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Newsletter

Events in February



Newsletter
February 2024

5.2.24 - Junior School Sports Day

6.2.24 - Class excursion for Grades 1 and 2

7.2.24 - Class excursion for Grades 3 to 5

8.2.24 - Class excursion for Grades Upper Nursery

9.2.24 - Class excursion for Grade Nursery

12.2.24 - 16.2.24- STEAM week for Primary Section

19.2.24 - Class Excursion for Grade Pre Nursery

23.2.24 - Vernacular Language Event Manjari Grades 1 to 5

WELCOME TO THE CIS FAMILY

Iroha Ito to Grade Nursery B

Asahi Ito to Grade 2B



School tour by Pre Nursery A & B

The students of Pre-Nursery went on a school tour on 11.1.24. They visited several parts of the school, beginning from the school entrance. They toured the multipurpose court, playground, basketball court, the sand pit, atrium, art room, infirmary, and the Principal's office. On the way to the building, they met the gardeners. Students were excited to be in the cafeteria and were curious about the menu. They interacted with Mrs. Nayar, our Junior School Principal and Mrs. Servaia, our Senior School Principal.



Project on Volcanoes by Grade Nursery

Nursery A - A Volcano Erupted in our Class !

Learning happens best when students themselves are involved in the process. In such an endeavour, students presented their project on volcano to extend their learning beyond the theoretical concepts. Students were confident in conducting experiments on a volcanic eruption, they shared facts and relevant information.

We even learnt that the biggest volcano is not on this planet but on Mars!



Nursery B - We know about Volcanoes !

The young experimenters of Nursery B performed interesting experiments, shared facts and illustrations on the topic “volcanoes”. The learning process was fascinating with every student sharing inputs using relevant vocabulary and making the lesson informative.



Handwriting and Salad day by Grade Upper Nursery

Upper Nursery A - Beautiful Strokes and preparing the Friendship Fruit Salad

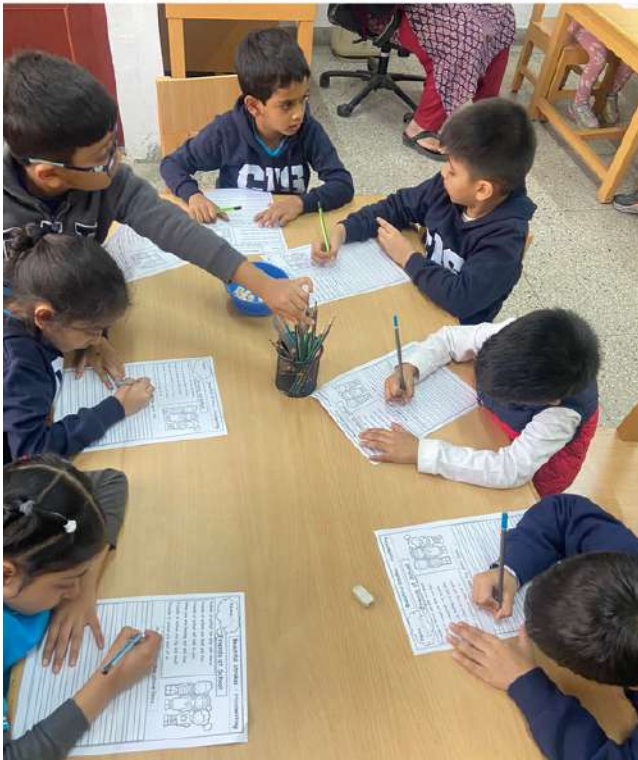
Students of Upper Nursery A participated in a Handwriting Activity on 12th January, 2024 titled 'Beautiful Strokes' in class. They read a passage on "Friendship" and were encouraged to write about it independently. The learners then made a 'Friendship Fruit Salad' where the bowl represented the class and the fruits were personified with qualities like good helpers, friends who share and wait for their turns and caring friends who encourage others. All the fruits were mixed with custard which portrayed the lovely bond of the students and the teachers.



Upper Nursery B - "Embracing 'Beautiful Strokes'" - Handwriting Activity Day!

In a modern era dominated by digital devices, the elegance of handwriting remains unparalleled. A class event to serve a delightful platform for budding talents to display their penmanship skills was held in Upper Nursery B on 12th January.

More than just a celebration of handwriting, it nurtured creativity, cultivated a love for writing, refined fine motor skills, and empowered learners to express themselves confidently through the written word. This was followed by a lively activity of 'Making a Friendship Fruit Salad'.



VIP Project by Grade Upper Nursery

Upper Nursery A



Siaraa Narula danced graciously on the beats of ‘Jagannath Swami’ and narrated a story titled ‘No means No’



Siya Poddar performed a dance using hula hoop as a prop and sang a melodious song.

Upper Nursery B

Yashvi Agarwal demonstrated her skills on the Ukulele and showcased her moves on a single-wheeled roller skate.



Krishiv Halwasiya displayed his talent in solving the Rubik's cube. He exhibited his skills on the roller skate, and even recited a few shlokas.

Body Safety and Awareness sessions with Primary Students

In the month of January, the school counsellors- Ms Sukonna Halder, Ms Farishta Dastur Mukerji and Ms Spriha Patronobis conducted sessions with the students of the Primary section on 'Body Safety and Awareness'.

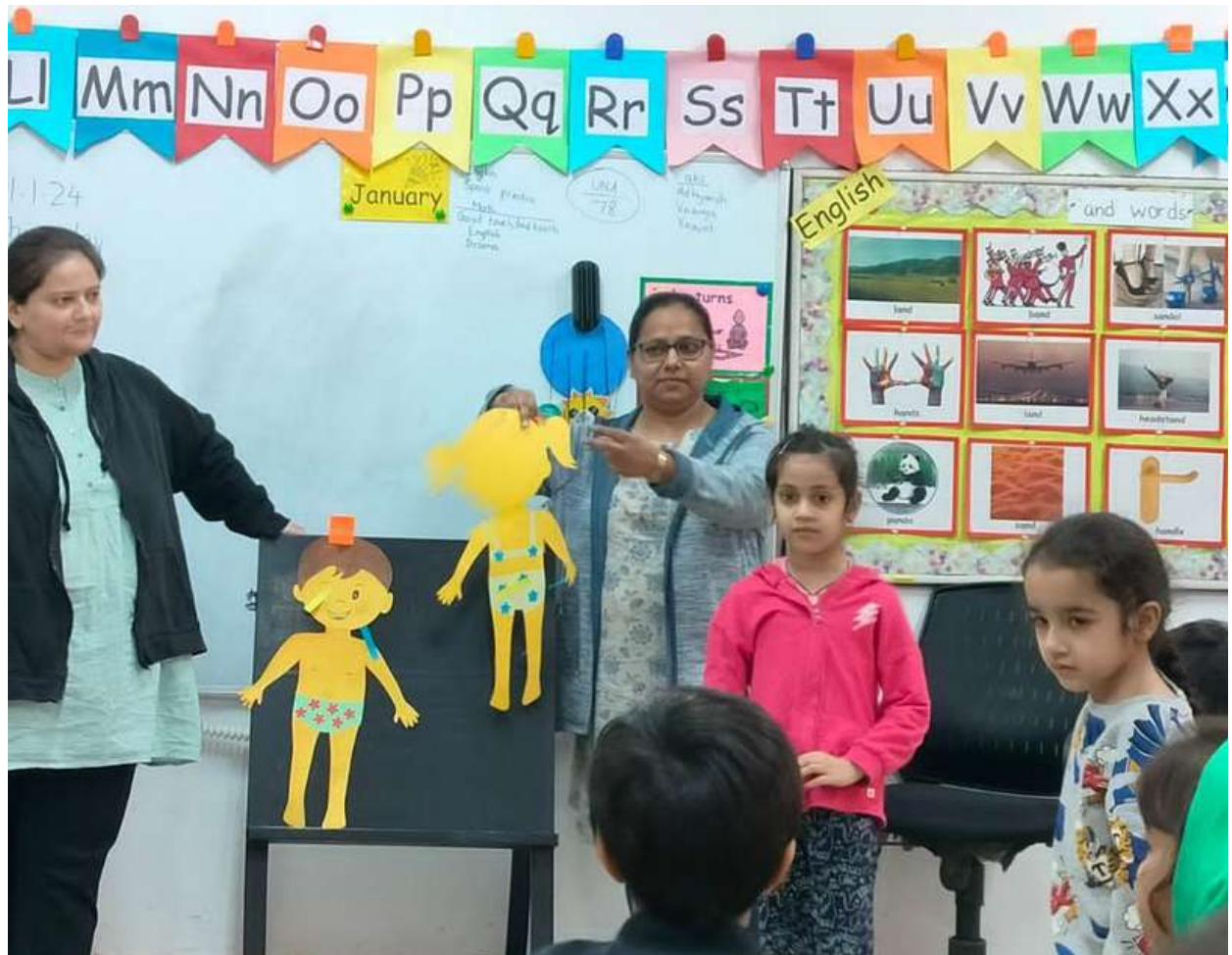
The sessions focused on making the students aware of the differences between a SafeTouch (a touch that feels comfortable and safe) and Unsafe Touch (a touch that feels uncomfortable). The interactive and activity based sessions helped the students understand the different body parts that are sensitive to touch and identify situations and occurrences of appropriate and inappropriate touch, thus making them aware of the importance of consent. The sessions also helped the students to learn and equip themselves with strategies on how they can protect themselves in case they experience situations that put them at risk.













Hindi Elocution Event

AN ENDEAVOUR TO PROMOTE HINDI LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

The Literary Meet, organized by the Ramgopal Sohini Devi Nagori Charitable Trust with a commitment to promote Hindi language and literature, featured an Elocution Competition in Hindi on Sunday, January 14, 2024. The primary goal of the competition was to foster an interest and affection for the language among children.

The Preliminary round took place on January 7, 2024, followed by the Final round on January 14, 2024. This event served as a valuable platform for young learners to refine their public speaking skills and gain exposure to the Hindi language.

Diya Singhvi, representing Grade 1B, presented the poem "Paed Ka Dard" by Smt. Anju Goyal. We are delighted to announce that Diya secured the 2nd position in her age group, receiving a trophy and certificate in acknowledgment of her outstanding performance.

Aryan Newar of Grade 2A was honoured with the Tulsidas Puraskaar. He recited an excerpt from the poem 'Jhansi Ki Rani' penned by Subhadra Kumari Chauhan.

Saanvi Ruia of Grade 1B recited the poem "Tum Mujhko Kab Tak Rokoge" and received a certificate and trophy for participation.

Krishnav Marothia of Grade 5B recited the poem "Azaadi Abhi Adhuri Hain" by Atal Bihari Vajpayee and received a certificate and trophy for participation.

CIS takes pride in the remarkable achievements of the students in this field and extends best wishes for their continued success in the years ahead.



Diya performing at the Hindi literary event



Diya Singvi



Aryan Newar



Saanvi Ruia



Krishnav Marothia



**Participants
with
Mrs. Nayar,
Mrs Choudhary
and Mrs Ray**

Inter House Cricket Tournament

Cricket Match

A Junior School Inter House Cricket Tournament took place from 15th to 19th January, 2024 on the school ground. In the finals between Red House and Green House, Red House emerged as the winning team and Green House was the runners up. Both the Houses played with equal competitive spirit. Congratulations to both the Houses.



Grade 3 Literary Meet

FACE TO FACE WITH FAMOUS AUTHORS

The students of Grade 3 attended the Tata Steel Junior Kolkata Literary Meet on Wednesday 24th January 24. The students were accompanied by Mrs Sarkhel, Mrs Marwah, Mrs Gunjan Deb, Mrs Anuradha Ganguly, Ms Atreyi and Kishore dada and Sangeeta didi. Grade 3A attended the session on Grandma's Bag of Stories by the acclaimed author Mrs Sudha Murthy and Grade 3B attended Fairy Tales in a Real World where authors Bijal Vachharajani and Varsha Seshan spoke on storifying important issues such as climate change and democracy through fairy tales and fantasy.

Sudha Murthy was in conversation with Ms. Sohini Mitra on the occasion of the launch of Grandma's Bag of Stories – Special Edition at the Literary Meet in the beautiful Victoria Memorial Grounds filled with bright flowers and the resplendent white stone edifice in the background. She delighted the young Grade 3 pupils when she described how she had started writing for children and how her journey as a children's writer evolved over the years.

Young Saishaa Narula of Grade 3A got a chance to ask Mrs. Murthy a question directly. Some students got the opportunity to go up to her for an interaction and a hug.

Authors Ms. Bijal Vachharajani and Ms. Varsha Seshan were in conversation with each other. They spoke about their own experiences as children and shared with the eager young listeners the reason why they both chose to be authors and how they started writing fairy tales and fantasy stories for children. They asked the pupils about that one super power that they would like to possess and if they had that power how they would like to use it.

After the sessions the students had meaningful interaction with the authors.

Needless to say, both sections of grade 3 were thrilled to see the authors in real life and right in front of them and the experience of listening to them will remain with them for a long time.

The pupils of 3A and 3B attended 2 different sessions. While one section was waiting, the others visited the St. Paul's Cathedral, known for its beautiful Gothic architecture.



Sudha Murthy speaks



Bijal Vaccharajani and Varsha Seshan - Authors



3A students listening to Sudha Murthy



Grade 3A students at the Literary meet



3B Students with Bijal Vachharajani and Varsha Seshan



3B students listen to the authors



3B with Sudha Murthy



Students at St. Paul's Cathedral



Sudha Murthy interacts with students

Guest Visit

Tête-à-Tête with an Ex Indian Air Force Sergeant

On the bright and lively morning of January 25th, Calcutta International School was graced by the presence of a very special guest, Mr. Jayanta Kumar Basak, a former Sergeant of the Indian Air Force. His visit was especially significant as it coincided with the eve of Republic Day, infusing the day with patriotic fervour and excitement. The event, predominantly organized for the Grade 4 students, turned into a remarkable educational experience, attended by Mrs Pratima Nayar, Mrs Neelam Choudhary, Mrs Tania Roy, and various other department teachers.





Times NIE Colour Splash Competition

Splashes of colour!!

On 20th January 2024 **Times NIE Colour Splash Competition** was held in association with **Jockey Juniors**. Through this event, NIE seeks to provide a platform for school students to express creativity, fostering imagination and showcase artistic skills. They hope to inspire young talent and encourage their participation in a vibrant arts community, with a potential to discover future creative trailblazers.

The Sit and Draw Inter school Art event was organised at Birla High school, Mukundapur. Multiple schools from the city participated in this event. One could see in the true sense the splash of colours as the students from various schools worked with their paints and brushes. CIS sent a delegation of nine students from Junior school (Grades 4 and 5) and eight students from Middle school (Grade 6 and 7). The topics were given on spot (1. My Dream destination 2. My imaginary world) and the children were asked to use any medium of their choice. The time limit given for the Art competition was 1hr 30min. The winter morning was filled with creativity, enthusiasm and laughter of the participants as they enjoyed working under the sun in the football field of Birla High School.

Three esteemed artists of Kolkata including Ms Eleena Banik judged the event. Two students of CIS from Grade 4, Sanjh Chakraborty and Inaara Johar, received recognition for their unique work under the "Special Mention" category. A voucher of ₹ 1500 was awarded to them along with a participation certificate.

CIS congratulates the budding artists, Inaara Johar and Sanjh Chakraborty on their achievement.





Health Awareness Talk on Paediatric Neurology

Neurodevelopment Awareness Talk - A Workshop by Dr. Jigyasa Sinha in collaboration with the SEN Department, Calcutta International School

In an endeavour to promote a deeper understanding of early childhood neurodevelopment and to empower parents with valuable insights, the Special Education Needs (SEN) department of Calcutta International School organized a workshop in collaboration with Narayana R. N. Tagore hospital. The session was conducted on 19.1.24, by Dr. Jigyasa Sinha, a distinguished paediatric neurologist. The workshop aimed to sensitize parents of toddlers to the intricacies of early brain development and the crucial role it plays in shaping a child's future. Dr. Sinha, renowned for her expertise in paediatric neurology, engaged the audience with her knowledge and practical advice.

The event commenced with an enlightening overview of typical neurodevelopmental milestones in children. Dr. Sinha emphasized the importance of early identification and intervention for children with special needs, underlining the notion that every child is unique and may follow their own developmental trajectory. She also enlightened the audience about different neurodevelopmental conditions and their red flags. One of the highlights of the workshop was the interactive session where parents had the opportunity to ask questions and share their concerns. Dr. Sinha addressed queries related to speech and language development, motor skills, and social-emotional growth, providing tailored guidance to each participant. The workshop also shed light on the red flags that parents should be aware of and the significance of early intervention programs. Dr. Sinha underscored the importance of creating a supportive and inclusive environment at home and school to nurture the overall development of children with diverse needs.

Calcutta International School's SEN department demonstrated its commitment to foster a collaborative and informed community by organizing this insightful workshop. Parents left the session equipped with a deeper understanding of their child's neurodevelopment, armed with practical strategies to support their toddlers on their unique journeys.

The session left a lasting impact on the participants, instilling a sense of confidence and empowerment among parents as they embark on the crucial task of nurturing their children.

The workshop served as a beacon of knowledge and guidance, reinforcing the SEN Department's commitment to holistic education and the well-being of every child.



Sen Workshop

Scaffolding

The Special Educational Needs (SEN) team at Calcutta International School organized an insightful workshop on 8th of January for the Junior Section's mainstream teachers to promote inclusive education. The workshop centered on exploring the pedagogical concept of "scaffolding," which aims to provide support within the mainstream classroom for students with diverse abilities.

In the session, the teachers were introduced to the principles of scaffolding, a teaching strategy that involves providing temporary support to help students reach a higher level of understanding and skill acquisition. The metaphorical scaffold acts as a bridge, enabling students to gradually gain independence and achieve academic success.

The workshop emphasized practical techniques for implementing scaffolding strategies effectively. SEN teachers shared real-life examples and case studies, illustrating how scaffolding can be tailored to individual students' needs. The goal was to equip mainstream teachers with the tools to identify learning gaps and create a supportive environment that fosters student growth.

Participants were introduced to a variety of scaffolding techniques, such as breaking down complex tasks into manageable steps, providing visual aids, using questioning strategies to guide thinking, and offering additional resources when necessary. The workshop encouraged a proactive approach, involving the participants to develop a scaffolded worksheet at the end of the session.



LIBRARY SHELFIE DAY

To acknowledge the importance of reading, we at CIS decided to dedicate an afternoon for reading in our Library.

On Friday, 12th January, 2024, teachers of the Junior School gathered in the Library to sit and read together and thereby celebrate reading.

This Reading exercise was meant to make the teachers come out of the online mode and reconnect with books. It was also an excellent opportunity to get a glimpse of the old stock and the new arrivals in the library.

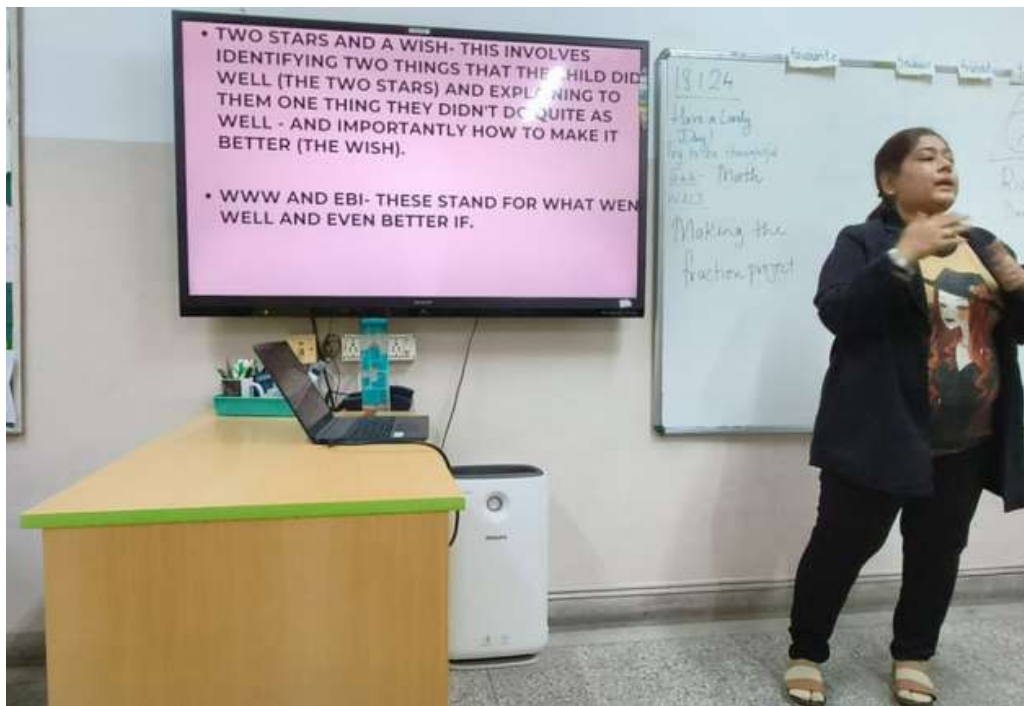
This proved to be a very successful initiative as teachers went out of the Library refreshed and "well read"!



Sharing session on Focus on Assessment: Cambridge Primary Science

Continuous professional and personal development is the key to the future.

Ms. Bhavna Sarawgee attended a three-week online training session from 13th September to 8th October, 2023, conducted by Cambridge Assessment International Education on 'Focus on Assessment: Cambridge Primary Science'. She conducted a sharing session on 18th January, 2024, where she shared her learnings from the training and the various strategies to effectively evaluate our learners. The session was attended by Junior School Principal, Mrs P. Nayar, the Junior Section Head, Mrs. N. Choudhary along with the teachers of the Science department of the Junior School.



Annual Staff Retreat

To give the employees a break from the monotony of everyday work, to refresh their minds and rejuvenate their spirit, this year, the CIS Management organised the Annual Staff Retreat at Mainland China at Silver Springs on the 13th of January, 2024, where a sumptuous lunch had been arranged for all. On the winter afternoon, everyone enjoyed the delicious Chinese cuisine as they spent some quality time with their colleagues.



Workshop: Alpha to Omega-

Understanding the Special Needs of Diverse Learners

Mrs. Baishakhi Sarkar and Mrs. Ishmeet Mokha attended the "Alpha to Omega: Understanding the Special Needs of Diverse Learners" workshop, a transformative 3-month online certificate course for educators. The comprehensive programme equipped them with invaluable knowledge and skills to effectively support diverse learners in educational settings. The course explored various aspects of special needs education, including learning disabilities, ADHD, autism, behavioural challenges, and exceptionalities. They brushed up their understanding of unique learning profiles and individual differences, enabling them to provide inclusive and personalized instruction. Evidence-based practices were emphasized, covering topics such as differentiated instruction and fostering social-emotional development. Interactive online modules, discussions, case studies, and practical assignments enriched their learning experiences. The workshop provided invaluable insights and resources for educators dedicated to enhance their practice in special needs education.



Loyalty Certificate

5 years of dedicated service to CIS

Mrs. Leslie Kwan, EA to the Junior School Principal, Mrs. Nayar, received the Certificate of Loyalty for completing five years of glorious service at CIS. Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Kwan!! May her contributions continue to inspire us.



Congratulations

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