She played a few more musical pieces before ending with – “Italian Polka” written by Russian composer Sergai Rachmanioff, later arranged by Alexander Siloti.



After the recital, the students had an interesting interaction with Ms. Rose who was later felicitated by Mrs. Nayar with a small memento and kind words of appreciation for her dedication towards her craft. The audience was delighted to be a part of this musical extravaganza.



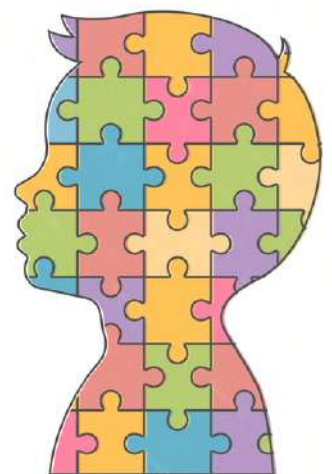
# Neurodiversity

Neurodiversity is a concept that acknowledges and celebrates the natural variation of the human brain and the different ways in which people think and process information.

The SEN department of CIS took the initiative to spread awareness. Grade 6, 7 and 8 students presented and discussed “Neurodiversity” with the students of Grades 3,4 and 5, to promote acceptance and understanding of peers with similar conditions.

The session began with an introduction to the concept and a discussion on some common neurodiverse conditions like – Autism, Specific Learning disability, and ADHD.

The session was a success as it helped to educate and inform the students about the importance of accepting and embracing neurodiverse conditions. The students’ efforts to spread awareness and promote understanding of neurodiversity were commendable and their message of inclusion and acceptance was well received by their peers.





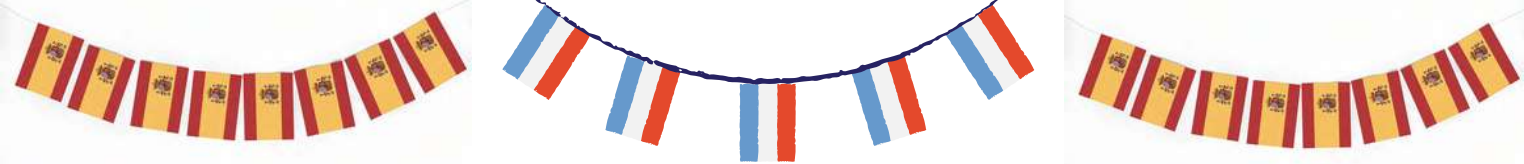
# Language Day



The Language Department of the Junior School celebrated Foreign Language Day on May 10, 2023. This novel initiative gave the French and Spanish students of Grades 3 to 5 a wonderful opportunity to showcase their skill in speaking the languages. The one and a half hour long programme took place in the Music Room, decorated beautifully with French and Spanish flags to create the ambience suitable for the occasion.

The students recited poems, sang songs, held short conversations and enacted short plays and skits in the respective languages. The ease and the fluency with which the young students spoke the languages left the audience spellbound. The precision in their diction and articulation and the perfection in their performances under the able guidance of the language teachers were highly appreciated. The cherry on the cake was a presentation of the French and Spanish versions of the popular English children's song – 'When you are happy and you know it'. It was an amalgamation of both the languages.





As part of the celebration of this special day, beautiful displays of the work done by the French and the Spanish students during the academic year were exhibited in the atrium. In addition, various articles and artifacts along with popular food of the two countries were also on exhibit. These displays gave everybody an insight into the language, culture and gastronomy of France and Spain- the 2 neighbouring countries of Europe.

Mrs Nayar, the Principal of Junior School appreciated the teachers of the department and thanked Mrs Ray for organising this event, which gave the students a platform to present their speaking abilities in the languages. She applauded the students for the wonderful display and their confidence during their performances.

The grand celebration ended with the audience in high spirits, having thoroughly enjoyed the day.



# The Great Debate



On 4th May 2023, the Junior Section of Calcutta International conducted a debate competition on the theme “Was Mathematics Invented or Discovered?” for the students of Grade 5. The event was organized by the Junior School Humanities Department in collaboration with the English and Maths departments.



The aim of this one of a kind event was to hone the public speaking skills of the students and teach them to be articulate while expressing their thoughts and opinions. The session was a kaleidoscope of opinions, thoughts and perspectives that enhanced their knowledge and understanding.

To begin with, each participant spoke their mind on the rationale that Maths was discovered. Unsurprisingly, this led to a wide spectrum of contrasting views – that Mathematics was rather invented. Points presented were accepted by the spectators with cheers and claps. Some of the points even made us think about the facts.

The event was attended by Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Roychoudhury, Mrs. Majumdar, the Academic Heads and the teachers of the section. All of them were in praise for the kind of research and effort the students had put in to make the debate an unforgettable session.



Thus the controversial debate between those who think Mathematics is a discovery and those who think it's an invention may go on forever. Given that the problem has existed for 2,300 years, it is unlikely that this mystery will be resolved anytime soon. However, the truth remains that Mathematics just doesn't care if we believe that it was invented, discovered or if both played a role in its existence. Irrespective of our belief, it will objectively perform its function without letting us down!



## Vertical

## Collaborations

### **A Collaboration to Remember - Organised by the Science Department**



The Science department of CIS has initiated an awareness programme between the Grade 5 and IB1 ESS (Environment Systems and Societies) students. The ESS students had made a short presentation to Grade 5 students in December 2022 to teach them about the benefits of composting and how they will do that at school as a real life project. They conducted the field activity with Grade 5 on the 5th May 2023 in the Zero lesson under the guidance of Mrs. Teesta Haldar (Faculty of Geog; GP; ESS).

The IB students shared a powerpoint presentation with the Grade 5 students and then guided the learners in setting up the compost bin in front of them. The Grade 5 learners carried dry food wastes from their home like vegetable peels, fruit peels etc to conduct the Field activity under the guidance of the IB1 ESS students.

It was an excellent learning experience for the students of both the sections.



## **A thoughtful initiative and the need of the hour - An Inter-grade collaboration organised by the students studying Global Perspectives.**

Collaboration is a beautiful way of blending and facilitating knowledge, widening learning and broadening perspectives in our young learners. The students of IGCSE organised an inter-grade collaborative activity on 17 th of May on the topic 'Importance of Health and Hygiene'. The students of Grade 2 were divided into groups- each carrying a different theme which included- Brushing teeth, Taking a shower, Washing hands and Cutting nails. The students were briefed on how taking care of health and hygiene should be emphasized and is the need of the hour.







The students were assigned time to prepare a poster and a small enactment on the given topics. The students came up with innovative ideas and showcased their understanding of the topics very well. Overall the session was very enriching, engaging and productive for the students of Grade 2.

## A memorable Initiative - Inter-grade Collaboration organised by the Department of English

Collaboration, not competition, is the key to success in life. In order to facilitate the skills of collaboration in our young learners, the Department of English organised an inter-grade collaborative activity on 15th and 16th May 2023.

The students of grades 5 and 6 were divided into 6 groups- each carrying a different theme which included- The cost of War, The meaning of Freedom, The Impact of social media, Ideas for sustainable living, The rights of every child and How to make school a happier place Each group was allotted a separate task- from composing and singing an original song on the theme, to writing and dramatizing a skit, to making charts and posters.



DAY 1 - Preparation

On 15th May, the students were sent to the designated venues based on their allotment and were given the entire day to ideate, plan and implement their planning. The initial stiffness in meeting schoolmates from a different grade soon melted into a comfortable working relationship.

On 16th May, in the Music room, in the presence of the Principals of the Junior and Senior Sections - Mrs Nayar and Mrs Servaia, the 2 section Heads Mrs Choudhary and Mr Banerjee, along with the teachers of the 2 grades, the students put up their presentations. They amazed the audience with the mature thoughts and wonderful productions displayed during this segment.

The students were much appreciated and the entire programme concluded with the distribution of certificates of participation and chocolates.

## DAY 2 - Presentation



# RABINDRA JAYANTI CELEBRATION

*“Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storms, but to add colour to my sunset sky” – Rabindranath Tagore.*

The Primary Section celebrated Kobiguru Rabindranath Tagore’s birthday on 9th May, 2023 in the Music Room. The audience was enlightened about the famous poet, writer and Freedom Fighter.



Pre-Nursery A and B sang the song Phule Phule dhole dhole and danced on Megher Kole Rod hesheche. Their performance seemed magical and set the spirit of the event.



Nursery B’s performance on Aye tobe Shohochuri engaged us with their cute expressions.



Nursery A amazed us as they sang Ha re re re so melodiously.



Upper Nursery A took us down the memory lane with their nostalgic singing of the song, Purano shei diner kotha.



Upper Nursery B sang Ekla Cholo Re and encouraged everyone to continue their journey of self-learning and be courageous enough to walk alone if need arises.



Mr. Roychoudhury mesmerized the audience with his song Tomay gaan shonabo.

The event concluded with a thank you note by the Primary Section Head, Mrs. Majumdar and words of encouragement by our Junior School Principal, Mrs. Nayar.



On the 9th of May '2023, the students of Grade 3 celebrated Rabindra Jayanti, the birth anniversary of Kobiguru Rabindranath Tagore, the great poet and Nobel Laureate of Bengal, with great zeal and enthusiasm. They paid their tribute to the Bard through recitation, dance, songs etc. The programme began with a short powerpoint presentation, prepared and presented by a few students of Grade 3, on the life and works of Tagore. This was followed by outstanding performances by the Junior School Choir. They sang 2 beautiful songs of Tagore- Klanti Amar Khoma Koro (English version) and Ora Okarone Chonchol. The Bengali students of Grade 3 recited and enacted wonderfully, the famous poem by Tagore- BichitroShaadh.





The assembly ended with a mesmerizing dance performance by the girls of Grade 3, to the Rabindrasangeet- Khorobayu boy bege.

## Prize Distribution

*“Recognition is the fuel for future success.” - Chris Richardson*

As the Academic session 2022-23 drew to its rightful conclusion, on 17th and 18th May, 2023, special ceremonies were conducted for Grades 1 to 5 in the presence of Mrs Nayar, Mrs. Majumdar, the subject coordinators, teachers and the respective class teachers to acknowledge the students of the Junior section for excellence in academics, conduct, attendance and effort in different subjects during the school year.



### Grade 1

#### 1A

1st - Aryan Newar

2nd - Samarth Sanyal

3rd - Tanushree Saraff

Conduct- Aryan Newar

#### 1B

1st - Pearla Nevaeh Yonzone

2nd - Yuvaan Bhutoria

3rd - Aarav Nirmal

Conduct- Sonam Rhodes

## Grade 2

### 2A

1st - Tara Mazumder

2nd - Anaya Shree Mohta

3rd - Dhruv D Patodia

Conduct - Daanya Narsinghani

### 2B

1st - Eira JhunJhunwala

2nd - Aaryav Gujral

3rd - Arjun Bagaria

Conduct - Aadya Jalan



## Grade 3

### 3A

1st - Ayra Tehreem Khan

2nd - Sanjh Chakaraborty

3rd - Shashwat Gupta

Conduct - Maisha Khan

### 3B

1st - Vanya Khaitan

2nd - Hridyansh Gupta

3rd - Inaara Johar

Conduct - Aishwarria Chamedia



## Grade 4

### 4A

1st - Aarya Rosalyn Wangdi

2nd - Samara Laiq

3rd - Demira Mukherjee

Conduct - Zara Sengupta

### 4B

1st - Moksh Lalani

2nd - Daksh Goyal

3rd - Avika Kejriwal

Conduct - Viyaa Surana



## Grade 5

### 5A

1st - Shivam Himatsingka

2nd - Sammagnah Bardhan

3rd - Aaradhya Didwania

Conduct- Anya Guha

### 5B

1st - Vedang Shah

2nd - Prakhar Jain

3rd - Aarav Pasari

Conduct- Ijae Cha



**Grade 1** - Ayaan Kasera, Ananya Kejriwal and Tristaan Jal Bulsara

**Grade 2** - Tamanna Bhutoria, Devyansh Shah, Haiqa Amir, Tara Mazumder and Daksh Jain

**Grade 3** - Mohor Mukherjee Ghosh and Dyuti Jain

**Grade 4** - Choeun Shin, Samara Laiq, Demira Mukherjee, Ahaan Tulshan and Yuvan Law

**Grade 5** - Wamiq Ali Molla and Naman Kedia



It was also a special day for Grade 5 as they were attending their last prize distribution ceremony in the Junior School. Students and teachers became nostalgic and shared their beautiful association with each other. The ceremony drew to a close with the announcement of the Outstanding Student of the Year by Mrs. Nayar.





# Outstanding Student of Junior School



As per the tradition of CIS, Vedang Shah, of Grade 5, was acknowledged as the Outstanding Student of Junior School for the academic session 2022-23 by Mrs Pratima Nayar, Principal, Junior School. It was a proud moment for Vedang and all of us as he held up the much coveted rolling trophy and the certificate.

An extremely deserving learner of this prestigious award, Vedang Shah, had achieved distinction not only in academics, but also in his wide-spread participation and interest in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, in-school and inter-school events and competitions and in his code of conduct.

Vedang thanked his teachers, parents, peers for guiding him, being with him throughout his journey as a student from Primary to Junior Section.

We, at Junior School, are extremely proud of him and his achievements.



**All the best Vedang for your journey through Senior School!**

# Cleanest Class Certificate

# CONGRATS

**Grade 2**



**Grade 5**



# English Creative Writing Contest Winners Grades 1-5





# Grade 5 Graduation

On 19th May, 2023, Grade 4 bid a special farewell to Grade 5 by singing “Count on me”. Teachers shared their nostalgic moments with Grade 5 students who promised to be in touch and keep visiting their teachers on the first floor. The cherry on the cake was the declaration of Grade 5 as the winner of the certificate for the cleanest class of the Junior Section along with Grade 2. Each student of Grade 5 was also given a memento and chocolate to make the day extra special for them.



# iNAVMO

Based on the final results of the 8th International Vedic Maths Olympiad (iNAVMO) 2022-23 competition Calcutta International School has been awarded the Best School Award with AIR - 13 and Best Principal Award to Mrs. Pratima Nayar.



iNAVMO stands for International Abacus, Vedic & Mental Maths Olympiad, and organizes the competition in India for students from KG to 12th standard. It focusses on school Maths, faster calculation and accuracy. Time limit for the Olympiad is 5 minutes for 50 sums (Mental Maths), 20 minutes for 70 sums (Vedic Maths) and 5 minutes for 70 sums (Abacus). iNAVMO maps time and accuracy and uses an algorithm to generate rank and compare students' scores with topper marks and time at the National level.

This year from Calcutta International School we had the following 5 students who qualified for the National Level.

**Viren Chakrabarti**  
**Aryan Newar**  
**Kaveer Agarwal**  
**Shashwat Gupta**  
**Abigail Shuhan Chung**



This event was conducted in three-phases -

- Phase 1 - This round of competition was held online before December 2022.
- Phase 2 - Selected students appeared for semi finals online in the month of January/February 2023.
- Phase 3 - Final was conducted in the month of February 2023.

From all over India 3172 students and around 118 schools participated and many more directly on the website (Open School/Center).

# Winners of Gold medal of Excellence and Gold Medals of Distinction for the Math and Science Olympiads.



Grade 1



Grade 5



Grades  
3 and 4

## Great News!

We are delighted to share that CIS has been awarded the Certificate of Environmental Excellence in recognition of the spirit to conserve the environment and for maintaining high standards of recycling by Vital Waste. As a school we were able to recycle 26.2 kg of plastic waste and 279 kgs of paper which nearly saved 5.58 trees! We are doing our bit. Are you?

WE DID  
IT!

Aarav Pasari of Grade 5 won the 1st Prize in the BRC Lit Kid Open Mic Competition. BRC Lit Kid was a literary festival for children organized by Bengal Rowing Club.

He sang a self-composed rap song on 'I Love Cricket'.



# Class parties

On the 19th of May, 2023, the last working day of the school before the summer vacation, students enjoyed sharing food with their peers in their respective class parties.



# INTRA ECA SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS

ECA Intra sports Tournaments were arranged within the school campus from February end to March 2023, where students were divided into various groups. These activities were guided and supervised by the ECA coaches.

The objectives of the Intra Tournaments were:

- (1) To bring in mass participation and provide a good opportunity and chance to every student to participate and compete in activities of their interest.
- (2) To identify talent and motivate them to improve further.
- (3) To develop and create interest among students to participate in different activities.
- (4) To provide a good healthy atmosphere to compete for physical activities and develop social and recreational value.
- (5) To develop leadership and organisational ability of students along with the spirit of togetherness, sportsmanship and sports ethics.

They were indeed fun, recreational and friendly sports activities that provided an absolutely fun competitive environment to which our students look forward to every year.

## Taekwondo Yellow Belt Exam

Taekwondo has turned into a modern international sport. It helps students to become more self-confident and disciplined.

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



## Cricket Invitation Match



A good cricket match contains a combination of courage, patience, aggression, flair, imagination, expertise and sportsman spirit. Cricket truly teaches team skills, social skills such as cooperation, communication and learning how to cope with winning and losing. It's a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

CIS Junior Cricket Team students from Grades 4-6 showed all these qualities while playing an invitation match with Young Bengal Cricket Coaching Centre.

CIS School team captain from Grade 6, Yuvan Pawa showed great leadership quality.

Vedang Shah of Grade 5 and Rupam Jana from Young Bengal Cricket Coaching Centre won the "MAN OF THE MATCH" trophy. Both of them scored more than 100 runs for their teams.

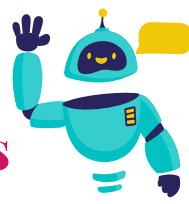
It was a nail biting match and CIS won by chasing the score of 215 runs and completed the same in 13.1 overs out of 15 overs.

Heartiest congratulations to CIS Junior Cricket Team!



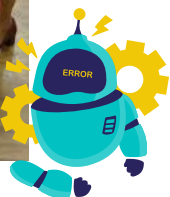
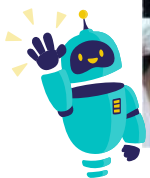


# Robotics



Calcutta International School along with Kidotronics had successfully organized a robotics exhibit for students of Grades 3 to 5 on 31st March, 2023. Parents were amazed to see the numerous robots built by the students through the year. Among many interesting projects done by the students, they chose to display a few of their favourites.

Grade 3 students showcased projects such as Drumming Monkey, Hungry Alligator, Rescue Helicopter and Smart House among others and many of them used sensors to make the robots interactive. There were robots such as a Goal Kicker and a Goalkeeper, and many visitors were able to score a few goals amidst the electrified atmosphere! One team was ready with their Formula One Race Car setup along with other cars and even a robot to cheer them up. It was fantastic to see the students enjoy themselves so much, while explaining their robots to the visitors, at such a young age!





Grades 4 and 5 students were all geared up with many interesting robots with sensors. There were a few industrial robots such as a Scissor lift, Conveyor Belt, Hand Drill and Porter. The students perfectly explained how they can use all these robots in real life to ease human effort. There were other fantastic robots also showcased, such as Gymnast, Venus Fly Trap, Merry Go Round, Smart Spinning Top with Touch sensors. One team even made a fast power car and a combat robot called Mr. Robo with many features.

The visiting students were astounded to try out all the projects done by their friends, and the proud parents were very happy to see their children receive the certificates.

The Robotics ECA was a great way to continue developing STEM awareness and skill based conceptual learning among the young minds.



**OUR CHESS CHAMPIONS**



**CIS FIFA CHAMPIONS**



**OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS**



**CIS TABLE  
TENNIS PADDLERS**

# Counselling Session with students of Grade 4



Grade 4 students attended a session with the school counsellors, Mrs. Spriha Patronobis and Mrs. Sukonna Halder, on “Respect and Empathy”. The session created a safe space for students to express their thoughts and feelings about self expression, interpersonal interaction and peer influence across different social situations and how these can often misrepresent our intentions. The importance of being empathetic towards others and how this helps to promote better interpersonal communication was emphasized. The purpose of the session was to enable students to be more mindful about their own actions so as to develop better personal accountability, as well as to support their peers in the same.



# Workshop on Cyber Crime by Lalbazar Cyber Crime Department



On the 10th of April 2023, the Cyber Crime Department of Kolkata Police, Lalbazar held a workshop for the parents of Grades 1-5. The workshop was conducted by the following Police Officers - Mr. Prosenjit Bhattacharya, Assistant Commissioner Cyber Crime, SI Kuntal Siddharth and ASI Alope Majhi.

The Department educated the parents about the various ways in which the internet and gadgets can be used safely, and also shared some of the cyber crimes that students can be victims of.



The session was educative, interactive and much appreciated by all.



# Workshops



## HR Workshop

We have “GONE LIVE” with most of the HR Automation modules in Employwise. In view of the same, the staff had a number of queries related to the portal. Hence an online demo session on the Employwise portal was organized by the HR department on the 31st of March 2023.

## Workshop by Mrs. Roychoudhury

Mrs. Preeti Roychoudhury, HOD English, conducted a workshop on writing effective report card comments for the Junior School teachers on 31st March, 2023. It was an informative, interactive and enriching session.



## Workshop Attended by Counsellor

InterRai, a Canadian organization which is invested in the development of mental health assessment tools, conducted a workshop for mental health and allied professionals in the city, on 17th April, 2023.

Our school counsellor, Mrs. Spriha Patronobis, was invited to the event as the only psychologist representing mental health in mainstream schools. The workshop had participation of other dignitaries from Calcutta University's Psychology Department, psychologists, psychiatrists, doctors from various specializations, government officials working in healthcare, educators from inclusive and integrated schools and social workers.



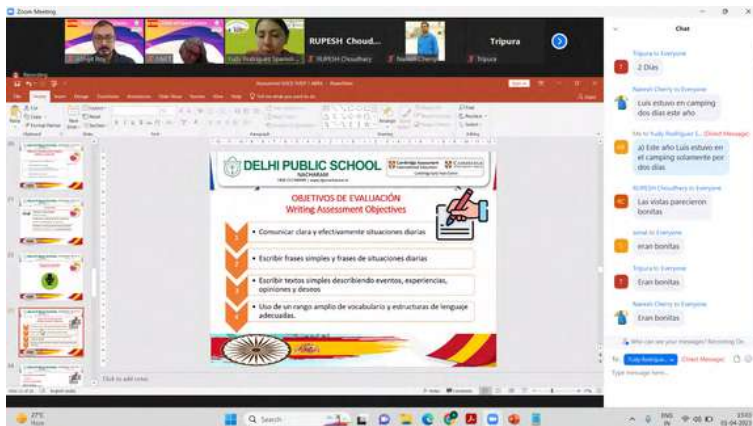
InterRai is in the process of standardising their psychometric tools by administering them on different demographics across the globe. The workshop aimed at exploring possibilities to use interRai assessment tools in various settings in the Indian context.

Mrs. Patronobis shared her views about the need for screening tools in a school which can be used for 'at risk' assessments for learning difficulties and developmental concerns, and to identify high risk behaviours. This would strengthen the school counselling modelling by focusing on a preventive approach to aid the social and emotional development of children and adolescents. She also spoke about the impact of evolutionary changes in human abilities and attributes, especially due to gadget/ internet use and diminishing face to face social stimulation, in children, and for psychometric tools to possibly factor in these changes so that the diagnosis can be more relevant to the present day scenario.

## Workshop attended by Foreign Language Teachers

The foreign language teachers Mr Abhijit Roy, Ms Sayantani Roy and Mrs Subhasree Sarkhel attended The French & Spanish Languages Conclave organised by Delhi Public School, Nacharam on Saturday, 1st April 2023. The daylong online event provided a platform for the exchange of teaching-learning strategies used by the teachers of French and Spanish in their classrooms. It included sessions on insight into the languages, pedagogical approaches to develop LSRW skills, differentiation and assessment strategies. The sessions focussed primarily keeping the IGCSE curriculum in mind; however, most of the strategies shared could be adapted to any grade level. The teachers were happy to see that most strategies shared are already being implemented in our classrooms in some form or the other.

We are happy to share that Mr Roy and Mrs Sarkhel got an opportunity to participate in the 'Sharing the Best Practices' event. Mr Abhijit Roy was awarded the first position certificate for the Spanish category. An enriching session for the teachers!



## Workshop attended by Ms. Marwah and Ms. DuPratt

On 20th April, 2023, Ms Kashmiri Marwah and Ms Amanda Bianca DuPratt, English teachers of the Junior Section, attended a workshop called the 'The Right Way to Write'. The workshop was conducted by The Progressive Educational Techniques Society, The Teachers' Centre and its facilitator was Mrs. Pamela Ryan.

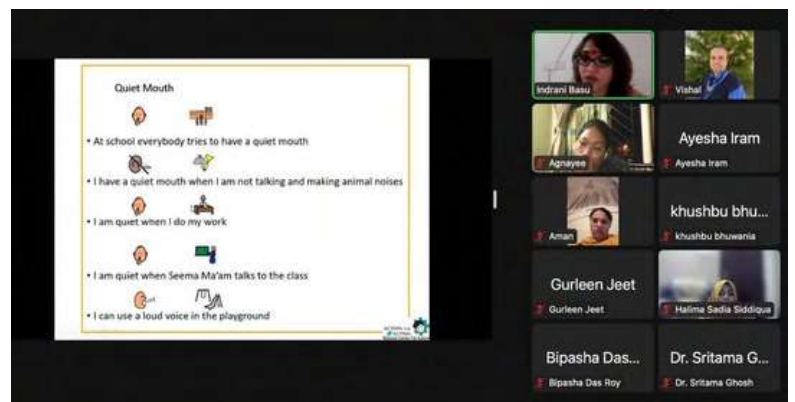
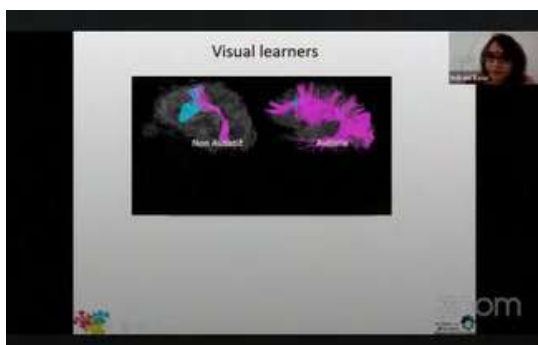
The workshop aimed at guiding students on how to enjoy the creative process and write well. It is our duty as teachers to stir the students' imagination and help them write.

The teachers look forward to implementing the tips shared in the workshop in their future lessons.



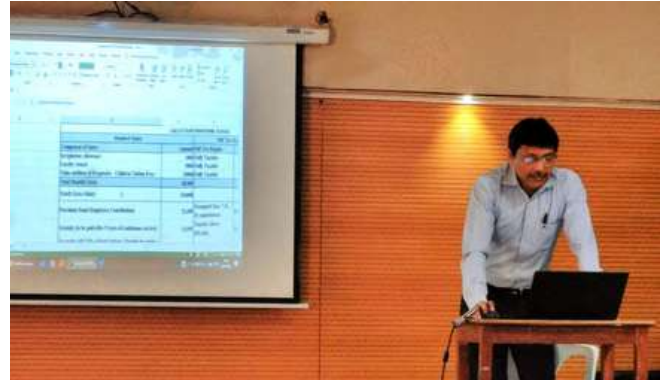
## Workshop attended by Special Educators

On the 29 th of April 2023, the Special Educators of Calcutta International School attended an enriching workshop by The Seeking Mind. The workshop “Differential Thinking, enhancing learning and Participation of Autistic and Neurodiverse Students in the mainstream classrooms” focussed on raising awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Ms. Indira Basu facilitated the interactive session. Often educators struggle to understand the challenges that a student with Autism may encounter in a neuro-typical classroom, and the session emphasized these specific needs and aimed at explaining the unique way an AUTISTIC BRAIN functions. The participants were given a chance to experience the AUTISTIC world through some interactive activities. Ms. Basu captivated the audience with her distinctive and impassioned delivery. The 1.5-hour training gave participants a greater understanding of autism, strategies for including a child with autism in a mainstream classroom, and—most importantly—how to handle kids who have a distinctive autistic brain.



## Session with GM

A session with the GM was arranged on the 2nd of May, 2023 to discuss IT declaration and computation. It was attended by Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Choudhary, Mrs. Majumdar and the teachers of the Junior and Primary Departments. It was an insightful and interesting session.



## CAIE Training

Ms. Tanbir Datta, Junior School teacher, completed the CAIE Enrichment Training on “Getting Started with Assessment for Learning”. It was more than a month long course which started on 1st March 2023 and ended on 9th April 2023.



## Sharing Sessions - English Department

The learnings from various workshops were shared by teachers on 17th May, 2023.



Ms Kashmiri Marwah  
and Ms Amanda Bianca DuPratt



Ms Tanbir Datta



Mrs Shreyaa Dutta Gupta



Mrs Mousumi Guha



# CONGRATULATIONS



Mrs. Shweta Mazumder was awarded the certificate of loyalty for completing five years of dedicated service at CIS. Congratulations Mrs. Mazumder!



## Media Coverage



# Happy Summer!

We wish you warmth and  
sunshine this holiday...



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