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Newsletter

Events in May - June



2.5.25 - Math Science Quiz Grades 1 and 2

5.5.25 - Prize distribution Grades 1-3

6.5.25 - Prize Distribution Grades 4 and 5

**7.5.25 - Prize distribution for Outstanding Student of Junior School
and Farewell for Grades 5 Batch of 2024-25.**

8.5.25 - Rabindra Jayanti Celebrations

9.5.25 - Class Party Grades Pre- Nursery -5

9.5.25 - Last working day before Summer Vacations

10.6.25 - School reopens for teachers

18.6.25 - School reopens for students

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Shabeeha Ahmed to our school community as a Junior School English Teacher. With her passion for language and commitment to nurturing young minds, we look forward to the positive impact she will have on our students.

Here's to a wonderful journey of learning and growth together!



Exploring the World of Community Helpers – Grade Pre-Nursery

Primary Section

As part of their thematic learning, our curious learners of Grade Pre-Nursery embarked on a delightful journey to explore the world of Community Helpers. The topic was introduced through real-life interactions with the people who help keep our school running smoothly every day. We were proud to welcome our school's very own community helpers—the security guard, gardener, plumber, electrician and the Didis of the respective sections. Each of them shared insights into their roles, explained the tools they use and spoke about how they contribute to our everyday safety and comfort. The little ones expressed their gratitude by presenting hand-made thank you cards, bringing wide smiles to the faces of our special guests.

To deepen this learning experience, we invited parents who themselves are community helpers in society. We were honoured to have Mrs. Didwania, a dentist and mother of Rivika from Grade Pre-Nursery A, visit our class. She led an informative and engaging session on oral hygiene. The students were fascinated as she demonstrated the proper way to brush teeth and explained the importance of a healthy diet. An interactive activity helped students identify what keeps teeth healthy or makes them unhealthy. The session concluded with a joyful colouring activity that allowed students to creatively reflect on their learning.



Grade Pre Nursery A students presenting gratitude cards to the community helpers



Grade Pre Nursery students dressed up as Community Helpers

Continuing with the series of interactive sessions, we were thrilled to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Wanchoo, parents of Aara – Grade Pre Nursery B. Mr. Wanchoo, a Pilot with Air India, captivated the students with stories from the sky! He shared his responsibilities as a pilot and showed thrilling videos of airplanes taking off, landing and views from inside the cockpit. The students were fascinated by the pictures of different aircrafts and were amazed to learn how pilots navigate in challenging conditions. Their wide-eyed wonder at the aerial views of clouds and landscapes was truly heartwarming. We sincerely thanked the parents for this memorable and enriching experience.

In an inspiring initiative to extend their learning beyond the classroom, parents were encouraged to help their child present gratitude cards to community helpers within their neighbourhood. During a special sharing session, pictures of students proudly handing out their gratitude cards were showcased on the big screen. Each child had the opportunity to speak about their chosen community helper, confidently sharing who they thanked and why. Their enthusiasm and pride were commendable!

The culmination of this enriching journey was our Community Helper Celebration Day! The classroom buzzed with excitement as our young learners arrived dressed in creative and thoughtful costumes—bringing to life a wide variety of community helpers. We had little vegetable vendors carefully arranging their baskets, postmen with letters ready for delivery, garbage collectors wearing gloves and carrying bins, astronauts proudly talking about space missions, gardeners with watering cans, vets with toy animals in hand, and delivery personnel holding mini parcels. From tiny stethoscopes to little pilot caps, the costumes and presentations were full of charm and creativity. Each student took the centerstage to share a few lines about the role they were portraying, explaining what they do and how they help the community. The pride and confidence with which they spoke was endearing, and the celebration beautifully reflected the student's growing understanding and appreciation of those who make our world a better place to live in every day.



Grade Pre Nursery B students presenting gratitude cards to the community helpers



The gardener, electrician, plumber and security guard talking about their roles and duties they perform in school



Friendly Basketball Match

Junior Section



In a thrilling display of sportsmanship and skill, the CIS Junior School basketball teams—both Boys and Girls—faced off against Saint Montfort School in a friendly match on 25th and 27th March 2025 that showcased the essence of teamwork and determination. The game, marked by fierce competition, brought out the best in both schools as players pushed their limits to excel on the court.

From the opening whistle to the final buzzer, the teams demonstrated remarkable synergy and resilience. Each pass, shot, and defensive move reflected hours of practice and a deep commitment to their sport. The spectators were treated to an exciting game, with moments of individual brilliance complementing the collective efforts of the teams.

Players from both schools showed respect for one another, fostering a positive environment that underscored the true purpose of friendly matches—to build camaraderie and mutual respect.



Manjari

Junior section

The Junior Section of Calcutta International School proudly hosted its Annual Vernacular Language Event – Manjari: A Bouquet of Expressions – on March 27th and 28th, 2025. This much-awaited public speaking event showcased a vibrant array of activities and oral presentations, including storytelling, monologues, extemporaneous speaking, recitation, and show and tell. The aim was to enhance students' confidence, sharpen their speaking skills, and deepen their appreciation for language.

Grade 1 students confidently stepped onto the stage to speak about My Favourite Toy, My Favourite Animal, or My Favourite Game, reflecting their growing self-assurance and communication skills. The Bengali students from Grades 1 and 2, along with the Hindi students of Grade 2, thoughtfully spoke about a season of their choice—sharing what they enjoy most about it, its benefits, and how it influences our daily lives. It was truly a joy to witness these young learners articulate their thoughts with such clarity, poise, and expressive voices.

Grade 3 students, from both the Bengali and Hindi sections, emerged as captivating storytellers as they narrated folktales rooted in their own cultures as well as from around the world—each carrying meaningful moral lessons. Their expressive delivery, engaging presence, and storytelling finesse held the audience spellbound.

For Grade 4 students, the spotlight was on recitation, with a focus on celebrated poets from both the Bengali and Hindi literary traditions. The judges were impressed by the students' clear pronunciation, expressive delivery, and ability to bring each poem to life with confidence and poise.

The Just a Minute event for the Grade 5 students provided a fitting finale to the occasion. The Bengali and Hindi students delivered short, impromptu speeches on topics assigned by their teachers, demonstrating their confidence and distinctive styles of narration. This engaging activity aimed to encourage learners to express themselves in their mother tongue while enhancing their ability to converse fluently and with ease.

The selected Core Hindi learners, who have been studying the language over the past couple of years, impressed the audience with their budding language skills. They spoke about their favourite seasons, recited age-appropriate poems, and delivered brief speeches on assigned topics. Their confident participation stood as a testament to their dedication and reflected the remarkable progress they've made on their language learning journey.



MANJARI WINNERS - HINDI

Grade 1

1st - Atharv Gupta
2nd - Siaraa Narula
2nd - Prisha Hada
3rd - Pravar Nahata

Grade 2

1st - Aisha Bansal
2nd - Diya Agarwal
3rd - Diya Singhvi
3rd - Saanvi Ruia

Grade 3

1st - Tanushree Saraff
2nd - Yuvaan Bhutoria
3rd - Maisha Agarwal

Grade 4

1st - Sanay Parasrampurua
2nd - Tamanna Bhutoria
3rd - Saishaa Narula

Grade 5

1st - Inaara Johar
2nd - Avyukt Agarwal
3rd - Shivaanshi Jain



MANJARI WINNERS - BENGALI

Grades 1 & 2

1st - Ishanjit Dawn
2nd - Amayra Roy
3rd - Arjav Goswami

Grade 3

1st - Pratham Pal
1st - Shayak Ghosh
2nd - Samarth Sanyal
3rd - Meher Bose

Grade 4

1st - Ripanshi Dutta
1st - Tara Mazumder
2nd - Aaryan Roy
3rd - Ronin Vernon Sanket

Grade 5

1st - Samaita Praharaj
2nd - Ayan Chakravarti
3rd - Aditya Chakravarti



The judges applauded the finalists for their creativity, confident delivery, stage presence, and poise. They remarked that the event offered valuable exposure to vernacular languages and provided students with a meaningful platform to express their thoughts on a wide range of topics.

For Bengali, the judging panel comprised Mrs. Antara Banerjee, Math and ICT Coordinator, and Mr. Abhijit Roy, a passionate linguist and Spanish teacher at CIS, who evaluated students from Grades 1 and 2. Students from Grades 3 to 5 were judged by Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar, Primary Section Head, and Mrs. Dipannita Dasgupta, Admissions Officer at CIS.

For Hindi, an experienced panel of language teachers assessed the learners at every step of their performance. Grades 1 to 3 were judged by Mrs. Radhika Dhanuka and Mrs. Suman Dhanuka, while Grades 4 and 5 were evaluated by Mrs. Tinku Yadav and Mrs. Soni Jha. A standout moment of the event was the engaging interaction between students and judges, particularly when Mrs. Soni Jha engaged learners with questions on their chosen topics, sparking thoughtful responses and reflections. It was a wonderful learning opportunity as students listened to the judges' feedback and gained insights from their perspectives, enriching the overall experience.



The event would not have been possible without the dedicated Hindi and Bengali language teachers, who seamlessly hosted the proceedings. They introduced each segment with captivating narration, engaging stories about their learners, adding depth and charm to the overall experience.



The day concluded on an inspiring note as students received well-deserved recognition for their enthusiastic participation and dedication. Mrs. Neelam Choudhary, Junior Section Head, congratulated the young performers and encouraged them to take pride in the languages they are learning. Mrs. Sushmita Ray, Language Coordinator, extended heartfelt thanks to the judges for their valuable insights and expressed deep appreciation for every team member who contributed to making the event a success.

It was indeed a proud and fulfilling moment for the Junior School's Language Department.

School Flag with New Logo

The morning of 29th March 2025, marked a proud moment for our school community as the newly designed school flags were unveiled at the main gate. Featuring the refreshed school logo, the flags now stand tall and vibrant, symbolizing our values, identity, and commitment to growth. As they flutter in the breeze, the flags serve as a daily reminder of unity, pride, and the bright future ahead.



Cambridge Schools Conference South Asia 2025.

Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Principal-Junior School, attended the Cambridge Schools Conference South Asia 2025 in Delhi from 26th - 29th March 2025.



Interhouse Yoga Competition

-Grades 3 to 5

Junior section

The Inter House Yoga Competition for Grades 3 to 5 was held in April with great enthusiasm and energy. Dressed smartly in their PE uniforms, students demonstrated a variety of asanas with poise and dedication. Yoga, an essential component of our PE curriculum, is known to enhance fitness, focus, and emotional well-being in children.

Asanas such as Ardha Kurmasana, Ardha Halasana, Vrikshasana, Janushirasana with Paschimottanasana and Trikonasana were performed with confidence. Participants were assessed on key skills including balance, execution, flexibility, posture, and knowledge of the asanas.

After a spirited display of yoga skills, Green House was declared the Winner, while Yellow House secured the position of Runners-up. The event highlighted not only physical strength but also mindfulness, discipline, and a healthy competitive spirit among the students.



Sensitization Programme for ECA Coaches on Neurodiverse Students

Junior section

On 3rd April 2025, the SEN department hosted an impactful session on Neurodiversity with the ECA coaches. The primary goal of the session was to raise awareness and promote integration of inclusive practices with extra curricular activities (ECA) programmes.

The collaborative session brought together the Special Educators and the coaches to ensure students with diverse needs are fully supported to engage in a broad range of activities. The coaches were introduced to the concept of neurodiversity while the SEN department provided an overview of neurodiversity and other common special educational needs, explaining how these can impact students' engagement in ECA activities. Some inclusive strategies were shared with the coaches, including practical tips for modifying activities to better accommodate students. These strategies involved simplifying instructions, offering visual aids to ensure clarity and ease of participation.

The session concluded with an emphasis on the importance of clear communication between the ECA and the SEN department to ensure this ongoing collaboration is essential in ensuring the students receive the support they need both in the classroom and during the extracurricular activities.



VIP of the Day: Celebrating Our Little Stars!

Primary section

In Grade Upper Nursery, we believe every child is special and our VIP of the Day is a way to celebrate their uniqueness, talents, and passions. Each week, four students from each section are chosen as the Very Important People of the class.

As VIPs, they get a special moment to shine—bringing in colourful charts, sharing about themselves, and showcasing their talents in creative ways. Their parents get to be a part of this memorable experience too making it a heartwarming collaboration between school and home.

Through VIP of the Day, we encourage every learner to express themselves, build confidence, and feel celebrated. It's a joyful way to appreciate each little star in the class.

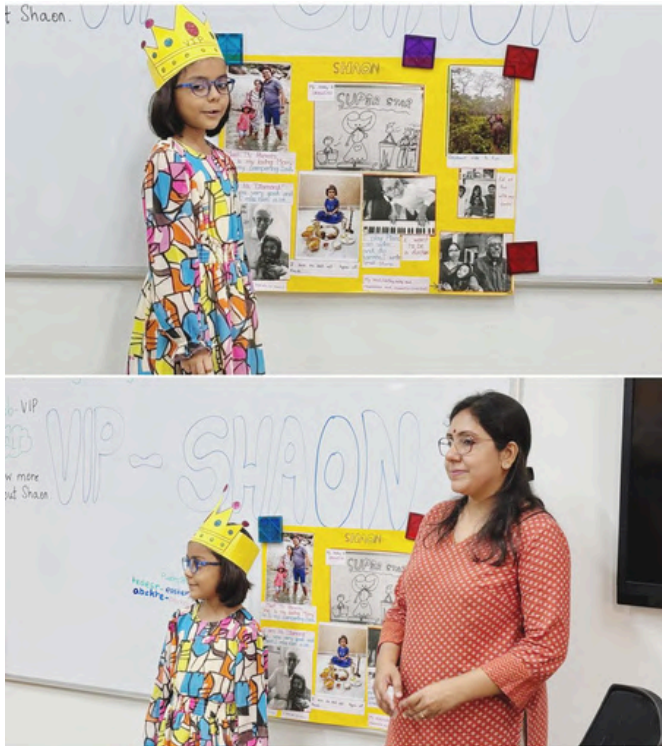
Upper Nursery A



Atharv Jeloka delivered a lively presentation and impressively combined skating with basketball dribbling.



Amara Halwasiya showcased her creativity through a keyboard performance, a display of her artwork and a paper quilling activity.



Shaon Mitra captivated the audience by reading an original story she had written and engaging her peers with thoughtful questions.



Sara Kothari showcased her karate skills and shared her likes and favourites with her peers.



Samayra Modi, with her mother, performed a skit delivering a meaningful message and displayed her basketball skills.



Riyana Roy displayed her Bharatanatyam and gymnastic skills, while also engaging her peers in a compliment-sharing game.



Reyansh Saha impressed everyone with his culinary skills and shared his memories about his former school in Canada.



Reyaansh Seksaria mesmerized everyone with his brilliant moves in a friendly game of chess against his classmate.



Nirvi Mondal performed her dance piece with grace and elegance, captivating everyone with her expressions and sense of rhythm.



Paaridhi Mukherjee Ghosh narrated a story with confidence and danced gracefully to the rhythm of the song.



Navicka Agarwal's kathak performance, accompanied by her melodious singing, left her classmates spellbound.



Kiyaan Jain demonstrated well-coordinated karate moves and proudly showcased his unique drawing skills involving letters.



Ishaan Kankaria impressed his friends with his drumming skills and heartfelt presentation of his journey.



Jeeshna Agarwal led an engaging quiz session that involved all her classmates and recited shlokas with love and devotion.



Everyone was bowled over by Hrid Kolay’s cricket moves, keen understanding, and love for the game.



Hua Shou Yangzin Hsiung presented his chart and shared his passion for animals. He confidently read a story to his friends.



Dev Manaksia, with his mother’s help, created a vibrant and playful chart that offered a glimpse into his world.



Ayaan Poddar eagerly presented his chart, sharing details about his life and family.



Veer presented his chart and read a book, while his father, Mr. Agarwal, entertained us with a few magic tricks.



Veer Agarwal presented his chart, demonstrated football strategies, and entertained peers with games like riddles and Wordle.



Shivika Bagri shared her life journey through a chart and performed an original song she composed, accompanied by her father, Mr. Bagri, on the guitar.



Ved Vardhan Birla confidently presented his chart, followed by a narration of a self-composed, rhyming story, accompanied by his father.

Upper Nursery B



Anisha Mohta impressed the audience with a cartwheel and demonstrated a fascinating invisible ink experiment, revealing lemon juice writing by applying heat.



Ahaan Jalan conducted engaging science experiments and actively involved his peers in an interactive and hands-on learning session.



Angad Tewari impressed all with his skating tricks using a hula hoop and later led his peers in a creative fabric printing activity using the tie-and-dye technique.



Arham Gupta presented his life journey through a visual chart and invited his peers to join in an engaging game of cricket.



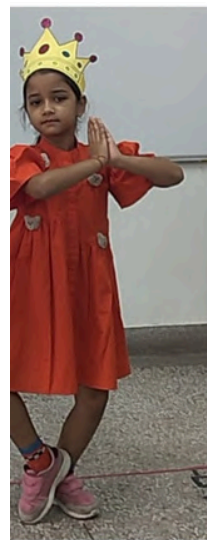
Atharv Tulsyan engaged the audience with his expressive narration of 'The Hen Who Laid Golden Eggs,' using props to enhance the storytelling.



Avyay Kumar Agrawal, along with his father, explained why plastic is an "evil necessity" and how we can recycle it, shared his love for identifying flags of different countries and conducted a science experiment.



Ekanshi Fogla amazed the audience with her graceful gymnastic moves and captivating hula hoop dance.



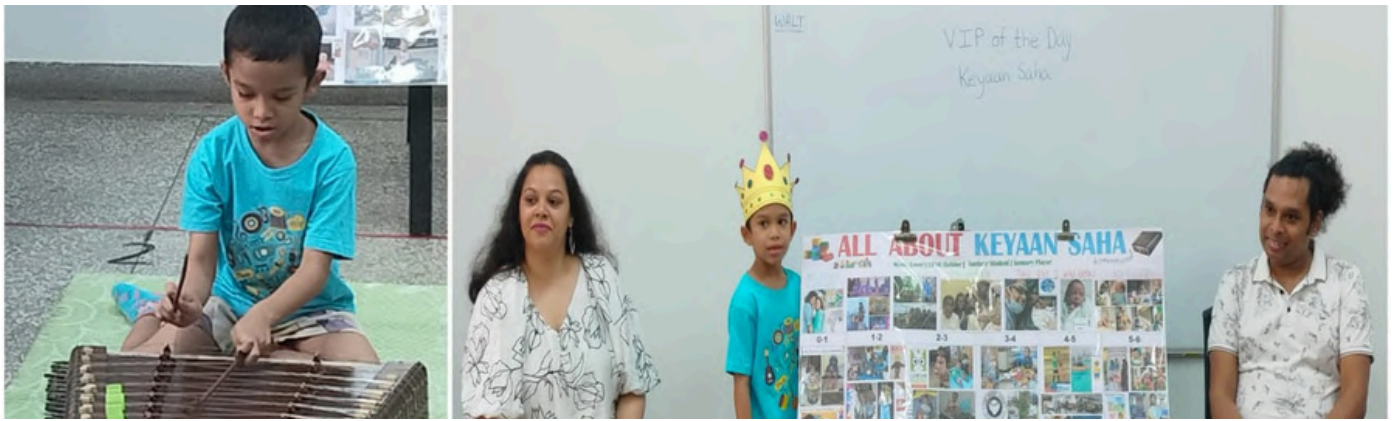
Kaira Agarwal captivated the audience with her graceful dance movements and expressive performance.



Krishiv Jain creatively illustrated objects using the letters of his name and confidently showcased his karate moves.



Ashvi Bansal shared her passion for trekking, inspired by her father, and captivated everyone with a melodious song.



Keyaan Saha shared his passion for LEGO by showcasing his band members made from LEGO blocks and mesmerized the audience with his Santoor recital.



Krishn Jhunjunwala showed his friends how to trace their hands and create a dinosaur puppet.



Krishvi Dhanuka impressed the audience with a beautiful medley of melodious songs.



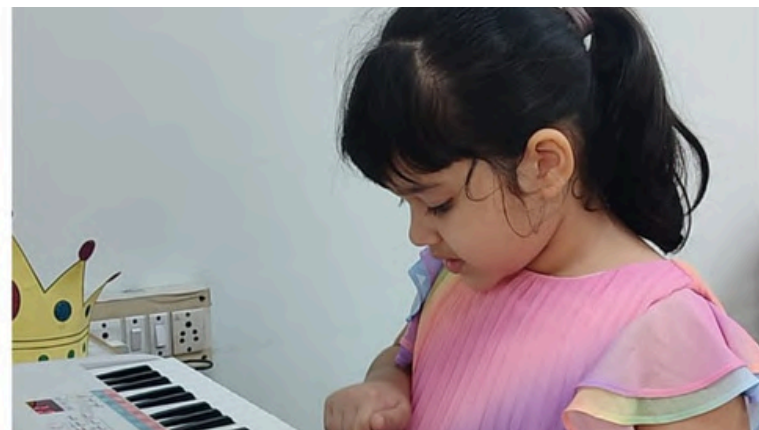
Moksh Sureka played the guitar and taught his friends how to make a paper boat using origami.



Parisa Neveah Yonzone demonstrated her flexibility through yoga poses and danced gracefully to a song.



Sanvika Kathotia stunned the audience with her incredible dance performance, skillfully using two hula hoops simultaneously.



Sohini Goenka engaged her friends by playing the synthesizer and conducting science experiments.



Veer Dugar displayed his artworks and taught his friends how to create simple animations by drawing on two pages and flipping them quickly.



Aayra Jeloka impressed the audience by performing a skating routine, followed by a graceful Kathak dance and a melodious singing performance.



Iroha Ito showed her love for art by sharing her beautiful paintings, and also delighted us by playing a melody on the synthesizer.



Kabir Kothari impressed the audience with his headstand and dynamic karate moves.

Counsellors session with Upper Nursery

Primary section

School Counsellor, Mrs. Farishta Dastur Mukerji conducted a classroom session with students of Grade Upper Nursery A on 21st April 2025. The session focussed on discussing behaviours that may be considered as 'Bullying,' and which may hurt others' feelings. The impacts of bullying behaviours was elicited by the students. They shared very candidly about their feelings and thoughts. The process of reporting when a student feels uncomfortable during the time spent in school was also discussed.



Vision CIS - Ground Breaking Ceremony - Celebrating Our Journey — Past, Present, and Future

Calcutta International School (CIS), a cornerstone of international education in India since 1953, marked a significant milestone on 11th April, 2025, with the launch of Vision CIS—a transformative 50,000 sq. ft. infrastructure development initiative that promises to shape the next phase of its 71-year legacy.

Founded to serve the educational needs of expatriate families, CIS has grown into a dynamic, student-centric institution committed to nurturing compassionate, capable global citizens. With the relocation to its EM Bypass campus in 2006, the school ushered in a new era of growth. Now, through Vision CIS, it takes yet another bold stride forward—redefining what it means to deliver excellence in education.

At the heart of Vision CIS lies the school's newly articulated vision and mission, which emphasize learner agency, peace education, and a strong sense of community. “This expansion is not only about adding physical space,” shared Junior School Principal, Mrs Pratima Nayar, “but also about creating an environment that sparks curiosity, fosters collaboration, and encourages resilience.” Senior School Principal, Mrs Tina Servaia added, “We aim to enrich the learning experience in every way and prepare our students for a future that values creativity and empathy.”



The groundbreaking event for Vision CIS was a joyful, community-wide celebration that united the entire CIS family. Students from Pre-Nursery to Grade 12, along with teachers, staff, and parents, gathered on campus to commemorate this historic moment. In a striking visual tribute, students came together on the field to form the letters “CIS,” symbolizing unity, school spirit, and a shared commitment to the institution’s mission. Echoing this powerful gesture, the teachers and staff joined hands to form the letters of the school, proudly demonstrating their solidarity and unwavering support for the vision ahead.



The celebration concluded with a heartfelt tree-planting ceremony, rich in symbolism and meaning. In a gesture representing continuity and hope, School Captain Evangeli Saha from the outgoing Class of 2025 planted a sapling and passed it to the youngest student at CIS, Yeshhaa A Goyal of Pre-Nursery B. This act beautifully illustrated the passing of values across generations and the nurturing of a bright, thriving future. Joining them in this meaningful act was Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar, the longest-serving member of the institution, Junior School faculty, and Primary Section Head, who has dedicated 35 years to CIS. Her presence served as a powerful reminder of the school's enduring legacy, deep-rooted commitment, and the care that has guided generations of learners through the decades.







This iconic moment was followed by the singing of the school song—an emotional tribute that brought the community together in voice and spirit.

True to its words:

Give a cheer for dear old CIS, the school belongs to you and me.....

Shout her name aloud and tell the world that there is no one who can top her, stop her....

The song echoed across the campus, capturing the pride, unity, and timeless spirit that define Calcutta International School.

A Community-Driven Vision.

CIS continues to distinguish itself with a governance model that places the community at its core. As a parent-run society, parents are more than stakeholders—they are active partners in shaping the school's direction. “This is a school built by its community, for its community,” affirmed the CIS Board. “Our guiding values are rooted in quality education, inclusivity, and the holistic development of every learner, not in profit.” As Vision CIS comes to life, the school remains deeply anchored in its founding values, while confidently embracing the future, committed to nurturing a generation of learners who lead with empathy, purpose, and resilience.

What’s Coming with Vision CIS

The new development will feature a host of facilities designed to support interdisciplinary learning and holistic development:

- A multi-purpose auditorium
- Over 20 new classrooms
- A modern, well-equipped library
- Additional state-of-the-art science laboratories
- A swimming pool

These additions will serve as flexible, student-centered spaces that encourage exploration in academics, the arts, athletics, and well-being.

