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Newsletter

Events in January



Tuesday, 07.01.2025: School reopens for teachers
Wednesday, 08.01.2025: School reopens for students

PRIMARY SECTION

Class Excursion

Friday, 31.01.25: Grades Pre- Nursery, Nursery and Upper Nursery
Tuesday, 14.01.2025: Awareness Program on Neurodiversity and Early Intervention for Parents of Grades Pre Nursery - Upper Nursery

JUNIOR SECTION

Monday, 13. 01.2025: Class Excursion Grade 1
Tuesday, 14. 01.2025: Class Excursion Grade 2
Tuesday, 14.01.2025: Awareness Program on Neurodiversity and Early Intervention for Parents of Grades 1 - 5
Wednesday, 15.01.2025: Class Excursion Grades 3 and 4
Thursday, 16.01.2025: Class Excursion Grade 5

Wednesday, 15.01.2025: Dealing with puberty by Counseling Department Grade 5

Friday, 17.01. 2025: Handwriting Competition by Department of English Grades 1 -5

Monday, 20.01.2025: Inter House Basketball Tournament for Boys
Tuesday, 21. 01. 2025: Inter House Basketball Tournament for Boys
Wednesday, 22.01.2025: Inter House Basketball Tournament for Boys

Monday, 20.01.2025, Tuesday, 21. 01. 2025 and Wednesday, 22.01.2025- ICT Workshop
Interactive Art with Electronics Workshop- Grade 4
LEGO Robotics + Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning – Grade 5

Friday, 24.01.2025: Conversations on Gender and Body by Counseling Department for Grade 3

Tuesday, 28.01.2025 and Wednesday, 29.01.2025: Inter School Cricket Tournament Grades 3-5

Friday, 31.01.2024: Eloquentia Inter School Literary Festival



Sustainability- Our shared responsibility in the Junior Section

On 27th November 2024, the Junior School hosted an inspiring assembly titled “Sustainability—Our Shared Responsibility” in the AVR, celebrating creativity and learning through various student-led initiatives.

The event showcased remarkable projects emphasizing sustainability and mindful choices. Grade 5 students performed a thought-provoking role play, *The Story of a T-Shirt*, which explored the environmental impact of clothing by integrating Science, English, and Drama. Grade 4 students presented *Planet Pioneers*, a series of digital magazines covering topics such as climate change, healthy eating, and water conservation. Grade 3 students combined Science and Art by creating stunning food art inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo, using local produce. Grade 2 students demonstrated teamwork and creativity by making healthy salads with locally sourced ingredients, while Grade 1 students promoted recycling by upcycling old t-shirts into tote bags.

The assembly concluded with Grade 5 students serving homemade refreshments made from local produce, leaving everyone inspired. It was a memorable celebration of sustainability and responsible living—kudos to all participants!

Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Mazumder address the students



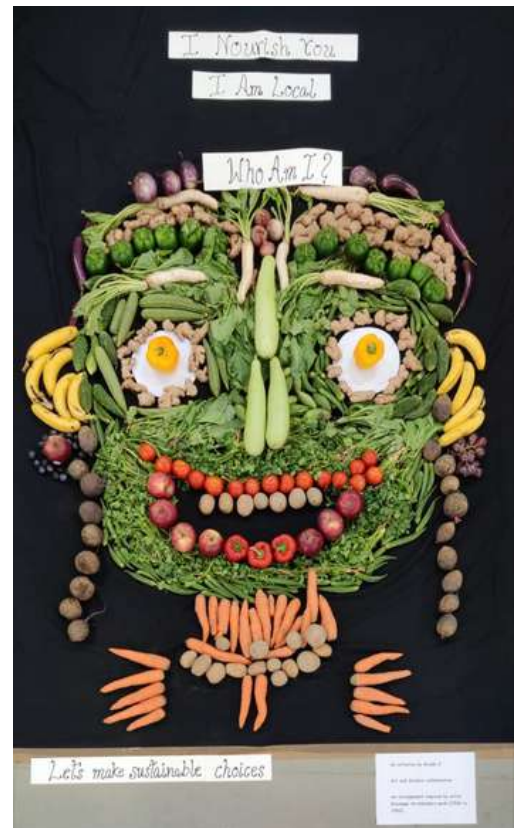
Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



Sowing the Seeds of Sustainability: A Collaborative Journey

In an inspiring and unique partnership, the Grade 2 learners of Calcutta International School and JBCN International School, Mumbai embarked on a unique exchange program centered on sustainability.

Under the leadership of Ms. Adriza Bose and the guidance of Mrs. Shweta Mazumder, Science Coordinator of the Junior School of CIS, this collaborative project provided Grade 2 students with an interesting opportunity to take meaningful action against climate change. Focused on Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, the project engaged students in planting microgreens in reused containers, fostering an understanding of sustainability and environmental conservation.

Throughout the initiative, students developed essential skills such as teamwork and communication while documenting their experiences through task sheets and ICT lessons. This reflective approach not only enhanced their learning but also instilled a sense of responsibility and ownership toward their contributions.

The project culminated in an online exchange on October 1, 2024, where students shared their insights, challenges, and achievements, encouraging knowledge sharing and reinforcing a commitment to sustainable practices.

The initiative engaged young learners in hands-on activities to explore the environmental effects of urbanization. This helped them develop awareness, a sense of global responsibility, and a shared goal for a greener, more sustainable future.



Junior School Annual Sports Day

The CIS Junior School Annual Sports Day is always a highly anticipated event, where students showcase their athletic abilities, teamwork, and sportsmanship. This year's event, held on December 6, 2024, was no exception, as students, teachers, and parents gathered on the school grounds, eager to participate in a day filled with thrilling events, friendly competition, and unforgettable moments.

The day commenced with a warm welcome address by Mrs. Nayar, who motivated and encouraged the students to give their best. This was followed by the introduction and address of the esteemed Chief Guest, Shreevats Goswami, a renowned Indian cricketer.



The March Past, a spectacular display of unity and house pride, kicked off the event, with students marching in perfect synchrony to the rhythmic beat of drums. The atmosphere was electric, with each house vying for the top spot, cheered on by their enthusiastic supporters.





The sports events that followed included track and field races, obstacle courses, and other exciting activities. The air was filled with cheers and applause as students demonstrated their determination and grit, racing towards the finish line with every ounce of energy. The event also featured a drill, taekwondo, and dance performances by the students, as well as races for teachers, parents, and staff.

As the day drew to a close, the winners were announced, and medals were awarded to the outstanding performers. Green House emerged as the overall winner, with Yellow House and Red House securing the first and second runner-up positions, respectively. Green House also took home the prize for the Best March Past.

However, the true essence of Sports Day lay not in winning, but in participation. Every student was applauded for their efforts and perseverance, embodying the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination.

The event, meticulously planned and executed by the Sports teachers, Mr. Abdul Samad and Mr. Kaushik Kumar Sinha, and coordinated by the Section Heads, Mrs. Choudhary and Mrs. Majumdar, concluded with a thrilling prize distribution, a jubilant Victory Lap, and the solemn lowering of the CIS school flag.











The CIS Carnival

CIS Carnival 2024: A Resounding Success!

Calcutta International School was abuzz with excitement on December 13, 2024, as the highly anticipated CIS Carnival took center stage. This year's "Light and Sound" theme transformed the campus into a kaleidoscope of colors, music, and joy.

The carnival featured an array of mouth-watering food stalls, and exclusive CIS merchandise and souvenirs were also available, allowing students and parents to showcase their school spirit. Friendly competition filled the air as attendees enjoyed a diverse range of games and activities.

The highlight of the event was the "Wings 2024" exhibition and auction, showcasing the remarkable artistic talents of CIS students. Throughout the semester, our students have been busy exploring art, sustainability, and cultural heritage through various projects.

Here are some of the creative endeavors:

Grade 1 students crafted eco-friendly tote bags from upcycled old t-shirts and adorned them with vibrant Warli art designs. Grade 2 learners created Picasso-inspired portraits, using discarded cardboards, showcasing their imagination and creativity. Grade 3 students discovered the connection between land art and sustainability. They explored this form and took inspiration from land artist Andy Goldsworthy's ephemeral sculptures. Their art invited us to reevaluate our relationship with the earth, embracing sustainability as a cornerstone of modern creativity. Grade 4 students replicated Mother Goddess sculptures from the Indus Valley Civilization, using discarded cardboard and newspaper, gaining a deeper understanding of ancient cultural significance. Grade 5 students crafted handcrafted lanterns made from eco-friendly grass mats and inspired by Ajanta painting motifs.

As the evening unfolded, the CIS choir took to the stage, filling the air with the sweet sounds of Christmas carols. The audience was entranced, singing along to the familiar tunes and adding to the festive spirit. The choir's performance was the perfect culmination to a fantastic evening, leaving everyone in high spirits. The CIS Carnival 2024 was a testament to the school's vibrant community, celebrating creativity, camaraderie, and joy.



Creative endeavors for the Carnival

Grades Pre- Nursery to Upper Nursey

Students of Primary section crafted vibrant artworks depicting the underwater world. These masterpieces were made using reusable materials like old jeans, corduroy and bottle caps.











Mission Million Mango

Primary Section

CIS participated in the Mission Million Mango Seeds (MMM) initiative, organized by the Vinisha Foundation, during the summer of 2024. This initiative aligned with the ESOS (Each Student One Sapling) Programme which was designed to inspire students to actively engage in creating a sustainable future. As a part of the programme, students were encouraged to plant mango seeds using eco-friendly grow bags provided by the foundation.

Over the following months, students diligently nurtured their saplings at home, learning valuable lessons about care, patience and environmental stewardship. Today, these efforts culminated into a meaningful activity as 24 dedicated students of the Primary section brought their well-tended saplings to school.

In a collaborative and hands-on effort, the students worked together to plant the young trees in the school's backyard, transforming it into a budding green space. This initiative not only enhanced the campus environment but also symbolized the students' commitment to environmental conservation. By planting these saplings, the students made an impactful contribution toward fostering a greener, healthier and more sustainable world for the community and beyond.



Life Skills session

Primary Section

The school counsellors conducted recent sessions with the Primary students, over 16th - 18th December 2024, where they focused on teaching them the important concepts of safe and unsafe touch, consent, and personal boundaries. Through interactive activities and age-appropriate discussions, the students learned to recognize the difference between comfortable and uncomfortable touches, as well as following a 3 step safety protocol when something doesn't feel right:

- a) The importance of saying "NO"
- b) Run away from a place/person that feels unsafe/uncomfortable to a safer, more crowded place
- c) Always tell an adult so that they can help

The session emphasized that everyone has the right to set boundaries and should always feel empowered to speak up if they are ever in an uncomfortable situation. It was an engaging and important conversation, helping our young learners build confidence in protecting themselves and respecting others.

Grade Pre- Nursery A



Grade Pre- Nursery B



Grade Nursery A



Grade Nursery B



Grade Upper Nursery A



Grade Upper Nursery B



Christmas Assembly

Primary Section

'The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.'

The students and teachers of the Primary section ushered in the Christmas festivities by singing carols together. Santa paid a surprise visit to the young elves of the section, promising to bring joy to the world. They put on their thinking caps as a round of fun questions on Christmas were asked. Mrs Nayar, the Section and Academic heads, the admin staff graced the occasion with cheer and wished everyone "Merry Christmas and a Happy New year".



Ho! Ho! Fun time with Santa





Christmas Class party

Students of Grade Pre Nursery A in Christmas Spirits



Mini Santa's of Grade Pre Nursery B



Students of Grade Nursery A dressed up as the happiest Christmas Tree



Scrumptious food and Goody bag excitement for students of Grade Nursery B



Students of Grade Upper Nursery A decorating the Christmas Tree.
with Mrs. Nayar and posing with Father Christmas



Students of Grade Upper Nursery B enjoying their
class party and showcasing their hand-made cards

