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Newsletter

Events in June

Junior School

Monday, 08.6.26 - School reopens for Teachers

Tuesday, 16.6.26 - School reopens for Students

Wednesday, 17.6.26 - Welcome Assembly - Junior Section

Thursday, 25.6.26 - Welcome Assembly - Primary Section

Friday, 26.6.26 - Muharram Holiday



WELCOME



We welcome the following students to Junior School -

Grade Nursery B - Riddhish Sarkar

Grade 2B – Aryaveer Jaipuria

Grade 2A – Eshaani Agarwala

Grade 5B – Soeun Ji

We welcome the following teachers to Junior School -

Ms. Aurchi Ghosh - Humanities Department

Mrs. Nancy Roy and Mrs. Nidhi Bagri in the Primary Section

Grade Upper Nursery Prize Distribution Ceremony



The Prize Distribution Ceremony for Grade Upper Nursery was held on 28th April, 2026, in the Music Room with great joy and enthusiasm. The event celebrated the achievements, growth and memorable journey of our young learners throughout the academic year.

The programme began with inspiring words of encouragement and appreciation by Mrs. Majumdar, who praised the students for their hard work, confidence and progress. Her warm and motivating words filled the learners with happiness and pride. This was followed by a special performance by Grade Nursery as a heartfelt gesture of bidding farewell to their seniors, while the students of Grade 1 warmly welcomed the youngest members into the Junior Section with great joy.





Thereafter, the much-awaited distribution of attribute certificates to the students of Grades UNA and UNB brought smiles to every face as each student was appreciated for their unique qualities and efforts. Adding colour and cheer to the event, the students of Grade Nursery presented a delightful performance and lovingly handed over handmade cards, making the occasion even more heart-warming.



The students of Grade Upper Nursery then expressed their gratitude to all the teachers of the Primary Section through a thank-you song dedicated to their love, care and efforts throughout the year. They also shared their thoughts and experiences about their time in school. Their innocent and heartfelt words reflected friendship, learning, fun and the beautiful memories they had created together.

The ceremony concluded on a joyful note with a group song presented by the Upper Nursery students, filling the room with warmth and celebration. The event was truly a memorable occasion that beautifully highlighted the spirit, talent and growth of our young learners.

GEMA Student Speaker Competition



We are happy to share that our students Kyra Hitesh Kapoor, Tishna Poddar, Krishav Kothari, Sayesha Roy, Sheikh Mogha, Aarush Khemka, Aayansh Das Dey, Divij Gaurav Vora, and Vivaan Gupta participated in the International Student Speaker Competition 2025, organised by GEMA. The certificates were presented by Mrs. Pratima Nayar - Principal, Junior School. It was a proud moment for all of us.



A Magical Morning of Music, Movement and Memories

On 8th May 2026, the Music Room transformed into a vibrant haven of culture, joy and celebration as the Primary Section hosted a beautiful Rabindra Jayanti Special Assembly. The entire room was filled with stunning hues of red and white, setting a wonderfully traditional and cheerful atmosphere to honor the birthday of Kobiguru, Rabindranath Tagore - the legendary poet, philosopher and India's first Nobel Laureate.

The morning commenced with a warm welcome from our hosts, Mrs. Debika Dasgupta and Mrs. Chandrela Khemka, who extended their heartfelt gratitude to our lovely teachers - Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Majumdar and Mrs. Choudhary - for their constant guidance and encouragement. With that, the audience was invited to turn the pages of a beautiful storybook told entirely through songs, dances and poems.

Chapter 1: The Ripples of the Little River

The journey began with the soothing imagery of water splashing against soft sand. The youngest stars from Grade Pre-Nursery took to the stage to recite Tagore's famous poem, Amader Choto Nodi. Stepping onto the stage like gentle, rhythmic waves, their sweet voices brought the imagery of chirping birds, swaying trees and autumn's white Kash flowers beautifully to life.



Chapter 2: Walking with Courage

Next, the assembly moved from the riverbank to the long road of life. The Nursery students stepped up as brave little explorers to perform the iconic song Ekla Cholo Re. Singing with immense confidence, they beautifully reminded everyone of Tagore's message: to hold your own light and keep moving forward with a song in your heart.



Chapter 3: The Golden Fields

The storybook then opens to a wide, sunlit field where the wind blows through the crops and the sun plays peek-a-boo with the clouds. The Upper Nursery learners mesmerized the audience with a peaceful and melodious rendition of Aaj Dhaner Khete. Their lovely music filled the room with warmth, making everyone feel as though they were standing right in the middle of a golden morning.



Chapter 4 & Finale: The Happy Clouds

To bring the celebration to a spectacular close, Grade Pre-Nursery returned to the stage to dance to Megher Kole Rod Heseche. Channeling the spirit of fluffy, laughing clouds and endless sunshine, their joyful performance reminded us all of the pure fun of childhood.



A Heartfelt Thank You: The magical morning concluded with a grand finale, charting a journey from rivers and roads to golden fields and happy clouds. The assembly ended on an inspiring note as Mrs. Nayar and Mrs. Majumdar joined our little stars on stage to share words of appreciation and love, putting the perfect finishing touch on a day filled with immense pride and wonderful memories for our young learners.



Grade 4 - Echoes of Tagore

In the Junior Section, Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated with great enthusiasm and reverence on 8th of May, through a special assembly by Grade 4 that beautifully portrayed the life and legacy of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. Through dramatization, narration, songs, dance and recitations, the students highlighted different phases of Tagore's life - from his childhood imagination and love for nature to his contributions as a poet, educator, artist, philosopher and patriot.



The presentation also reflected his vision of joyful learning through Shantiniketan, his love for music and literature and his encouragement of Swadeshi ideals. Melodious performances of Rabindra Sangeet and graceful dance sequences added charm to the programme and left the audience mesmerized.





This heartfelt tribute to the timeless ideals of Rabindranath Tagore, inspired everyone to imagine, create and contribute positively towards society.

The assembly aptly concluded with a captivating performance by the Junior School Choir students of Grades 3 and 4 who sang the song - 'Bhalo manush noi re mora'.



The Great Debate

The Humanities Department, under the leadership of Ms. Amanda Bianca DuPratt - Junior School Humanities Coordinator, in collaboration with the English Department under the guidance of Ms. Tanbir Datta - Junior School English Coordinator, organised an engaging and non-competitive debate for Grade 5 students on Monday, 27th April, 2026. The debate centred around the thought-provoking motion: “The Gupta Age was considered a Golden Age because of its great achievements. With today’s progress in AI, space science, and technology, can modern India also be called a Golden Age?”

Integrating the disciplines of English and History, the event encouraged students to draw comparisons between the remarkable achievements of the Gupta period and the advancements of modern India. The debate aimed to strengthen students’ research abilities, persuasive speaking, rebuttal skills, confidence and historical understanding.



Students from Grade 5A spoke against the motion, while students from Grade 5B argued in favour. Preparation for the event began with classroom discussions, guided research activities, and an in-class writing task conducted on 25th March, 2026. From each section, eight students were selected and divided into teams of two for the final debate.

The event served as a valuable platform for students to express informed opinions, practise respectful disagreement and appreciate the meaningful connections between history and the modern world.



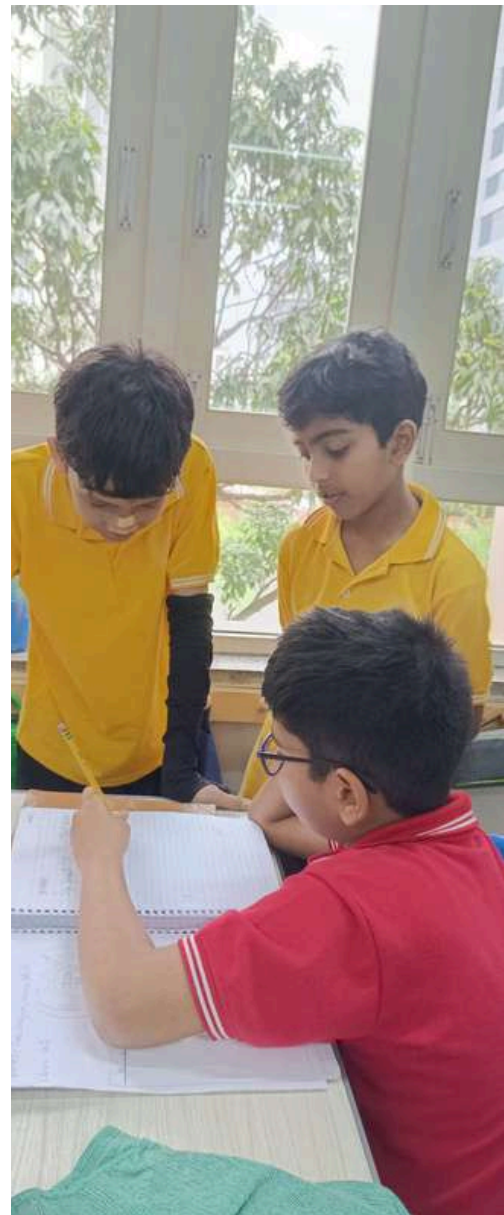
The debate included opening statements, structured arguments, a special rebuttal round and closing summaries. Students confidently presented examples from both ancient and modern India, highlighting achievements in science, mathematics, technology, education, digitisation, vaccine development, and space research, particularly the Chandrayaan missions. At the same time, they also acknowledged contemporary challenges such as corruption, violence, inflation, and the unequal access to basic necessities like food, water, and shelter, as well as concerns related to fuel and energy resources.

Although the debate was designed as a non-competitive event, an audience poll was conducted to encourage active engagement and thoughtful reflection. The audience, students and teachers alike, was invited to share their views and vote for the team they found most persuasive. The team speaking against the motion received the highest level of support in the poll. In recognition of their preparation, collaboration and confident presentation skills, all participants were awarded certificates, celebrating their enthusiastic contribution to the event.



English Creative Writing Workshop

On 27th of April, a creative writing workshop was held by Ms. Rimsha Hasan, under the guidance and support of Ms. Datta and Ms. DuPratt, in both sections of Grade 4. The students were taught about the structure and various tenets of good narrative construction. Moreover, they were also divided into groups and given individual topics, where they had to work collaboratively and write a story from the perspective of an inanimate object. There was also a short sharing session, where students presented their story and received feedback from their peers. All in all, it was a fun learning experience where students learnt, not only to pen their thoughts, but also to articulate them with expression and confidence.



Language Lunch



The 'Language Lunch' collaboration between Grades 5 and 6, organised on 5th May, was a vibrant and engaging experience that brought learning beyond the classroom. Designed to support a smooth transition to Grade 6, the activity provided students with an opportunity to interact with their future peers and teachers in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Both Grade 5 and Grade 6 teachers were present, offering guidance and helping students feel supported and at ease throughout the session.

A highlight of the event was the thoughtfully curated menu, where students brought dishes representing the culture of the language they study. The French group delighted everyone with croissants and crêpes, while the Spanish group shared quesadillas and nachos. The Bengali group brought a traditional spread of vegetable chop, luchi with torkari, and mishti doi, and the Hindi group enjoyed a hearty selection of chola bhatura, biryani, and sweets.





The activity not only celebrated cultural diversity but also encouraged students to communicate confidently in their chosen languages and express themselves through brief writing tasks. At the end of the session, students completed a short reflection worksheet, sharing what they enjoyed most and who they interacted with during the activity.

The response was overwhelmingly positive, with students expressing how much they enjoyed meeting their seniors and teachers from the senior school. Many also requested that such activities be conducted again, highlighting the success of the ‘Language Lunch’ in fostering connection, confidence, and a sense of belonging.



Junior Section: Grades 1–5 Prize Distribution Ceremony

To commemorate the conclusion of the 2025–26 academic year, Prize Distribution Ceremonies were held on the 5th, 6th and 7th of May, 2026, to celebrate the remarkable milestones reached by our students in Grades 1 through 5. The events were graciously presided over by Mrs. Pratima Nayar - Principal, Junior School, Mrs. Neelam Choudhary - Junior Section Head, alongside subject coordinators and the dedicated teaching staff, who collectively gathered to honour the students' outstanding accomplishments.

Accolades were awarded across various categories, recognising academic excellence, subject proficiency and effort, exemplary conduct, outstanding attendance and a steadfast dedication to learning.

These achievements remind us of the words of legendary athlete Pelé: *“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.”*

Excellence and Conduct



Grade 1A:

Certificate of Excellence: Shaon Mitra, Ishaan Kankaria, Keyaan Saha

Conduct Certificate: Amara Halawsiya



Grade 1B:

Certificate of Excellence: Reyaansh Seksaria, Veer Agarwal, Krishn Jhunhunwala

Conduct Certificate: Kaira Agarwal



Grade 2A:

Certificate of Excellence: Ishanjit Dawn
Veer Raj Kandoi (absent), Yashvi Agarwal

Conduct Certificate: Kabir Shahabadi



Grade 2B:

Certificate of Excellence: Arjun Vora Kejriwal,
Gamyta Agarwal, Ishaanvi Taantia

Conduct Certificate: Gamyta Agarwal



Grade 3A:

Certificate of Excellence: Devangi Phumbhra,
Saanvi Ruia, Diya Agarwal

Conduct Certificate: Alentino Melai Shankar



Grade 3B

Certificate of Excellence: Arjun Patodia Pereira,
Hridaan Gaurav Vora, Anushka Sarkar

Conduct Certificate: Samara Bagaria



Grade 4A

Certificate of Excellence: Reyansh Sureka,
Tanushree Saraff, Shayak Ghosh

Conduct Certificate: Vian Agarwal



Grade 4B

Certificate of Excellence: Miraaya Agarwal,
Aryan Newar, Aarav Nirmal

Conduct Certificate: Miraaya Agarwal



Grade 5A

Certificate of Excellence: Abigail Shuhan Chung,
Tara Mazumder, Anaya Shree Mohta

Conduct Certificate: Saishaa Narula



Grade 5B

Certificate of Excellence: Nylah Gupta,
Aaryav Gujral, Vaanya Jain Chojar

Conduct Certificate: Jinisha Rakhecha

Subject Proficiency



GRADE 1A



GRADE 1B



GRADE 2A



GRADE 2B



GRADE 3A



GRADE 3B



GRADE 4A



GRADE 4B



GRADE 5A



GRADE 5B

Subject Progress



GRADE 1A



GRADE 1B



GRADE 2A



GRADE 2B



GRADE 3A



GRADE 3B



GRADE 4A



GRADE 4B



GRADE 5A



GRADE 5B

Congratulations

Attendance

GRADE 1

1A - Sara Kothari

1B - Kabir Kothari, Krishiv Jain,
Ahaan Jalan, Aisha Bansal,
Jeeshna Agarwal



GRADE 2

2A - Viransh Sanganeria, Moulik
Chakraborty, Ishanjit Dawn, Vaanya Kothari

2B - Arjun Vora Kejriwal, Ishaanvi Tantia,
Samarth Sarada, Siaraa Narula, Kiaan Kanodia

GRADE 3

3A - Nyssa Khosla, Avantika Mall,
Arzaan Khan, Sitara Kayan, Prisha Sen

3B - Hridaan Gaurav Vora, Vaani Agarwal





GRADE 4

4A - Saesha D. Vora, Shayak Ghosh,
Reyansh Sureka, Samarth Sanyal

4B - Advay Kundu and Ayaan Kasera

GRADE 5

5A - Saishaa Narula, Arjun Bagaria,
Arhaan Sen and Anaya Shree Mohta

5B - Devyansh Shah and Tamanna
Bhutoria



English Creative Writing Contest Winners

The winners of the English Creative Writing Contest were awarded their certificates in recognition of their outstanding literary talents. We congratulate these young writers on their achievement, applaud their creative efforts and wish them continued success in their future writing endeavours.



Grade 1A

Shaon Mitra

Hrid Kolay

Atharv Goenka(absent)

Grade 1B

Ved Vardhan Birla

Veer Agarwal

Kaira Agarwal

Grade 2A

Garvansh Agarwal(absent)

Yashvi Agarwal

Veer Raj Kandoi (absent)

Grade 2B

Anaaya Patodia

Atharv Gupta

Arjun Vora Kejriwal



Grade 3A

Ahaana Churiwal

Meher Kaur Mangat

Devangi Phumbhra

Grade 3B

Neal Gupta

Deetyaa Jalan

Aisha Bansal





Grade 4A

Tanushree Saraff

Reyansh Sureka

Samarth Sanyal and Adhvik Sengupta

Grade 4B

Aryan Newar and Miraaya Agarwal

Maisha Agarwal and Aarav Nirmal

Meher Bhatia Mukherjee

Grade 5A

Daanya Narsinghani

Tara Mazumder

Arhaan Sen

Grade 5B

Aarav Agarwal

Medhaavi Ashwini Kaul

Aaryav Gujral



Neatness and Cleanliness Award - Term 2

The Neatness and Cleanliness Award celebrates the consistent efforts of students in maintaining neat, organised and welcoming classroom environments throughout the term. Their commitment culminated in Classes 1B and 4B being recognised as this term's winners. Congratulations to both classes for setting an excellent example!



GRADE 1B



GRADE 4B

Eco Warriors

We congratulate the students from Grades 3B and 1A, who emerged as the highest contributors in our plastic bottle collection competition over the past four months. The dedication and consistency of the team of students in collecting and counting bottles every Friday earned them the title of Eco Warriors. As a token of appreciation, each member of the team was awarded with a badge, recognising their valuable contribution to promoting sustainability and environmental awareness in our school community.



Choir Members

True to form, the Junior School Choir delivered another year of spellbinding performances. To celebrate their hard work and musical achievements, the talented choristers were proudly awarded certificates of recognition.



GRADE 3

Noa Alma Munshi, Myrra Lalani, Deetyaa Jalan, Arjav Goswami, Diya Singhvi



GRADE 4

Pearla Neveah Yonzone, Tanushree Saraff, Tristaan Jal Bulsara, Sitara Kaushik, Pratham Pal, Reyaan Agarwal, Shayak Ghosh



GRADE 5

Aadya Jalan, Ripanshi Datta, Saishaa Narula, Ronin Vernon Sanket, Hua Fu Wogen Hsiung, Haiqa Amir, Namah Thirani, Devyansh Shah, Sanay Parasarapura, Anaya Shree Mohta and Abigail Shuhan Chung

GEMA Student Speaker Competition

We are delighted to share that our students, Avyay Kumar Agarwal, Ayaan Poddar, Veer Agarwal, Ishanjit Dawn, Atharv Gupta, Aryan Newar and Tamanna Bhutoria participated in the International Student Speaker Competition 2025, organised by GEMA and received certificates of participation.

We are also proud to announce that Atharv Gupta was awarded the National Level Medal Winner distinction for his outstanding performance in the competition.



We congratulate all our participants on their achievements and encourage them to continue embracing such opportunities to showcase their talents and enhance their skills.

Winners of Inter-House Competitions



Overall Champions - Red House



Runners up - Yellow House

Inter house Football



Winner - Yellow House



Runners up - Red House



Best Player:
Ebrahim Shafique 5A



Best Disciplined Player:
Miraan Lakhotia 5B

Inter house Cricket



Winner - Red House



Runners up - Green House



Best Player:
Daksh Sureka 5B



Best Disciplined Player:
Daksh Jain 5B

Inter House Basketball for Junior School Girls



Winner - Yellow House



Runners up - Red House

Inter House Basketball for Junior School Boys



Winner - Red House



Runners up - Green House



GIRLS:

Best Player: Mannat Kulthia
Best Disciplined Player: Avantika Mall

BOYS:

Best Player: Aarav Nirmal
Best Disciplined Player: Vian Agarwal

Inter House Throwball for Junior School Girls



Winner - Green House



Runners up - Red House

Inter House Throwball for Junior School Boys



Winner - Red House



Runners up - Green House



GIRLS:

Best Player: Anaya Shree Mohta

Best Disciplined Player: Shravyaa Baid

BOYS:

Best Player: Vian Agarwal

Best Disciplined Player: Dhruv D Patodia

Celebrating Excellence: Outstanding Student of the Year

In keeping with the proud tradition of CIS, Arohi Agarwal of Grade 5, was honoured with the prestigious Outstanding Student of the Junior School Award for the academic year 2025-2026. She was formally felicitated during a special ceremony on 7th May, 2026 by Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Principal - Junior School, in the presence of Junior School Section Heads, Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar and Mrs. Neelam Choudhary.

Arohi was presented with the esteemed rolling trophy and a certificate of merit in recognition of her exceptional achievements and exemplary contributions to school life. A truly deserving recipient, she has consistently distinguished herself through academic excellence, enthusiastic participation in both co-curricular and extracurricular pursuits, and a commendable demeanor that beautifully reflects the core values of our school.



Upon receiving the award, Arohi expressed her heartfelt gratitude to her teachers, parents, and peers, thanking them for their unwavering encouragement and support throughout her transformative journey from the Primary Section to the Junior Section.

The entire CIS community takes immense pride in Arohi's accomplishments and wish her continued success in all her future endeavours.



Arohi Speaks

“Hello, my name is Arohi Agarwal and I am from Grade 5. Recently I have been recognised as the Outstanding Student of the Junior School 2025–2026. You might be wondering how someone can elect the outstanding student? Let me tell you, this is not an easy process. It started with the forty-eight students of Grade 5 - the teachers thoroughly observed each and every one of us over eight years, right from when we were tots cherishing our first day of a fresh beginning to life. Then the voting process begins...each and every teacher who has taught us (considering they are still present in school) took a moment, recalled their hard work across eight years of amazing teaching, and they voted. Not long after, in a big hall with classes one to five, the name is called. This year it was me.

I felt motivated as my friends, peers and juniors cheered me on when I walked towards the stage. It felt like just yesterday I had seen the student of the previous batch of Grade 5 receive this award, and at that time I thought to myself - how will I ever match up to this standard? One year flew by. That day arrived, exactly the same, except this time it was our batch. The same thought came into my head. But as I walked down the aisle, I felt proud. Not thinking about the trophy, but the fact that I had proven myself wrong. That is the most important part for me.

Let's emphasise the phrase "I am feeling proud." For you it might mean I am the best. For someone else it might mean this is my moment to shine. Though for me... it means I am reaching one step closer to my goal. Not far behind looking back, not even close to the end squinting my eyes forward, but exactly in the middle where everything is balanced. My life never became perfect. My life never became imperfect, but yes, my life did and has become just the way I want it and need it.

Here is an open thought to end with - what is that one moment of your life that you know will make you a better person than you are today? Life is not a perfect straight line; there will be ups and downs, but hold on to your life - it is your diamond, your piece of sapphire. Hold on to your qualities; they are what make you special. They give you the colour of bright light glowing all around your body. They can't be seen for sure, but they are a part of you which makes you special - so never let go of the colour shining brighter day by day.”

Grade 5 Farewell

The Grade 5 Farewell, held on 7th May 2026, was a vibrant and heartwarming celebration built around the theme 'Everyone has a Superpower'. The event highlighted the belief that every child possesses unique strengths and qualities that make them special. Students dressed as their favourite fictional, fantasy and superhero characters and confidently walked the ramp, proudly showcasing their chosen 'superpowers' such as kindness, creativity, courage, leadership, empathy and resilience. The celebration was filled with excitement, laughter and meaningful moments. Teacher participation, lively performances and music added to the joy of the celebration. A special feature of the event was that each student received a sash bearing a unique trait carefully selected by the school to reflect their individual personality, strengths and contributions, making every child feel appreciated and celebrated.



As each student was appreciated for their individuality and growth, the event fostered a strong sense of confidence, belonging and pride. The farewell was a fun-filled and emotional occasion that created lasting memories for the students and left a special place in the hearts of their teachers as they prepared to embark on their next journey.



Class Parties

At CIS, the year-end parties for Grades 1–5 are more than just an event - they are a cherished tradition that fills the final days of school with joy and laughter. Students love looking back on their accomplishments and the close friendships they've built. Nothing captures the spirit of the day quite like the moment they sit down to share food with one another, a heartwarming tradition that highlights the school's values of togetherness and gratitude. Marking the end of the year on May 8, 2026, these festive celebrations gave students the perfect send-off as they get ready to take on the next grade.



GRADE 1



GRADE 2



GRADE 3



GRADE 4



GRADE 5

Autism Awareness



In the last week of April, Calcutta International School observed Autism Awareness Month through a series of activities led by the SEN Department, promoting awareness and empathy. Students of Grades 3, 4 and 5 watched a short, age-appropriate video introducing the condition of autism, followed by an interactive non-verbal communication game, 'Think and Express', where students of grade 3 and 4 conveyed messages nonverbally. This helped them understand alternative ways of communication and build empathy.

Students of Grade 5 participated in a collaborative poster-making activity during ICT classes, conducted jointly by the SEN and ICT departments. Using digital tools, they created posters with meaningful messages promoting awareness and empathy.

These initiatives helped students develop a deeper understanding of autism and reinforced the importance of acceptance and empathy within the students.



Upper Nursery to Grade 1 Transition Session

The School Counsellors, Ms. Yashvi Thakkar and Mrs. Spriha Patronobis, along with the SEN Head of Department, Mrs. Baisakshi Sarkar, conducted a transition session on 27th April and 30th April for students moving from Upper Nursery to Grade 1.

The session was thoughtfully designed to help students feel more comfortable and prepared for this important milestone in their school journey. As part of the experience, students of Upper Nursery were taken to the Grade 1 classrooms, where they were familiarised with their new learning environment. They explored the physical setup, including individual desks and chairs and were gradually introduced to changes such as the location of washrooms, bringing one's own stationery, playing in the multipurpose court during the snack break, dispersal time, to name a few.



To ease their transition further, students were oriented to the academic and structural differences they can expect in Grade 1. This included an introduction to a wider range of subjects, as well as a shift from having two consistent teachers throughout the day to a system where different teachers will rotate for different subjects.

An engaging reflective activity was also conducted, where students were encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings about moving to the Junior Section. They shared what they are looking forward to, any apprehensions they might have, and their overall emotions about this transition.

The session was highly interactive, with students actively participating and expressing themselves with enthusiasm. Their curiosity, excitement, and openness made the session both meaningful and heartwarming, setting a positive tone for the journey ahead.

Student's Achievements

Huge congratulations to Medhaavi Ashwini Kaul (Grade 5), who placed 3rd in her category at the IGU Junior East Zone Feeder Tour on 8-9th April, 2026.

Pursuing a passion that requires significant time outside the classroom takes immense discipline. Keep swinging high, Medhaavi!



Congratulations

Welcoming Our New Families: Junior School Orientation for New Parents

Calcutta International School Junior School warmly welcomed the new parents, of the CIS community, for the academic session 2026-27 at a special orientation held on 2nd May, 2026. Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Principal of the Junior School, opened the session with a heartfelt address, setting a warm and positive tone for the morning ahead.

Reflecting the true spirit of the school, Student Council members, Saishaa Narula, Aaryav Gujral and Arohi Agarwal, took the stage to share their personal journeys at CIS. They highlighted the school's hands-on learning approach, the supportive and nurturing nature of the faculty, the deep friendships that define school life, and the vast array of academic and co-curricular opportunities that truly make CIS a home away from home.



Following this, the Junior School Section Heads, Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar (Primary) and Mrs. Choudhary (Junior), provided an insightful overview of daily life and operations within their respective sections. Transitioning into an interactive segment, the Academic Heads engaged parents via a dynamic Mentimeter session, addressing real-time queries and fostering collaborative discussion.

Understanding the importance of a smooth transition, the School Counsellors, Ms. Yashvi Thakkar and Ms. Spriha Patronobis, conducted a valuable session focussed on school readiness and practical ways parents can prepare their children for this exciting new chapter.

The morning concluded with addresses by Mr. Almal and Mr. Kejriwal, esteemed members of the Board of Governors. Parents then enjoyed a guided tour of the classroom offering them a firsthand glimpse into the vibrant, engaging environment their children will soon call home.

Professional Development for Teachers

Cambridge Primary English Training

At our school, learning never stops - for students or educators! We are incredibly proud to congratulate Mrs. Chandrela Khemka and Mrs. Debika Dasgupta on successfully completing an intensive professional development programme on Introduction to Cambridge Primary English (4th March – 12th April 2026).

This comprehensive training equipped our teachers with contemporary global methodologies and innovative pedagogical strategies. Key focus areas included:

- Curriculum Mastery: Deep dives into the Cambridge Framework, Schemes of Work and Teacher Guides.
- Effective Classroom Strategies: Implementing formative assessments, objective-led learning, dynamic questioning and differentiation to meet diverse student needs.
- Advanced Lesson Planning: Mastering long, medium and short-term planning, alongside resource adaptation.

Assessments: Gaining valuable insights into Cambridge Primary Progression Tests, Checkpoints and mark schemes.

With these fresh global perspectives, Mrs. Khemka and Mrs. Dasgupta are excited to bring an even more engaging, interactive and impactful learning experience to our young learners.

Congratulations to both of them for their dedication to professional excellence and for continually raising the bar for our school community!

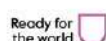
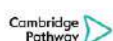


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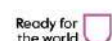
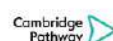


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Certificate of completion



Certificate of completion



Teacher Recognition



Mrs. Ishmeet Mokha was honoured with the 'Best Coordinator Award' by SOF in recognition of her commendable efforts in coordinating the SOF Olympiads in the school with efficiency and dedication.

Ms. Hazel Albert and Mrs. Antara Banerjee received the 'Best Coordinator Award' from iNAVMO for their exemplary efforts in the smooth and successful conduct of the Mental Math Olympiads. Owing to the enthusiastic participation of a large number of students from the Junior School, the school was also awarded a Bluetooth speaker by iNAVMO.





Calcutta International School was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and a Memento, by GEMA, in recognition of its participation in the International Student Speaker Competition '25.



Adding to these accomplishments, Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Principal - Junior School, was conferred with the 'Best Principal Award' by iNAVMO in recognition of her leadership and continued support towards academic excellence.

The school congratulates all the award recipients on their well-deserved achievements and wishes them continued success.

Teachers' Farewell

On 8th May, 2026, the school bid a fond farewell to Ms. Soniya Dey and Ms. Debjani Saha, valued educators of the Junior School, whose contributions have left a lasting impact on the school community.

Ms. Soniya Dey served in the Primary Section for over four years and contributed wholeheartedly to the department with her welcoming smile, dedication and composed demeanour.

Ms. Debjani Saha contributed to the Humanities Department during her one-year tenure. Her calm disposition, professionalism and friendly nature will be fondly remembered.

The school extends its sincere gratitude to both educators for their service and dedication, and wishes them continued success and fulfilment in all their future endeavours.



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