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The Primary and Junior Sections of CIS warmly welcome the following students as they begin their journey with us.

- Celian Candide Martin - Grade Pre Nursery B
- Arjun Goswami - Grade 5A
- Jinisha Rakhecha - Grade 5B



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Newsletter

Events in September

Primary Section

Friday, 05.09.2025 - Teacher's Day Celebration

Saturday, 06.09.2025 - PTM Grade Pre Nursery.

Saturday, 13.09.2025 - PTM Grades Nursery and Upper Nursery

Wednesday, 17.09.2025 - Primary Section Math Assembly

Wednesday, 24.09.2025 - Primary Section Puja Assembly

Friday, 26.09.2025 - Last working day before Puja Vacations

Saturday, 27.09.2025 - Puja Vacation begins

Junior Section

Friday, 05.09.2025 - Teacher's Day Celebration

Saturday, 06.09.2025 - PTM Grades 2 and 5

Friday, 12.09.2025 - Hindi Diwas Assembly

Saturday, 13.09.2025 - PTM Grade 3

Monday to Friday, 15.09.25 to 19.09.2025 - Library Quiz Grades 3 to 5.

Friday, 19.09.2025 - SEN Department session with Junior Section

Saturday, 20.09.2025 - PTM Grades 1 and 4.

Monday, 22.09.2025 - Voices Grades 1 to 2

Tuesday, 23.09.2025 - Voices Grades 3 to 4

Wednesday, 24.09.2025 - Voices Grade 5

Friday, 26.09.2025 - Puja Assembly and last working day before Puja Vacations

Saturday, 27.09.2025 - Puja Vacation begins

Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony of the Junior School Student Council, 2025–26 was held with dignity and pride on Thursday, 31st July 2025. This significant occasion marked the culmination of hard work, responsibility and thoughtfulness, as young leaders were officially entrusted with their roles to serve and lead.



The ceremony was graced by the Junior School Principal, Mrs Pratime Nayar, Section Heads of Junior School - Mrs Sharmila Majumdar and Mrs Neelam Choudhary, Section Heads of the Senior School - Mrs Susmita Mukherjee and Mrs Manideepa Raychaudhuri, Dr Runa Ghosh Auddy, IBDP Coordinator and Mr Subrata Ghosh, Head of the Visual and Performing Arts Department.



The emcee for the event
Ms. Amanda DuPratt



To set a thoughtful and serene tone for the morning, Abigail Chung of Grade 5 performed a melodious piece on the piano, providing a soothing and elegant start to the ceremony.



Students from Pre-Nursery to Grade 3 watched the proceedings with great interest through a live-streamed broadcast.

This was followed by a heartfelt and inspiring address by Mrs Pratima Nayar, Junior School Principal, who reminded the young leaders that true leadership is rooted not in power or position, but in humility, empathy and service.



The Oath Taking Ceremony





Once the captains, vice-captains and prefects received their badges from Mrs Pratima Nayar, Mrs Neelam Choudhary, Mrs Sharmila Majumdar, and their respective House Masters and Mistresses, they took their solemn oath, pledging to serve the school and community with sincerity, dedication and a deep sense of responsibility.



Adding to the moment's significance, Aadya Narayan, the newly appointed School Captain, congratulated the council members and highlighted the importance of kindness, listening and empathy, reminding the juniors that these qualities would guide them in executing their duties effectively. The newly appointed captains and prefects of the Junior School also shared their eagerness to learn from their Senior School counterparts and collaborate on future whole-school events - a gesture that reflects the culture of mentorship and shared leadership at CIS.

Meet the Junior School Student Council



Green House

Captain: Soraiya Singh

Vice Captain: Arhaan Sen

Senior Prefect: Arohi Agarwal

Junior Prefects: Tanushree Saraff and Myra Agarwal

House Mistresses - Mrs Gargee Mukherjee and Mrs Radhika Dhanuka (absent in the picture)



Red House

Captain: Aaryav Gujral

Vice Captain: Dhruv Patodia

Senior Prefect: Tara Mazumder

Junior Prefects: Aryan Newar and Pearla Nevaeh Yonzone

House Mistress - Mrs Bhavna Sarawgee and House Master - Mr Sudipta Bardhan



Yellow House

Captain: Saisha Narula

Vice Captain: Aadya Jalan

Senior Prefect: Tamanna Bhutoria

Junior Prefects: Samarth Sanyal and Yuvaan Bhutoria

House Mistress - Mrs Ishmeet Mokha and House Master - Mr Anushtoop Mazumder

The leaders of tomorrow



As each student stepped into their role with pride and purpose, the event concluded on a note of inspiration and optimism.

“Give a cheer for dear old CIS, the school belongs to you and me” - the student body joined together to sing the school song, a fitting end to a memorable occasion that reaffirms CIS’s enduring belief in the power of youth leadership, shared responsibility and community growth.



Our Captains and Prefects proudly look at their badges, knowing that every role brings with it both privileges and responsibilities.

Annual Swimming Meet

A Day of Talent and Triumph



The much-awaited Swimming Meet for our young enthusiasts was held on Friday, 22nd August 2025, at The Calcutta Swimming Club, giving students the exciting opportunity to compete in the outdoor pool.



Even though the skies were cloudy, the energy and cheerful spirit of the emcees, Ms Amanda DuPratt and Mrs Mousumi Guha, kept the atmosphere lively, while the PE sirs, Mr Abdul Samad and Mr Kaushik Kumar Sinha, ensured that everything was conducted smoothly.



Excitement sparkled around the pool as the youngest swimmers from the Primary Section paddled in with their arm bands and tubes.





As the events progressed, Junior Section students showcased their skills in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly, swimming with determination to the finish line and stepping onto the victory stand with pride.





A special highlight this year was the Junior School's first-ever mixed relay, where swimmers from Grades 4 and 5 teamed up to represent their houses with energy, teamwork and great enthusiasm.

Relay Results:
Green House - 1st
Red House - 2nd
Yellow House - 3rd



The meet ended with cheers and celebrations as the captains and prefects of the Red, Yellow and Green Houses proudly lifted the championship and runners-up trophies.

Swimming Meet Results



Overall Champions -
Red House

First Runners Up -
Green House



Second Runners Up -
Yellow House

Group Champions



Group 3 - Boys - Aaryan Jain
Group 3 - Girls - Diya Singhvi



Group 4 - Boys - Devyansh Shah
Group 4 - Girls - Soraiya Singh
and Daanya Narsinghani

It was a day filled with happy and proud moments, talent and true sportsmanship, one that will be remembered fondly by the participants, their parents and teachers.



National Library Day

National Library Day, celebrated on 12th August in India to honour Dr S R Ranganathan, the father of Library Science, recognises the invaluable role of librarians in promoting literacy, ensuring access to knowledge and fostering a love for reading.

On Saturday, 23rd August 2025, Calcutta International School hosted the second edition of its National Library Day celebration, welcoming 22 librarians from schools across Kolkata for a day of dialogue, sharing and collaboration.



The event opened with a warm address by our librarian, Mrs Anuradha Ganguly, who reflected on libraries as evolving yet timeless spaces for imagination and learning.



This was followed by insightful sessions: Mr Surjodoy Chatterjee, Programme Coordinator at the Goethe-Institut, Max Mueller Bhavan, spoke on balancing digital and physical reading; Ms Sumita Banerjea, educator, counsellor and author, shared ideas on transforming libraries into vibrant, engaging spaces; and Ms Praveena Ireland, Manager at the Library and Cultural Centre, British Council, led an interactive vision board workshop where participants worked in teams to map their aspirations for school libraries.



Adding to the spirit of the day, student volunteers from Grades 9 and 10 created social media posts, compered the sessions and captured memorable moments through photography.

The celebration concluded with tokens of appreciation, heartfelt thanks and conversations over refreshments, leaving participants inspired to reimagine the possibilities within their own libraries.



The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence

CIS was honoured in several categories for its achievements in diverse areas of education.

On 23rd August 2025, our teachers, along with the Academic and Section Heads of the Junior School, proudly received the awards at The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence, held at South City International School.



Our Senior School students have made us proud with their numerous awards, showcasing excellence across academics, arts and sports.

- Deepro Roy (Filmmaker) - Certificate of Honour for Outstanding Talent
- Shome Deepto Sarkar (collaborative Art Space) - Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Talent
- Arya Bhutoria - Certificate of Honour for All-Round Excellence
- Deeptendu Shekhar Ray - Certificate of Honour for All-Round Excellence
- Gita Basu Mahagama (Basketball) - Certificate of Honour for Outstanding Talent in Sports
- Mihiri Basu Mahagama (Basketball) - Certificate of Honour for Outstanding Talent in Sports
- Aurni Sarkar - Certificate of Honour for Outstanding Talent in Music



Certificate of Excellence in Maintenance and Eco-Friendly Initiatives -

recognising the school's commitment to sustainable practices and its efforts to guide students towards becoming environmentally aware and responsible individuals.

Certificate of Honour for Excellence in Extra Curricular Activities -
 celebrating the school's effort to provide varied opportunities where students can explore their interests, express creativity and grow into confident, well-rounded individuals - for at CIS, we believe every child has unique strengths waiting to be uncovered.



Certificate of Honour for Social Service -

honouring the school's dedication to community service and its role in inspiring students to take meaningful action, nurturing empathy and a deep sense of social responsibility.

We are happy to share that our sub-staff member, Mir Fazelrub, fondly known to us as Amir Dada, received the Shining Star Honour in recognition for his dedication and many years of devoted service at CIS.

आरोही: हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं आमिर दादा यह अवार्ड जीतने के लिए। आपको कैसा लग रहा है?

आमिर दादा: मुझे बहुत अच्छा लग रहा है। और मैं सीआईएस का भी बहुत-बहुत शुक्रगुजार हूँ। क्योंकि जैसा मुझे अवार्ड मिला है, उसी तरह जितने भी टीचर हैं, जितने भी स्टाफ लोग हैं, वैसा सभी को मिले तो बहुत अच्छा रहेगा।

तमन्ना: आप सीआईएस में कितने साल से हो?

आमिर दादा: मैं यहाँ सीआईएस 39 इयर्स से हूँ। हम लोग पुराने स्कूल में भी थे, वहां से जब स्कूल यहाँ आया तो मैं भी यहाँ आया।

तमन्ना: ओ वाओ, आप ली रोड में भी थे?

आमिर दादा: जी हां, मैं ली रोड में भी था।

तमन्ना: आपको कुछ बोलना है?

आमिर दादा: मैं यही कहूँगा की ,मैं सीआईएस का बहुत-बहुत शुक्रगुजार हूँ। बहुत धन्यवाद, क्योंकि मुझे इतना इज्जत मिली। थैंक यू।

आरोही,तमन्ना: धन्यवाद, Congratulations!



These honours capture the spirit of our CIS family, a community where every effort is appreciated and where we aim to nurture students who shine in academics while also embracing empathy, kindness and responsibility.



Inspire@CIS

Inspire@CIS is a dynamic initiative that gives students the chance to engage with experts from various fields early in their educational journey. These interactions ignite curiosity, encourage deeper learning, and inspire students to see the world through new lenses.

Our very first session had students, parents and educators enthralled as two renowned wildlife photographers shared their journeys, passion and art. Mr. Nayan Khandolkar and Mr. Sandeep Mall left us all in awe by taking us on a journey to explore the wild and capture nature's untold stories!



Through their stories, passion, and expertise, they showed us that photography goes beyond technique, it is a powerful medium of visual storytelling, a way to observe with empathy and a call to capture the beauty of wildlife responsibly. An engaging Q&A with our students sparked thought-provoking questions and fresh insights, making the session interactive and truly inspiring.



By expanding their horizons, Inspire@CIS helps students develop well-rounded perspectives that empower them for life beyond the classroom.



Mission Million Mango

This summer, students from the Primary and Junior Sections took part in the Mission of Million Mango Seeds, a drive inspired by Jasmit Singh Arora, the “Gutli Man.” Supporting SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts, the campaign aimed to revive rare mango varieties and promote biodiversity. Students enjoyed mangoes, cleaned and dried the seeds for 4–5 days and submitted them to school between 18th June to 25th July, 2025 for replantation. The initiative gave students a simple, hands-on way to connect with nature and contribute to a greener future, one seed at a time.



Independence Day

A time to remember, honour and celebrate the journey our nation took to achieve freedom.

At Calcutta International School, the spirit of freedom was brought to life as students showcased their love for the nation through music, dance, drama and heartfelt expressions.

On 13th August, the young learners of the Primary Section came together to celebrate Independence Day. Dressed in vibrant Indian attire, the students created a colourful and festive atmosphere, filling the room with their energy.

Pre Nursery



The students of Pre Nursery presented - *India Shines* - a song to highlight the spirit of a nation moving forward with hope and pride.



Nursery



The students of Nursery A presented a lively medley of patriotic songs that filled the room with rhythm and joy.



The students of Nursery B touched the audience with a soulful rendition of *Mera Mulik Mera Desh*, their graceful actions reflecting true love for the nation.

Upper Nursery



The students of Upper Nursery A gave a heartfelt rendition of *Choro Kal Ki Baatein*, their voices carrying a message of hope and unity.

The morning reached a powerful finale with Upper Nursery B's energetic dance to *Desh Mere*, leaving the audience moved with pride and emotion.



The young learners watched the performances with patience and enthusiasm. The assembly concluded with everyone joining in to sing 'Nanha Munna Rahi Hoon.'

Grade 3

Building on the spirit set by the Primary Section, the students of Grade 3 took the teachers and students of the Junior School on a time-travelling journey to meet the heroes who shaped India's freedom.



From Gandhiji's spinning wheel to Rani Laxmi Bai's courage, from Tagore's poetic pen to Bhagat Singh's revolutionary spirit and from Ambedkar's Constitution to Nehru's love for children, the students showed that the values of truth, bravery, equality and compassion are as relevant today as they were in the past.



The assembly also featured vibrant dance performances and a specially composed patriotic song, created with the help of technology and artistic expression, that showcased how India continues to move with time.



Through humour, music, drama and powerful performances, the play connected the past with the present, reminding all that just as our freedom was shaped by leaders, it's now our turn to uphold those ideals today.



The assembly concluded with an engaging interaction between students of Grade 3 and Mrs Nayar, where they eagerly shared their learnings and reflections. This was followed by a heartfelt rendition of the National Anthem.

Author visits

Stories, Creativity & Conversations: A Month of Inspiring Encounters at CIS

This August, the Primary and Junior Sections at Calcutta International School was enriched with a vibrant mix of author visits, Human Library sessions, and creative workshops that left our young learners inspired, engaged, and brimming with curiosity.

Primary Section

The students of Grades Pre Nursery, Nursery and Upper Nursery enjoyed a lively Author Visit with Mrs Swati Kheria, accompanied by Mrs Ridhi Khaitan.



With a cheerful hello song, stick puppets, sound effects, and interactive narration, she brought her delightful story *Dumpling Finds Its Perfect Shape* to life. The students were captivated by Dumpling the little spider's adventures as it discovered the value of perseverance and teamwork, while also reflecting on the heartwarming message that "we are all special."

The Human Library initiative further opened new avenues of learning.

Grade 1



For Grade 1, Mr. Kunal Pabrai, entrepreneur and ice cream maker, shared the magic behind one of children's favorite treats.



Through a picture-based presentation, he explained the ice cream-making process, introduced students to the Vanilla pod and answered eager questions about flavours and machines.

The session was lively and interactive, with students eagerly asking questions about flavours and even sharing their own favourites.

Grade 2

Dr Roohi Khanna, a medical doctor specialising in Obesity Medicine, Diabetology and Women's Health, and also a parent and alumna of CIS, engaged the Grade 2 learners in meaningful conversations about nutrition, healthy eating and lifestyle choices.



Through real-life examples, thoughtful Q&A, and a hands-on worksheet activity comparing different snacks, she empowered students to think critically about what they eat and why it matters.



The session left everyone more mindful of healthy living, and we sincerely thank Dr Khanna for inspiring our young learners.



Grade 3



Students had the inspiring opportunity to participate in a creative workshop led by Harsho Mohan Chatteraj, renowned graphic novelist and illustrator from Kolkata. The session explored the art of storytelling through comics.

Students were given three themes - Ghosts, Food and Sports and asked to create a cover page and a story page in comic format. Mr. Chatteraj encouraged them to see comics not just as drawings but as a way to tell stories. The workshop was lively and fun, leaving students excited to explore the world of graphic novels and illustration.



Grades 4 and 5



Grades 4 and 5 had a thought-provoking session, ‘Wonder Tales for a Warming Planet’ by Rajat Chaudhuri.

An author, storyteller and climate activist, Mr Rajat Chaudhuri shared his journey as a writer of climate fiction and showed students the covers of his books, linking them to real-life issues like cyclones, Chernobyl and heat waves. A short reading from Wonder Tales for a Warming Planet gave students a taste of his upcoming book.



Students worked on short climate stories, with some sharing their ideas aloud while others continued to refine their drafts. The workshop was a lively mix of storytelling and awareness, leaving students excited about writing and more thoughtful about the world around them.

At CIS, every encounter becomes a story, and every story inspires our students to imagine, explore, and grow.



Experiences Inspire

A Junior School assembly

In the last week of July, a special assembly brought together students who had participated in various fests and events to share their journeys.

Each group shared their experiences, reflecting on what they had learned and how the opportunities helped them grow.

The team that represented CIS at the Genius Fest at Ruby Park Public School



Arjun Vora Kejriwal, Shaon Mitra, Atharv Jeloka, Inshajit Dawn, Inaaya Gupta, Aisha Bansal, Anaisha Nirmal, Pearla Nevaeh Yonzon, Samarth Sanyal, Kyra Hitesh Kapoor (absent in the picture)

The team that represented CIS at the Heritage School Fest - Alaap



Soraiya Singh, Lavik Agarwalla, Aarav Nirmal, Miraaya Agarwal, Kaveer Agarwal, Tamanna Bhutoria, Aira Jain, Samara Bagaria, Arohi Kedia

Noa Alma Munshi, Aneesh Chatterjee, Ripanshi Dutta (absent in the picture)

The team that represented CIS at Alliance Française du Bengale



The team that represented CIS at Alliance Française du Bengale, in the Elocution Competition held as part of the Bastille Day celebrations.

Tara Mazumder, Aryan Newar,
Pratham Pal

Tanushree Saraff (absent in the picture)



Art teachers, Mr Sudipta Bardhan and Mr Ritwik Kar, along with students from Grades 4 and 5, shared their experiences of exploring the works of French artists, which they studied and recreated through their own artistic interpretations for Bastille Day, a project also shared with Alliance Française du Bengale.



Learning about bones with Dr. Kaushik Sundar

On 4th August 2025, the students of Grade 3 attended an enriching session with Dr Kaushik Sundar, neurologist from NH Rabinranath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences. He explained how bones and muscles work together to help us move, using engaging videos and presentations that made science come alive. The students listened with curiosity, asked thoughtful questions about the skeleton and also learnt how medicine and vaccination keep us healthy. As a token of gratitude, they presented Dr Sundar with a plant and a handmade card. It was a memorable experience that added real-world depth to their inquiry on Bones, Skeleton and Movement.



Financial Literacy Workshop

“Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best.”

- Bob Talbert

On the 5th and 6th of August, Grade 4 and 5 students participated in a Financial Literacy Workshop organised in collaboration with Young Edsplorer, designed to build age-appropriate financial skills in a fun and engaging way.



Through interactive activities, they explored the basics of money—what it is, how we earn it, and how to spend it wisely.

Students learnt to differentiate between Needs, Wants and Demands, practised smart shopping and lifestyle choices, and even gained an introduction to the banking system, including how to open an account and fill out a withdrawal form.



The hands-on sessions encouraged critical thinking, budgeting, saving and responsible decision-making among students. Their curiosity and enthusiasm was evident through thoughtful questions and active participation.



The workshop provided an introductory look into the banking system, where students learned: How to open a bank account? How to fill out a withdrawal form? This hands-on experience gave the students an insight into real-world situations.

Our learners were curious, engaged, and highly responsive. Their active participation and insightful questions kept the facilitator on her toes, demonstrating a genuine interest in understanding financial concepts.

These concepts not only enhanced their mathematical reasoning and critical thinking, but also instilled a sense of responsibility, independence, and patience.



Through such early exposure, we at CIS aim to build a generation that is not only financially literate but also financially wise.

Students' speak

The financial literacy workshop made learning about deposits and opening a bank account exciting, as we worked together as a family to make important financial decisions through engaging activities. - Aryan Newar, Grade 4

I discovered the importance of teamwork and how to keep my money safe—all while having fun! - Yuvaan Bhutoria, Grade 4

I was thrilled and amazed to grasp the value of money and learn how to distinguish between needs, wants, and demands, and all this we did through fun activities.
Tanushree Saraff, Grade 4

We should not waste money. We should save it for essentials.
- Deon Melai Sankar, Grade 5

While making posters on wants, demands and needs, I had fun learning the importance of depositing and saving money.- Tamanna Bhutoria, Grade 5

I loved the financial literacy workshop—it was exciting to discover smart ways to spend and save money! - Arjun Bagaria, Grade 5



We extend our gratitude to Mrs Pratima Nayar, our Junior School Principal, for her forward-thinking vision and for recognising how important it is for our students to learn about money and how to use it wisely from an early age.

We also deeply appreciate Mrs Antara Banerjee, Junior School Math and ICT Coordinator, for organising such a meaningful and impactful workshop.

IIHM Junior Chef

A Taste of Talent – Young Chefs in the Making!

Our budding chefs from Grades 4 and 5 added a dash of creativity and a sprinkle of enthusiasm at the Prelims of the IIHM Young Chef - Junior Competition on 14th August, 2025. Nine of our students proudly donned their aprons and showcased their culinary skills with a delightful spread of dishes – from mouth-watering sweets to savoury treats bursting with flavour.



It was a wonderful experience where talent met taste, and each student displayed confidence, imagination, and passion for cooking. All participants were awarded certificates for their participation, and now the excitement continues as we eagerly await the results, to be announced after the completion of the preliminary round.





We are so proud of our young chefs who proved that age is no limit when it comes to stirring up excellence in the kitchen!



Olympiads

Celebrating Our Olympiad Achievers – 2024–2025

We are delighted to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students in the Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) competitions for the academic year 2024–2025. Their hard work, dedication and passion for learning have brought pride and recognition to our school at both zonal and international levels. We celebrate all our achievers for their outstanding performances and for making our school community proud.



Level 1- International topper Rank 1

- Diya Singhvi - IMO - International Rank 1, Zonal Rank 1, Gold Medal, ₹1000 cash prize - International Topper Rank
- Hridan Gaurav Vora - IMO - International Rank 1, Zonal Rank 1, Gold Medal, ₹1000 cash prize - International Topper Rank 1
- Krishav Halwasiya - IMO - International Rank 1, Zonal Rank 1, Gold Medal, ₹1000 cash prize - International Topper Rank 1

Certificate of Zonal Excellence.

- Diya Singhvi - IGKO - ₹500 cash prize
- Zoe Xin Ru Lee - IMO - ₹500 cash prize



Certificate of Zonal Excellence:

- Samarth Sanyal - IGKO - Level 1
- Aryan Newar - NSO - Level 2



Certificate of Merit: Level 2

- Adhvik Sengupta - IEO
- Samarth Sanyal - NSO
- Reyaan Agarwal - IMO



Certificate of Zonal Excellence:

Level 2

- Aaryav Gujral - IEO - ₹500 cash prize
- Arjun Bagaria - IEO
- Aarav Agarwal - IEO



Certificate of Merit: Level 2

- Arjun Bagaria - NSO
- Lavik Agarwalla - IEO
- Abigail Shuhan Chung - IEO
- Aryahi Chatterjee - IEO
- Anaya Shree Mohta - IEO
- Arhaan Sen - IMO
- Tamanna Bhutoria - IMO
- Aaryav Gujral - IMO

Congratulations to all the winners!





Announcements

Eco Warriors Leading the Way

The PET Bottle Collection Drive has resumed for the academic year 2025–26.

As a part of our effort to reduce plastic waste, students are bringing in bottles and handing them over to the Eco Warriors team, who carefully count and record each contribution. The bottles are then placed in the installed plastic bin and are collected by our recycling partner, Hulladeck.

This simple yet meaningful initiative is a part of our ongoing project and reflects our shared commitment to building a greener tomorrow, aligning with SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.



Junior School Choir 2025–26

The Junior School Choir has been formed with selected students from Grades 3, 4 and 5.

We look forward to their melodious performances at school events throughout the year.

Grade 3A

Arjav Goswami

Diya Singhvi

Grade 3B

Deetyaa Jalan

Myrra Lalani

Noa Alma Munshi

Grade 4A

Pratham Pal
Reyaan Agarwal
Shayak Ghosh
Tanushree Saraff

Grade 4B

Pearla Nevaeh Yonzone
Sitara Kaushik
Tristaan Jal Bulsara

Grade 5A

Aadya Jalan
Abigail Shuhan Chung
Anaya Shree Mohta
Ripanshi Dutta
Ronin Vernon Sanket
Saishaa Narula
Sanay Parasrampuriah
Soraiya Singh

Grade 5B

Devyansh Shah
Haiqa Amir
Hua Fu Wogen Hsiung
Namah Thirani

Heartiest congratulations to our
young singers!



Media Coverage

Learning through moments of purposeful play

During a recent session, the children engaged in interactive group games designed to support both physical development and social-emotional growth. On one such day, the children participated in an activity involving a hula hoop, which they passed around the circle without letting go of each other's hands.

Through this activity and others, such as passing objects in a relay, learners practice taking turns, encouraging peers and cooperating as a group. These experiences help develop essential skills such as eye-hand coordination, focus, and team spirit in an engaging and supportive environment.

Mathematical thinking often emerges through hands-on experiences. As students play with blocks and cubes, they measure the length of tables with linking cubes, compare the height of their peers and estimate distances with wooden blocks. These explorations also help them to develop their mathematical concepts, encouraging observation, estimation, and reasoning.

Through purposeful play, children grow as thinkers, explorers, communicators, and collaborators. They engage in real problem-solving, develop empathy, express themselves freely, and build connections between their inner worlds and the world around them. In play, children are not preparing for life—they are already living it.

At Calcutta International School (CIS), the early years are grounded in a deep understanding of how young children learn best through play. In classrooms and learning spaces across pre-nursery, nursery and upper nursery, play is intentionally embedded within the curriculum and used as a powerful context for inquiry, expression, collaboration and reflection.

In pre-nursery, a cooking role-play area allows children to communicate their ideas, share responsibilities and recreate everyday routines. It has been observed that these interactions support early language development and also social-emotional growth, as children interact with each other, practice taking turns in doing the activity and teach each other in the process.

Our students enjoy splashing water in the water play time. Apart from learning concepts such as floating and sinking, activities like placing ten little ducks in water, leads children to observe, question, and test their ideas as they sing along with the famous ten little ducks. In another play zone, the little learners from pre-nursery use leaves to form shapes and animals—squares, ducks, umbrellas—demonstrating how imagination and design emerge from everyday objects. Very often it is observed that a simple set of blocks has become a zoo, a city—scape or a spaceship where students have demonstrated storytelling and design. Free play allows children to follow their own ideas and connect their imaginative worlds to real-life experiences as the teachers observe and note their thinking abilities.

In nursery, students are seen collecting twigs, dry leaves, stones to create birds' nests as they play and later are encouraged to paste their thoughts and ideas onto paper. These experiences support fine motor development and encourage originality of thoughts and ideas.

Children dress up as adults using oversized clothes, hats and bags, which allows them to explore identity, roles in society, and self-expression. Shopping corners created using real-life objects such as empty cartons, paper bags, play money, and labels allow children to recreate everyday experiences.

In upper nursery, play serves as a meaningful medium through which learners explore how to work and learn collaboratively.

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