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Newsletter

Events in May 2024

Primary Section

6.5.24: Report Card Distribution for Grades Pre Nursery to Upper Nursery

9.5.24: Rabindra Jayanti Assembly

10.5.24: Class Party and Last Day of School before Summer Break

Junior Section

3.5.24: Math Science Quiz for Grades 1 and 2

6.5.24: The Great Debate

6.5.24: Outstanding Student Award Ceremony

6.5.24: Report Card Distribution for Grades 1 to 5

7.5.24: Kavad Katha - Storytelling session by Grade 4

8.5.24 - Rabindra Jayanti Celebration Grades 1 to 3

8.5.24: Grade 2 Fashion Show

9.5.24: Rabindra Jayanti Celebration Grades 4 and 5

9.5.24: Santoor Recital

10.5.24: Grade 5 Farewell

10.5.24: Class Party and Last Day of School before Summer Break

WELCOME TO THE CIS FAMILY

Anishka Musaddi - 1B

Ashna Musaddi - 4B



Events in June 2024

19.6.24: School Reopens for Grades Pre Nursery to 5

Community Helpers - Grade Pre Nursery

The students of Grade Pre-Nursery explored the theme of community helpers through a range of interactive activities and partnerships. They had the opportunity to meet various helpers from within the school on 4th April 2024, including the gardener, electrician, and plumber. These helpers visited the classroom with their tools, engaging the students meaningfully.



Additionally, two volunteers, Mr. and Mrs. Mukherjee, parents of Adyantika Mukherjee, facilitated a session where they discussed the vital role of doctors in the community on 12th April 2024. They shared insights into their professions and conducted a session on health and hygiene. The importance of hand washing, bathing, and regular brushing was emphasized, along with the need to avoid junk food and excessive screen time.



On 17th April 2024 another parent, Mr. Shib Banerjee, father of Aishani Banerjee who is a pilot, enlightened the students about his profession. He showed images of the cockpit, explaining its functionalities, and shared videos of landing procedures. The discussion extended to appropriate behavior in an aircraft, highlighting the importance of seat belts and the role of cabin crew.



The Pre-Nursery students engaged in a heartwarming activity where they crafted cards to express gratitude to the community helpers in their city. Infused with the values of caring, empathy, and understanding, the students went out to personally deliver these tokens of appreciation. This initiative not only highlighted the significance of recognizing and valuing the contributions of others but also served as a beautiful way to promote virtues like kindness and compassion within the community.



Grade Pre Nursery A

Grade Pre Nursery B

On 18th April 2024 the students dressed up as various community helpers and paraded through the corridors of the school receiving applause from fellow students and teachers, fostering a sense of pride and enjoyment.





Math Science Quiz - Grade Upper Nursery

Together everyone achieves more

The students of Grade Upper Nursery A and Upper Nursery B had their first Math Science Quiz on 18th and 19th April. The session encouraged the learners to discuss their ideas with their team members and strengthen their social bonds. The students were divided into 4 teams. Each of them got a turn to answer one question for their team. They participated enthusiastically in a Science and Math activity at the end of the first and second round respectively. It was an incredible exposure for the students and they did a fantastic job in all the rounds.



Math Activity



Science Activity



Students of Grade Upper Nursery A discussing and answering questions.



Math Activity



Science Activity



Students of Grade Upper Nursery B working together on the Science Activity.

THE WINNING TEAMS

Winning Team of Upper Nursery A:

Aarzu Bhutoria, Mishka Tulshan,
Moulik Chakraborty, Siya Poddar,
Avaan Jhunjhunwala and Viraj Jain.

Winning Team of Upper Nursery B:

Arkdeep Jaiswal, Gamyra Agarwal,
Darsh Bajaj, Veer Raj Kandoi,
Kabir Shahabadi and Aaryan Jain.



Winners of Grade Upper Nursery A



Winners of Grade Upper Nursery B

Santoor Recital - Primary Section

Kunal Saha, an accomplished Santoor virtuoso renowned for his versatility, recently conducted an enriching workshop titled "Santoor Solace" on Hindustani Classical Music for the Primary Section students on 22nd April, 2024. Notably, Mr. Saha, who is also the parent of Keyaan from Grade Nursery, captivated the young audience with his expertise on the intricacies of the Santoor, a traditional Kashmiri instrument distinguished by its plethora of strings.



Commencing the session with a soulful rendition of the Gayatri Mantra, a revered Hindu prayer, Mr. Saha proceeded to acquaint the students with Raag Megh, a pentatonic melody traditionally associated with the monsoon season. Furthermore, he elucidated upon the nuances of Raag Hansdhvani, a Carnatic raga seamlessly integrated into the Hindustani Classical repertoire, through a captivating recital.

Concluding the workshop on a melodious note, Mr. Saha treated the audience to a performance highlighting the enchanting essence of the Pahadi raga, evocative of the serene landscapes of the hills. Throughout the session, the students remained actively engaged, demonstrating their enthusiasm for and enjoyment of the workshop through their enthusiastic participation.

Earth Day Celebrations in the Primary Section

Students of Grade Pre Nursery celebrated Earth Week from 22nd April '24 to 26th April '24 with enthusiasm and creativity, engaging in various activities and discussions. Students of Pre Nursery A used recycled paper to create artwork themed around Earth, demonstrating their dedication to sustainability. Additionally, they actively participated in recycling efforts by utilizing the newly installed plastic recycling bins where they threw old used plastic bottles. The learners also had the opportunity to observe and learn about the recycling bins installed in the school, aiding in the separation of plastic, paper and other waste materials. They displayed their commitment to the environment by planting mustard seeds in homemade plastic planters. Meanwhile, students of Pre Nursery B showed eco-consciousness by making paper bags from reusing newspapers and scrap papers, strengthening their bond with nature.



Grade Pre Nursery A



Grade Pre Nursery B

Students and teachers of Grade Nursery A celebrated Earth Day on 22nd April, 2024. The young learners pledged to preserve the natural resources of our planet by following the three R's - Reduce Reuse and Recycle. They shared crafts and artwork made at home using reused materials. Students were confident during the class presentation.



Grade Nursery A

Students of Nursery B celebrated Earth Week from 22nd April '24 to 26th April '24. They made crafts using materials which can be recycled and reused. They shared the process and how they have been thoughtful enough to care about Mother Earth and reused things to make a lovely craft. They were mainly art pieces of a piggy bank, a pair of sandals, a house with painted ice cream sticks, a cloth bag from an old t-shirt, a dino plant and pencil stand with rolled paper.



Grade Nursery B

Prize Distribution of Grade Upper Nursery

It's time to celebrate the beginning of a bright future.

The Prize Distribution Ceremony for the batch of Upper Nursery 2023-24 was held in the Music Room on Friday, the 26th of April.

Students and teachers gathered to celebrate the journey of transition, bidding farewell to the cherished memories of three wonderful primary years. These years have been filled with joy, learning and unforgettable experiences. This day marked a significant milestone in the lives of the learners as they are now prepared to spread their wings and soar into the next chapter of the Junior Section.



Grade Upper Nursery A



Grade Upper Nursery B

From the first day of school, where as toddlers they stepped into their classrooms to the moments of triumph when they passed confidently through the corridors of knowledge, curiosity and friendship; they have bloomed every day.

We expressed our heartfelt congratulations to all the students of Upper Nursery.

The Prize Distribution Ceremony began with our Junior School Principal, Mrs. Pratima Nayar addressing the students and praising them for their achievements. The students of Grade Nursery presented beautiful cards to the excited learners of Grade Upper Nursery. The Winners of the Math Science Quiz were acknowledged for their brilliant performance followed by all the students receiving the Certificate of Participation for their first ever Math Science Quiz.



Performance by students of Grade Nursery

The Ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Pratima Nayar and Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar, the Primary Section Head and a mesmerizing performance by the learners of Grade Nursery.



Parent Visitor - Grade Nursery B



Mr Jhunjhunwala volunteered to narrate a heart warming story titled 'Sky Color' by Peter H Reynolds on the 23rd of April. He depicted a scene of the sky from the story and encouraged students to paint the different shades of the sky. The students thoroughly enjoyed this activity and created a lovely mural art.

Rabindra Jayanti Assembly - Primary Section

"Let your life lightly dance on the edges of time like dew on the tip of a leaf." – Rabindranath Tagore.

The Primary Section celebrated Kobiguru Rabindranath Tagore's 163rd birth anniversary on 9th May, 2024 in the Music Room. The emcees, Mrs. Das and Ms. Dey welcomed Mrs. P Nayar, Junior School Principal, Mrs. N. Choudhury, Junior Section Head, Mrs. S. Majumdar, the Primary Section Head, a special parent visitor, Mr. K. Saha, teachers and the students of the Primary Section. They enlightened the audience about the famous author, poet, composer, painter and freedom fighter.



Grade Pre Nursery A

Grade Pre Nursery B



The young learners of Grade Pre-Nursery A set up the spirit of the event with their cute performance on 'Poush toder daak diyeche.' Pre-Nursery B gracefully performed on 'Hare re re re.' Upper Nursery A brought in calming vibrations while singing 'Aakash bhora, surjo tara.' Grade Nursery B captivated the audience with their cheerful expressions on 'Aaye tobe sohochori.' Upper Nursery B delighted the audience with the song 'Amra Shobai Raja.' Grade Nursery A's dance on 'Momo Chitte' was graceful, showcasing grace and charm beyond their years.



Grade Nursery A

Grade Nursery B



Grade Upper Nursery A

Grade Upper Nursery B



Hrid Kolay of Nursery A recited 'Birpurush' with great confidence, filled with heartfelt emotion and a deep understanding of the verses. Nirvi Mondal's graceful dance on 'Phule Phule' mesmerized the audience. Everyone enjoyed Reyaansh Seksaria's enthusiastic delivery of 'Chuti.' Ishanjit Dawn of Upper Nursery B recited Tagore's 'Lukochuri' and brought the poem to life with great exuberance.



Hrid Kolay of Nursery A recited the poem - Birpurush



Nirvi Mondal of Nursery A performed a dance on Phule phule



Reyaansh Seksaria of Nursery A recited the poem - Chuti



Ishanjit Dawn of Upper Nursery B recited the poem - Lukochuri

Mrs. Nayar delivered her words of encouragement and a vote of thanks wishing everyone an enjoyable vacation. The event concluded with an elegant performance by teachers of the primary section on 'Mayabono biharini' followed by the National Anthem.

Library Quiz

For the first time in CIS, a Library quiz was conducted for the students of Grades 4 and 5 in the respective Library lessons in April. The learners were quizzed about books, authors and technical terms related to books and libraries. Children enjoyed participating in the quiz. It also brought the avid readers to the forefront. Others were also encouraged to read more story books. In Grade 4, Green House was the winner in both sections. In Grade 5A, the winner was Red House and in Grade 5B the winner was Yellow House





Earth Day Assembly

Learners of Grade 5A presented the SDG – 3: Good Health and Well being to the learners of the Junior section on the 24th of April, 2024. They used the ICT skills and worked in the lab to research on the topic and create the PPTs. It was an enriching collaborative experience for the Junior Section learners as they got insights to different topics like –

- Well being
- Importance of Exercise and Yoga
- Balanced diet
- Root causes of getting sick
- Some kinds of diseases



Grade 5A

The presentation ended with a Quiz which helped the learners recapitulate and apply the concepts they learnt with the help of the presentation. They also understood how we should save the resources our Earth provides us. In conclusion, the presentation highlighted that good health and well being are essential for a healthy and fulfilling life.

Learners of Grade 5B presented their PPTs to the learners of the Primary Section on the 25th of April, 2024. They used storyboards, rhymes, and informative slides to present the contents. The key points were presented in a clear and concise manner, making it easier to grasp the information. The content of the presentation was highly relevant to the audience, as good health and well being are important concerns. The presentation empowered the audience to take positive steps towards improving their health and well being.



Grade 5B

Reducing our Reliance on Plastic: A Step Towards Sustainability

19th of April, 2024, marked the beginning of our 'No Plastic Drive' at CIS, yet another initiative aimed at tackling the pressing issue of plastic pollution. Plastic pollution poses a significant threat to our ecosystems, wildlife, and human health. By launching this drive, we took a step towards reducing our reliance on single-use plastics and fostering a more sustainable future for our planet.

This initiative represents a small step towards a larger responsibility. Calcutta International School is committed to raising awareness among its students about the harmful effects of plastics and strives to develop responsible citizens.



The event began with the inauguration of the "Sensor-enabled Plastic Waste Bin" by our Senior Principal, Mrs. Tina Servaia, alongside the General Manager, Mr. Koushik Dutta, Hulladek director, Mr. Nandan and our Section Heads. Following the inauguration, the Principal, General Manager, Section Heads and Academic Heads planted trees as a symbolic gesture to promote greenery and combat the concrete jungle. MOU was signed by The Principals and Hulladek.





Additionally, potted plants were distributed to all attending teachers and staff to emphasize the importance of planting and nurturing trees.

Furthermore, this day served as an opportunity for our community to collectively pledge against plastic usage. Our active and responsible Student Council members from Grades 4 and 5 went around collecting pledges from teachers and students, encouraging them to give up plastic pet bottles and jars they do not use. This unified effort signifies our commitment to reducing plastic consumption and making a positive impact on our environment.



Math and Science Quiz: Convergence

The Maths and Science Quiz – ‘Convergence’, was an initiative by the Maths and Science departments of the Junior School. This year it was held on 12th of April and 3rd of May, 2024 in the school premises. Learners from Grades 1 to 5 participated wholeheartedly in collaboration with the teachers to make the event a grand success. The approach was to bring about inclusiveness, where every student got a chance to participate and contribute towards the victory of their respective teams. The event was in alignment with the interdisciplinary approach of the school, enhancing various skills- critical thinking, problem solving, application and team building to promote holistic and wholesome development of the learners.



Grades 1 and 2





There were three rounds in the Quiz; the first round was a Bingo relay round named 'Racing Minds'. It was a race against time to complete the set questions for winning the marks for their respective houses. The second and the third rounds - 'Think and Explore' and 'Word-Wizz', showcased the collaboration and team spirit of the students where they worked on hands-on activities and built new words using the clues provided.





Grades 3, 4 and 5

Children sat in their marked enclosures maintaining discipline as marks were allotted for the same. Red house emerged as the Final winner, followed by Green house as the first runner up and Yellow house as the second runner up. Rolling trophies were awarded to all the teams. It was an engrossing and memorable event for all the participants and the teachers.



Music Assemblies

The vibrant notes of music filled the Music Room of CIS on the 23rd and 24th of April, 2024, as Grades 1 through 5 gathered for the much-anticipated Music Assembly. This annual event, a unique hallmark of our section, showcased the culmination of a year's worth of learning of the music curriculum.

Each class took centre stage, offering a harmonious rendition of a carefully chosen song, much to the delight of the audience comprising Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Mrs. Neelam Choudhary, fellow students and teachers. Despite limited rehearsal time, the performances exuded enthusiasm and skill, a testament to the dedication and talent of our young musicians.

Under the able guidance of their Music teachers, Mr. Tathagata Mukherjee and Mr. Anushtoop Mazumder, students from Grade 1A mesmerized the audience with "Let it Be," while Grade 1B's rendition of "Feel the Light" filled the room with warmth. Grade 2A had us swaying to the rhythm of "Waving Flag," while Grade 2B brought sunshine into our hearts with "Cover Me in Sunshine."



Grade 1A - Let It Be



Grade 1B - Feel the Light



Grade 2A - Waving Flag



Grade 2B - Cover Me in Sunshine

As the assembly progressed, Grade 3A uplifted spirits with "Unstoppable," and Grade 3B had everyone tapping their feet to "Something Just Like This." Grade 4A sang "The Nights" while Grade 4B crooned to the "Legends." Grade 5A captivated attention with "Everybody Wants to Rule the World," while Grade 5B shared their excitement, inviting the audience to join in with "Viva la Vida."



Grade 3A - Unstoppable



Grade 3B - Something Just Like This



Grade 4A - The Nights



Grade 4B - Legends



Grade 5A - Everybody Wants to Rule the World



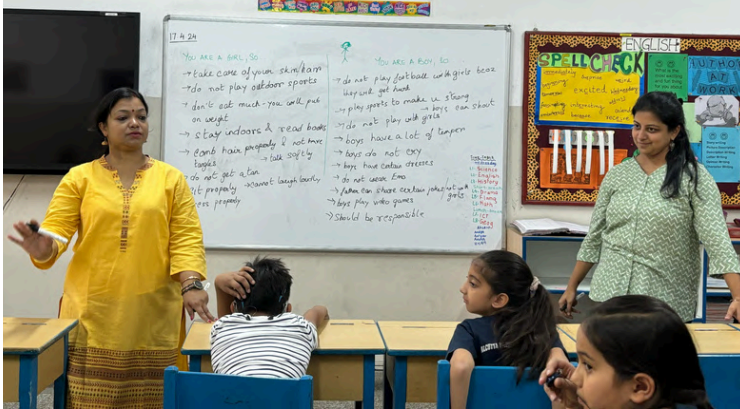
Grade 5B - Viva la Vida

Throughout the morning, the melodies resonated not only in the Music Room but also in the hearts of all who were present, reminding us of the power of music to unite and uplift. Mrs. Pratima Nayar, in her closing remarks, praised the students for their outstanding performances, highlighting their resilience and passion for music despite the challenges of limited practice time.

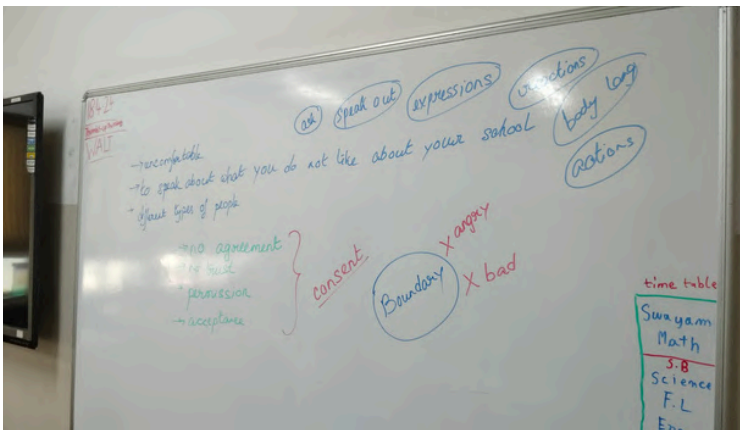
As the final notes faded away, leaving echoes of joy and inspiration, it was evident that the Music Assembly had once again succeeded in fostering a love for music and a sense of community among students and teachers alike.

Swayam Sessions

Long term sessions of Swayam with the students of Grades 3 to 5 were held this academic year. This culminated into follow up sessions by Swayam at the end of the session 2023-24.



Grade 3



Grade 4





Grade 5



Autism Awareness Assembly

April is celebrated as the Month of Autism, worldwide. On this occasion, the SEN Department of Calcutta International School organized an awareness programme for the students of Grades 3 and 5 on 23.4.24.

The assembly commenced with a warm welcome from the students of Grades 4 and 5, guided by the Special educators. They elucidated the diverse characteristics of ASD with clarity and sincerity. With enthusiasm and determination, they discussed famous personalities with Autism and how we can be friends with people who have Autism. This helped to foster a sense of understanding, acceptance, and empathy towards people with Autism, within the school community and emphasized the importance of embracing neurodiversity. The assembly came to an end with a housewise quiz on Autism. Interactive sessions with the students of Grades 3 and 5 captivated the audience.

As the assembly drew to a close, a sense of inclusivity and appreciation permeated the auditorium.

Exploring Ancient Wisdom: A Discourse on Jainism and Buddhism

On the 18th of April 2024, the Music Room of our school transformed into a vibrant centre of cultural learning and discussion. The event, attended by the enthusiastic students of Grade 4, featured a special discourse on two of the world's oldest religions—Jainism and Buddhism. Our distinguished speakers, Mrs. Neelam Choudhary and Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar brought their deep knowledge and personal experiences as followers and practitioners of the two religions respectively.

The session began with Mrs. Majumdar's eloquent introduction to Buddhism, focussing on the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path that guide Buddhists towards enlightenment and peace. Her discussion on mindfulness and compassion resonated deeply with students and teachers, sparking questions and discussions on incorporating these practices into daily life.



Following her, Mrs. Choudhary took the stage to demystify Jainism, highlighting its core principles such as non-violence (Ahimsa) and the pursuit of spiritual independence. She shared stories from her childhood that captivated young minds, illustrating how ancient teachings could relate to contemporary life.



This was an open discussion forum, where students actively participated, asking insightful questions and engaging in a meaningful exchange of ideas. This interactive setup was instrumental in making the discourse lively, which strengthened their understanding of the subjects and provided them with a richer, more nuanced view of these philosophical traditions.



The event concluded with a short meditation and a vote of thanks by Mrs. Tania M Roy, Humanities Coordinator. Junior School Principal, Mrs. Pratima Nayar who was present throughout the discourse appreciated the efforts in organizing the session and underscored the importance of such educational experiences in broadening young horizons.

The discourse will surely be remembered as a highlight of this academic year, inspiring our students to explore and respect diverse worldviews.



The Great Debate

The Great Debate, an annual event organized jointly by the Humanities and English Departments at CIS, once again captivated minds and hearts on the 6th of May, 2024. This year's topic delved into the intricacies of India's 50-year-old Space Programme, sparking elaborate and intense discussions and insightful exchanges among the participants.

Representing the intellectual prowess of their respective sections in Grade 5, four students from each faction eloquently argued for and against the motion: "India's 50-year-old Space Programme brings many benefits for the nation as well as for Mankind." With meticulous articulation and adept voice modulation, each speaker passionately conveyed their perspectives, weaving together facts, opinions, and rhetorical flair to sway the audience. The audience later voted to choose their preferred arguments for or against the motion.



For the Motion



Against the Motion

The event, anchored by Mrs. Shreyaa Dutta Gupta was not merely a showcase of oratory skills but a testament to the students' deep understanding of the subject matter. Mrs. Pratima Nayar, deeply impressed by the students' confidence and the quality of their speeches, lauded their efforts. She remarked that the students not only exhibited confidence but also delivered speeches of exceptional content, reflecting thorough research and critical thinking. Mrs. Pratima Nayar congratulated the teachers of both departments for the grand success of the debate.



Shining bright with the certificates



Mrs. Nayar with Mrs. Shreyaa Dutta Gupta, Mrs. Tania Roy and Ms. Tanbir Datta

As the event drew to a close, each participant was honoured with a certificate, recognizing their contribution to the intellectual discourse and their commitment to the art of debate. The Great Debate of 2024 left an indelible mark, underscoring the importance of critical thinking and effective communication in shaping informed perspectives on complex issues.

Project Kavaad-Katha: A collaboration between Art and Languages

The students of Grade 4 took part in a five day long workshop on the art-form of Kavaad from 22nd to 26th April, 2024 in their respective classrooms. The tradition of storytelling with Kavaad boxes has its origins in Rajasthan and is over 500 years old. Supervised and assisted by the Art and Language teachers, students worked in groups under the guidance of Mr. Dwarka Prasad Jangid who is one of the few remaining artists and practitioners of this art-form. Mr. Jangid, along with his assistant, traveled from Chittorgarh, Rajasthan to visit CIS and work with the students, telling them about the history of this storytelling art-form and teaching them how to paint and assemble the Kavaad boxes from scratch.





This workshop, a first of its kind, was a collaboration between the Art and the Languages departments and saw the students illustrating stories from the regional languages Bengali and Hindi and also from the Foreign Languages French and Spanish, featuring popular and culturally significant folktales and legends. The workshop concluded with a presentation by the students in an assembly where each group, with the aid of the Kavaad, narrated the story illustrated by them.

Grade 2 Fashion Show

The Grade 2 fashion show at CIS marked the culmination of the students' teamwork exploration in Value Education lessons. With weeks of collaboration, under the able guidance of Mrs. Neelam Choudhary, the students successfully completed a creative challenge: designing and crafting costumes solely from newspapers. With enthusiasm, they brainstormed, sketched, and crafted outfits, fostering a spirit of teamwork and support.



On the 8th of May 2024, the much-anticipated fashion show saw students confidently strutting the runway, showcasing their creative and collaborative efforts. The audience, including teachers and peers from Grade 1, applauded each ensemble, witnessing students' newfound understanding of teamwork and their joy in showcasing their work. Beyond celebrating creativity, the event highlighted valuable classroom lessons, leaving students with a sense of accomplishment and pride. This hands-on experience reinforced teamwork skills and left a lasting impact on students beyond the classroom.



IIHM Young Chef Junior - Semifinals

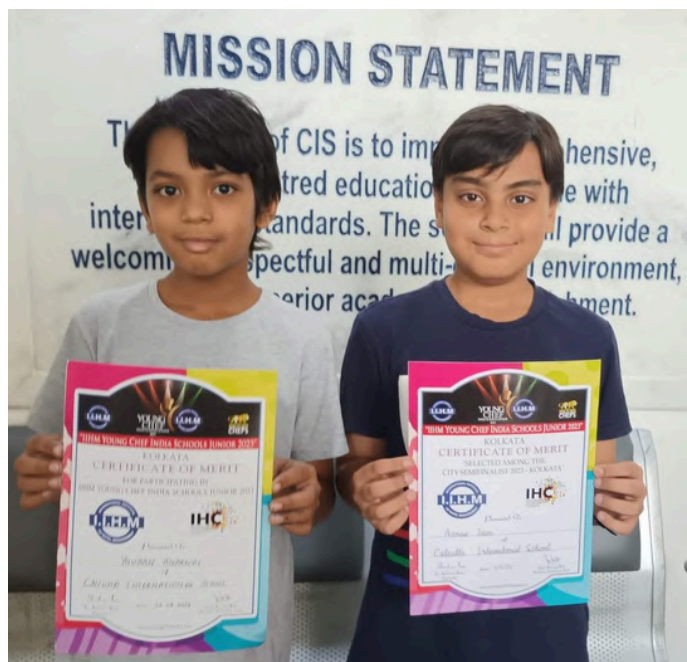
Six talented students from Grades 5 to 9 exhibited their culinary prowess in the semi-final round held on Saturday, April 6th at IIHM.

Yuvaan Agarwal and Aarav Jain represented the Junior School.



They showcased their cooking skills by preparing delightful dishes using ingredients provided by IIHM. Their creativity and presentation were truly remarkable! The event not only highlighted the students' culinary talents but also provided them with a platform to showcase their skills and passion for cooking. It was an enjoyable experience for all the students involved.

We are delighted to announce that Yuvaan Agrawal from Grade 5 has been selected to advance to the Regional Final round of the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM) competition. We wish him the very best for the finals.



Grade 5 Farewell

On May 9th, 2024, the students of Grade 4 gave a heartfelt farewell to Grade 5 by performing the song "Bang Bang". Teachers reminisced about their cherished moments with Grade 5 students through an audiovisual presentation. The students also shared some of their memorable experiences in the Junior Section. They bid adieu to their teachers with an AV which showcased their love for them. As the ceremony drew to its fruitful conclusion, the class teachers, Ms. Datta and Mr. Bardhan bid their final adieu to the batch. Each Grade 5 student received a memento, as well as cupcakes, to add an extra touch of warmth to their day.



Grade 5 Sharing their memories



The CTs bidding the final goodbye



Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Choudhary addressing Grade 5



The parting gifts



AV to thank the teachers



Grade 4 singing Bang Bang for Grade 5



The Thrilled Audience

Rabindra Jayanti Assembly - Junior Section

The Rabindra Jayanti Assembly, held on the 8th and 9th of May 2024 in the Music Room, was a delightful celebration of the renowned poet Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary.

Mr. Kunal Saha, a highly skilled Santoor player celebrated for his adaptability, set the tone for the assembly with his musical prowess. Notably, Mr. Saha, also the parent of Keyaan from Grade Nursery, mesmerized the audience with his deep understanding of the Santoor, a classical Kashmiri instrument known for its numerous strings.

Beginning with heartfelt performances, Mr. Saha introduced the students to various Raagas, delving into the intricate details of each. Additionally, he explored the nuances of the instrument through a 'jugalbandi' performance, joined by our Music teachers, Mr. Tathagata Mukherjee and Mr. Anushtoop Mazumder, along with middle school student Sammagnah Bardhan on the drums.

Mr. Saha concluded his performance steeped in the essence of Sufi music and left a lasting impression on the audience.



After the sonorous introduction, the assembly continued with the enchanting melodies performed by the Junior School Choir. Their renditions of "Basante phool ganthlo" and "Haare re re re re" set a harmonious tone for the event.



Following the choir's performance, the stage came alive with a captivating dance presentation by the talented girls of Grade 5. Their vibrant performance to the tune of "Momo chitte niti nriyte" enthralled the audience, showcasing both skill and grace. We are thankful to Mrs. Pritha Saha for her dedicated training of the young dancers, who also graced the stage with her own mesmerizing dance recital.



Continuing the celebration, Mrs. Subhasree Sarkhel along with Mr. Tathagata Mukherjee and Mr. Anushtoop Mazumder took the audience on a musical journey with their soulful renditions of “Aloker ei jhorna dharay dhuiye dao”, captivating hearts with each note. Adding to the diversity of the program, Pratham Pal of Grade 2 sang “Purano shei diner kotha”, further enriching the cultural tapestry of the assembly.



Their contributions were met with applause and appreciation from the audience, highlighting the inclusive spirit of the event.

Prize Distribution

As the academic year 2023-24 came to a close, special ceremonies were held on April 25th and 29th 2024, to recognize the achievements of the students in Grades 1 to 5. Mrs. Pratima Nayar, along with subject coordinators, teachers, and class teachers, presided over the ceremonies, honouring students for their outstanding performance in academics, behaviour, highest attendance and dedication across various subjects throughout the school year.

GRADE 1



1A

1st - Hridaan Gaurav Vora
2nd - Diya Agarwal
3rd - Aisha Bansal
Conduct - Prisha Sen



1B

1st - Diya Singhvi
2nd - Devangi Phumbhra
3rd - Saanvi Ruia
Conduct - Meher Kaur Mangat

GRADE 2



2A

1st - Aryan Newar
2nd - Miraaya Agarwal
3rd - Samarth Sanyal
Conduct - Miraaya Agarwal



2B

1st - Adhvik Sengupta
2nd - Reyansh Sureka
3rd - Kaveer Agarwal
Conduct - Keyan Hasnain

GRADE 3



3A

1st - Eira Jhunjhunwala
2nd - Tara Mazumder
3rd - Abigail Shuhan Chung
Conduct - Eira Jhunjhunwala



3B

1st - Aaryav Gujral
2nd - Anaya Shree Mohta
3rd - Arjun Bagaria
Conduct - Aadya Jalan

GRADE 4



4A

1st - Avyukt Agarwal
2nd - Sanjh Chakroborty
3rd - Advait Modi
Conduct - Ayaan Sikaria



4B

1st - Ashray Kandoi
2nd - Shivaanshi Jain
3rd - Inaara Johar
Conduct - Aishwarria Chamedia

GRADE 5



5A

1st - Arya Rosalyn Wangdi
2nd - Samara Laiq
3rd - Divisha Kejriwal
Conduct - Saanvi Chandra



5B

1st - Moksh Lalani
2nd - Syra Krishna Modi
3rd - Avika Kejriwal
Conduct - Dojin Jung



Highest Attendance Certificate Holders

The ceremony also witnessed Grades 2A, 4B and 5A receiving the Certificate of Cleanliness for keeping their classrooms neat and clean this term.



Grade 2A



Grade 4B



Grade 5A

Outstanding Student of the Year 2023-24

Following the tradition of CIS, Ishir Jhunjunwala from Grade 5 was recognized as the Outstanding Student of the Junior School for the academic year 2023-24 and was felicitated by Mrs. Pratima Nayar, the Principal of the Junior School and Section Heads, Mrs. Choudhary and Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar in a special ceremony on 6th May, 2024. Holding the esteemed rolling trophy and certificate filled Ishir and all of us with immense pride.



The moment of truth and glory



Ishir's vote of thanks

Ishir Jhunjunwala, a truly deserving recipient of this prestigious award, not only excelled in academics but also demonstrated outstanding involvement in co-curricular and extracurricular activities, both within the school and in inter-school events and competitions. His exemplary conduct further elevated his achievements.

Ishir expressed heartfelt gratitude to his teachers, parents, and peers for their constant support throughout his journey from the Primary to the Junior Section.

As a unified community at the Junior School, we take great pride in Ishir's accomplishments and applaud his dedication.



Friends congratulating Ishir



Ishir with the proud CT's

Ishir Speaks - "I am honoured to receive the Outstanding Student of the Year award. This award is very meaningful to me. It encourages me to keep shooting higher in my studies and in being a good person. I want to thank my teachers, friends and family for always being there and supporting me through every step. I have had so many different opportunities and it's all because of CIS. Thank you."



Ishir with all of his teachers

Semaine de ka Francophonie Competition

The results of the Semaine de ka Francophonie competition have been declared by AF du Bengale on their FB page. We are happy to share that Adishree Bose and Taher Rampurawala of Grade 4B were declared winners in the Poster Making Segment. They were felicitated in an assembly in the school on 7th May, 2024.



Alliance Française du Bengale 1h · 🌐

Discover the talented winners of the Poster & Travel Brochure Designing competition organised by Alliance Française du Bengale during the Francophonie Week!

#Francophonie #DesignCompetition #FrancophonieWeek #Winners #AllianceFrançaiseDuBengale #PosterDesign #TravelBrochure #TalentedArtists #CreativeWinners #GraphicDesign #ArtContest #CreativeCommunity #InternationalEvent #CulturalCelebration #FrenchLanguage #ArtisticAchievement #GlobalCompetition #CreativeExcellence #VisualArt #CreativeExpression #CulturalDiversity

New Parents' Orientation

An orientation event took place on April 27, 2024, for the new parents (from Grades Pre Nursery to Five) who recently became part of the CIS community. Mrs. Pratima Nayar extended a warm welcome to the parents. During the event, Section Heads, Academic Heads, and Pre Nursery class teachers introduced themselves.



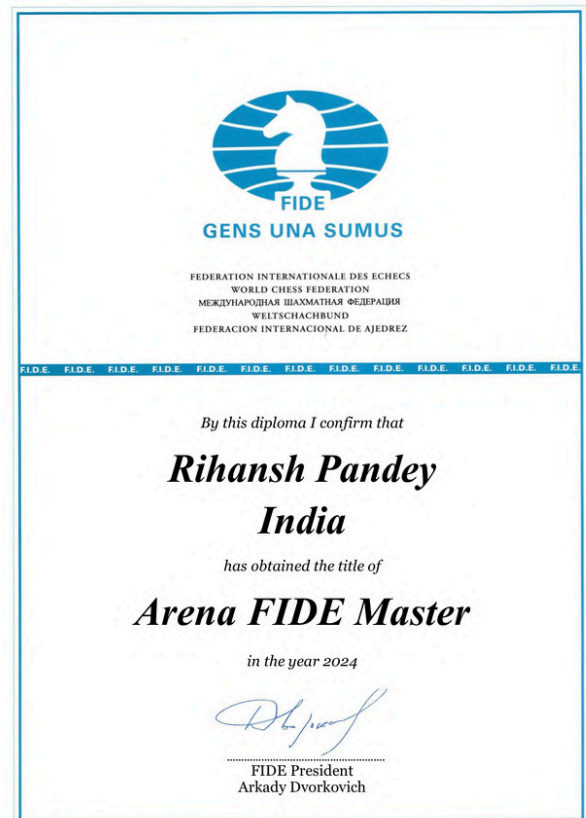
The parents received an overview of the school and its operations. They were also informed about the upcoming Class Orientation programme, where they will receive detailed information about the class their children will be joining.



Students' Achievements

Rihansh Pandey of Grade 5A stood 1st in the Under 14 category in the Colonel Ujir Singh Thapa Memorial International Chess Tournament-2080 (rating Below 2000) held in Butwal, Nepal. He won a cash prize of 8000 Nepali Rupees. He performed well winning respect and love from all.

Further we would also like to share that Rihansh has secured the title of AFM (Arena FIDE Master) from the online chess platform FIDE (chessarena.com) where Rihansh regularly plays and participates in online tournaments.





Shaswat Gupta of grade 4B participated in the 11th International Brainobrainfest (Online) and received a Champion Trophy at Level 7. This fest is organized by a Brainobrain Kids Academy, renowned for its focus on skill development, mental Arithmetic and Abacus courses, showcasing the prowess of young minds in the realm of cognitive development. Brainobrain is a skill development programme for 4-14 years old children to improve their Life skills, NLP Skills, Brain Skills through Abacus Training.



Certificates of Achievements

Certificates of Achievement were given out to the Global Perspectives Poster Making Competition winners 2023 – 24. This event was a collaboration between the Junior and Senior school Humanities department.



Olympiads Medal Winners & Class Toppers

The Zonal gold medal winners and the class toppers of the Olympiads were honoured in April.



GK and English Olympiads. zonal winners and class toppers



English Olympiad class topper



Science Olympiad. zonal winners and class toppers



math Olympiad. zonal winners and class toppers

Class Parties

On May 10th, 2024, the final school day before the summer vacation, students from Grades 1-5 delighted in sharing food with their classmates during their respective class parties.



Congratulations



Mrs. Antara Banerjee was awarded the Best Coordinator Award for conducting the Olympiads.



We are happy to share that Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Principal-Junior School was presented with the Educators for Excellence Trophy and Certificate of Excellence 2024-25 by The Times of India in association with Thapar Institute at the Principal's seminar on Friday, 26th April, 2024 at Taj Vivanta Hotel. We wish her continued success on her journey as an educator.

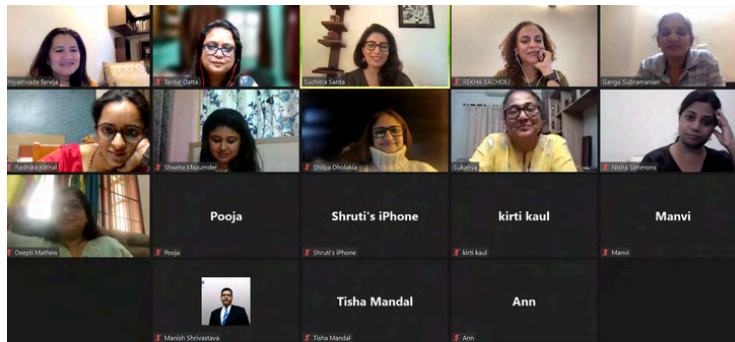


Workshops

Compassionate Systems Leadership

Mrs. Sukanya Singhal, Mrs. Shweta Mazumder and Ms. Tanbir Datta attended a 3 day online workshop on ‘Compassionate Systems Leadership’. It was conducted by Ms. Suchitra Sarada and Ms. Priyamvada Taneja from 19th to 21st March, 2024.

The workshop focussed on the point that compassion is the key to leadership and that for a leader it is important to have all the core leadership capacities to lead the team. The workshop taught that different levels of listening help to understand how it is important to listen at different levels to address the issues at hand and also achieve wellbeing of all stakeholders. It was also shared that resolving creative tension is an integral part of running an institution smoothly. Overall, it was an enlightening session for the teachers.



Ideas of Peace in the Classroom

Mrs. Tania Roy, Mrs. Shreyaa Dutta Gupta, Ms. Amanda DuPratt and Ms. Tanbir Datta attended a workshop titled, “Ideas of Peace in the Classroom” on 19th April, 2024 at Modern High School. The workshop was organized by Teachers’ Centre and facilitated by Mrs. Subha Das Mollick.

In today’s war-torn world, peace has to be upheld as an alternative way of resolving conflicts. Teachers can play a significant part in showing the way towards Peace. If Peace as a way of life gets ingrained in their mental make up at a young age, when the students grow up, they will be instrumental in initiating peace processes in the social and political arena. How discussions on peace can be taken to a point of culmination in the classroom environment was explored in the workshop with the help of interesting audio-visuals. It was an informative and enriching experience for the attendees.



French Workshop

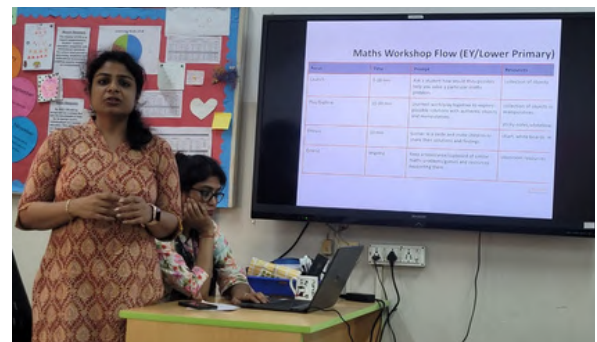
On 18th April, 2024, Mrs. Subhasree Sarkhel, the Junior School French teacher, attended a workshop at Alliance Française du Bengale, Park Street. The workshop was titled 'French grammar Masterclass on the topic: "Temporality and verb moods in the press media and in political speeches."' and was conducted by the eminent teacher, Mr. Kaushik Chatterjee, awardee of the Médaille d'or du travail. It was a 5 hours workshop in which all major tenses and moods that are used in the French language were revisited and re-explained by Mr. Chatterjee with suitable examples to explain their application in prose, poetry, journalistic writing etc. There were a lot of interactive discussions, group work etc. amongst the participants from different educational institutions including teachers of Alliance Française du Bengale. Overall it was a very interesting session which helped Mrs. Sarkhel to recapitulate once more the basics of tenses and moods which she uses in her classroom teaching everyday.



Sharing Sessions

Numeracy and Inquiry

From the 6th to the 8th of February 2024, Ms. Ritu Agarwal and Ms. Gargee Mukherjee participated in a workshop organized by Priyamvada Taneja Consultancy. Centered on the theme of Numeracy and Inquiry, the workshop aimed to equip educators with innovative strategies to enhance mathematical learning experiences for students. Facilitated by the esteemed Aga Chojnacka, the workshop provided a platform for collaborative exploration. Throughout the workshop, participants delved into the intersection of Numeracy and Inquiry, recognizing the pivotal role inquiry-based learning plays in developing students' mathematical proficiency and critical thinking skills. It was an enriching experience for the teachers.



Making PYP Happen: Implementing Agency

A workshop titled "Making PYP Happen: Implementing Agency" was attended by Mrs Pratima Nayar and Mrs Urmita Das from November 24th to 26th, 2023, at the Oberoi International School, Mumbai. The workshop was conducted by Ms. G. Rege.

In addition, Mrs. S. Majumdar, Mrs. P. Roychoudhury, Mrs. S. Ray, Mrs. A. Banerjee, and Mrs. T. Yadav participated in an online training program titled "International Curriculum Readiness Programme." This training, facilitated by Eryn Wiseman and Priyamvada Taneja, took place from 20th November to 12th December, 2023.

Subsequently, on 12th April 2024, the aforementioned teachers jointly held a sharing session with the Primary and Junior Section teachers. During this session, they imparted insights gained from the workshop and training programme. Their discussion provided clarity on the 'Primary Years Programme (PYP)' and its instructional approach. They emphasized the pivotal role of inquiry in the PYP, fostering the development of inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring individuals. Furthermore, they highlighted the PYP's aim to instill a commitment to effecting meaningful change, promoting a more peaceful and sustainable world for all.



Media Coverage

National Science Day celebration at CIS

Celebrating National Science Day on February 28, CIS students and staff members participated in a series of activities. The day was filled with excitement as students showcased their projects and experiments. The event was held in the school auditorium, where students presented their work to a panel of judges. The projects ranged from simple experiments to more complex scientific demonstrations. The students displayed a deep understanding of scientific concepts and a strong interest in learning. The event was a great success, and it was a pleasure to see the students' enthusiasm for science.

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CIS students shine in cultural extravaganza

Interactive and vibrant as always, the French students of Grade 4 and 5 at Calcutta International School actively participated in the 'Semaine de la Francophonie' organized by Alliance Française de la région de Kolkata. The event, held on March 10, celebrated the richness of the French language and culture. Under the guidance of Subhasree Sarkhel and Art & Craft teacher, the students showcased their talents in various ways. They performed skits, sang songs, and displayed their artwork. The event was a great success, and it was a pleasure to see the students' enthusiasm for the French language and culture.

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Young minds learn through STEAM at CIS

STEAM learning, an integration of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, is a more holistic approach to learning. At CIS, students are encouraged to explore their interests and talents through STEAM projects. The students are given the opportunity to work on projects that combine different disciplines. This approach helps students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The event was a great success, and it was a pleasure to see the students' enthusiasm for STEAM learning.

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CIS students foster social responsibility

In today's rapidly evolving world, instilling the values of social responsibility and civic duty in school children is a crucial task. CIS has organized a series of activities to promote social responsibility among its students. The students are encouraged to participate in community service projects and to help those in need. The event was a great success, and it was a pleasure to see the students' enthusiasm for social responsibility.

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Calcutta International School hosts vernacular language event

In today's globalized world, it is important for students to learn and appreciate their own language and culture. Calcutta International School has organized a vernacular language event to promote the use of the mother tongue. The students are encouraged to speak and write in their own language. The event was a great success, and it was a pleasure to see the students' enthusiasm for their own language.

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Calcutta International School students embark on a cosmic journey

In an inspiring initiative, the Junior School students of Calcutta International School embarked on a cosmic journey. The students were taken to a planetarium where they learned about the universe and the solar system. The event was a great success, and it was a pleasure to see the students' enthusiasm for space exploration.

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Honouring Six Years of Dedication: Farewell to Ms. Priyanka Bhansali

We bade farewell to Ms. Priyanka Bhansali, who left CIS after six years of glorious service. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Bhansali demonstrated exceptional dedication and passion, significantly contributing to the academic and personal growth of her students.

Her innovative teaching methods, calm and composed demeanour and unwavering commitment to excellence have left an indelible mark on our community. Ms. Bhansali's enthusiasm and warm dedication to her students and colleagues have made her a cherished member of the CIS family.

As Ms. Bhansali embarks on a new journey, we extend our warmest wishes for her future journey. Her contributions will continue to inspire us, and she will be deeply missed.



Farewell to a Beacon of Inspiration: Mrs. Sujata Ahuja

With deep appreciation and mixed emotions, we bade farewell to Mrs. Sujata Ahuja, who had been an integral part of Calcutta International School for almost 18 years. As the head of the Science Department, she made it shine, continually elevating its standards and inspiring excellence. Mrs. Ahuja was a remarkable teacher who made Science easy to understand and engaging for her students. Her dedication to education was recognized with the prestigious IIHM Teacher's Day award. Beyond academics, she instilled in her students a profound respect for the environment, acknowledging the efforts of the Green Warriors and championing numerous eco-friendly initiatives. Her contributions included installing the e-waste bin, the sensor-enabled plastic waste bin and conducting composting workshops, to name a few.

Her commitment to social causes was evident through her active participation in the stationery drive for the Hope Foundation. During the pandemic, Mrs. Ahuja swiftly adapted to the online mode of teaching, ensuring that learning never stopped for her students. She also ensured the celebration of Earth Day and Science Day proactively. The most unique event of the Junior School, the annual Math-Science Quiz would not have been such a profound success without Mrs. Ahuja's active contributions.

As she moves on to new endeavours, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to Mrs. Ahuja. Her legacy of excellence, dedication, and environmental stewardship will continue to inspire us all. Farewell, and all the best for the journey ahead!





Happy Summer

*We wish you joy and happiness
this holiday*



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