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Newsletter

Events in December



Primary Section

Thursday, 05.12.2024: Junior School Sports Day run through

Friday, 06.12.2024: Junior School Annual Sports Day

Friday, 13.12.2024: Carnival

Monday, 16.12.2024: Report Card Distribution for Grades Pre-Nursery to Upper Nursery

Wednesday, 18.12.2024: Return of Report Cards for Grades Pre-Nursery to Upper Nursery

Thursday, 19.12.2024: Christmas Assembly

Friday, 20.12.2024: Last working day before winter vacation

Friday, 20.12.2024: Class Party for Grades Pre-Nursery to Upper Nursery

Junior Section

Wednesday, 04.12.2024: Junior School Sports Day run through

Friday, 06.12.2024: Junior School Annual Sports Day

Friday, 13.12.2024: Carnival

Monday, 16.12.2024: Report Card Distribution for Grades 1 to 5 and Prize Distribution Grades 1 to 3

Tuesday, 17.12.2024: Prize Distribution for Grades 4 and 5

Wednesday, 18.12.2024: Return of Report Cards for Grades 1 to 5

Friday, 20.12.2024: Last working day before winter vacation

Friday, 20.12.2024: Carol singing by Junior Choir and Class Party for Grades 1 to 5



Autumn Festivals

Primary Section

"Let each diya you light this Diwali bring a glow of happiness on your face."

The students of the Primary Section joyfully celebrated the festival of lights with their peers and teachers. Dressed beautifully in traditional attire, they enjoyed creating Diwali-themed crafts, painting vibrant rangolis, and making heartfelt cards for their parents and loved ones.

Grade Pre Nursery



Students of Grade Pre-Nursery making Rangolis for Diwali.

Grade Nursery



Students of Grade Nursery decorating Rangolis and celebrating the Festival of Lights with laughter and togetherness.

Grade Upper Nursery



Students of Grade Upper Nursery dressed in traditional attire, adding colours to their Rangolis to celebrate Diwali.



“Trick or Treat, bags full of sweets, cute ghosts walking down the street.”

The students of the Primary Section were thrilled to celebrate Halloween at school. Dressed in spooky costumes, the students went from class to class, playfully scaring their peers and teachers while enjoying trick-or-treating.

Grade Pre Nursery



Grade Pre Nursery's little ghosts and witches scaring their friends.

Grade Nursery



"Little boos and lots of giggles as tiny witches, ghosts, and superheroes from Grade Nursery visit classes to give a friendly scare."

Grade Upper Nursery



"Students of Grade Upper Nursery celebrated Halloween by dressing up in spooky costumes, sharing stories with Mrs. Nayar, and enjoying their treats."

Dyslexia Pride: Embracing Unique Minds!

Junior Section



We at Calcutta International School are beaming with pride after our successful Dyslexia Awareness Celebrations from 28th October 2024 to 30th October 2024 by the SEN Department. Our talented SEN students of Grade 5 with the support of their SEN teachers and parents rocked the stage with their inspiring presentation, “Dyslexia Pride”. The Grade 5 SEN students helped in raising awareness about dyslexia and neurodiversity, tools and strategies used to support individuals with neurodiversity.



This was followed by a number of engaging classroom activities : Dyslexia Cloze Exercises for Grade 3 and 4. A separate activity: Dyslexia Awareness for Teachers was also planned. We all recognize the color red in class, it often marks our mistakes, corrections and cross-outs, drawing attention to perceived failures. Teachers and students wore RED to transform this perspective, shifting its meaning from error to empowerment. The Dyslexia Awareness Program was a success. The SEN department plans to continue these initiatives to further enhance understanding and support for all learners.



Coffee Meet

Primary section



Coffee Meets were organized with the parents of Grades Pre- Nursery, Nursery and Upper Nursery on 29th October, 30th October and 4th November 2024 respectively in the Music Room. It was attended by Mrs. Nayar, the Junior School Principal, Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar, the Primary Section Head, and the subject coordinators Mrs. Antara Banerjee, Mrs. Shweta Mazumder, and Ms. Tanbir Datta.

Mrs. Nayar extended a warm welcome to the new parents and provided an overview of the school's multicultural diversity and spiral curriculum. The counselling sessions for parents and students were a part of the discussion. The Section Head highlighted the upcoming events planned for the year. It was a pleasure to have the active involvement of the parents in the discussions. Their suggestions were highly appreciated. The subject coordinators responded to the subject-related feedback shared by the parents. This collaborative approach between the parents and teachers to make the learning environment conducive for the learners was highly valued by the parent community.

Coffee Meet

Junior section

Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



CIS values the active involvement of parents in the student learning experience. To foster this collaboration, Coffee Meets serve as a meaningful platform for open discussions and feedback exchange between the school and parents.

This year, the Coffee Meets for the Junior Section were organized at school in November. Mrs. Pratima Nayar, the Junior School Principal led the session along with her team- Mrs. Neelam Choudhary Junior Section Head, HOD , Mr. Subrata Ghosh, Subject Coordinators Mrs. Antara Banerjee, Mrs. Sushmita Ray, Mrs. Tania Roy, Ms Tanbir Datta and Mrs Shweta Mazumder. The Academic Heads shared certain highlights and forthcoming events of their departments. Matters related to mental wellbeing and counselling sessions were also shared. The sessions welcomed insightful observations made by parents on various aspects of the teaching-learning process.

The feedback gathered during the Coffee meets were highly valued and acknowledged. Some significant suggestions received are slated for implementation, strengthening the cherished partnership between home and school at CIS.



Kitchen garden

Junior section

‘Nurturing minds, one seed of knowledge at a time.’

The popular slogan came to life through an inspiring vertical collaboration between Grades 2 and 5 on the 7th and 8th of November 2024.



Grades 2 and 5 collaborating to plant saplings in the school backyard.





Grade 2, sowing and planting sapling.

This initiative focused on the kitchen garden at the school's backyard, where Grade 2 students enthusiastically planted saplings of brinjal, cucumber, coriander, tomato, broccoli, ladyfinger, beans, and green chillies.

The young learners worked together with their peers, excited to observe and explore the growth and life cycle of flowering plants firsthand.

The objective of this initiative is to educate students about the life cycle of flowering plants, to understand the different parts and functions of flowering plants, to promote green farming and sustainability practices to encourage composting (vermicomposting) and reduce pollution and to foster socially responsible citizens.



Grade 5, adding vermicompost.



Mrs. Choudhary, Mrs. Mazumder along with other teachers sowing saplings and adding compost.

The students of Grade 5 took the initiative to create vermin compost, building on the compost prepared the previous year. By incorporating cow dung and red worms, they enriched the compost's quality, making it highly nutrient-rich. By the end of October, the compost was ready to be used for nurturing the saplings, showcasing their dedication to sustainable practices. At CIS, we have always embraced the philosophy of learning through collaboration. Staying true to this belief, our team has thoughtfully designed a vertical collaboration initiative for our students, bringing together Grades 2 and 5 in the Junior School. This initiative aims to foster meaningful interactions and shared learning experiences across grade levels. The inauguration was graced by Mrs. Choudhary who was present along with the teachers, Mrs. Shweta Mazumder, Ms. Bose, Mrs. Deb and Mrs. Sarawgee.



Children's Day Celebration

Primary Section



Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Majumdar, and the teachers brought the magic of "Underwater Creatures" to life with a captivating play performance in the music room.

On November 14, 2024, the students of the Primary Section celebrated Children's Day with vibrant enthusiasm and delightful activities. The day was filled with laughter and joy as students engaged in various games while having fun with their teachers.

The highlight of the celebration was a captivating play performed by the teachers, themed around 'Underwater Creatures.' Dressed in colorful costumes that transformed them into whimsical sea creatures, the teachers brought the underwater world to life. With bubbles floating through the air, they waddled and danced around the mermaids, creating a magical atmosphere that enchanted the young audience. Students watched in awe as their teachers embraced their roles.

Grade Pre Nursery



Grade Pre-Nursery A had a blast playing "The Floor is Lava," wrapping up the fun with big smiles in a delightful group photo!



Grade Pre-Nursery B enjoyed a fun-filled "Let's Arrange" game, followed by a joyful gift distribution!

Grade Nursery



Grade Nursery A's Children's Day celebration was a joyous blend of laughter, fun, and cherished moments as the little ones enjoyed a lively game of musical chairs with their friends.



Grade Nursery B's Children's Day celebration was filled with smiles, laughter, and unforgettable memories as students enjoyed a lively game of musical chairs with their friends.



Grade Upper Nursery



Amidst cheerful balloons and happy faces, the students of Grade Upper Nursery A celebrated Children's Day with a fun game of passing the ball, fostering joy and team spirit!



Grade Upper Nursery B celebrated Children's Day with joy and laughter, enjoying fun games and bonding with their peers!





Teachers and students shared moments of joy and fun together, making Children's Day unforgettable!

As the celebrations came to a close, each child received a special gift to take home. The thoughtful gifts included a charming snack box featuring popular characters: a unicorn, Tweety, and Dino and a packet of goodies. Each box was personalized, with the students' names beautifully embossed on the front, adding a unique touch that made the gift even more special.

The combination of fun activities, the enchanting underwater play, and the delightful gifts left the students beaming with happiness, making the Children's Day celebration an unforgettable experience filled with joy and laughter.



Children's Day Celebration in the Junior Section



Children's Day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm in the Junior Section of the school on 14th November 2024.

The highlight of the day was the delightful performances by the teachers, who danced, acted, and sang songs to entertain their young audience. Their efforts were met with loud cheers and laughter, making the students feel truly special and appreciated.

The hosts



The singing troupe



The enactment team



The Dance troupe



Grade 1 - 5 having fun on Children's Day.

Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



In their classrooms, students enjoyed a fun-filled time with their class teachers, singing songs, dancing to lively music, and basking in the cheerful atmosphere. Each student took home a goodie bag, adding to the excitement of the day.

The celebration brought immense happiness to both students and teachers, as they shared memorable moments together. Teachers cherished the opportunity to contribute to the children's joy, ensuring the day was as magical as it was meaningful. It was a day to remember, celebrating the spirit and innocence of childhood.



The Iranian Connection: A Podcast



On November 14th, our school hosted an engaging podcast titled **‘The Iranian Connection,’** led by Mrs. Tania M Roy, Subject Coordinator of the Humanities Department. This special event, featuring Mrs. Farishta Dastur Mukherjee as the guest speaker, was attended by Grade 4 students, bringing history lessons to life through an inspiring real world connection.

As a member of the Parsi community, Mrs. Mukherjee shared her family’s journey from Iran to India, explaining how Iranian traders settled here centuries ago, becoming known as Parsis. She recounted her childhood memories, Parsi traditions, and how her community embraced India as their homeland. Students were captivated by her stories, gaining a richer understanding of cultural adaptation and heritage. The event was a wonderful success, fostering curiosity and respect for the diverse roots that enrich our society.



Parent visitors

Pre Nursery A

Exploring the World of Transport: A Fun-Filled Session with a Special Guest



Sailors in the making! Students enjoyed an engaging session, capped off with smiles in a memorable group photo with the guest.

On 21st November 2024, the students of Grade Pre-Nursery were treated to an exciting story telling session by our Parent visitor— Mrs. Dhaundiya. The session started with an imaginative story, ‘The Adventure of the Sea’ which took the students on a delightful journey across the waves. Each student received a sailor hat and we pretended to be the Captain’s crew going on a sea adventure. Mrs. Dhaundiya had also brought some model boats such as a sailboat, houseboat, aircraft carrier, hovercraft and a pirate ship.

The session ended with the students participating in a hands- on activity to float small sailboats in tubs of water. This wonderful session brought the topic of transport to life in a way that was both educational and incredibly fun for our young learners. A big thank you to our special guest for making this session so memorable!

Parent visitors

Pre Nursery B

Pre-nursery steps into Chuseok: colourful hanboks, Korean traditions and festive fun!



Mr. Cha engaged students with an insightful presentation and captured the moment with a cheerful group photo!

On 30th October 2024, Grade Pre-Nursery experienced a special visit from **Mr. Soonhyun Cha**, a parent who shared fascinating insights about the Korean festival **Chuseok** with the students. They learned how Chuseok is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month, typically in autumn and how it is similar to Thanksgiving, but takes place before the harvest. Mr. Cha explained the significance of family gatherings, ancestral rituals and traditional foods like **Song Pyeon**, which are a part of the celebration.

The excitement in the classroom grew as Saebyeuk and Eunho, two of the students, wore their colourful hanbok (traditional Korean attire) to show their friends. The students were captivated by the bright colours and intricate designs of the hanbok, marvelling at its beauty.

To further immerse the students in the spirit of Chuseok, they were given a **colouring worksheet** depicting the **hanbok**, the traditional Korean attire. They enjoyed colouring the vibrant patterns of the hanbok and learning more about Korean culture through this hands-on activity.

The session was a great success, leaving the students with lasting memories of Chuseok and a greater appreciation for different cultural traditions.

Parent visitors

Nursery

A Cultural Delight: Exploring the Moon Festival with Mrs. Tamang and Mrs. Kwok



Capturing moments from the session with the guest, showcasing traditional attire, and sharing smiles in a memorable click with Xander and Emery!

Students of Grade Nursery had a delightful cultural experience when Mrs. Tamang and Mrs. Kwok visited the class to introduce the Chinese Moon Festival, a significant celebration that takes place in autumn. The students learned about the traditions and stories surrounding this special festival, which is also known as the Mid-Autumn Festival.

As a part of their interactive session, Mrs. Tamang and Mrs. Kwok demonstrated how mooncakes, a symbolic treat of the festival, are made. The students were fascinated to see the intricate designs on the mooncakes and the effort behind making them. They also showcased traditional Chinese attire, explaining its cultural significance and adding a colourful, festive touch to the day.

Inter-School Football Tournament



The first ever Inter-School Football Tournament for Junior School boys from Grade 3 to Grade 5 was successfully organized on 21st November 24, featuring a league cum knockout format. The event saw enthusiastic participation from four prominent schools - Calcutta International School, Birla High School, South City International School, and The Heritage School.





The final match, which was held between Calcutta International School and South City International School, showcased an impressive display of football skills by the young talents. South City International School emerged victorious, claiming the prestigious trophy. The match witnessed remarkable performances from both teams.



Miran Lakhotia from Calcutta International School was recognized as the best goalkeeper of the tournament, displaying exceptional talent and skill between the goalposts. On the other hand, Fateh Singh from South City International School was celebrated as the top goal scorer, demonstrating remarkable scoring ability throughout the tournament.



Overall, the event not only provided a platform for healthy competition but also fostered a spirit of sportsmanship. It was a testament to the growing enthusiasm and talent for football among the young students.



Student Achievement

Atharv Narasinghani of Grade 5A participated in the All India National Ranking Tennis Championship Series Tournament in Boys U-12 category at the International Club and won the first prize.



School Social Responsibility:

A Heartfelt Initiative by CIS Junior School

At Calcutta International School (CIS), fostering empathy and instilling the values of giving and community care are central to our mission. In a recent heartfelt initiative, the Junior School collaborated with the Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre and Research Institute, children's wing, to contribute to the well-being of young cancer patients and their families.

Students from Upper Nursery to Grade 5 of CIS Junior School, enthusiastically participated in a donation drive, contributing dry food items, juices, and essential medicines.





Two teachers from CIS, Mrs Radhika Dhanuka and Mrs Sukanya Singhal visited the hospital as part of the SSR team, to personally hand over the donations. The visit was an emotional and eye-opening experience. As the teachers entered the paediatric ward, they were met with shy yet warm smiles from the children and their mothers, who are often their constant companions during the treatment. The atmosphere, despite its challenges, was filled with a sense of resilience and hope.

Dry food and juice packets were handed over to each child and their mothers, offering small tokens of care and comfort.

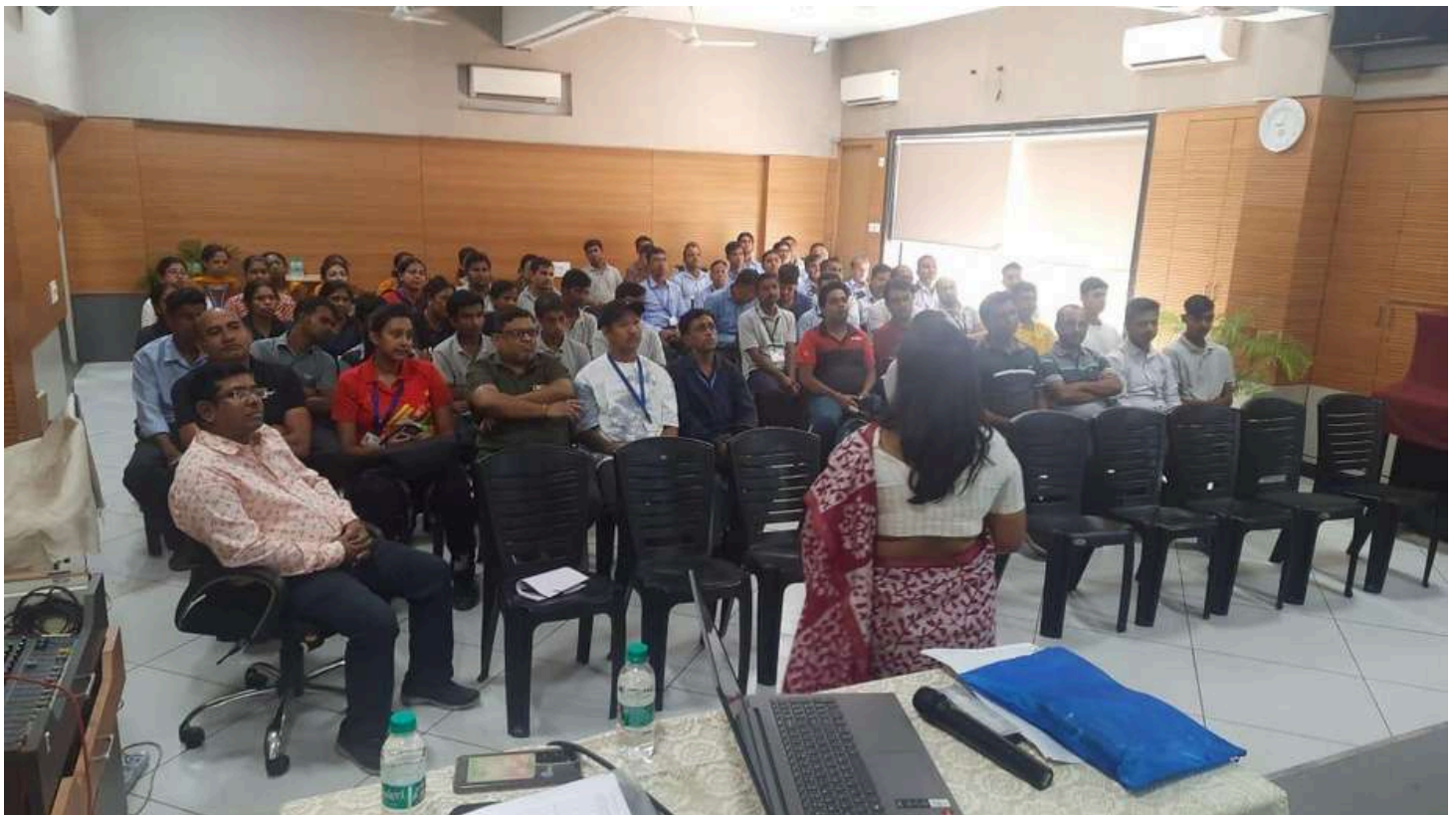
Photographs were taken during the visit, capturing the poignant moments of interaction and shared humanity. These images were later shared with the CIS students to help them understand the purpose of giving and the importance of developing empathy for others.



A heartfelt thank you to the parents for their wholehearted cooperation and generous contributions towards the donation. A special mention goes to the teachers of the Junior School for their kind support in purchasing a paediatric stethoscopes. Most importantly, this initiative would not have been possible without the unwavering encouragement and meticulous planning of Mrs. Nayar, Mrs Majumdar and Mrs. Choudhary, who thoughtfully organized every detail to ensure its success.



POCSO Workshop 2024



"Child Protection and Safety being of paramount significance in schools, Calcutta International School held a POCSO workshop for all members of the teaching and non teaching staff on 9th November, 2024.

Arpan, a Mumbai based organization, with whom CIS has partnered, has been working in the field of Child Sexual Abuse at the national level, for many years now. Representing Arpan, Ms. Shubhangi Shinde and Ms. Anushka Kundu were the resource persons for the day who took us through the awareness/training programmes.



The basic awareness session focused on understanding POCSO and the role of adults vis a vis the POCSO Act, whereas the day long training session delved into various aspects of child sexual abuse, prevention and response strategies including the legal implications that need to be adopted by an educational institution as well as Personal Safety Education that needs to be incorporated in the holistic education approach of our school.

The interactive sessions created a safe space for faculty and staff to share their experiences, put forth their queries and role play scenarios to understand our role as educators in this sensitive space.

We thank Arpan for hand holding us in this critical area and look forward to collaborative learning opportunities in the future."





Merry
Christmas

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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