



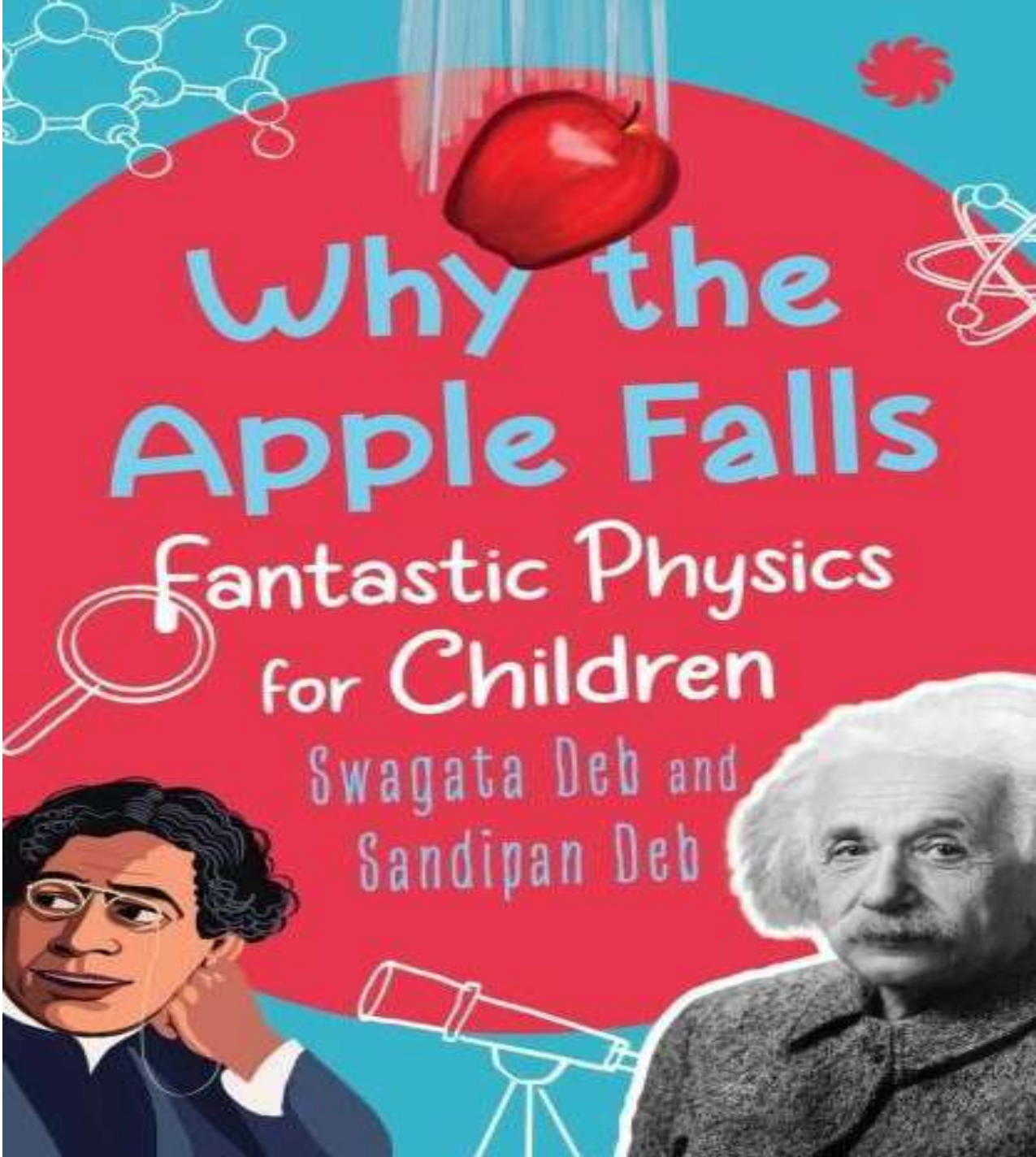
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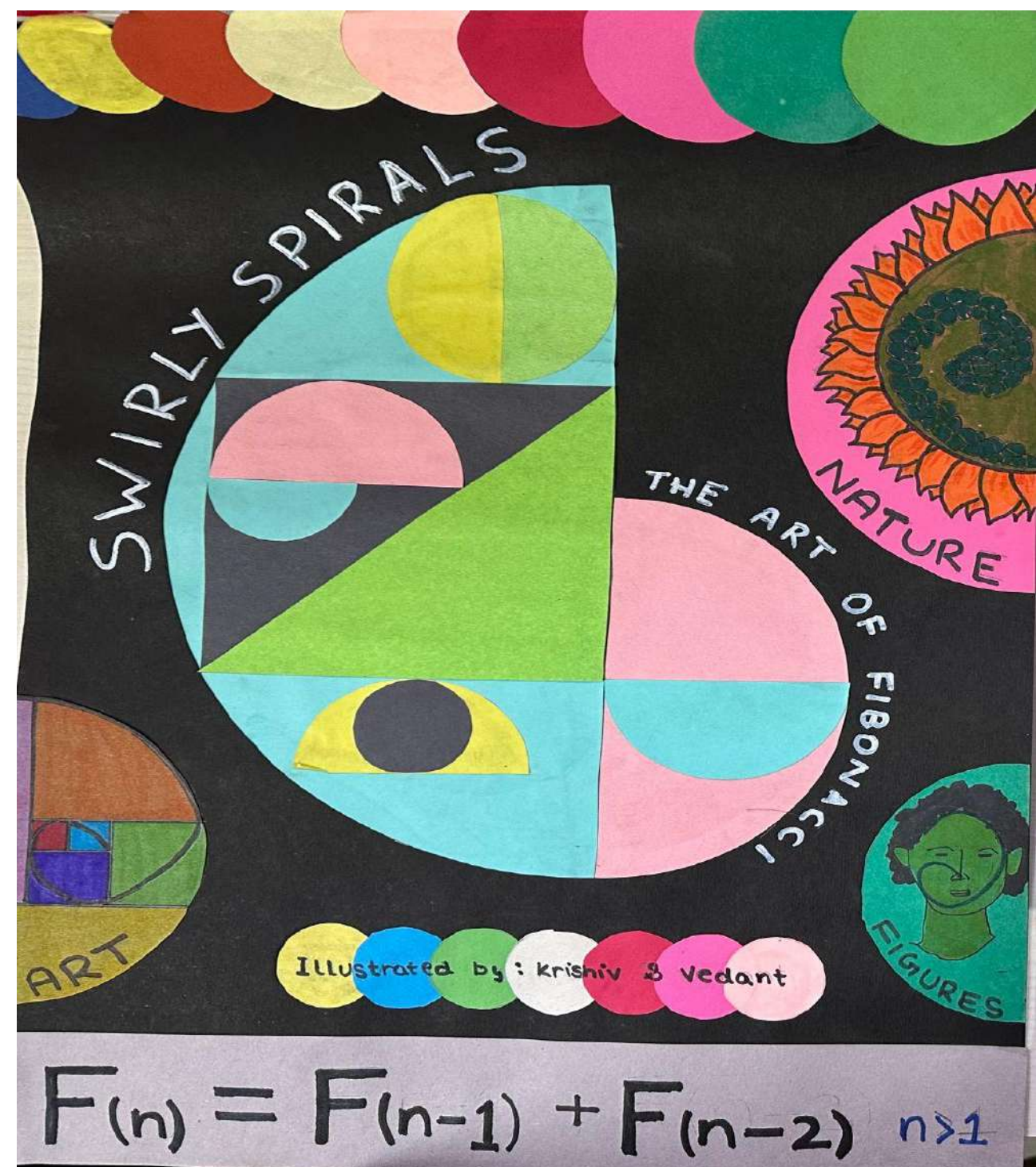
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RECAP SECTION

October - December events



Autumn Assembly

On 1st October 2024, Calcutta International School celebrated autumn with a festive assembly featuring vibrant dance performances, fashion shows, and cultural displays by Grades 6-10, honoring Durga Puja, Navratri, and global autumn traditions. The Hope Foundation children performed a tribute to Goddess Durga, and students embraced Daan Utsav by donating to the underprivileged. Dhakis' drumbeats joyously concluded the event.



Children's Day Celebration

The senior school celebrated Children's Day with a lively program filled with surprises and joy. The event began with humorous emcee banter, followed by a musical medley and a comedic skit, *Fun or Fiasco*, that had students laughing and cheering. Teachers impressed with a soulful singing performance, an energetic dance, and a stylish "Boho Chic" ramp walk. A surprise flash mob created an unforgettable finale. Students also enjoyed a special screening of *Kung Fu Panda 4* at Inox, adding nostalgia and magic to the day. Senior Principal Mrs. Tina Servaia concluded by appreciating everyone's efforts in making the celebration a success.



SAIBSA MEET



The SAIBSA (South Asia IB Schools Association) Meet at RPG International School, Kolkata, was an enriching experience that brought together educators from various IB schools to collaborate and share best practices. The event fostered discussions on innovative teaching strategies, holistic student development, and effective implementation of the IB curriculum. Interactive workshops and engaging sessions provided valuable insights into fostering inquiry-based learning and building global competencies. The warm hospitality of RPG International School and the collaborative spirit of the participants from IBDP schools all over India made the meet a resounding success. It was an inspiring platform to exchange ideas, enhance professional growth, and strengthen the IB community



POCSO

On 9th November 2024, Calcutta International School held a POCSO workshop, partnering with Arpan, a national leader in addressing child sexual abuse. Led by Ms. Shubhangi Shinde and Ms. Anushka Kundu, sessions focused on POCSO awareness, prevention strategies, legal protocols, and Personal Safety Education. Interactive activities empowered staff to effectively address this sensitive issue, enhancing the school's holistic safety approach.




Financial Investment Planning

A Financial Planning session was conducted for CIS staff to help them achieve financial wellbeing in the long run.

Mr. Pawan Agarwal, a Certified Financial Planner who nurtures financial security and growth for professionals was invited to impart the session. The session covered individual saving practices, tax saving options, investment planning, personal fund management, etc. His thoughts and wisdom were appreciated by the staff and enriched our financial knowledge for the future. At the end of the session, the speaker also handed over a financial planning booklet to all the participants as a gesture from his end.





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OPEN HOUSE [for Grade XI]

To discover world-class education at Calcutta International School's an exclusive Open House was conducted for prospective Grade XI applicants on 16th November 2024. The session provided information about the Cambridge A-Level and IB Diploma Programmes, designed to foster academic excellence, critical thinking, and global perspectives.

The attendees also gained insights into the innovative teaching methods, met the expert faculty, and were made of holistic growth opportunities through diverse extracurricular activities.



Knowledge Seminar

The knowledge seminar for Grade 10 parents and students was an informative session aimed at providing clarity on the two boards we offer, A-Level and IB. Attendees were guided through the key features of each board, including subject options, assessment methods, and overall structure. The seminar also helped students understand how to make informed decisions about subject choices based on their interests and career aspirations. It was a valuable opportunity for both parents and students to ask questions and gain insights into the academic pathways available to them.

Football Tournament

The Interschool Football Tournament for Middle School boys, held on 22nd November 2024, showcased intense competition between Calcutta International School (CIS), The Heritage School, and South City International School. The event concluded with a thrilling final where South City International triumphed over CIS 4-2. Individual brilliance was also celebrated, with Naman Kedia from CIS awarded Best Goalkeeper for his outstanding performances, and Marcus Vinicius from South City named Top Goal Scorer for his exceptional contributions to his team's success. The tournament was a remarkable display of athleticism, skill, and teamwork, leaving a lasting impression on all participants and spectators.



Basketball Tournament

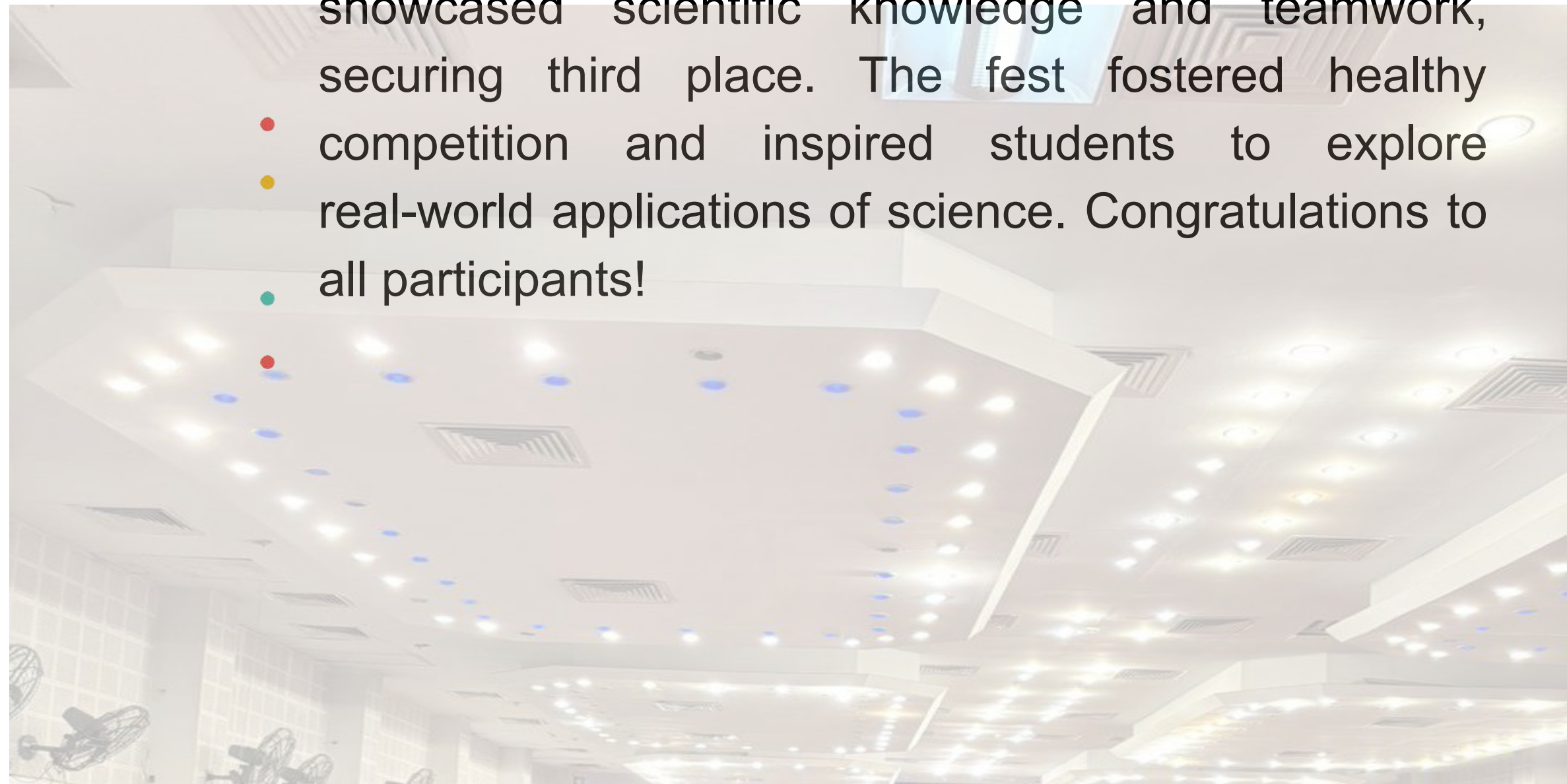
CIS hosted its 14th Inter-School Middle School Basketball Tournament on 19th November, featuring an intense final between CIS and Akshar School. CIS emerged as champions, with Akshar securing the runners-up spot. Individual awards highlighted stellar performances, with Krishiv Poddar named MVP and Advay Bansal as the Highest Scorer. The event, inaugurated by the Senior Principal, emphasized motivation and recognition for young athletes. This biannual tournament, alternating between boys and girls, showcased remarkable talent, sportsmanship, and teamwork. A resounding success, it continues to promote sports and healthy competition, leaving participants and spectators eagerly awaiting the next edition.





RELATIVITY

On 29th November 2024, Grades 6 to 8 students participated in *Relativity*, the Middle School Science Fest at La Martiniere for Boys. Competing in events like the STEM quiz and STEM Samurai, they showcased scientific knowledge and teamwork, securing third place. The fest fostered healthy competition and inspired students to explore real-world applications of science. Congratulations to all participants!



PRS Inter-School Student Parliament

Sayantani Halder, Advay Nathany, and Hrishit Poddar of Grade 11 participated in the Regional round of the PRS Inter-School Student Parliament on 23rd November at the Kolkata Centre for Creativity. Advay Nathany described the experience as highly enriching, offering insights into the parliamentary system. Acting as a parliamentarian, he engaged in debates, discussions, and decision-making, gaining appreciation for the complexity and structure of the sessions. The event highlighted the value of critical thinking, diplomacy, and research in forming policies, while also providing a deeper understanding of democracy and political leadership. It was an eye-opening experience for all involved.

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IBDP CAS Trip to Andaman

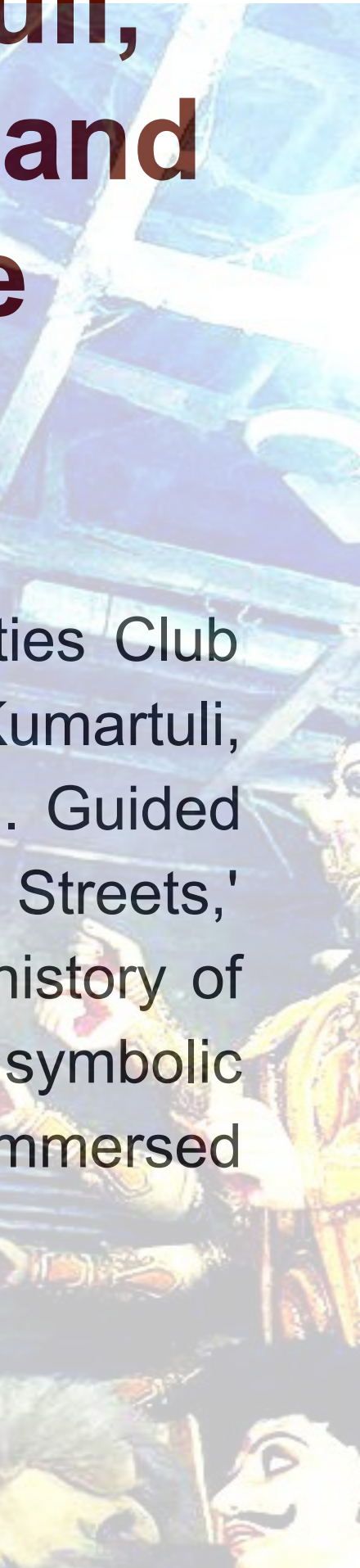
From 27th September to 2nd October 2024, 18 IB1 students and 2 teachers embarked on a transformative CAS trip to the Andaman Islands. They engaged in snorkeling, hiking, scuba diving, and biodiversity documentation. Collaborating with local communities and the municipality, they conducted beach clean-ups and conservation projects, fostering teamwork, environmental responsibility, and a deeper appreciation for the islands' natural beauty.

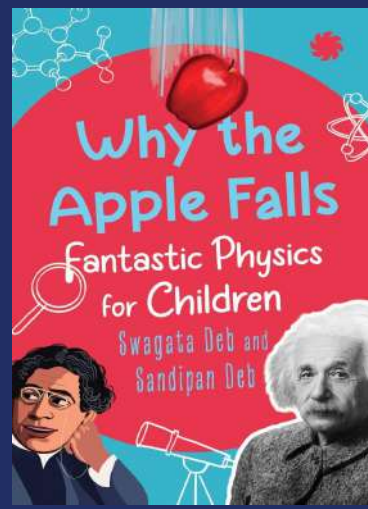


Name of the teachers : Mrs Samayeeta Das Acharyya, Mrs Ranjana Chakroborty

Cultural Visit to Kumortuli, Organised by The Travel and Culinary Club and The Humanities Club!

The Travel and Culinary Club and Humanities Club organized a cultural visit on 27.09.2024 to Kumartuli, tracing the roots of Durga Puja idol-making. Guided by Mrs. Navpreet Arora from 'Fun On Streets,' students explored the intricate artistry and history of Kumortuli's idol makers, culminating in a symbolic visit to the Ganga Ghat where idols are immersed after the festival.





AUTHOR INTERACTION

Authors: Ms. Swagata Deb and Mr. Sandipan Deb
Book Discussed: *Why the Apple Falls – Fantastic Physics for Children*
Venue: Library



The school hosted an engaging session with the authors of *Why the Apple Falls – Fantastic Physics for Children*, Ms. Swagata Deb and Mr. Sandipan Deb, for grade 7 students. The authors simplified physics concepts through stories, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm. They encouraged students to see physics in daily life, emphasizing curiosity, experimentation, and observation.

Sumi-e ink drawing workshop



Grade 7 students had the privilege of attending a Sumi-e ink workshop conducted by the eminent artist Mishiko Shine during November 13th and 14th. The workshop focused on ancient ink drawing techniques, emphasizing the use of traditional tools such as brushes and ink. Students were introduced to some of the oldest drawing methods, which encouraged them to work more freely and expressively. Through demonstrations and hands-on practice, they explored the beauty of freehand drawing, enhancing their understanding of line work, composition, and the meditative nature of this traditional art form.



Visit to the Regional Meteorological Department

On 20th November, senior school geography students visited the Regional Meteorological Department at Alipore for a trip aimed to teach us about weather instruments and data recording, Instruments (digital and analog) such as rain gauge, Stevenson's screen, evaporation pan, barometer, anemometer etc. were shown.



Meteorologists showed us how weather data is recorded on a government website. We learnt that instruments such as dew gauges are utilized for agricultural purposes and were shown a chart for the different types of clouds. To conclude the trip, one of the directors addressed our questions.

Superheroes in the Making - Assembly by Grade 6

Grade 6 students recently conducted a vibrant and inspiring assembly on the theme *Superheroes in the Making* on 4th December. The assembly showcased the creativity and aspirations of the young learners, as they dressed up as superheroes they admire or aspire to become.

The event began with students confidently speaking about the superheroes they chose to embody, explaining the values, traits, and powers that inspired their choices. From fictional icons to real-life heroes, each presentation reflected the students' imagination and heartfelt admiration for courage, resilience, and kindness.

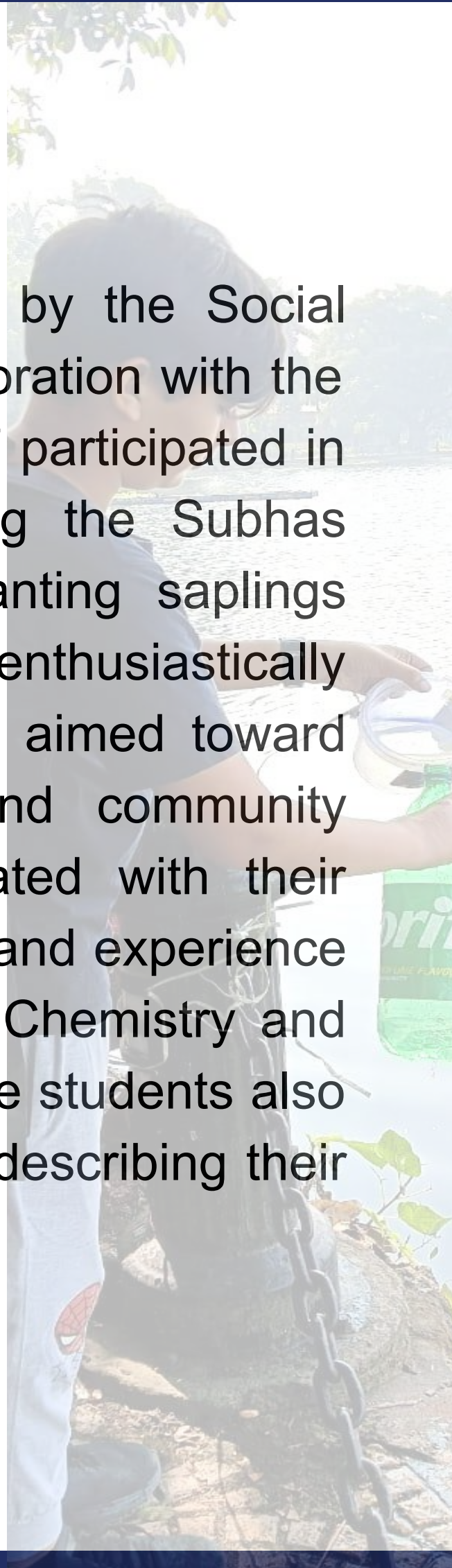
The highlight of the assembly was a lively fashion show, where all the students proudly showcased their innovative costumes and shared their superhero powers with the audience. The energy and enthusiasm were infectious, leaving everyone inspired to recognize the hero within themselves.

This assembly celebrated creativity, self-expression, and the belief that every student has the potential to be a superhero in their own unique way!



The Plantation Drive

The Plantation drive was organized by the Social Service team on 16.11.2024 in collaboration with the NGO Bhumi. The students of Grade 7 participated in the drive that involved them visiting the Subhas Sarobar Park in Belegkata and planting saplings throughout the region. The students enthusiastically participated in this initiative that was aimed toward ensuring ecological conservation and community development. This was also integrated with their subject knowledge, giving them first-hand experience of measuring the acidity of water in Chemistry and the skills of blog-writing in English. The students also prepared posters and illustrations for describing their objective of participating in the drive.



Deca Fair

The DECA Club was thrilled to host a “Diwali Fair” on October 29th and 30th, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Atrium of CIS. This special event aimed to support the NGO Ishwar Sankalpa while celebrating the spirit of Diwali. The organization set up stalls featuring a variety of beautiful, handcrafted merchandise for sale.

The DECA Club encouraged students to participate in this meaningful event by exploring the stalls and purchasing items to support this noble cause. It provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with the community and contribute to a positive initiative.





Charity Fair

On December 6th, 8th graders hosted a successful Charity Fair, showcasing their creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial skills. The event featured a variety of food stalls, offering treats like Maggi, idlis, dhoklas, and brookies, along with fun game booths, including Jeopardy and 10 Seconds Chess Moves. The fair's vibrant atmosphere reflected the students' dedication and passion. Beyond the fun, the event raised funds to support local underprivileged communities. Thanks to the hard work of the students and the community's support, the Charity Fair demonstrated the power of unity and youthful determination for a meaningful cause.





DAAN UTSAV

On October 1st, students from Grades 6 to 10 joyfully organized the Annual Daan Utsav in collaboration with the Hope Kolkata Foundation. Each student partnered with a buddy from the foundation, spreading joy by sponsoring clothes, groceries, educational supplies, and toys, along with personalized gift cards for their buddies' Durga Pujo celebrations.

Like every year, we celebrated our autumn assembly with some of the children from the Hope Kolkata Foundation, where they performed alongside CIS students. CIS's commitment to supporting our community to foster holistic change and improve lives extended beyond the Daan Utsav. An impressive amount of groceries was donated by the middle and senior teachers of CIS, which were sent for flood relief through the Hope Kolkata Foundation.



Old Clothes Drive

CIS has been organizing the Annual Old Clothes Donation Drive before Pujio for several years under the guidance of Ms. Maura Herley. Each year, we embrace the festive season by celebrating the smiles our efforts bring to these children. This year, we achieved our largest collection to date.

Moreover, the student team leading this year's drive displayed exceptional teamwork. Senior representatives Eimi and Rajanya mentored Middle School students Ishir, Aarja, and Dojin, ensuring this impactful tradition continues for years to come. The students set up boxes and ran a campaign to collect old clothes, which are later sorted and distributed to various underprivileged areas of West Bengal, supported by numerous shelters in collaboration with Ms. Maura Herley.



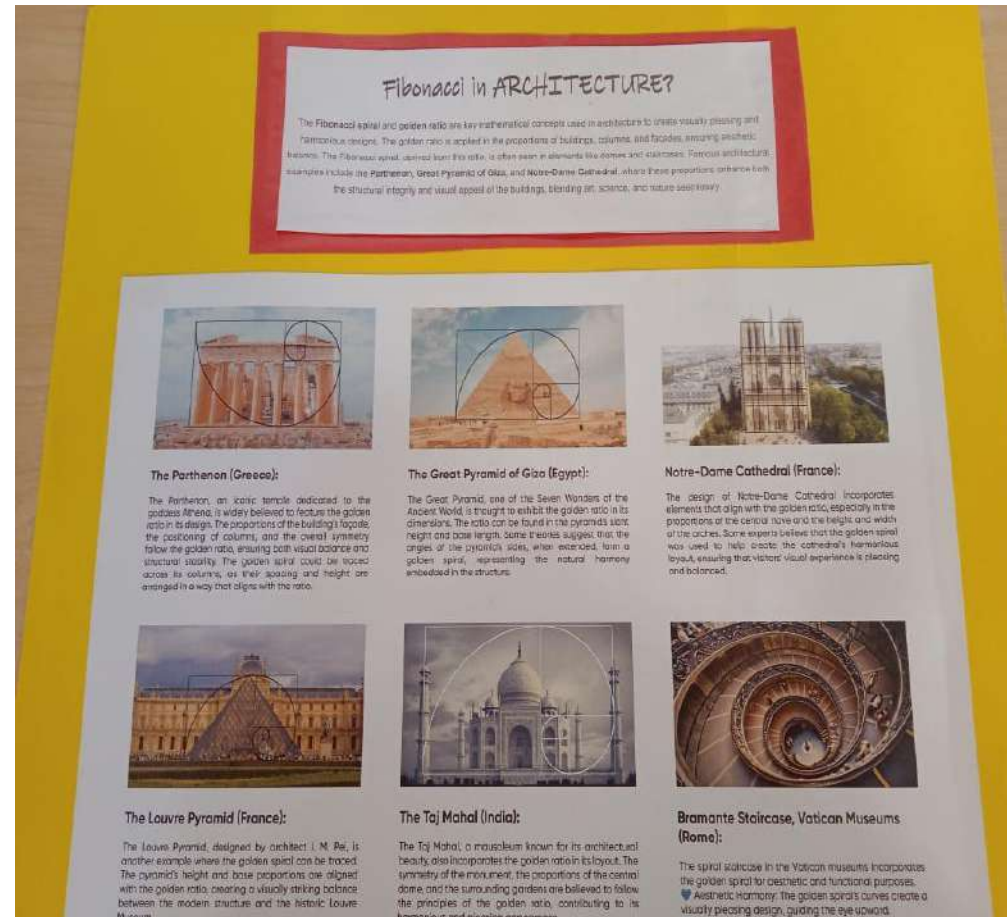
Medical Camp by Interact Club

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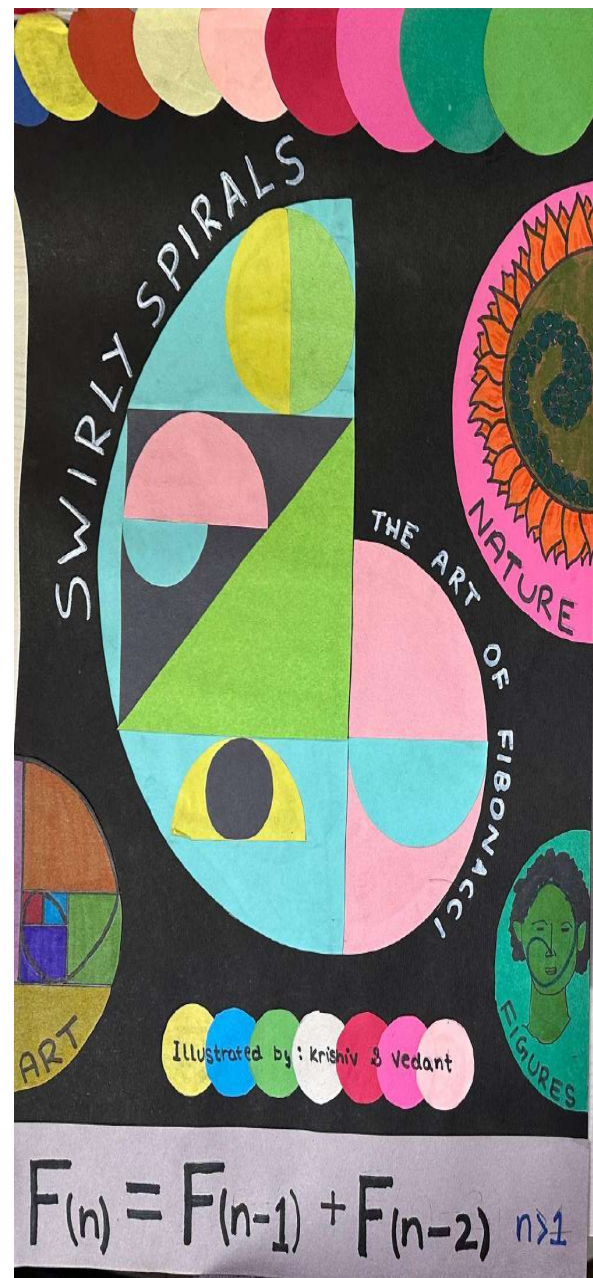
On 30th November 2024, the Interact Club of Calcutta International School, in collaboration with Medica Hospital and Soroptimist International, organized a successful Medical Camp, serving over 75 patients. The camp offered ECGs, eye tests, blood sugar and pressure checks, BMI measurements, and physician consultations. Planned over two months, it involved meticulous coordination of medical staff, equipment, and logistics. Over 35 student volunteers from grades 8-12 facilitated patient registration and station guidance. Held from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM, the camp provided essential healthcare services, addressing community needs and reinforcing the school's dedication to service and health awareness.



Fibonacci Quest -Grade 7

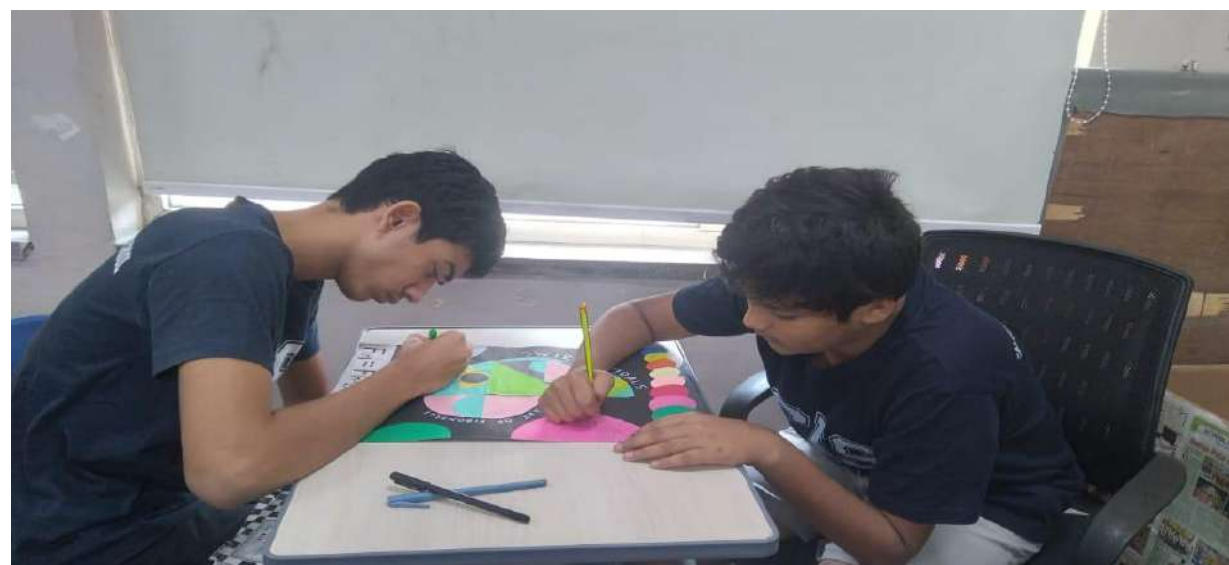


Grade 7 celebrated Fibonacci Day with a week-long exploration of the Fibonacci sequence in nature, art, food, and architecture. Highlights included a Fibonacci Trail with stations showcasing the golden spiral in flowers, seashells, and iconic designs. Students engaged in activities like measuring body proportions to find the golden ratio and counting spirals on pineapples to uncover Fibonacci numbers in nature. They also expressed creativity through mosaic art, zentangles, and golden spiral-inspired crafts. The event blended learning and creativity, sparking curiosity and appreciation for math's connection to the world's beauty, making it a memorable and enriching experience for all.



Fibonacci Quest- Grade 8

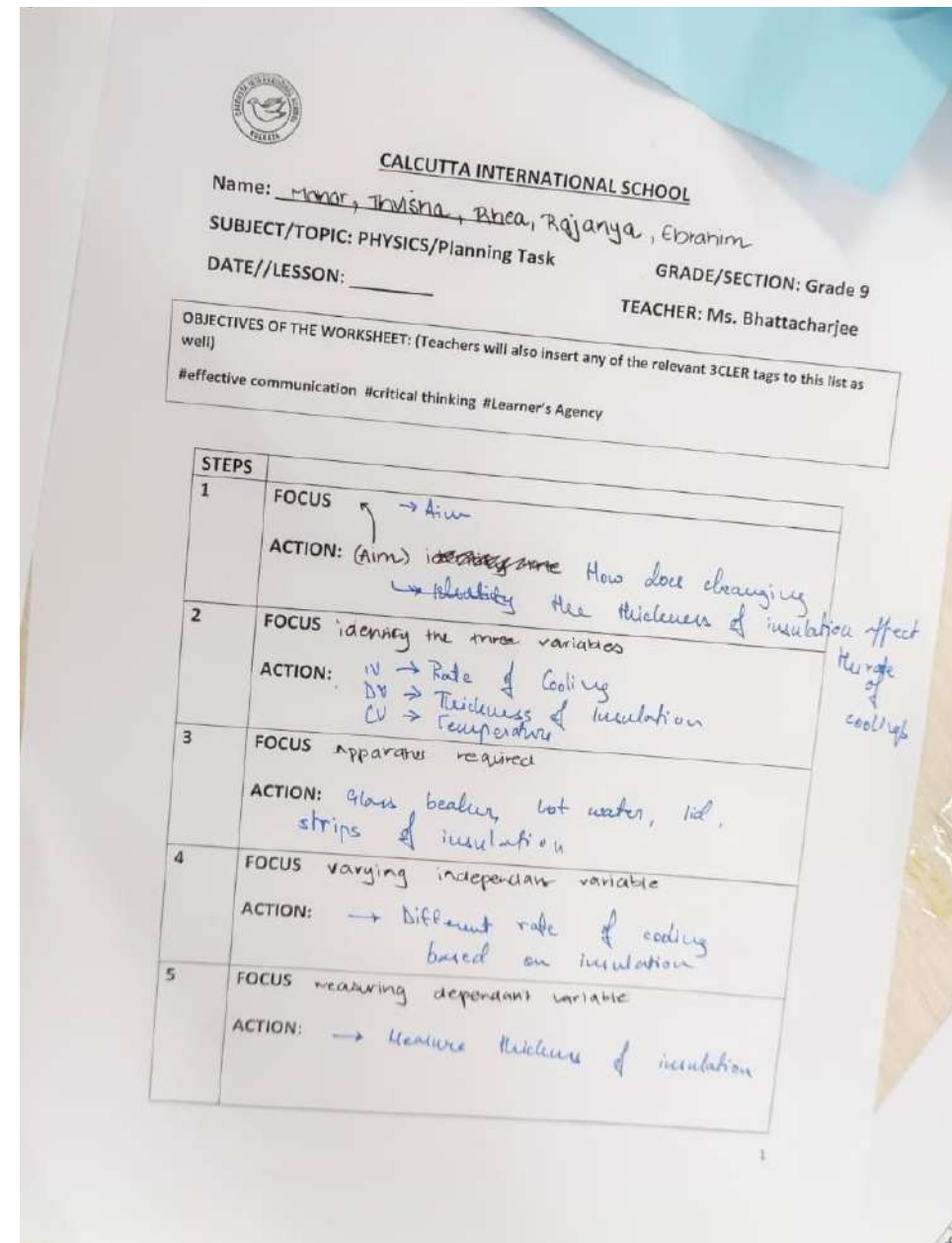
In November, to commemorate Fibonacci Month, the students of Grade 8 engaged in a variety of activities during their math lessons. They worked with square grid papers to draw the golden spiral, following the Fibonacci sequence, to help them understand the concept more clearly. The session was further enriched through a collaboration with the Art Department, where the art teacher explained the significance of the golden ratio in art and its applications. A quiz, titled "Fibonacci Quest," was conducted in groups, which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Additionally, they were tasked with designing a magazine cover based on the Fibonacci concept, further exploring its creative aspects.



Teaching and Innovation- Science Dept. [Gr. 9]

The "Unpacking the Parcel" visual thinking routine is an effective teaching activity for Grade 9 Physics to develop students' skills in experimental planning. In this activity, a problem or experiment scenario is presented as a "parcel" containing hidden layers of information. Students work collaboratively to "unpack" it by identifying the key variables, equipment, procedures, and potential challenges involved. Each layer of the parcel reveals a new aspect of the task, prompting students to think critically and systematically about designing a clear and logical experiment. This routine encourages inquiry, fosters deeper understanding of the scientific method, and develops analytical skills.

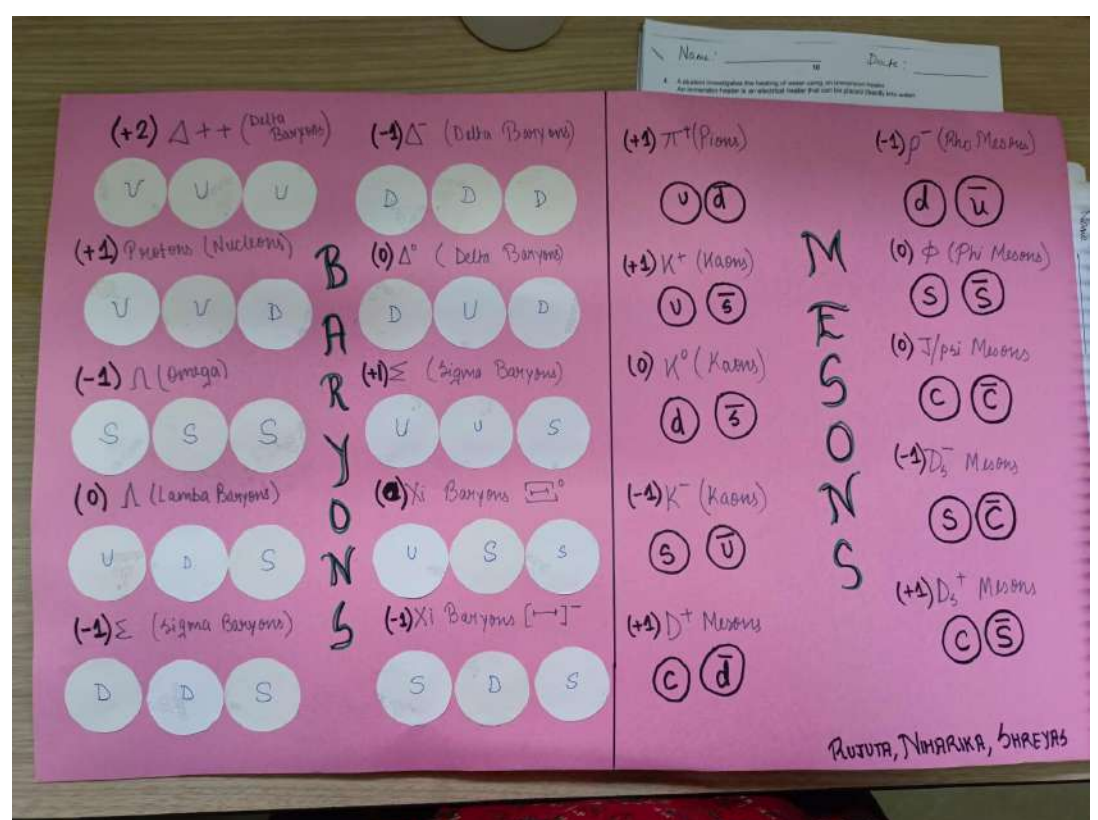
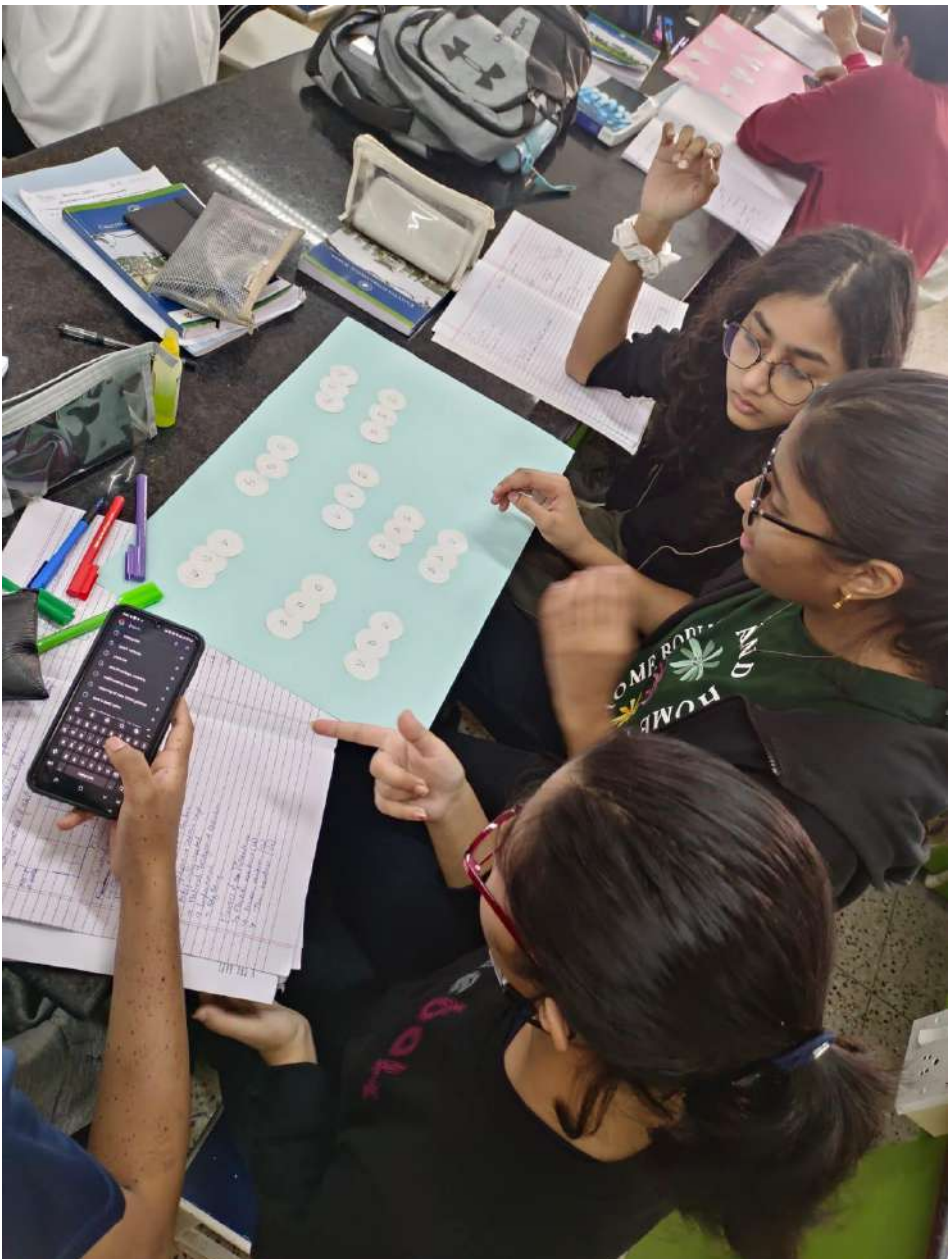
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Teaching and Innovation- Science Dept. [Gr. AS]

The Quark Game is an engaging teaching-learning activity designed to help AS Physics students grasp the fundamental concepts of quarks, hadrons, and their interactions. In this game, students use a set of cards representing different quarks and antiquarks. The objective is to combine quark cards to form baryons or mesons, following the rules of particle physics. This hands-on activity reinforces theoretical knowledge, encourages collaborative problem-solving, and helps students understand how subatomic particles are constructed, making abstract concepts more tangible and interactive.

ATL Skills - Research Skills, Thinking skills
Collaborative Learning Agency



MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On October 1st, CIS students celebrated World Mental Health Day with activities themed around "Mental Health at Workplace." Highlights included gratitude card-making, self-care posters, and discussions on workplace well-being. Students showcased creativity, empathy, and respect, fostering open conversations and promoting a supportive environment where everyone feels valued and cared for.



Hindi Diwas

Hindi Diwas was celebrated with enthusiasm across grades, highlighting creativity and cultural pride. Class 9 students performed songs, skits, and poetry, while Class 7 showcased culinary and writing skills by sharing homemade dishes and handwritten recipes. Class 8 took an academic approach, creating posters and delivering insightful presentations on famous Hindi literary figures. Even Class 6 contributed with zeal, ensuring vibrant celebrations. Observed on September 14, Hindi Diwas commemorates Hindi's recognition as an official language in the Indian Constitution, emphasizing the richness of the language and culture. These activities enhanced the importance of Hindi among students and teachers alike.



WINTER JAMBOREE

AS-level Travel and Tourism students hosted a vibrant Winter Jamboree, blending games, food, and cultural exploration. Featuring a global theme, the event spotlighted the USA and Las Vegas with engaging activities like "7up7down," inspired by casino traditions, and a Nerf Gun Shooting Range using recycled soda cans.



Sustainability was prioritized through reused materials and eco-friendly decorations. Attendees enjoyed international cuisines categorized into Sarriete (savoury), Postres (desserts), and Bebidas (beverages), with offerings like Japanese ramen, brownies, red velvet jars, and milkshakes. The event's innovative planning and unique activities were widely praised, making it a memorable and successful experience for all.



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