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Newsletter

Events in December 2023



Primary Section

7.12.23: Stage rehearsal for EYP

8.12.23: EYP

12.12.23: Report Card distribution for Grades Pre Nursery to Upper Nursery

14.12.23: Return of Report Cards

14.12.23: Christmas Assembly Primary Section

15.12.23: Last working day before Winter Vacation

Class Party for Grades Pre Nursery to Upper Nursery

Junior Section

5.12.23: Science Olympiad for Grades 1 to 5

7.12.23: Stage rehearsal for EYP

8.12.23: EYP

12.12.23: Report Card distribution for Grades 1 to Grade 5

13.12.23: Prize Distribution Grades 1 to 5

14.12.23: Math Olympiad Grades 1 to 5

14.12.23: Return of Report Cards

15.12.23: Last working day before Winter Vacation

Class Party for Grades 1 to 5



Coffee Meets

Primary Section

The Primary Section organized a series of Coffee Meets with the parents on 2nd, 3rd, and 7th November 2023 in the Indoor Games Room. It was attended by Mrs. Nayar, the Junior School Principal, Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar, the Primary Section Head, and the subject coordinators Mrs. Antara Banerjee, Mrs. Sujata Ahuja, and the HOD of English, Mrs. Preeti Roychoudhury.



Pre Nursery

Mrs Nayar welcomed the new parents. They were briefed on the multicultural diversity and the spiral curriculum of the school. The counselling sessions for parents and students were a part of the discussion. The Section Head shared the upcoming events of the year. It was a pleasure to have the parents participating in large numbers from Grade Pre Nursery and their active involvement in the discussions was highly appreciated.

The subject heads responded to the subject-related feedback shared by the parents. This collaborative approach between the parents and teachers to make the learning environment conducive for the learners was valued by the parent community.

Coffee Meets

Primary Section



Nursery



Upper Nursery

Coffee Meets

Junior Section

CIS values the active involvement of parents in the student learning experience. To foster this collaboration, Coffee Meets serve as a meaningful platform for open discussions and feedback exchange between the school and parents.



Grade 1



Grade 2

This year, the Coffee Meets of the Junior Section were organized from 1st November to 7th November 23. Mrs. Pratima Nayar, the Junior School Principal, Mrs. Neelam Choudhary Junior Section Head, the Academic Heads Mrs. Preeti Roychoudhury, Mr. Subrata Ghosh; the subject coordinators Mrs. Antara Banerjee, Mrs. Sujata Ahuja, Mrs. Sushmita Ray and Mrs. Tania Roy interacted with the parents. The sessions welcomed parental appreciation and insightful observations on various aspects of the teaching-learning process.

Coffee Meets

Junior Section

The feedback gathered during these meets was highly valued and acknowledged. Mrs. Nayar guided the discussions, noting essential points raised by parents. Some significant suggestions received are slated for implementation in Term 2, strengthening the cherished partnership between home and school at CIS.



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5

Spreading the Light of Diwali

**May the lamps of Diwali brighten your life
And Rangoli add more hues to your life.**

The students of the Primary Section celebrated the festival of lights enthusiastically with their peers and teachers. They were all beautifully dressed up in ethnic wears.



Pre Nursery A



Pre Nursery B



Nursery A



Nursery B

Spreading the Light of Diwali



Upper Nursery A



Upper Nursery B

Students enjoyed making various crafts based on Diwali, painting rangolis with vibrant colours and making cards for their parents and their loved ones.

Children's Day Celebrations

Primary Section Fun Fiesta

**“Every child is a different kind of flower,
And altogether make this world a beautiful garden!”**

The teachers of the Primary Section joyfully greeted everyone ‘Happy Children's Day’ as they entered school. The students celebrated the special day by bonding with their Class Teachers. A delightful fiesta unfolded, featuring entertaining games such as 'Feed the Monkey' and 'Car Racing.'



Pre Nursery A

Pre Nursery B



Nursery A

Nursery B

Children's Day Celebrations

Primary Section Fun Fiesta



The little ones revelled in tattoo painting, and to add to the excitement, fun snack boxes were organized for a class party.



Upper Nursery A

As a loving gesture, each student received specially designed mugs adorned with their favourite characters and a quote- Glitter, Sparkle, Twinkle and Shine. Children's Day, 2023 was indeed a memorable one.



Upper Nursery B

Children's Day Celebrations

Junior Section Joyful Jamboree

Following the Diwali vacation, students were treated to an extended week of merriment, celebrating Children's Day on both the 17th and 19th of November.

The celebrations commenced on the 17th with an exuberant ramp walk, where students from every class strutted down the ramp to peppy music, radiating energy and enthusiasm. Each class took center stage, showcasing their dancing skills and playful antics, infusing the event with an infectious spirit of joy. Afterward, they returned to their classrooms to revel in the day's celebrations alongside their class and subject teachers.



Grade 1

Children's Day Celebrations

Junior Section Joyful Jamboree

The teachers curated a delightful array of activities, ensuring a thoroughly enjoyable experience for the students. From engaging in musical chairs, quizzes, and the statue game to singing with karaoke and trying their luck at Housie, every moment was filled with excitement.



Grade 2



Grade 3

Children's Day Celebrations

Junior Section Joyful Jamboree

The winners of these activities were rewarded with attractive gifts. As the day concluded, the students were presented with customized gifts and delectable goodies, leaving them brimming with happiness.



Grade 4



Grade 5

Children's Day Celebrations

Walking the Ramp

The merriment continued on the 19th as the teachers took the spotlight on the ramp. Dressed in Indian, Western, and Indo-Western fusion attire, they stunned the students with their diverse and vibrant looks. At the end of the ramp walk, the students and teachers came together to dance, culminating the Children's Day celebrations on a beautiful and harmonious note.



Another feather in CIS's cap!

The Ministry of Education, Government of West Bengal selected Calcutta International School as a learning centre for the Spanish Language in the city. A delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain, the Embassy of Spain in India and the Instituto Cervantes Madrid, and New Delhi visited the school along with the Principal Secretary, School and Higher Education Department, Govt. Of West Bengal, IAS officer Mr. Manish Jain, Mr Abhijit Mukhopadhyay, Senior Special Secretary Higher Education Department, Govt. Of West Bengal along with other official delegates from the state.



The school team headed by Mr. Koushik Dutta, General Manager CIS, extended a warm welcome to the delegates, greeting them with traditional baluchari uttoriyos. The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Abhijit Roy after which our students felicitated the guests. The Spanish students of Grade 5 sang a lively Spanish song – Vivir Mi Vida much to the delight of the delegates who sang along with them. Some of our Spanish students, Syra Krishna Modi of Grade 5, Ananya Almal of Grade 6 and Shome Deepto Sarkar of IB 1 provided insights into the Spanish curriculum, classroom activities, and their learning journey shedding light on why they chose to study the language.



Another feather in CIS's cap!



The interaction between the delegation and the students was engaging and the delegates were most impressed with the fluency with which our students expressed themselves. The officials appreciated the displayed work of the students and spoke to many of them about their future plans. The delegates extended their gratitude to the Government of West Bengal, the teachers, and the students for the wonderful event. The head of the delegation Ms. Elena Perez Villanueva, Deputy Head of Mission emphasized the importance of collaboration and discussed potential exchange programs, fostering a spirit of partnership and cultural immersion. Overall, the event was a harmonious blend of cultural appreciation, warm hospitality, and meaningful dialogue between the delegates and the school community.

Another feather in CIS's cap!



Mrs. Pratima Nayar, principal-Junior School, felicitated Mr. Abhijit Roy, Mrs. Neelam Choudhary, Mrs. Sushmita Ray and Ms. Lorraine White for their remarkable contribution and excellent dedication toward making the Spanish State Level visit a resounding success.

Book Donation

by the Primary Section

When you have possessed a book with mind and spirit, you are enriched. But when you pass it on you are enriched threefold.....

Keeping the above in mind and with a passion to share, the Primary Section of Calcutta International School shared storybooks which were read by our students numerous times and were in good condition with a school in our local area - The VIP Nagar KMCP School on 10th November 2023. The school is co-educational with Bengali as its main medium of communication. The students of the school shared that they have been enjoying reading the books shared with them earlier by our school.



Book Donation

by the Primary Section

It was extremely gratifying to do our little bit for the society. Knowing that we could be of help to students who enjoyed reading, these books will surely expose them to a world of knowledge, dreams and creativity.



Student Achievements

Accomplishment in Golf

We would like to congratulate Dhruv Patodia who ranked 6th in the Under 9 category in the Inter School Golf Tournament held recently at The Tollygunge Club on the 14th and 15th November. This was a team event but Dhruv played solo. Well done, Dhruv!



Professional Development

Workshop with Action For Wellbeing

Action for Wellbeing (AWB) is an initiative with a resolute mission to sensitize educators across school and university settings to cultivate awareness amongst all stakeholders about the complex tapestry of gender and sexuality diversity spectrum.



The founder members of AWB, Mr. Suraj Tomar and Mr. Abhishek Dey visited CIS on 17th November, 2023, to create awareness on Gender and Sexuality through interactive workshops.

Professional Development

Workshop with Action For Wellbeing

After an invigorating discussion with the Principals, Section Heads and School Counsellors, the resource persons met with some of our senior section students who are part of the student council and/or PRISM club, to talk about creating inclusive spaces in school through peer support.



Professional Development

Workshop with Action For Wellbeing

Thereafter, Mr. Dey and Mr. Tomar had an engaging and enriching session with teachers and admin staff of the whole school on the Role of School Systems in Building Gender Sensitive and Inclusive Spaces for all stakeholders – a workshop that not only enlightened teachers and staff on gender and sexuality but also perhaps enabled us to unlearn some of our conditioned thoughts and ideas about the same.

As a pioneer among schools that nurtures gender and sexuality education among students from a young age, this was a step forward in empowering students, teachers and staff to continue in our endeavours towards empathy and respecting diversity.



Professional Development

Workshop on - Making the PYP Happen: Implementing Agency

“The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) for children aged 3 - 12 nurtures and develops young students as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning.” - IB Primary Years Programme.

Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Das underwent an extensive training programme from 24th to 26th of November in Mumbai, to understand the principles of Primary Years Programme (PYP) offered by IB.



The PYP offers an inquiry-based, transdisciplinary curriculum framework that builds conceptual understanding. It is a student-centered approach to education for learners aged 3-12. The workshop leader, Ms Ghandhali Rege, an experienced PYP teacher from Oberoi International School, engaged the participants in thought provoking and rigorous activity sessions.

Professional Development

Workshop on - Making the PYP Happen: Implementing Agency

The three-day training session enabled the participants to gain an insight into this approach of education that begins with the premise that students are agents of their own learning and partners in the learning process. It prioritizes people and their relationships to build a strong learning community.

CIS aims at nurturing students to become efficient global citizens and responsible members of the community. This training session has indeed provided the necessary tools to move towards this goal.



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