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Newsletter

Events in July



Primary Section

Saturday, 6th July - Class Orientation for Parents of Primary Section

Junior Section

Monday, 1st July - ECA begins for Junior School Grades 3 to 5

Friday, 5th July - Empathy in Action - Life skills session for Grade 4

Saturday, 13th July - Class Orientation for Parents of Grades 1 and 3

Monday, 29th July- Leadership Skills for Grade 5 by the Counselling Department



Newsletter

Events in July



The Primary and Junior Section of Calcutta International School warmly welcome :

Reyansh Saha in Grade Upper Nursery A

Shaurya Chopra, Shabd Jaiswal and Daivik Madanappa in Grade 1A

Aryaman Agarwalla, Atharv Gupta and Ishaanvi Tantia in Grade 1B

Neil Bagaria in Grade 2A

Amishi Agand, Samara Bagaria, and Arjun Patodia Pereira in Grade 2B

Hridaan Raza in Grade 4A

Shiv Satyam Trivedi in Grade 4B

Samaita Praharaj in Grade 5A

Aprameya Dhananjay Vaze and Shanaya Patodia Pereira in Grade 5B



Newsletter

Events in August



Primary Section

Thursday, 8th August: Puppet Show for the Primary Section

Wednesday, 14th August: India Day celebrations

Junior Section

Thursday, 1st August - Junior School Student Council Investiture Ceremony

Wednesday, 7th August: Author's meet for Grade 3 and Grade 5

Thursday, 8th August: Author's meet for Grade 1 and Grade 4

Friday, 9th August: Author's meet for Grade 2

Saturday, 10th August: Librarians' Conclave

Wednesday, 14th August: Independence Day Celebrations

Thursday, 15th August:
Holiday for Independence Day

Monday, 19th August: Holiday for Raksha Bandhan

Tuesday, 27th August: Annual Swimming Meet - Heats

Friday, 30th August: Annual Swimming Meet

Please Note: E-Waste and Plastic Collection Drive will commence in the month of August 2024



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Events in August



The Primary and Junior Section of Calcutta International School warmly welcome :

Saebuk Cha and Eunho Ji in Grade Pre Nursery B

Amayra Roy in Grade 2A

Meher Bose in Grade 3A



Welcoming the students

Welcoming the shining stars of Pre Nursery

We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of CIS, joining Grade Pre Nursery for the new academic session 2024-25. We look forward to the fun and learning ahead as they begin this new journey. Wishing them the best of luck!



Pre Nursery A



Pre Nursery B



Group Photo - Pre Nursery A and B

Welcoming the students

Nursery A

We welcome the learners of Grade Nursery A as they embark upon this amazing new journey of discovery and growth.



Celebrating Pink and Purple Day



Group Photo



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Outdoor Play



On a liListening Walk

Welcoming the students

Nursery B

We welcome the learners of Grade Nursery B as they embark upon this amazing new journey of discovery and growth.



Getting ready for a colourful year ahead



Our classroom makes us happy!



Asanas to keep us fit



Colourful socks day

Welcoming the students



Upper Nursery A



Upper Nursery B



Orientation of the Primary Section

An orientation for the parents of Grades Pre Nursery, Nursery and Upper Nursery students was held in the music room on July 6th, 2024. The parents were warmly welcomed by the Junior School Principal, Mrs. Pratima Nayar, and the Primary Section Head, Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar. During the orientation, the class teachers and subject teachers were introduced to the parents.

A PowerPoint presentation was shared by the class teachers, outlining the rules and guidelines for the upcoming academic year. The session concluded with an interactive segment where parents had the opportunity to engage with the teachers and clarify any doubts.



Pre Nursery

Nursery



Upper Nursery



Renovated washrooms on the ground floor

The students of the Primary Section are thrilled with the newly renovated washrooms at school! They can't stop talking about how clean and bright everything looks. The colorful tiles and fun mirrors make it a joy to wash their hands. The students are excited to use the new facilities, and they feel proud to have such a nice space to take care of themselves. The renovations have made a big difference in their daily routine, adding a fresh sense of excitement to their school day.



Workshop on Gender Equality and Child Safety

An enlightening workshop was conducted by Swayam, a Kolkata-based NGO, for the teachers of Junior School on 13th June. The workshop aimed to empower teachers to create a gender-inclusive classroom environment, free from biases and stereotypes.

The session focused on the crucial role teachers play in shaping young minds and promoting gender equality. The facilitators from Swayam guided the teachers on strategies to identify and challenge their own biases, creating a gender-neutral atmosphere that fosters equal opportunities for all students.

The workshop also delved into the essential topics of POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) and POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment). The teachers left the workshop feeling empowered and inspired to make a positive impact on their students' lives.



ADHD and Executive Functioning

On June 13th, 2024, the SEN Department conducted an interactive session with Junior school teachers on ADHD and Executive Functioning. The session commenced with a brief audiovisual introduction depicting ADHD in classroom settings and its impact on a child's life. It then delved into various areas of functioning affected by ADHD and highlighted the significance of Executive Functioning in an individual's life.

The session revealed that even for adults without ADHD, certain aspects of planning and executive functioning can be difficult. Subsequently, the session focused on various areas. Subsequently, the session focused on different areas of executive functioning and the challenges children with ADHD face in their daily lives.

Executive functioning is crucial as it significantly influences the academic and social development of students with ADHD. The session also provided teachers with effective strategies to address their students' difficulties in the classroom. Teachers were assigned case studies to analyse, identify the executive functioning challenges faced in these cases, and propose effective strategies to address them.



Counselling session on "Understanding the Self and Others"

The School Counsellors conducted a Workshop for the Primary and Junior Section teachers on "Understanding the Self and Others " on 18th June 2024. The activity based session helped the participants to explore different situations, connect with their emotions, and identify how a situation can trigger emotions in us, based on our past experiences. The participants candidly shared their experiences and their emotional journey while relating with these situations, giving them an understanding of how we can help ourselves and other individuals; including our students , in similar situations."



Junior School Welcomes Students Back with an Assembly

On June 19th, Junior School teachers came together to welcome students back after the summer break. The assembly marked a fresh start for the new academic year, filled with excitement and anticipation. Mrs. Choudhary extended a warm welcome to the new students, introducing them to the Junior School family. The new students took the opportunity to talk about themselves and share their interests with their peers and teachers. The assembly came to an end with Mrs. Choudhary offering words of wisdom and motivation, wishing the students, both old and new, luck and success in their Junior School journey.

Mind the Gap

On Friday, June 21st, Bhavna Sarawgee, Sharmin Hussain, Sukanya Singhal, Rashi Poddar, Shreyaa Dutta Gupta, Jyoti Chhetri, Subhasree Sarkhel, Abhijit Roy, Adriza Bose, Hazel Albert, Soniya Dey, Poulomi Banik, Pritha Saha, Baishakhi Sarkar and Gargi Sinha Mitra attended a valuable workshop called "Mind the Gap!" focused on inclusive education. They learned how to better understand and support students with specific learning needs, and gained practical strategies to create a more inclusive classroom environment.



CIS Unveils New Logo in a Special Assembly

July 1st, marked a significant milestone in the history of CIS as the new school logo was revealed in a special assembly. Mrs. Nayar unveiled the new logo, which is a culmination of a collaborative effort between staff, students, and parents.

The assembly was filled with excitement and anticipation as the students and faculty gathered to witness the unveiling. The new logo was met with thunderous applause and enthusiastic feedback from the students, who appreciated the vibrant design.

The assembly concluded with the Junior School students singing the school song. The new logo marks a new chapter in CIS's journey, and the school community looks forward to embracing this fresh identity.



Empathy in Action

On the 5th of July, School Counsellors Ms. Spriha Patronobis and Ms. Sukonna Halder, conducted life skills sessions with Grade 4 students on the topic 'Empathy in Action'. The interactive session instilled in the young learners the significance of empathy in our character development and in our interpersonal relationships. Students could relate to feelings of disdain and helplessness when they found themselves in situations where they did not receive empathy from others. An activity based on experiential learning enabled students to work in pairs to reflect on how they would demonstrate empathy to their peers in specific circumstances – It was emphasised that showing empathy to another person is NOT problem solving, rather an acknowledgement of their circumstance and emotions. Some of the common ways in which Grade 4 chose to demonstrate empathy to one another are - Sharing my tiffin/stationary/books, Hug someone to make them feel better, Appreciating their effort, Thanking someone for helping me out, Listening to my friend when they needed to share their feelings, Including someone while playing, Stand up for a friend who is being bullied, Making my friend laugh when they are feeling sad/low, Asking someone how they are feeling/how their day was.



Employee Recognition

On July 2nd, 2024, the CIS Junior School honoured teachers, admin and sub-staff with the Certificate of Recognition and Loyalty, acknowledging their outstanding dedication, exceptional service, and contributions to educational excellence. Teachers were also recognized with plaques for their remarkable impact on their students and the school community. The Employee Recognition Award celebrates their professional expertise and highlights the vital importance of loyalty and dedication in education.

Certificate of Recognition

- Mrs. Bhavna Sarawgee
- Mrs. Ishmeet Mokha
- Mr. Sudipta Bardhan
- Mrs. Mousumi Guha
- Ms. Fatima Razzaque
- Mrs. Subhasree Sarkhel
- Mrs. Baisakhi Sarkar
- Ms. Leslie Kwan
- Ms. Sulata Mandal

Plaques

- Mrs. Antara Banerjee
- Mrs. Sushmita Ray
- Mrs. Tania Roy
- Mrs. Gargi Sinha Mitra
- Ms. Kashmiri Marwah
- Ms. Soniya Dey

Certificate of Loyalty

- Mr. Tathagata Mukherjee for completing 10 years of glorious service at CIS.
- Mrs. Baisakhi Sarkar for completing 5 years of dedicated service at CIS



Employee Recognition



Olympiads and Spell Bee

On July 10th, the students of Junior School were recognized for their outstanding achievements in the SOF Olympiad and Spell Bee International for the academic session 2023-24. The students were honoured with certificates, medals, and gift cheques, acknowledging their exceptional performances and hard work.

Mrs. Shreyaa Dutta Gupta and Ms. Tanbir Datta were awarded the Inspirational Educator award from Spell Bee International for coordinating the programme in the academic session 2023-24.

From Grade 2:

- Diya Singhvi: Zonal Silver Medal, International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO)
- Hridaan Gaurav Vora: International Gold Medal, International English Olympiad (IEO) and a gift voucher
- Diya Agarwal: Zonal Gold Medal, International English Olympiad (IEO) and a gift voucher
- Ira Sood: International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) - Gift Voucher and International English Olympiad (IEO) - gift voucher

From Grade 3:

- Aryan Newar: Zonal Gold Medal, International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) and a Gift Voucher, International English Olympiad (IEO) - gift voucher
- Reyaan Agarwal: Zonal Gold Medal, International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) and gift vouchers
- Advik Sengupta: International Silver Medal, International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) and a gift voucher
- Miraaya Agarwal: International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) - gift voucher



Olympiads and Spell Bee

From Grade 4:

- Aaryan Roy, Medhavi Ashwini Kaul, Arjun Bagaria, Anaya Shree Mohta: Merit Certificate, International English Olympiad (IEO)
- Aryav Gujral: Certificate of Zonal Excellence, IEO
- Arjun Bagaria: Merit Certificate, Level 2 SOF Science Olympiad
- Aarav Agarwal and Aarhan Sen: Merit Certificate, International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO)

From Grade 5:

- Ryan Dutta Gupta and Ammar Aliasgar Tambawalla: Merit Certificate, IEO
- Kritika Thakur: Merit Certificate, Level 2 SOF Science Olympiad
- Avyukt Agarwal and Ayaan Sikaria: Merit Certificate, IMO

For Spell Bee International, the following students were acknowledged:

Medals and Certificates of Accomplishment : Anay Churiwal of Grade 2, Medhavi Ashwini Kaul and Daksh Jain of Grade 4.

Medals and Certificates of Distinction : Namah Thirani, Amay Pasari and Abigail Shuhan Chung of Grade 4.



Effective Lesson Planning in Action at Junior School

On 12th June, Junior School teachers attended a professional development session on 'Planning and Delivering an Effective Lesson' conducted by the Head of Department English, Mrs. Preeti Roychoudhury.

The session highlighted the importance of well-structured lessons in enhancing student learning outcomes. Teachers were guided on how to implement better time management, organisation, utilisation of resources, consolidating concepts and fostering more confident learners. Teachers learned how to create engaging lessons with a clear flow, differentiated instructions, and explicit learning outcomes. They also discussed the importance of creating a safe and encouraging environment and using various techniques to gauge student understanding.

The session's interactive approach ensured that teachers were fully invested in the learning process, making the experience both enjoyable and enlightening. The clear and logical presentation of ideas helped teachers gain a deeper understanding of effective lesson planning, enabling them to refine their teaching practices and enhance student learning.



Alaap - Celebrating Creativity and Childhood

On 19th July, 2024 CIS participated in a Junior non-competitive fest “Alaap”, organised by The Heritage School. It was an event where Heritage celebrated the themes of creativity and childhood. Upon arriving at The Heritage School, we were warmly welcomed by the teachers. The atmosphere was electric with excitement, yet relaxed, as everyone looked forward to a day filled with fun and collaboration. The fest included an array of events, from singing, mime, dance to storytelling, making models for science and art to sports.

Students of Grades 2 to 5 from 16 different schools in Kolkata participated in this fest. It was fascinating to see the creativity and talent on display. The music, dance and mime performances of the CIS students were truly captivating. In the other events, it was a joy to see CIS students collaborating with participants from other schools, blending their styles, and creating something truly unique. CIS emerged as the ‘Go Getter’ at the end of the fest. Certificates for the participants and a set of books were handed over by Mrs. Sapru, the Principal of The Heritage School, to 2 student representatives of CIS and Mrs. Subhasree Sarkhel, the Teacher Coordinator for CIS for this fest. What made this fest truly special was the spirit of inclusivity and mutual respect that permeated the event. Without the pressure of competition, children fully immersed themselves in the activities, supporting each other, and appreciating each other’s talents. It was a reminder that the joy of participating and sharing experiences is far more important than winning.

As the day came to an end, the students left the school, with new friendships, cherished memories, and a deeper appreciation for the power of community and creativity. We are grateful to The Heritage School for hosting such a fantastic event and we look forward to many more such opportunities to collaborate and celebrate children and their diverse talents.



Alaap - Celebrating Creativity and Childhood



Mission Million Mangoes

Junior School Students Make a Difference

This summer break, an inspiring initiative was undertaken by the Junior School learners, who participated in the Mission Million Mango Seeds Collection (MMM), organised by Vinisha Foundation. The students collected mango seeds in huge numbers, washed, dried and packed them in paper bags made from old newspapers and handed them over to the foundation on June 28th.

On July 10th, Mr. Ramesh Chandran, Founder and Director of Vinisha Foundation, visited CIS for a special assembly. He inspired our young minds to become 'Global Warriors' and shared strategies to combat environmental challenges. A quiz session followed, with recycled paper notebooks as prizes! Mr. Chandran also showed our learners the seed collection process, turning them into saplings, and eventually, trees that will help in reducing global warming. We are proud of our students for their effort in making a positive impact on our planet.



Celebrating Bastille Day

As part of our ongoing efforts to immerse our students in the French language and culture, CIS enthusiastically participated in various events celebrating the Fête Nationale Française (Bastille Day). In July, Alliance Française du Bengale invited our students from Grades 3-5 to participate in an art event called ARTWORK, where they created beautiful pieces inspired by French culture.

Guided by our art teacher, Mr. Sudipta Bardhan, and French teacher, Mrs. Subhasree Sarkhel, the students explored various art techniques, including pointillism. Grade 3 students created stunning Eiffel Tower artworks, while Grade 4 students crafted tricolour cockades, symbolising French national unity. Grade 5 students designed beautiful lanterns adorned with silhouettes of French monuments.

The students' artwork was showcased on the first-floor corridor boards, creating a festive atmosphere among teachers and students. The teachers of the Language Department skillfully curated the display and brought about a festive look on the first floor corridor.

Additionally, two students from Junior School, Tara Mazumder (Grade 4A) and Avyukt Agarwal (Grade 5B), participated in the 'Read Loud' Competition organised by AF du Bengale on July 12, 2024. They confidently read poems on the theme of Liberté (Freedom) with impressive voice modulation and expressions, earning praise from the judges, Mrs. Clémentine Bertschy Mandal and Mr. Kaushik Chatterjee.

This event offered our students a fantastic opportunity to visit the esteemed Alliance Française du Bengale, a renowned French institute, and immerse themselves in the French language and culture. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiastic participation and outstanding performances, which showcased their talent and dedication.



Celebrating Bastille Day



Meet the new Teacher Representatives

In July, the Junior school teachers elected new Teacher Representatives for the three houses through a secret ballot. Under the guidance of Mr. A. Samad, Junior School Principal, Mrs. Pratima Nayar and Junior School Section Head Mrs. Neelam Choudhary, the following teachers have been appointed to lead their respective houses:

- Yellow House: Mrs. Ishmeet Mokha and Mr. Anushtoop Mazumder
- Red House: Ms. Amanda DuPratt and Mrs. Bhavna Sarawgee
- Green House: Mrs. Radhika Dhanuka and Mrs. Gargee Mukherjee

The teacher representatives later met with their students to inspire spirited participation, teamwork, and discipline, encouraging them to be role models of excellence and unity, both in events and beyond. The teachers were presented their badges in an assembly held on the 31st of July. We offer our warmest congratulations to the newly appointed teacher representatives and wish them success in their new roles.



All India Arithmetic Genius Contest

On 24th July 2024, learners from Grades 1 to 5 enthusiastically participated in the first round of the All India Arithmetic Genius Contest 2024. The event was organised by the SIP Academy team. It aimed at fostering mathematical skills and promoting a love for arithmetic among young learners.

Participants were given a challenging set of 50 questions to solve within a tight timeframe of just 10 minutes. This contest provided an excellent platform for the students to showcase their quick thinking and problem-solving abilities.



Parents' Orientation

The Parents' Orientation programme for classes 1 and 3 was conducted successfully on 13th July, 2024. The parents were warmly welcomed and the new parents were introduced to the CIS fraternity by Mrs. Nayar. She then introduced the Class Teachers, who discussed the school rules and guidelines to be kept in mind for the next academic year. The subject teachers were introduced; the SEN and Counselling department spoke to the parents. At the end, the parents interacted with the teachers to clarify their doubts. We look forward to a fruitful and exciting year ahead.



Exciting Upgrades Enhance Learning Experience in Junior School

New Storage Units: Our classrooms have received a makeover! New storage units in Grades 3 and 5.

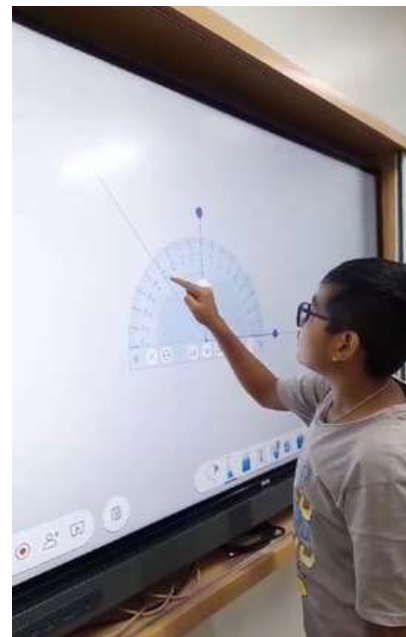
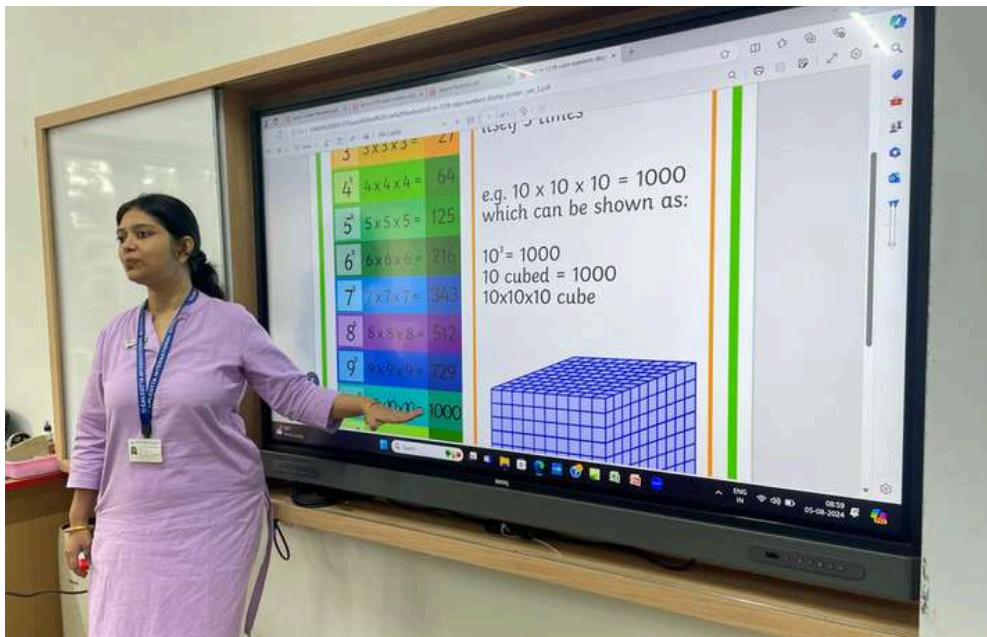


New Bulletin Boards: New display boards showcase student achievements, projects, and learning journeys.



Exciting Upgrades Enhance Learning Experience in Junior School

Smart Boards in Grade 5: Interactive smart boards in Grade 5 classrooms enhance engagement, creativity, and critical thinking, preparing our students for a dynamic future.



Staff Room Upgrades: Our dedicated staff now have access to additional workstations, providing a quiet and comfortable space to plan, collaborate, and support student success. Another cosy new addition to the staff room is the pantry.



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