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Newsletter

Events in January



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3rd January, 2024 - School reopens for teachers

4th January, 2024 - School reopens for students

12th- January onwards - Creative Writing Competition Grades 1-5

31st January, 2024 - Junior School Sports Run through

WELCOME TO THE CIS FAMILY

We warmly welcome Raaghav Narayan Reddy to Grade 4 B



End of Year Production - Primary

Preparation



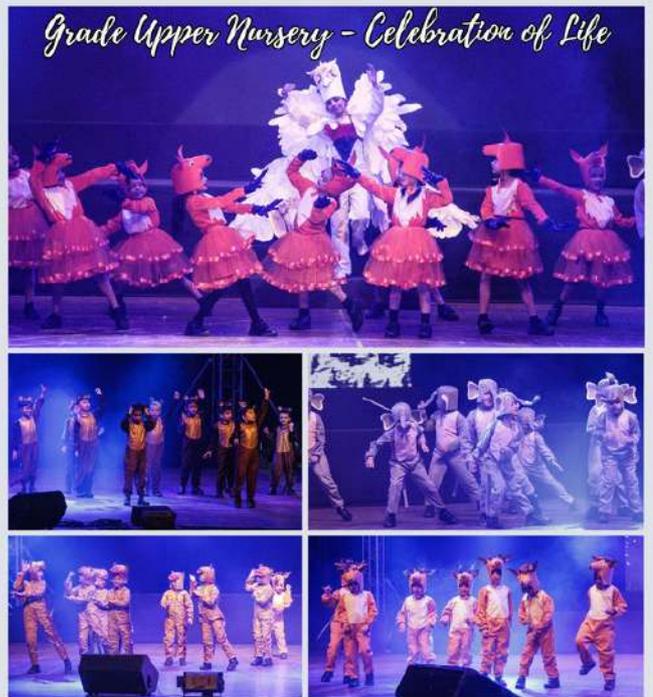
The students of Grade Pre Nursery took us through a delightful journey as they brought to life the enchanting adventures of the little birdie and her colourful feathered friends enjoying the seasons of spring.

Dressed as some of the most endangered animals of the world, the students of Grade Nursery danced and frolicked in the biggest and grandest animal jamboree of the year! They took us to the other side of the mountain where the animals were planning the most exciting party and a scrumptious feast.

Back Stage



Grade Upper Nursery - Celebration of Life



Students of Grade Upper Nursery went on a captivating and thought-provoking journey into the heart of our natural world, celebrating its beauty, diversity and the profound connection animals share with it. Their dance showcased the world of animals in the deep forests as it's meant to be.

Grade Pre Nursery - Colours in Nature



Grade Nursery - A Promise to Care



Christmas Assembly of the Primary Section

'The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.'

The students and teachers of the Primary section ushered in the Christmas festivities by singing carols together.

Santa paid a surprise visit to the young elves of the section, promising to bring joy to the world. They put on their thinking caps as a round of fun questions on Christmas were asked.

Mrs Nayar, the Section and Academic heads, the admin staff graced the occasion with cheer and wished everyone "Merry Christmas and a Happy New year".



Pre Nursery A



We met Santa Claus



Getting goodies from Santa

Pre Nursery B



The students of Pre Nursery B wishing everyone joy, happiness, and peace this Christmas



Nursery A



The enthusiastic learners of Nursery A, dressed in white, red and green ushered in the most wonderful time of the year!



Nursery B



The students who Nursery B had a jolly good time dressing up in the festive colours of Christmas. They brought in the festive season by singing Christmas carols and getting some tasty treats from Santa.

Upper Nursery A



Students of Upper Nursery A enjoyed their Christmas party with games, dance and goodies in their Christmas stockings, sang White Christmas in the Christmas Assembly and had a great time with Santa and their peers

Upper Nursery B



Christmas joy is found not just in presents but in the twinkling eyes and heartwarming laughter of little ones. The students of Upper Nursery B are embracing the magic of the season with their teachers and friends.

End of Year Production - Junior

Following the interruption caused by the pandemic, CIS returned to its eagerly awaited EYP. On the 8th of December 2023, the youngest learners of CIS, spanning from Pre-Nursery to Grade 5, enchanted the audience with a magical performance titled "The Chronicles of Nature: A Timeless Odyssey" at The Science City Auditorium for the school's End of the Year Production 2023.



Stage rehearsals

The magnificent show commenced with a warm welcome address from School Captain Advik Harlalka. Following that, the Junior School Choir, adorned in their charming choristers' attire and under the able guidance of Mr. Tathagatha Mukherjee along with his outstanding team of teachers, presented two beautiful compositions - "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman and "Little Drummer Boy."



Behind the scenes



Welcome address



The choir

The captivating musical production began with a sister recounting a tale to her brother, painting a vivid picture of a beloved and carefree little Birdie. But one fateful day, her world was turned upside down as she awoke to an unsettling truth—her parents were missing! Overcome with worry, the little Birdie set off on a daring adventure, travelling miles in every direction and encountering a plethora of new and unique experiences along the way.



Grade 1



Grade 2



The narrative vividly portrayed the symbiotic bond between indigenous peoples and their natural surroundings, emphasizing their profound love and respect for Nature. The Little Birdie's tale, narrated in turns by each class, served as a powerful call to uphold the sacred connection we have with Nature.



Grade 3

Under the meticulous guidance of Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. N. Choudhary, and Mrs. S. Majumdar, the entire show was a work of art. The production was conceptualized, scripted and directed by Mr. Kaushik Bose, our skilled Drama Teacher. Each class production was accompanied by perfectly chosen music, thanks to the talents of Mr. Tathagata Mukherjee, our Music Teacher. The stunning sets and props were intricately crafted by Mr. Sudipta Bardhan, the Art Teacher.



Grade 4



Grade 5

The programme would not have been possible without the dedication of the choreographers and technicians, led by Mr. Arjun Gurung and Mr. Raktim Guha who tirelessly trained the students alongside the class teachers and co-class teachers.



The curtain call of the grand finale, and the audience.



This collective effort resulted in a delightful show, an enchanting evening, and a remarkable accomplishment for the young students of the Junior School of CIS.

Harmony Unleashed

Junior Choir of Calcutta International School Mesmerizes Kolkata

The Calcutta International School Choir showcased their musical talents in three notable events throughout the year. Their first performance took place on December 10, 2023, at St. Paul's Cathedral church, where they were invited by the Kolkata Symphony Orchestra. Subsequently, on December 12, 2023, the choir returned to St. Paul's Cathedral church, this time at the invitation of FICCI, who organized the event for underprivileged students. The third and final show occurred on December 16, 2023, at G.D Birla Sabhaghar, organized by the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The repertoire of songs the choir presented at these diverse events included "In the Bleak Mid-Winter," "Ding Dong, Merrily on High," "Nothing Else Matters," "Million Dreams," "Colors of the Wind," "Little Drummer Boy," and "Feliz Navidad."

Under the guidance of Choirmaster Mr. Tathagata Mukherjee and the supervision of teachers in charge Mrs. Poulomi Banik and Ms. Avradita Debnath, the choir underwent extensive training. Special thanks to Sangeeta Didi, Arun Dada and Kishore Dada for being with the choir all the time.

Names of the Choristers

Grade 3:

1. Ripanshi Dutta-
2. Hua Fu Wogen Hsiung
3. Ronin Vernon Sanket 3B
4. Aadya Jalan
5. Soraiya Singh

Grade 4:

1. Ryan Dutta Gupta
2. Samarth Saraff
3. Aishwarria Chamedia
4. Inaara Johar
5. Keivan Desai

Grade 5:

1. Aarya Rosalyan Wangdi
2. Demira Mukherjee
3. Samara Laiq
4. Yuvaan Law
5. Sambhabi Chatterjee
6. Sydel Nazir
7. Avika Kejriwal
8. Syra Krisna Modi





Life-skills session for Grade 4

School counsellors Mrs. Spriha Patronobis and Mrs. Sukonna Halder conducted a life-skills session for students of Grade 4 on Empathy, Inclusion and Mindfulness. The sessions enabled students to reflect on their own behaviour, through everyday situations they encounter in the classroom/school/with peers. Strategies to practice mindful behaviour were discussed and students were encouraged to help each other follow the same on a regular basis.



Olympiads

The Science Olympiad was held on 5th December 2023 while the Math Olympiad was held on 14th December 2023 in school.

Author Visit

CIS was happy to host renowned author, Ilika Ranjan on 14.12.23 in the IGR. Her popular children's fiction series, "Secrets of Zynpagua," published by Penguin Random House Co., has evidently captivated young readers.

During her engaging session with the students of Grades 4-6, she shared insights into her working life as an author, shedding light on the inspirations that led her to not only become an avid reader but also to venture into creating her own captivating stories. Such personal anecdotes can be incredibly inspiring for aspiring writers and fans alike.

The interactive and creative thinking session she conducted added an extra layer of excitement to the event. These sessions often provide a unique opportunity for attendees to delve deeper into the creative process and gain a better understanding of the author's perspective. The fact that those who participated and provided suitable answers were rewarded with signed copies of her books added a delightful and personal touch to the experience.

At the conclusion of the enriching session, every student received bookmarks as a keepsake along with autographs from the author. Ilika Ranjan's presence at CIS seems to have generated a memorable and rewarding experience for everyone present, positively influencing the audience and strengthening the bond between the author and her readers.

Rayerth Kejriwal and Avyukt Fatesaria of 5A wrote and emailed an original poem and an original story respectively to author, Ilika Ranjan and received signed copies of her book, *Secrets of Zynpagua - Return of the Princess*. They were extremely excited to share their experience in the library lesson.



Humanities Fair

The students of Grade 5 participated in an engaging poster-making competition as part of the Humanities Fair hosted by the senior school of CIS on the 13th of December. The activity showcased the creativity of the students and encouraged them to explore the theme of 'The world has enough for our needs but not for our greed.' The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from pairs of students who collaborated to bring their ideas to life.

Working in pairs, the students were able to leverage diverse perspectives, fostering collaboration and teamwork. Each duo brought unique insights to the table, resulting in a rich tapestry of ideas displayed on the posters. The activity encouraged artistic expression and provided a platform for students to engage in meaningful conversations about global issues.

Here is a glimpse of the pairs who participated in the poster-making activity:

1. Shnaya Chowdhury - Zara Sengupta
2. Shantanu Eshwar - Avyukt Fatesaria
3. Ishir Jhunhunwla - Aarav Jaim
4. Moksh Lalani - Anishka Agarwal
5. Samara Laiq - Cho Eun Sin
6. Avyaan Jain - Viha Goenka

As we continue to navigate an ever-changing world, initiatives like these are essential in shaping the minds of the future generation, instilling values that go beyond textbooks and examinations. The success of the event is a testament to the school's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who understand and contribute to the global community.



Some feedback shared by the students about the Humanities Fair

Avyukt Fatesaria - It was a challenging yet good experience collaborating with Grade 6.

Anishka Agrawal - My experience at the fair was awesome! My partner was Moksh and we made a nice poster on the given topic.

Shnaya Chowdhury - I had tons of fun drawing and colouring! I wish we can have more of such activities in the future.

Samara Laiq - Cho was my partner. I was excited to be a part of the fair. It was my first time. It was nice collaborating with someone out of my friend circle. Overall, it was a very positive experience.

Ishir - It was a meaningful experience. I got to work with my good friend, Aarav. Our poster came out quite nice. I hope we can do more such projects in the future.

Zara Sengupta - It was fun!

Avyaan Jain - We were pleased with our poster. This was my first time at the fair. It was exciting!

Viha Goenka - It was a wonderful experience. For the first time, I was chosen for a competition. My partner and I worked really well and hope to win too!

Moksh Lalani- I enjoyed every bit of it. Planning what we were going to draw and then creating the poster were enjoyable activities.

Cho Eunshin - I worked with Samara. Though I thought it would be a difficult activity, it was a lot of fun. I enjoyed being at the fair and working with Samara.

Aarav Jain - It was a good experience. I am confident that Ishir and I will win!



Christmas Assembly of the Junior Section

The first term of the 2023-24 academic session concluded on a fitting note, with the Junior School students gathering in the Basketball Court to mark the beginning of the festivities. The vibrant atmosphere was heightened as Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Choudhary, Mrs. Majumdar and the teachers joined the students in expressing their enthusiasm through the joyous rendition of well-loved Christmas carols. This wonderful celebration served as a spirited introduction to the festive season, creating a warm and joyous environment for all involved.



Class Party

As the curtains closed on the first term of the academic year, students and teachers of the Junior School eagerly gathered to celebrate the culmination of hard work and shared experiences with a vibrant class party on the last day of school. Laughter echoed through the classrooms, and the air buzzed with a sense of camaraderie.

The festive atmosphere was contagious as students brought in snacks and treats to share, transforming the classroom into a hub of excitement. From games that brought out the competitive spirit to heartfelt exchanges and reminiscences of the term's highlights, the class party was a fitting finale to weeks of collaborative learning.

As the school term concluded with smiles, laughter, and a shared sense of achievement, the class party on the last day became a cherished tradition, creating lasting memories and setting a positive tone for the well-deserved break ahead.



Prize Distribution

As the first term of the 2023-24 session concluded, on December 13, 2023, special ceremonies were conducted for Grades 1 to 5. Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Choudhary, subject coordinators, teachers, and class teachers were in attendance to acknowledge the Junior section students for their overall academic efforts, good conduct, and highest attendance.



Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



Certificates for cleanliness and neatness
Grades 1B (above) and 5A



Certificates for highest attendance

Winners of the Effort and Conduct certificates

1A	<p>Effort 1. Riaan Roy 2. Aiza Maheshwari 3. Neera Surana</p> <p>Conduct Avantika Mall</p>	1B	<p>Effort 1. Nyssa Khosla 2. Arzaan Khan 3. Divikksha Goenka</p> <p>Conduct Devangi Phumbhra</p>
2A	<p>Effort 1. Tara Ghai 2. Meera Dalmia 3. Uraaz Ali Shah</p> <p>Conduct Myra Agarwal</p>	2B	<p>Effort Sonam Rhodes Sitara Kaushik Ananya Kundalia</p> <p>Conduct Tristaan Jal Bulsara</p>
3A	<p>Effort: Saishaa Narula Aaryan Roy Mannat Kulthia</p> <p>Conduct: Eira Jhunjhunwala</p>	3B	<p>Effort Ayra Agarwal Aadya Jalan Burhanuddin Rampurawala</p> <p>Conduct Anaya Shree Mohta</p>
4A	<p>Effort: 1. Ammar Ali 2. Ibhaan Kashyap 3. Mohor Mukherjee Ghosh</p> <p>Conduct: Maisha Khan</p>	4B	<p>Effort: 1. Taher Rampurawala 2. Ansh Sharma 3. Aishwarria Chamedia</p> <p>Conduct: Adishree Bose</p>
5A	<p>Effort: Ishaan Jalan Saanvi Chandra Shnaya Chowdhury</p> <p>Conduct: Divisha Kejriwal</p>	5B	<p>Effort: Dojin Jung Aarav Jain Syra Krishna Modi</p> <p>Conduct: Avyaan Jain</p>

Winners of the Highest attendance certificates

1A	Darsh More	1B	Sitara Kayan
2A	Aryan Newar	2B	Tristaan Jal Bulsara Kaveer Agarwal
3A	Aarav Abhishek Agarwal Ebrahim Shafiq Tamanna Bhutoria	3B	Soraiya Singh Amay Pasari Julian Henrik Buechel Arjun Bagaria
4A	Mohor Mukherjee Ghosh Sanjh Chakroborty	4B	Shaswat Gupta
5A	Avyukt Fatesaria Utkarsh Gupta	5B	Aveer Sharaff Krishnav Marothia

Winners of the Cleanliness and Neatness certificates

Grades 1B and 5A were jointly awarded the certificates for cleanliness and neatness.

"The prize cannot be won without effort."

- Latin Proverb

Student Achievements

Rihansh and Adhyansh Pandey participated in the 1st Salt Lake Open Rapid Chess Championship 2023. Adhyansh was placed 2nd in the Under 7 category, winning his first trophy. Rihansh came 2nd in the Under 11 category.



Agustya Hrishi Chamria of class 1B, took part in the 13th youth chess championship. He played for u-6, and came 4th in the boys group.

Saishaa Narula of Grade 3A participated in the 38th National Taekwondo competition which was held in Bangalore on 27th and 28th of December, 2023. She lost by 1 point but was appreciated for her effort to reach till there.



Coffee meet of the SEN department

The Special Education Needs (SEN) Department of Calcutta International School organized a Coffee Meet for parents of students with Special Education Needs on 11.12.2023. The purpose of the event was to cultivate a nurturing and supportive atmosphere, share the accomplishments and significant milestones of the children with diverse needs and provide a platform for parents to connect and support each other in the journey of raising children with varied needs.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from Mrs Pratima Nayar, Junior School Principal and H.O.D, SEN Department, Mrs Baishakhi Sarkar, who expressed gratitude to the parents for their participation and highlighted the importance of building a supportive network within the school community.

An interactive session was conducted, allowing parents to ask questions, seek advice, and share their own experiences. This session facilitated open dialogue and encouraged a sense of camaraderie among parents. A coffee break provided a casual setting for parents to network, exchange contact information, and share personal stories. This informal time allowed parents to establish connections and build a strong support system within the school community.

The SEN Coffee Meet at Calcutta International School was a resounding success, bringing together parents and educators. The event not only provided valuable information but also created a supportive environment for parents to connect, share, and learn from each other. The school remains committed to fostering a community that embraces diversity and supports the unique needs of every student.

This initiative reflects the ongoing efforts of the SEN Department, Calcutta International School to create an inclusive and nurturing environment for all students, irrespective of their individual learning needs.



Visit to a special educational centre

On 12th December 2023, the members of the SEN department of Calcutta International School, Mrs. Baishakhi Sarkar (HOD, SEN), Mrs Gargi Sinha Mitra (Special Educator) and Ms. Agnayee Banerjee (Special Educator) had the opportunity to visit Breaking Through Dyslexia (BTD).

BTD is an organization dedicated to providing intervention programme to individuals with specific learning disorders for example dyslexia, dyscalculia and dysgraphia that is characterized by difficulties in reading, writing, mathematical operations.

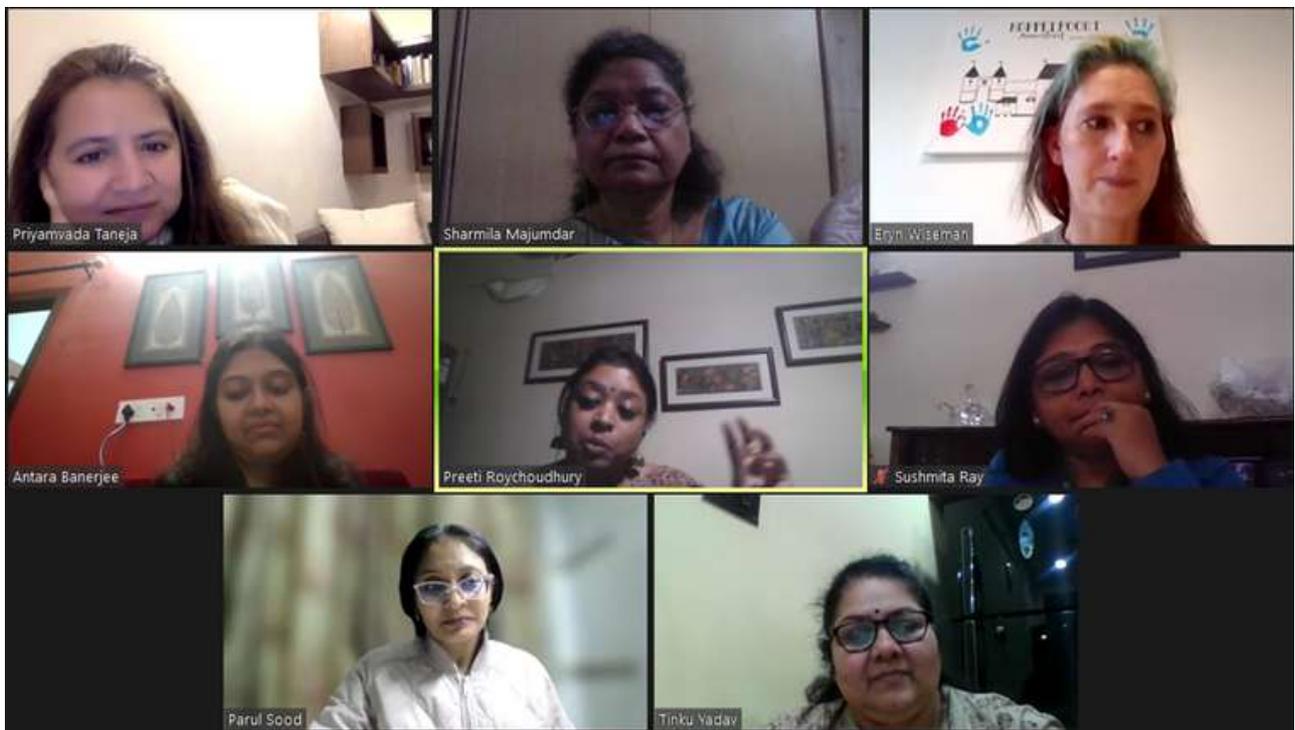
The purpose of the visit was to gain insights into the organization's operations and interventional resources utilized.



PYP Workshop

Primary Section Head- Mrs Sharmila Majumdar, HOD English -Preeti Roychoudhury, Academic Heads- Mrs Sushmita Ray, Mrs Antara Banerjee and teacher, Mrs Tinku Yadav attended a 3 week long training on the Primary Years Programme or PYP, conducted by Priyamvada Taneja Consultancy between 20th November to 12th December, 2023.

This 14 hour long workshop included intensive study and hands-on practice with the principles of the PYP, approaches to teaching and learning and the transdisciplinary themes, among others topics. The sessions were conducted by Ms. Priyamvada Taneja and Ms. Eryn Wiseman and provided the attendees with an in depth knowledge of the PYP curriculum.



Librarians' Workshop

The third edition of the Librarians Meet was organized by Penguin Random House in collaboration with Storyteller Bookstore, Kolkata on 7th Dec, 2023.

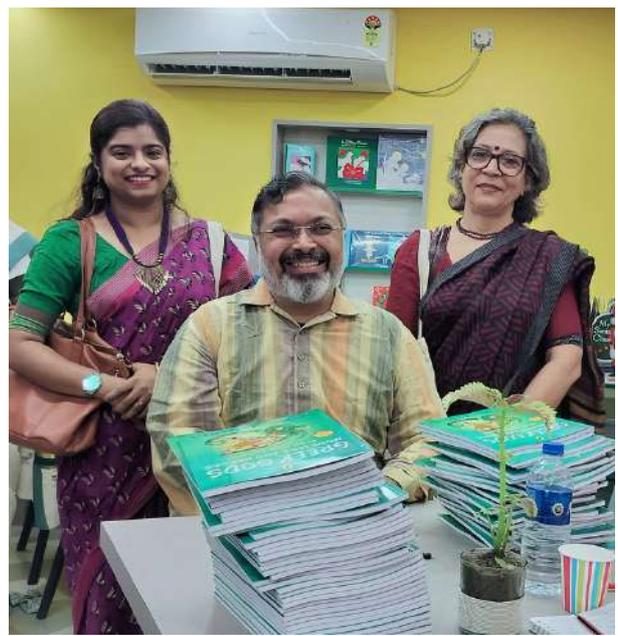
The Topic of the workshop was how librarians should diversify their Book Shelves, with a focus on Indian Authors.

Mr Devdutt Patnaik an Indian mythologist and a popular author delivered the keynote address.

This was followed by a captivating session by Geeta Ramanujam, the founder of Kathalaya Academy of Storytelling, Bengaluru. She demonstrated the different techniques to narrate a story with the help of action and voice modulation.

The concluding event was a panel discussion: 'A Library's Role in Offering Multicultural Stories for Young Readers'. The participants were Lavanya Karthik, Deepal Dalal and Bijal Vachharajani, moderated by Vishesh Kothari.

Books and certificates were given to all participants.



Education Today Award



We have done it again!

It gives us immense joy to share that Calcutta International School is Ranked No.18 in India, No.1 in West Bengal and No.1 in Kolkata under the Category – Top 20 International Schools - International Curriculum (CIE/ IB) at the India School Merit Awards, 2023, conducted by Education Today.

The award was received by Primary Section Head, Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar at an event in Bangalore.

Heartiest Congratulations to all the members of the CIS community.



Seasons Greetings

Wishing you a Happy New Year from the
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