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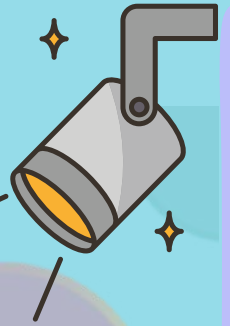
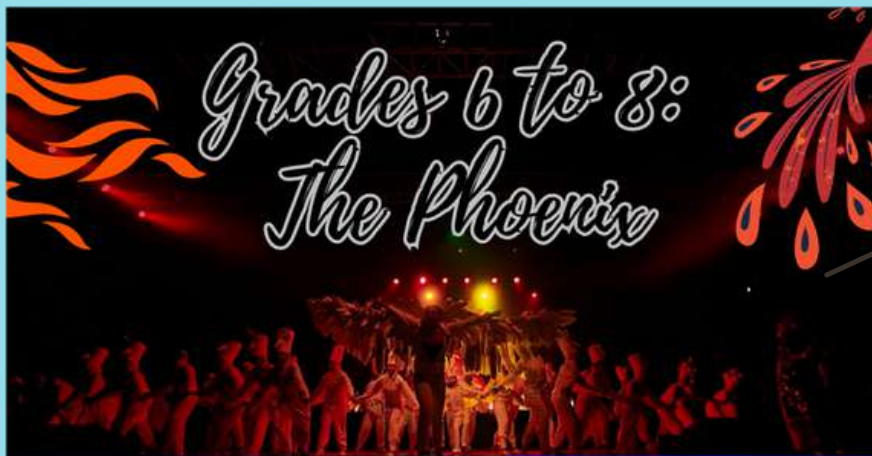
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CIS shines in the End of the Year Spectacle 2023

“The Chronicles of Nature”

Following a hiatus caused by the pandemic, CIS made a triumphant return with its highly anticipated End of the Year Production (EYP) on December 8, 2023. The event featured the talents of CIS spanning from Pre-Nursery to Grade 10, as they presented an enchanting performance "The Chronicles of Nature: A Timeless Odyssey" at The Science City Auditorium. The captivating show portrayed the adventurous journey of a little Birdie in search of her missing parents. During its migration, the Birdie witnessed various aspects of nature, revealing humanity's destructive tendencies and highlighting the interconnectedness between indigenous communities and the environment. Each class contributed to shaping the story, underscoring a profound affection and reverence for the natural world.

Grade 6 to Grade 8



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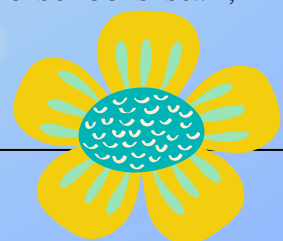


At the onset, School Captain Advik Harlalka extended a gracious welcome, setting the tone for the production. The School Choir, a source of pride for CIS, then took the stage, captivating the audience with their musical performances under the guidance of Mr. Tathagatha Mukherjee.

The production began with the young participants of the Primary Section focussing on celebrating nature, while those in the Junior Section portrayed the significance of nature. Middle Section showcased the next segment- 'The Phoenix', where the Birdie makes a selfless sacrifice and saves nature and civilization from the perils of global warming. Finally, Senior Section drew a befitting conclusion to the tale through the segment- 'The Reclamation' that depicted the restoration of balance and harmony in the natural world.

A special mention must be made of the students of Grade 11 who oversaw the logistics of the event and Grade 12 students who concluded the event by coming in with the school logo.

Mr. Kaushik Bose led the entire production, overseeing its conceptualization, scripting, and direction. Mr. Tathagata Mukherjee managed sound mixing, editing, and music while the Art Department teachers crafted intricate props. The collective efforts of choreographers, technicians, teachers, Section Heads, Principals and the support staff contributed to the event's resounding success. The EYP stood as a testament to the dedication and talent of both students and the school's staff, culminating in a delightful and enchanting evening for the audience.



Art Workshop by Humanities Club



Students of the Humanities Club took part in an engaging art session during their Club meeting on 17th November. They worked together to paint coasters and shared their creative ideas along the way. It was indeed a fun day for the members!



Robocup 2023- Inter school Robotics Competition

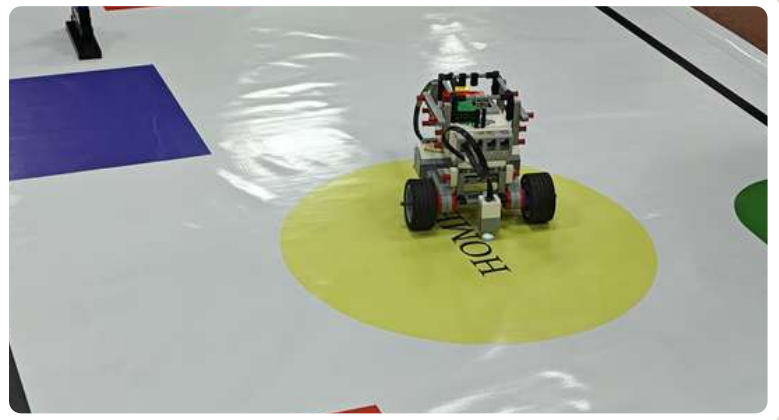
On 29th November Calcutta International school in association with Kidotronics hosted a first of its kind, Inter School Robotics competition in the city – “RoboCup 2023”. This inter school robotics competition aimed to raise awareness and promote STEM and Robotics, two fields that are rapidly gaining significance in the education sector.

The competition followed the format of international robotics competitions, providing students with an opportunity to showcase their skills and knowledge. Interestingly, most participating teams had no prior experience with Lego Robotics, making their achievements even more commendable.

The objective of the game was to complete a series of tasks within a specific time limit to accumulate points. To begin, students were tasked with constructing robots using LEGO Mindstorm EV3. After receiving a crash course on programming basics, they were given time to practice their rovers on the mat before diving into the competition round.

We are immensely proud of all the participants who embraced the steep learning curve and rose to the challenge. Special congratulations go to Calcutta International School for emerging as the winners of the competition. Additionally, Indus Valley World School secured the first runner-up position, while South City International School claimed the second runner-up spot.

However, the event was not solely about winning or losing; it emphasized the importance of courage, willingness to learn, and having fun. It provided students with a platform to explore the exciting world of robotics and gain valuable experience in a rapidly evolving field.



Financial Literacy: €



Successful Financial Literacy Day Program Empowers Students and Teachers with Consumer Awareness

In a bid to enhance financial literacy and promote consumer awareness, Calcutta International School hosted a remarkable Financial Literacy Day program that saw active participation from both teachers and students. The event, held on 1st December 2023, unfolded as a two hours educational extravaganza, showcasing the importance of understanding consumer rights.

The program began with insightful sessions led by teachers and students alike, who delved into various aspects of consumer rights, providing real-life examples to illustrate key concepts. The engaging discussions shed light on the significance of informed decision-making, responsible spending, and safeguarding against potential financial pitfalls.



Following the enlightening discussions, a quiz section added an element of friendly competition. The quiz covered a spectrum of topics related to financial literacy, challenging both teachers and students to showcase their understanding of consumer rights, responsibilities, and practical business skills.

The highlight of the day was an in-house talent show featuring five extraordinary students who mesmerised the audience with their diverse skills. From music, calligraphy and modelling to engineering, these students showcased talents that extended beyond the academic realm, emphasising the holistic development fostered by Calcutta International School.

The Financial Literacy Day program not only succeeded in raising awareness about consumer rights but also fostered a sense of community within the school. It provided a platform for open dialogue and learning, reinforcing the importance of financial education in shaping responsible and informed citizens.

The success of this program serves as a testament to CIS's dedication to holistic education and equipping students with essential life skills.

Knowledge Seminar for Grade 10



Knowledge Seminar for Grade 10 students was held on 1st December, 2023. Parents of all grade 10 students were invited and were given a brief overview on the IB and A level curriculum by the Senior Principal, Section head and IB DP coordinator. There was a separate display of each subject detailing exam papers and major subject topics along with the textbooks in different venues. Parents and students interacted directly with the teachers to help them select their next level curriculum.



On 15th December 2023, the Interact Club of Calcutta International School (ICCIS) hosted Prom, and had invited the exchange students from Alfrink as guests. There was a mutual exchange of ideas, music, and food and all in attendance had an enjoyable evening. The purpose of this annual fundraising event was to help initiate the upcoming events of Interact Club such as the Med Camp for the underprivileged which is to be hosted in February 2024.



Prom for a Cause

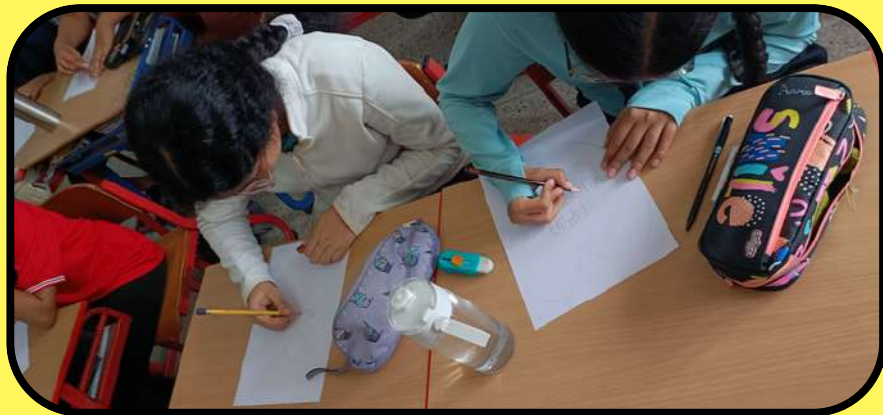


Grade 7 Life Skills:

The Importance of Empathy Session



Students of grade 7 attended a lifeskill session on Empathy, on 9th January, 2024, with school counselors, Mrs. Spriha Patronobis and Mrs. Sukonna Halder. The interactive and activity based session created a safe space for students to focus on how their behaviour impacts others, both in the short and the long term and how it creates a culture of acceptance for behaviours that are unacceptable. They realised that empathy is a critical part of their holistic development, and the lack of it can lead to emotional dysregulation and comes in the way of their relationships, ultimately affecting how others perceive and treat them. It was heartening to see that students resonated with the topic, and participated in invigorating and meaningful group discussions about real life scenarios that they could easily relate to. The session ended on a positive note, with students willing to take more ownership of their own actions and not just practicing empathy in theory, but also making an effort to mindfully demonstrate an empathetic approach towards one another.



Annual English Elocution Finals



The much-awaited English Elocution competition organised by the Department of English, CIS took place from the 10th-12th January. The preliminary round involved the participation of all students from Grades 6 to 8 after which finalists were chosen amidst the inspiring and diverse elocution speeches submitted.

The final round kicked off on 10th January, with Grade 6 Extempore, with students speaking about various topics for two minutes, such as, 'What they would do if they could be Prime Minister for a day' or 'What they would do if they could be invisible for a day' and many more! The six speakers included Sammagnah Bardhan, Anushka Majumdar, Aarav Pasari, Naman Kedia, Aditri Lahiri, Vedang Shah. All speakers weaved innovative tales and took us on adventurous journeys to space and beyond, and ultimately the expert judges Ms. Rituparna Mukherjee and Ms.Preeti Roychoudhury selected Vedang Shah as the winner, Aditri Lahiri in second place and Aarav Pasari in third place.

The next day witnessed expert prepared speeches by grade 7 on the topic, 'Does AI threaten the original and independent work expected from students?' The finalists included Natarsha Roy, Vivaan Siotia, Mehr Vineet, Syona Ghosh, Meghna Chatterjee, and Khushagra Mohta who perfectly encapsulated both the benefits and drawbacks of AI. Eventually, the judges, Ms. Madhuparna Chakraborty and Ms.Preeti Roychoudhury deliberated that the winner should be Meghna Chatterjee, with Syona Ghosh in second place and Natarsha Roy in third place.





The third and final day of the Elocution competition concluded with debate speeches prepared by Grade 8 for and against the topic, 'Is the United Nations an effective organisation for maintaining world peace?' The finalists included, Rajanya Deb, Karan Jhunjhunwala, Aarush Churiwala, Manya Garodia, Risha Bhattacharya, and Neil Gutgutia who spoke expertly about the pros and cons on the topic. Each speech was well-researched and eloquent and the judges, Ms. Manideepa Raychaudhuri and Ms. Preeti Roychoudhury, selected Rajanya Deb as the winner, Karan Jhunjhunwala in second place and Aarush Churiwala in third place.



The Elocution competition was a learning experience for all students as they eagerly await for the same in the upcoming year!



Humanities Fair



THE GLOBAL GOALS

The Department of Humanities had organised a humanities fair on 13th December, 2023 at CIS embracing diverse events. Students poured creativity into a poster making competition for Global Perspectives and participated in Geography games rooted in Sustainable Development Goals, which made learning even more engaging. The Israel-Palestine War movie screening left an indelible mark, offering valuable insights and students left with more knowledge about the conflict. Psychology students delved into the portrayal of mental health in movies and TV shows, and elaborated on how much suffering affects creativity. History students questioned the accuracy of popular shows, and put on the highly anticipated fashion show on historical figures, which received acclaim from all! A harmonious blend of learning and entertainment marked this unforgettable day. Additionally, the Humanities club also created a crossword for students to solve. A harmonious blend of learning and entertainment marked this unforgettable day.



A Journey Through the Cosmos



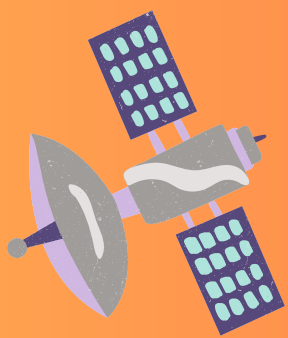
On January 19, 2024, the budding astronomers and curious minds of Calcutta International School gathered for a mesmerising journey through the cosmos at the Astronomy Workshop held at school. Organised by the Department of Science, this day of celestial exploration was packed with interactive learning, hands-on experiences and competitive Quizzes. From the dazzling brilliance of the Sun in the afternoon sky to the latest advancements in astronomical research, the workshop aimed to ignite a passion for the wonders of the universe in the hearts of the Young Learners.

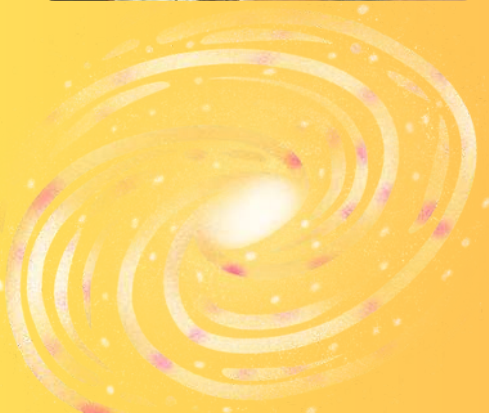


The excitement reached its peak during the observation session in the afternoon. Telescopes were set up in the football field, allowing participants to gaze at the setting sun in all its glory. Mr. Dutta guided attendees in observing the solar flares and sunspots. This awe-inspiring view created an unforgettable experience for everyone present.

The workshop provided a unique opportunity for hands-on learning through interactive sessions. Participants were able to assemble and operate telescopes, learn about celestial navigation, and put their knowledge of the celestial realm to test through the Astronomy Quiz, Astrogaze. These interactive sessions not only enhanced the participants' understanding of astronomy but also fostered a sense of inquiry and amazement in them.

The Astronomy Workshop on January 19, 2024, was the first of its kind organised by the Department of Science, leaving participants inspired and enriched with a deeper understanding of the vast universe. By combining outdoor and indoor learning, the workshop provided a holistic and engaging experience that will undoubtedly fuel the passion for astronomy in both beginners and seasoned enthusiasts for more advanced workshops to follow.





WINNERS OF ASTROGAZE 2024

WINNERS Nebula	1st RUNNER UP Black Hole	2nd RUNNER UP Dark Matter
Aryan Kol (9B)	Riyan Roy (9A)	Aanya Sinha (9B)
Advay Nathany (10B)	Avni Agarwal (10A)	Arham Singhi (10B)
Rudra Mazumder (IB2)	Prakhar Drolia (A2)	Dhvani Gupta (IB1)

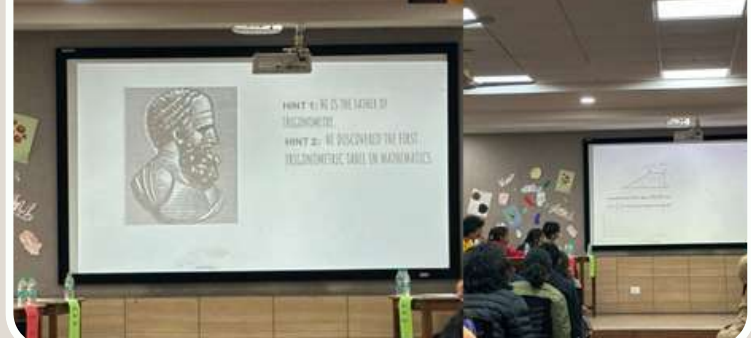
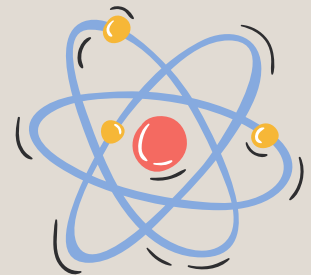
Science, Math and IT Quiz



We held an exciting Science, Math and IT Quiz at CIS on January 19th! Students from Grades 9-10 showcased their knowledge and enthusiasm in various topics, ranging from Biology to Coding. It was incredible to see their passion and teamwork throughout the event.

The winners were Red House Team B (Shirin Reddy and Sayantani Halder), with Green House Team B (Aanya Singha and Aadya Shakti) as first runner up and Yellow House Team B (Suryasnatha and Advay Nathani) as second. The quiz was a huge success, leaving everyone inspired and motivated to continue exploring the fascinating world of science, mathematics and information technology.

Congratulations to all the participants for their outstanding performance!



Alfrink College at CIS: Embracing Diversity, Enriching Lives

In December, the vibrant campus of Calcutta International School welcomed 22 enthusiastic students and 4 dedicated teachers from Alfrink College, Netherlands, marking the commencement of an enriching cultural exchange program. The visit was not merely a journey of geographical exploration but a deep dive into understanding and appreciating the cultural nuances between the two nations.



The inauguration of this transformative experience unfolded with a grand Opening Ceremony at CIS, illuminated by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, a traditional gesture symbolizing auspicious beginnings in Indian culture. The atmosphere resonated with the beats of Indian folk movements, as students from both institutions showcased their talent through captivating dance performances. Mrs. Servaia, Senior Principal and Mr. Marcel, an esteemed educator from Alfrink College, graced the occasion with their insightful words, emphasizing the significance of such intercultural exchanges

Following the formalities, the students engaged in a series of engaging activities aimed at fostering camaraderie and teamwork. They delved into the art of pottery during a hands-on workshop, where clay became the canvas for their creativity. The rhythmic beats of Bollywood echoed through the halls as participants immersed themselves in a lively dance workshop, discovering the joy of movement and expression. The Art Department of CIS also carried out a unique workshop with students from both schools

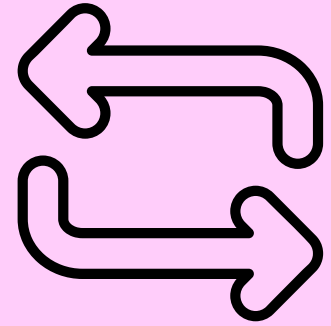


Amidst the cultural exploration, the students also honed their athletic skills through rigorous sports practices, promoting healthy competition and mutual respect. Embracing the essence of international education, the students had the opportunity to attend lessons at CIS, gaining insights into diverse academic perspectives and pedagogical approaches.

The closing ceremony was adorned with the presentation of choreographies learned during the dance workshop. The presence of Mr. Namit Shah, the Honorary Consul of the Netherlands, added a touch of honor and significance to the occasion, underscoring the diplomatic and cultural ties between the two nations.



The farewell, though bittersweet, was a testament to the lasting bonds forged during the exchange. The students bid adieu to their newfound friends and mentors and created memories of shared laughter at the Prom which they enjoyed thoroughly on the final day



Congratulations Mrs Bhattacharjee!

Paromita Bhattacharjee, a senior section teacher, was honored with the prestigious IIHM Teachers Award for "Teacher par Excellence." Her nomination, facilitated by her school, speaks volumes about her exceptional dedication and outstanding pedagogical skills. She serves as an inspiration to both her students and fellow educators and CIS is proud of her achievement.



Reliance Foundation Jr. NBA 3X3 Regional Championship

The Reliance Foundation Jr. NBA India Coach Academy organised a tournament for students, and we are proud to say that four teams from CIS participated in the Reliance Foundation Jr. NBA 3X3 Regional Championship for U12 years and U14 Years Boys and Girls on 2nd & 3rd September, 2023 at West Bengal Basketball Association.

More than 40 schools participated in the tournament. The CIS teams put up an impressive performance, with the Under 12 category-CIS Boys receiving the Regional Champion Trophy out of 34 schools from different districts of West Bengal.



The Under 14 category-CIS Girls also received the Runners up Trophy out of 32 schools from different districts of West Bengal. The team comprised of Navya Kothari, Aisha Kothari, Skyla Nazir and Prisha Kejriwal.

We are immensely proud of our West Bengal Regional Champion team (CIS under 12 boys) who have qualified to participate in the National Championship at Noida. This is a testament to their hard work and dedication towards the sport.

The RF Jr. NBA National Championship held at Jaypee Greens Sports Complex in Greater Noida from September 14 to September 17, 2023, witnessed a great participation of talented students from across the country. The tournament saw the regional champion teams competing against each other, providing a great platform for the young basketball enthusiasts to showcase their skills.

Among the participants were Srijato Das, Yuvan Pawa, Hredaan Raj Bihani, and Advay Bansal, who put up a great show in the CIS (Under-12: Boys) category. The team won four matches against Ludhiana, Pune, Kochi, and Kottayam in the group league and reached the quarter-final round. The boys played as a team and gave their best efforts in every match, making the national championship a great learning experience for them.

Overall, the RF Jr. NBA National Championship was a great success and provided a great platform for the young basketball enthusiasts to showcase their skills.



19th Inter School Golf Championship

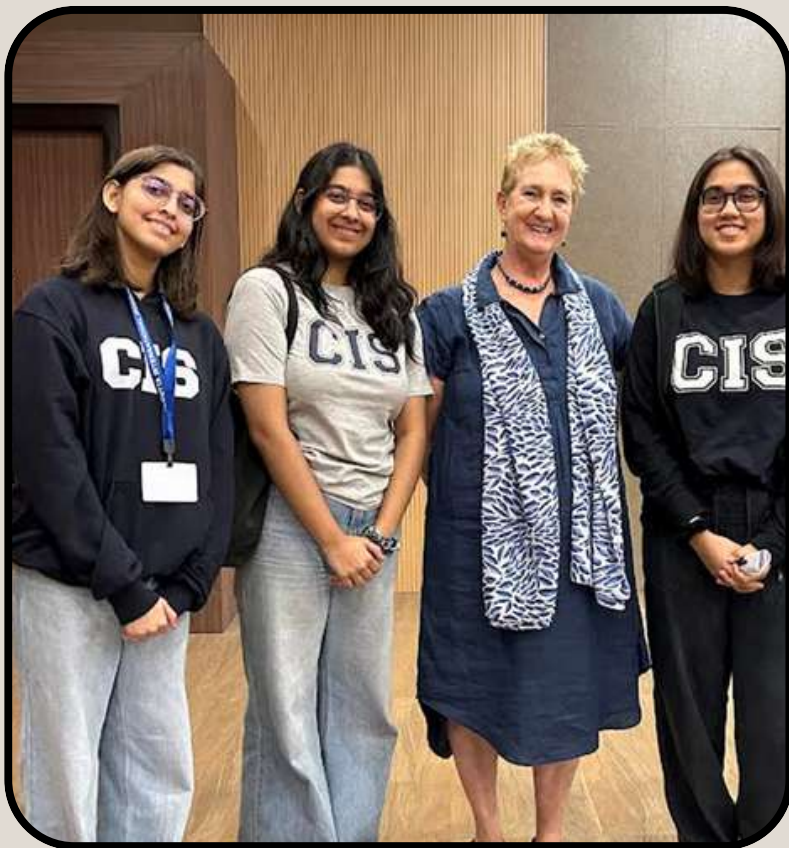
On the 14th and 15th November, Calcutta International School students participated in the 19th Inter-School Golf Championship, 2023 held at The Tollygunge Club in Kolkata. This annual golf championship has been a significant event since its inception in 2005, attracting around 150 junior golfers from twenty five different schools each year. The tournament was conducted with strict safety protocols in place. CIS students exhibited their talent and skill in various categories. In the Over 13 category, Lakshya Agarwal of grade 10 and Varish Mohta of grade 8 secured an impressive sixth position while Hreidaan Raj Bihani of grade 7 claimed the eighth position in the Under 13 category, and Dhruv Patodia achieved a commendable sixth position in the Under 9 category.

The Calcutta International School community is proud of these students' accomplishments and wishes them the best of luck for the upcoming Inter School Golf Championship!



IB History students attend session by Anti-Apartheid activist, Ms. Marjorie Brown

On 29th November, IB History students attended a very enriching session by Anti-Apartheid activist, Ms. Marjorie Brown. Students learnt about her work and the multiple challenges of working against the system of Apartheid in South Africa. Her experiences and life lessons inspired the students. Their interactions with Ms. Brown also led to a deeper understanding of the various nuances of the era which our students have covered in the curriculum.



Enter School Basketball Tournament



The 13th Inter School Basketball Tournament for Middle Section Girls and the 1st Inter School Basketball Tournament for Senior School Boys took place from 11th to 14th December, 2023. The tournament featured six teams from each category. It was conducted in a league cum knockout format to ensure that no team was eliminated after the first match. Mr. Atanu Banerjee, a National player, coach, and BIBA referee who officiated the World Cup Basketball Championship, attended the event as the Chief Guest. Officials from the West Bengal Basketball Association oversaw the tournament. In the Girls category, CIS emerged as the champion, with The BSS School securing the runners-up position. Prisha Kejriwal from CIS was named the Most Valuable Player, while Aisha Kothari achieved the title of Highest Scorer. In the Boys category, CIS claimed the championship title, with M.P. Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School finished as the runners-up. Advik Harlalka from CIS was honored as the Most Valuable Player, and Yash Bagchi was recognised as the Highest Scorer. The tournament was a display of exceptional talent and sportsmanship, with deserving recognition given to outstanding individuals and teams.



Choir of Calcutta International School Mesmerises Kolkata



On the delightful evenings of December 10th and 12th, the Choir of Calcutta International School took centre stage at St. Paul's Cathedral, creating a musical spectacle that left the audience spellbound. The programme on December 10th was organised by The Diocese of Calcutta while the show on December 12th was organised by the prestigious social organization FICCI for underprivileged students. On December 16th, the Choir was invited by the Consulate of Germany, to perform at the G D Birla Sabhagar.



Under the able guidance of the Choir Master and teacher of the Calcutta International School- Mr Tathagata Mukherjee, the supervision of teachers in charge Mrs. Poulomi Banik and Mrs. Avradita Debnath, Mrs. Manideepa Roychowdhury Mrs. Debatmita Guha, Ms. Suvasree Banerjee, Ms Zara Ryan Mrs. Payal Agarwal and Mr. Aniruddha Chakraborty, the choir underwent extensive training. The choristers showcased their prowess, seamlessly blending harmonies and displaying maturity well beyond their years. The programme featured a diverse repertoire that spanned genres, from traditional Christmas songs like- "In the Bleak Mid-Winter," "Ding Dong, Merrily on High," "Little Drummer Boy," and "Feliz Navidad" to contemporary classics like "Nothing Else Matters," "Million Dreams," "Colors of the Wind," to classical compositions like Beethoven's Choral Fantasy.

The Choir of Calcutta International School not only showcased their musical talent but also created a lasting memory in the hearts of everyone present—a memory of a harmonious evening that transcended time and left an indelible mark on the rich musical tapestry of Kolkata.



Grade-6

- 1 Aditri Lahiri
- 2 Ronit Basu
- 3 Shivam Himatsingka
- 4 Srishti Sandilya
- 5 Anushka Majumdar
- 6 Ijae Cha
- 7 Kiyam Jal Bulsara
- 8 Sammagnah Bardhan
- 9 Wamiq Ali Molla

Grade-7

- 1 Anvi Surana
- 2 Aria Chamedia
- 3 Keosha Saha
- 4 Saanvi Sarkar
- 5 Hridhaan Gupta
- 6 Kriti Garg
- 7 Mehr Vineet

Grade-8

- 1 Aarav Kankaria
- 2 Ananya Agarwal
- 3 ihit Dhar
- 4 Ubika Basu
- 5 Aesha Roychoudhury
- 6 Aryan Servaia
- 7 Arshaman Biswas
- 8 Rhea Sen Chatterjee
- 9 Srijan Saha
- 10 Swaralipi Banerjee



CIS students excel at the Times NIE Colour Splash Competition



Eight students from Grades 6 and 7 participated in the Sit and Draw Inter School Art event held at Birla High School, Mukundapur. The event, Times NIE Colour Splash Competition was organised by Times NIE in association with Jockey Juniors on the 20th of January 2024.

Multiple schools from the city participated in this event. One could see the splashes of colours in the true sense, as the students worked with their paints and brushes. The winter morning was filled with the creativity, enthusiasm and laughter of the participants. Three esteemed artists from Kolkata judged the event.

The participants were given on-the-spot topics, 'My Dream Destination' and 'My Imaginary World', and were allowed to use any medium of their choice within a time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes. The students brought out their creative best and produced colourful work, each of which reflected a unique perspective. All students received a certificate of participation.

Visit to Alipore Jail Museum



The Tourism and Culinary club planned an outing to the Alipore Jail Museum to view the great historical jail

As soon as the students reached the location, everyone was thrilled to be looking at a jail from the inside. They first looked at the cells and moved up their way to the place where the prisoners were hung. The museum had preserved the weapons which were used almost 10 decades ago and surprisingly found them in good condition. Afterward, they entered an open cell where they took photos. They concluded their wonderful day by enjoying delicious momos and burgers and playing with the friendly dogs.





A School trip to Skandagiri

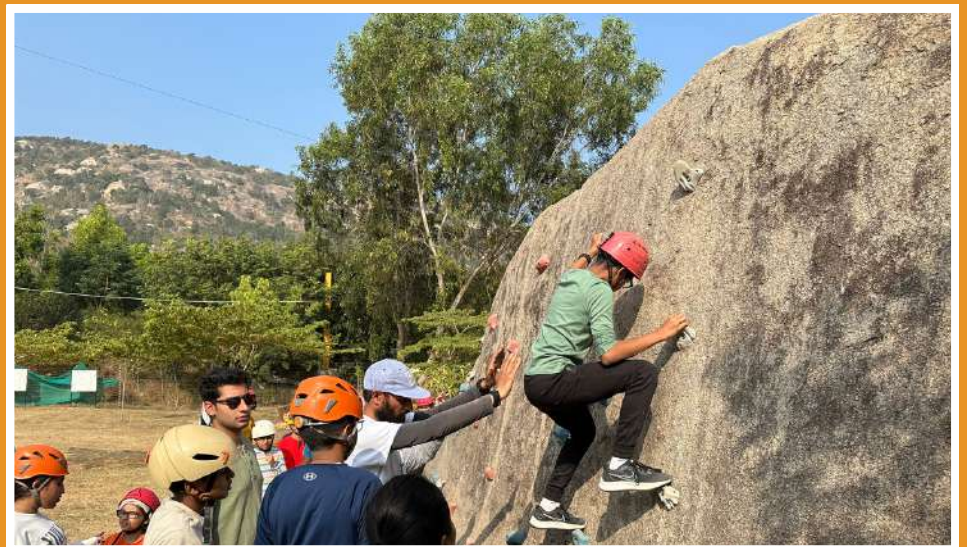
Embarking on a school trip to Skandagiri was more than just a journey; it was an odyssey of discovery and learning, where students delved into the depths of nature and unearthed invaluable life skills along the way.

Upon arrival, the crisp mountain air invigorated their spirits as they embarked on a trek up the rugged terrain. With each step, they learned perseverance, pushing past physical and mental barriers, forging bonds of camaraderie as they navigated the path together. They learned the importance of adaptability as they adjusted their pace to the changing terrain, finding resilience in the face of adversity.



Reaching the summit, a sense of accomplishment washed over them, and they realized the power of determination and the beauty of pushing beyond their comfort zones. But the day's lessons were far from over. As the aroma of lunch filled the air, it was time for another essential skill to come to the forefront: washing utensils. Armed with soap, water, and a dash of determination, the students rolled up their sleeves to tackle the task at hand. Through trial and error, they mastered the art of scrubbing away stubborn stains, working together in harmony to ensure each plate and spoon/fork sparkled with cleanliness.

The next two days were filled with excitement. The day started with adrenaline-pumped activity like bouldering, then they cooked their own food. Armed with fresh ingredients and guidance from the instructors and the teachers, the students embraced the opportunity to channelize their inner culinary creativity to whip up delicious meals over open flames. With hearts racing and spirits soaring, the students embarked on zip-lining and rope activities, testing their courage and teamwork. As the final night of the Skandagiri trip unfolded, they sang songs that echoed through the night.



And as they bid farewell to Skandagiri, they carried with them not just memories, but lessons that would last a lifetime.

Annual Grade 12 Batch Trip to Sariska

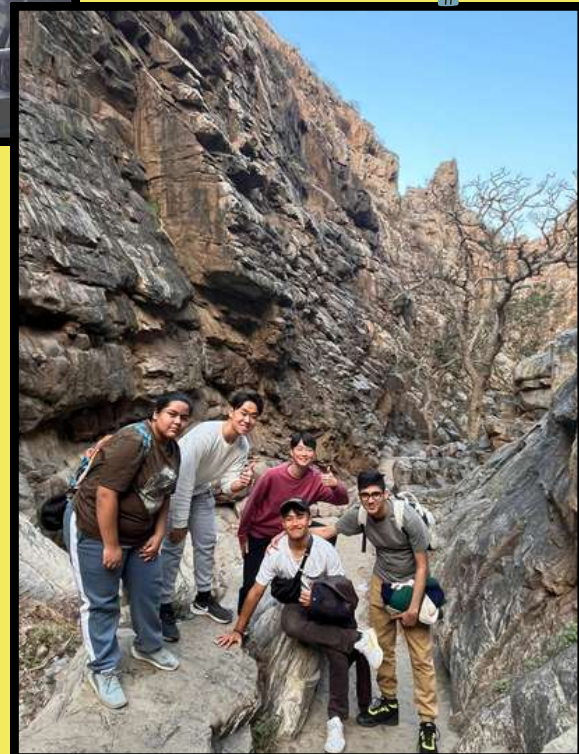
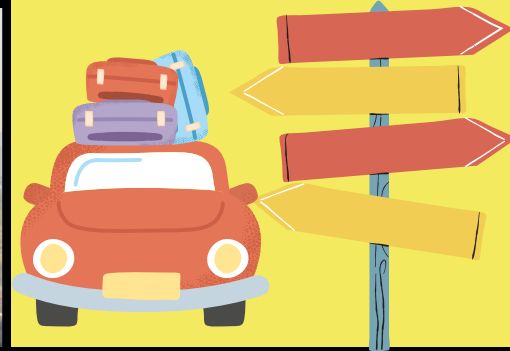


On 16th December, thirty six students of Grade twelve along with three teachers embarked on a batch trip to Sariska, Rajasthan. The first day of the trip was marked by lively folk dance and music sessions by local Rajasthani artists and enthusiastic participation by all students.

On the second day students participated in adventure activities like rock climbing, rappelling and trekking. The rocky terrain of the Aravalli hills was no match for the sheer determination of our students as they performed brilliantly in all activities.



On the third day students visited the wonderful Sariska Tiger Reserve. The jungle safari at the reserve was not only an intensely rich learning experience but was also a much needed break for all participants from the hustle and bustle of city life. Back at the resort, more music and games awaited the students. On the final day of the trip, students visited Alwar fort where they learnt about the rich heritage of this archaeological site. The trip concluded as the students and teachers returned to Kolkata with pleasant lifelong memories and stories to cherish forever!



Results

Students of CIS have yet again performed brilliantly and the following are the exemplary performance of our students, announced by Senior Principal, Mrs. Tina Servaia, on 8th December, 2023, at the Science City Auditorium, at the end of the End of Year Production:



World Topper (Accounting)
Third in India in Best Across Three
Cambridge International AS Level
June 2023

Devarya Goenka



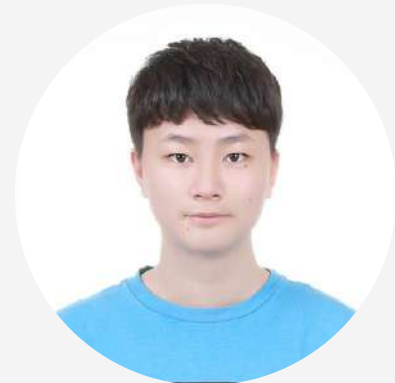
India Topper (History)
(Cambridge IGCSE, June 2023)
Evangeli Saha



India Topper English Language
Cambridge International A Level
June 2023
Rohan Arya Marda



Third in India in Best Across Three
Cambridge International AS Level
June 2023
Dongin Lee



High Achievement in Travel and Tourism
Cambridge International AS Level
June 2023
Amitagni Ghosh



High Achievement in French Language
Cambridge International AS Level
June 2023
Archisha Dasgupta



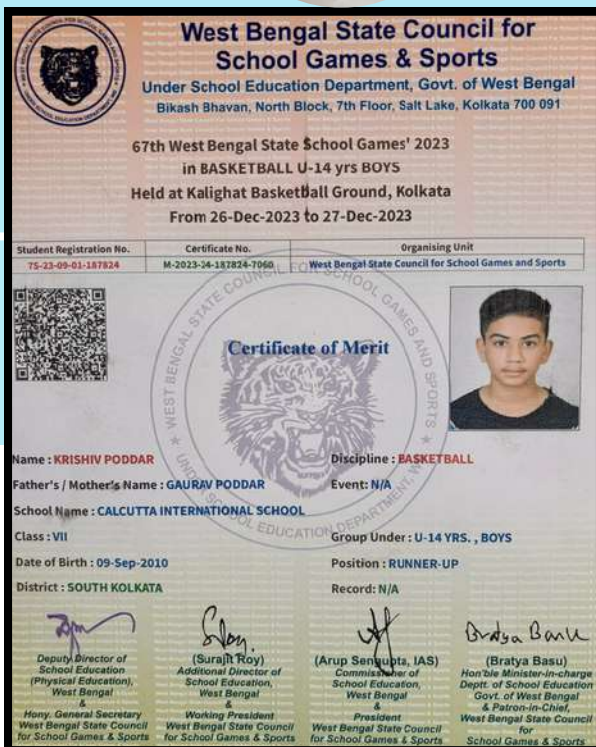
Students' Achievements



Agastya Chanda of grade 7 has received the silver award for his participation in the Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition for his essay, 'What is your youthful superpower, and how can it make a positive difference to the world?' Congratulations, Agastya!



Alveena Fatima Jawade of grade 7B had participated in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society in the month of July 2023 and has been awarded the Bronze Award for her essay. Congratulations Alveena!



Krishiv Poddar of grade 7, participated in the Under 14 State School Basketball Championship that was held from 19th-21st December in Kolkata. The team, which Krishiv was a part of, achieved the remarkable feat of being the Runners up in their category of Under 14 boys. This is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and teamwork.

In addition to this achievement, Krishiv's individual talent was recognised during the trials for the State School Games. He was selected to represent West Bengal in the Nationals, a great honor for any young athlete. His performance in the district level and selection for the state-level trials are clear indicators of his potential as a budding athlete. With his determination and talent, there is no doubt that Krishiv will continue to make his mark in the world of sports.

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Kusharko Mukhopadhyay of grade 8 participated in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2023, constituted by the Royal Commonwealth Society, and has won the Silver Award. He has also successfully cleared the DELF Junior recently! Congratulations, Kusharko!



Parth Narayan Sahgal of grade 7 recently participated in the Junior Quiz 2023, held by Tollygunge Club in which he achieved the first position amidst a series of competitors. Congratulations, Parth!



Rena Tara Phookan successfully published her book, "Ink and Dreams: Teenage Musings." The meticulous process of crafting her poetry book resembled a methodical exploration, delving into the intricacies of her soul and intellect. Each verse meticulously unveiled personal insights, while corrections contributed to an evolving journey of self-discovery. Beyond the mere construction of phrases, this endeavor encapsulated an interplay with her innermost thoughts, spanning the preceding three years. Collaborating with Notion Press, the publishing journey commenced in November '23, culminating on January 4th, '24, with the release of a collection featuring 13 poems. These compositions captured pivotal moments in her life, conceived during the lockdown period.




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ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE FOR SAMMAGNAH BARDHAN

In June 2023 Sammagناه Bardhan participated in The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2023 and his entry received a Gold Award amidst a record breaking number of 34,924 entries from 50 Commonwealth countries which were submitted. Sammagناه participated in the Junior Category and he chose to write on the topic 'You have been stranded on a planet where everyone is 18 or under. Journal your experience,' which he titled 'The Ambassadors of Change.'

Sammagnah's short film 'Be the Change' was declared the winning film in the Junior category of a contest organised by Earth Day Network, 11th edition of Earth reel on Earth Day, in association with Bichitra Pathshala. Sammagناه chose to create a short film on the topic: Environmental Consciousness. Six films were shortlisted in the Junior category judged by environmentalists, eminent film and Sammagناه's was considered the top film! Well done, Sammagناه!



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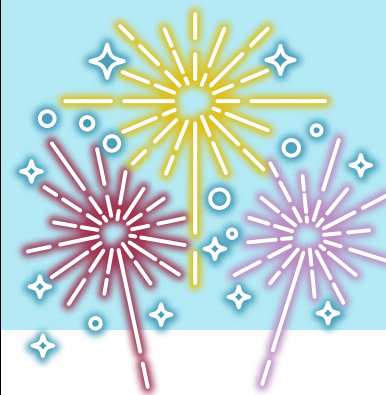
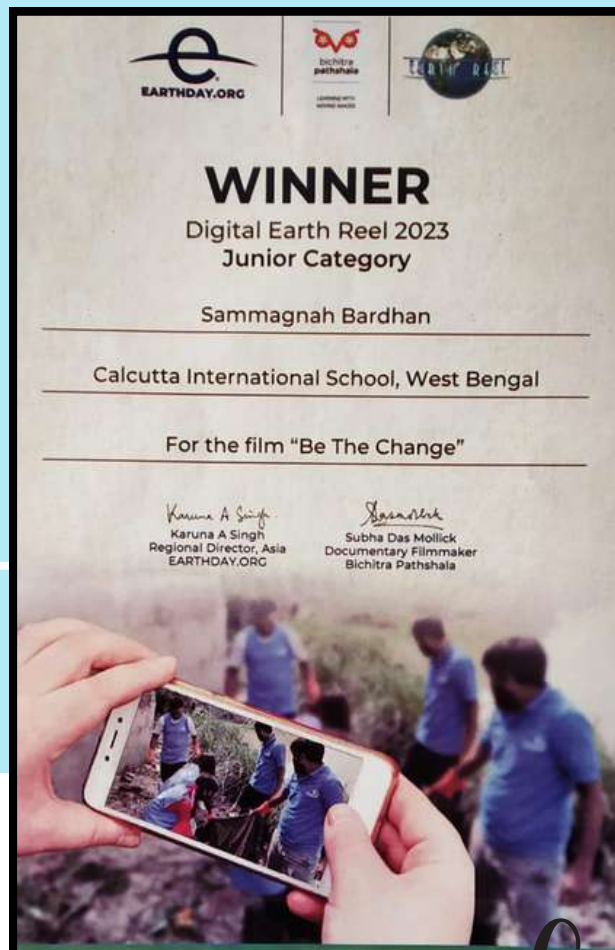
The Jury of Digital Earth Reel 2023 organised by Earth Day Network-India and Bichitra Pathshala have chosen the winners after much deliberation. We thank our distinguished jury panel of environmentalists, eminent film and documentary makers Gautam Bose, Ranu Ghosh and Archan Mitra for choosing the winners amongst the 6 films shortlisted in the Junior category (up to and including Class VIII) and 10 films shortlisted in the Senior category, Class IX and above.

The 11th edition of Digital Earth Reel 2023 was launched on Earth Day, April 22 by Earth Day Network-India, and Bichitra Pathshala. Digital Earth Reel is a research cum film-making competition on environment-related issues for students aged 10-21 years. We invited youth to make a video of less than 5 minutes of how we can #InvestInOurPlanet and win exciting prizes and certificates.

The winning film in the Junior category is Be The Change made by Sammagناه Bardhan of Calcutta International School, West Bengal.

2nd prize goes to the animation film, The Change, made by Aditya Kumar, Anirbed Das, Aryana Pal, Anushka Das, and Ritija Pal of The Heritage School, Kolkata, West Bengal.

3rd prize won by Eco Warriors made by Herat Kotecha and Rishant Mehta of Delhi Public School Jamnagar, Gujarat.



Congrats!

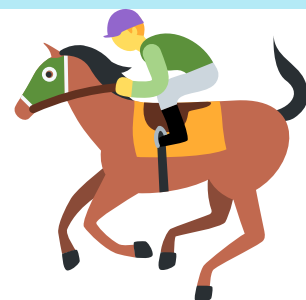
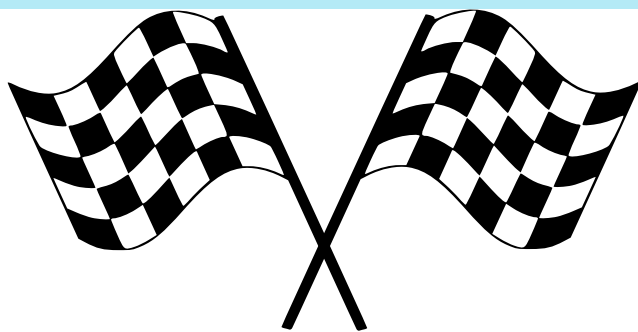
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Shaarvil Goenka, of grade 6, has made his mark in the world of Taekwondo by clinching the Gold medal in Sparring and Bronze in Poomsae at the prestigious 4th AOT CUP open International Taekwondo Championship. The championship, which took place on the 25th and 26th of November 2023, consisted of participants from talented individuals from across the globe, making it a truly international event. Organised by the Sportisa Association of India, the championship provided a platform for athletes to showcase their skills and compete at the highest level.

Congratulations to Shaarvil on his exceptional performance, and we look forward to witnessing more of his triumphs in the future.



Equestrian Junior Nationals, 2023 held at Bangalore in December. This is his 4th time at Junior Nationals over the years and he participated in the Show jumping competition with his new horse Fire Baby. Together they cleared the first round (59 secs) and in the second round, they finished in 47.3 secs which is his personal best. Congratulations, Siddharth!



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EASTERN INDIA EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

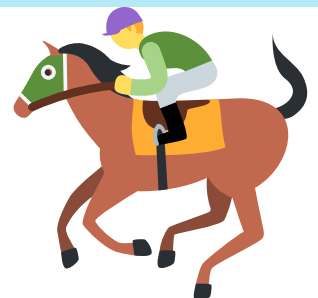
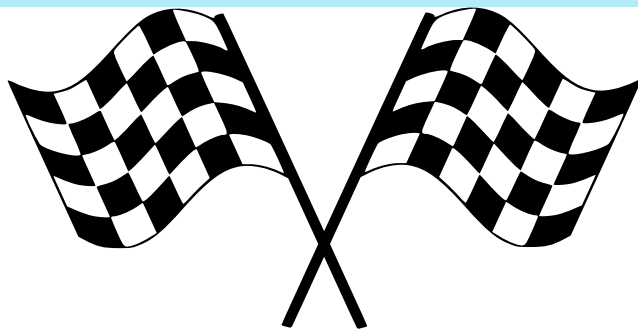
Join us for a weekend filled with excitement, entertainment and fun for all the family!

-  Saturday 17th Feb, 8am – 3pm
Sunday 18th Feb, 7am – 5pm
-  The Tollygunge Club Stables and 7th Tank



Prize Giving Ceremony :
Sunday 18th, 4:30 pm at the 7th Tank

**Don't miss out on this exciting event!
Open to all members and their guests**



Students' Achievements



Swaralipi Banerjee participated in a 2 km virtual run on the occasion of Army Day conducted by Green Fit Sports. Congratulations, Swaralipi!



Viren and Viraj Chakrabarty
Raise the Dust
Viraj Chakrabarti of Grade 9 and Viren Chakrabarti of grade 6 successfully completed a 10 km run organised by Hindustan Club, titled 'Raise the Dust'.

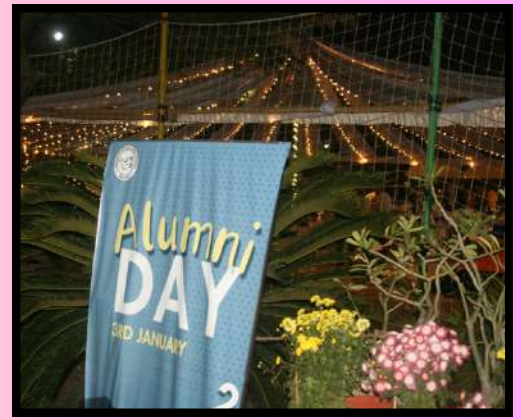
Budding Authors

Overleaf Books LLP organized an Inter-school National level Writing Bee competition. It was an opportunity for students from Grades 6 to 8 to showcase their writing skills and become published authors. The competition was conducted in three phases from September to November 2023 and CIS had nine students who registered and submitted their stories.

The selection process involved a voting system, allowing the students' work to be evaluated and shortlisted. Ultimately, winners were chosen based on their exceptional writing abilities. As a reward for their efforts, all participating students were presented with certificates of participation and copies of their published books.



Alumni Day 2024



The Alumni Day at Calcutta International School was a joyous occasion that brought together former students, teachers, and current students to celebrate the rich legacy and enduring connections of our institution. The event was filled with nostalgia, camaraderie, and a sense of pride as alumni from various graduating classes reunited to reminisce about their school days and reconnect with old friends and teachers.



We were joined by 213 alumni and 23 ex teachers of the school. The afternoon started with interactive sessions with students and teachers. These sessions provided valuable opportunities for networking, mentorship, and knowledge exchange. The alumni revisited their old classrooms, corridors, and favorite spots around the school campus. This evoked fond memories and nostalgic moments. The formal event commenced with a warm welcome address by Mrs. Servaia, the Principal of the senior school who expressed gratitude to all the alumni for their continued support and contributions to the school community. The principal highlighted the importance of alumni involvement in shaping the future of the school and fostering a sense of belonging among past and present students.

The Alumni Day was a resounding success, fostering a sense of unity, pride, and belonging among all attendees. It served as a reminder of the enduring bonds that connect past and present members of the CIS family and the shared values that continue to define our school community. As we look forward to the future, we remain committed to nurturing these connections and strengthening our ties with our alumni, who are an integral part of our school's legacy and heritage.

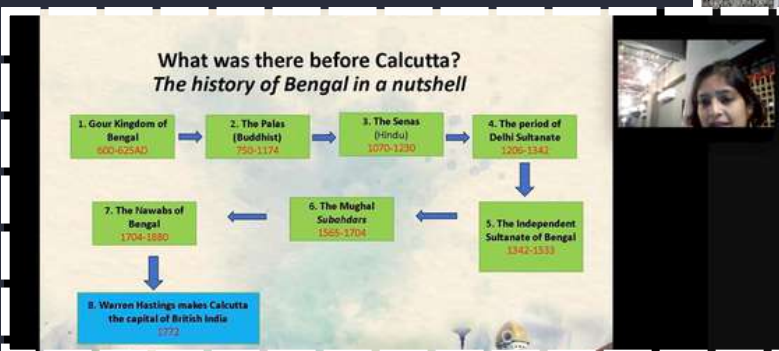
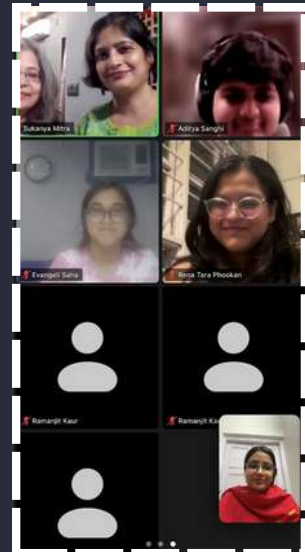




Teachers' Activity

Collaboration between India Heritage And Humanities Department (History):

History students of Grades 11 (A Levels and IBDP) Aurni Sarkar, Ruhani Duttgupta, Rena Tara Phookan, Aditya Sanghi and Evangeli Saha, participated in a series of sessions and a Heritage Walk after which they submitted essays as part of the collaboration. India Heritage offered the students valuable insights into the history of Kolkata. Online sessions conducted by Dr. Sukanya Mitra began the first part of the course, which very coherently charted the origin of the city and dealt with various nuances of the colonial age. For the second part, students participated in an enriching Heritage Walk conducted by Mrs. Navpreet Arora, which provided them with a valuable experience of the different historical sites of Kolkata. The Walk took students to the General Post Office, Writers Building, Currency Building, and St. John's Church among other important sites. For the final session, students submitted essays based on their sessions with Dr. Mitra and their takeaways from the Walk. After submission, they also received certificates from India Heritage Awards Scheme.



Chemistry

The primary goal of this project was to create informative posters using newspaper articles to raise awareness about various water-borne diseases. By highlighting real-life incidents, the students aimed to educate the community on the importance of water hygiene and promote preventive measures.

The children identified and research prevalent water-borne diseases such as cholera, typhoid, dysentery, etc. and gathered statistics and real-life incidents related to these diseases.

They also scanned local newspapers for articles and reports on water-borne diseases. They developed a visually appealing poster layout that incorporates selected newspaper articles and utilised graphics, headlines, and quotes to capture attention and convey key messages.



Through the amalgamation of real-life incidents and visually compelling designs, this project aimed to create a meaningful impact on the awareness and understanding of water-borne diseases. By utilising newspapers as a source of information, the children strived to engage the community in a proactive dialogue about the importance of clean water practices for overall well-being.

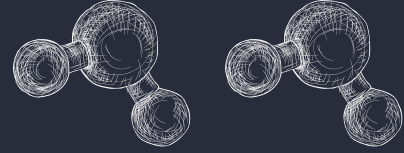
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Physics made Fun!

Grade 8B

The chapter 'Heat transfer' was revised using a board game as an activity conducted by Mrs Tania Ghosh with Grade 8B students. Students were given clues and were asked to play by the rules of the game and retelling the various specifics of certain heat transfer processes, aided in auditory learning.

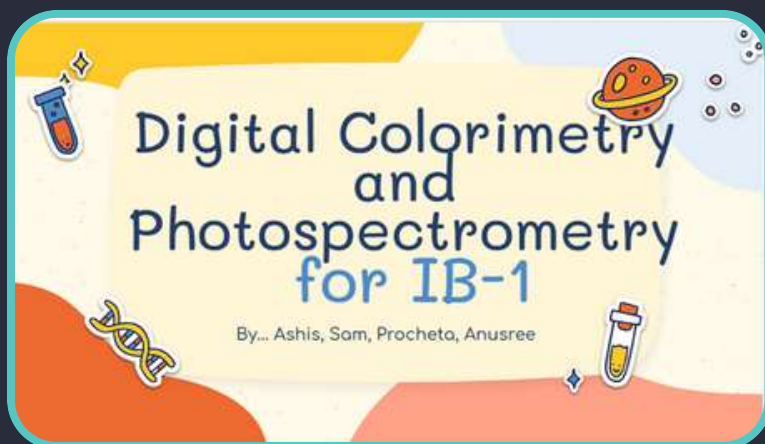


Grade 9B

Grade 9B students were taught the concept of Centre of Mass and Stability through the process of 'learning by doing' initiated by Mrs Tania Ghosh. Students tried to create as many stable structures as possible using uniform wooden cubes. They learned how the centre of mass has to be aligned to the structure as a whole to make it stable while some fundamentals of architecture were also discussed.



Peer Teaching conducted between A2 Physics and IBDP Year-I Biology Students



In the ever-evolving landscape of scientific inquiry, the intersection of physics and biology has become a fertile ground for innovation and discovery. One such collaborative venture has emerged through the joint efforts of students of Physics of A2 and students of Biology of IBDP Year I, who explored the realms of colorimetry and photo spectrometry, an area that lies at the crossroads of their respective disciplines.

Photo spectrometry, the study of interactions between light and matter, finds applications across physics and biology, from understanding the electronic structure of molecules to unraveling the intricacies of photosynthesis. Colorimetry, the science of measuring and describing colors, is a field that seamlessly connects physics and biology. This interdisciplinary collaboration is particularly evident in the study of color perception and the underlying physiological and physical mechanisms that govern it.

The physics students of A2 conducted a lesson for IB1 Biology students to explain the connection between Physics and Biology in the realms of Photospectrometry, the study of interactions between light and matter and Colorimetry, the science of measuring and describing colors, The physics students brought their knowledge of the electromagnetic spectrum, optics, and the principles of spectroscopy to the table. They contributed to the understanding of sophisticated instruments, such as colorimeters, spectrometers and photodetectors, ensuring precision and accuracy in capturing spectral data. Their insights into the physics of light-matter interactions lay foundation for experimental design for the Biology students. Live demonstration of the colorimeter was shown during the lesson.

GREEN THUMBS AND COLLABORATIVE LEARNING!



The Grade 7 Vegetable Garden Sharing Session proved to be an enlightening and inspiring event, where budding horticulturists showcased their green thumbs and shared the fruits of their labor. As we gathered in the vibrant school courtyard, an atmosphere of excitement and curiosity filled the air.

The students took center stage, proudly presenting their work. From chillies to leafy greens, the variety of crops showcased the students' dedication to cultivating a diverse and healthy harvest. The presentations delved into the details of their gardening journey, including the types of vegetables grown, innovative gardening techniques employed, and the lessons learned through the process.

Visual aids, ranging from vivid photographs capturing the growth stages of their plants to hand-drawn diagrams illustrating garden layouts, provided a visual feast for the audience. Some students even brought in small samples of their produce, allowing their peers to experience the literal fruits of their labor.



The question and answer session that followed each presentation was a dynamic exchange of ideas. Students enthusiastically shared insights, tips, and anecdotes from their gardening adventures.

Garden journaling was introduced as a way to encourage reflection and documentation of the gardening experience. The students embraced the idea, expressing eagerness to chronicle their ongoing journeys and share their progress with their peers.

The collaborative garden planning project between grades 4,7 and IB1 stirred the students' creativity and teamwork. As they huddled together, ideas flowed freely, and plans were drawn for a communal garden space within the school grounds. The project not only fostered a sense of responsibility but also sowed the seeds of a shared commitment to sustainable living.

