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AUGUST 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

13th August

Primary Section
Independence Day Assembly

14th August

Junior Section Independence
Day Assembly by Grade 5

15th August

Independence Day Holiday

18th August

Annual Swimming Meet
Heats for Grades 4 and 5

21st August

Annual Swimming Meet

22nd August

National Library Day

28th August

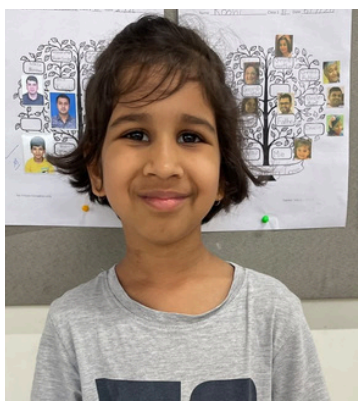
Raksha Bandhan – Holiday

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS



Aryaveer Jaipuria

1. Grade: 2B
2. Languages I Speak: Spanish, English, Bengali & Hindi
3. My Favourite Things: Playing Cricket
4. My Interests: Sports and Art and Craft



Eshaani Agarwala

1. Grade: 2A
2. Languages I Speak: English, Hindi
3. Favourite things: Gymnastics, reading and rough-housing with my brother
4. Interests: Mysteries, puzzles, art, dancing, board games

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS



Aavya Roy

1. Grade: 5B
2. Where I am coming from: Rourkela
3. Languages I Speak: English, Bengali & Hindi
4. My Favourite Things: Erasable pen
5. My Interests: Skating, dancing, writing stories



Soeun Ji

1. Grade: 5B
2. Where I am coming from: South Korea
3. Languages I Speak: English, Korean
4. My Favourite Things: My study table and books
5. My Interests: Reading, Drawing



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ASSEMBLIES

Where young minds gather to learn, listen, perform
and grow together.

PRIMARY SECTION WELCOME ASSEMBLY

Welcoming our stars of Grade Pre Nursery!

The Music room was filled with laughter, excitement and eager smiles on 25th June 2026 as we warmly welcomed our newest members the Grade Pre-Nursery students. The assembly was enthusiastically conducted by the teachers of Grade Upper Nursery.

The morning began with a lively icebreaker, encouraging our youngest learners to share what they were most excited about at school. From making new friends to exploring their classrooms, the student's enthusiasm was infectious. The teachers then presented a charming welcome poem, signifying that the year ahead would be filled with stories, songs, play, discovery and endless opportunities to learn and grow.

Adding to the festive spirit, the students of Grade Nursery and Upper Nursery captivated the audience with two joyful musical performances, extending a heartfelt welcome to their younger peers.

A special surprise awaited the Pre-Nursery students as Mrs. Pratima Nayar and Mrs. Majumdar presented each learner with a thoughtful token of love. We look forward to watching our youngest learners flourish as they embark on a year filled with friendship, curiosity, confidence and countless joyful moments.



JUNIOR SECTION WELCOME ASSEMBLY

A Warm Welcome to the New Academic Year

On 17th June 2026, the Junior School came together for its first assembly of the academic session 2026–27, marking the beginning of a new year of learning, growth and exciting opportunities. The assembly warmly welcomed students back after the summer break and set a positive tone for the months ahead.

A special welcome was extended to the new students joining the Junior School family. Mrs. Pratima Nayar and Mrs. Neelam Choudhary greeted them warmly, making them feel at home as they embarked on this new chapter of their school journey.

The assembly concluded with an inspiring address by Mrs. Pratima Nayar, who encouraged students to embrace the new academic year with curiosity, confidence and determination. She wished both returning and new students every success as they begin another memorable year of learning and discovery.



PRIMARY SECTION MUSIC ASSEMBLY

Together, we sang, smiled
and celebrated the magic of
music!

On 23rd July 2026, the Primary Section came together for a musical assembly that celebrated the joy of singing and performing. Organised by our music teachers, Mr Tathagata Mukherjee and Mr Anushtoop Mazumder, the event showcased the confidence, enthusiasm and talent of our youngest learners.

The assembly commenced with a performance by the Grade Nursery students, who sang **A Beautiful Day** setting a cheerful tone for the morning.

A special highlight of the programme was the debut performance by our Grade Pre-Nursery



students. They captivated the audience with their heartwarming rendition of ***This Little Guiding Light of Mine***.

Grade Upper Nursery students then took the audience on a delightful musical journey through a selection of melodious songs.

The assembly concluded on a joyful note as teachers and students came together to sing the timeless favourite, ***If You're Happy and You Know It***. The lively participation and cheerful singing created a fitting finale, leaving everyone with happy hearts and lasting memories.





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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Nurturing partnerships, celebrating togetherness
and strengthening our school community.

WELCOMING OUR NEW TEACHER HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES

In July, the Junior School faculty participated in a democratic secret ballot to elect the new Teacher Representatives for the three houses. Conducted under the guidance of Junior School Principal Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Junior School Section Head Mrs. Neelam Choudhary, and Mr. A. Samad, the election successfully appointed the House Teacher Representatives to guide and inspire our students.

- **Yellow House:** Mr. Ritwik Kar and Ms. Adriza Bose
- **Red House:** Mrs. Gunjan Deb and Ms. Parammeet Kaur Shergill Jeji

- **Green House:** Mrs. Rashi Poddar and Mr. Abhijit Roy

Following their appointment, the new representatives met with their respective houses to light a spark of enthusiastic participation, teamwork, and discipline. They challenged the students to act as role models of excellence and unity both on the competitive field and in daily school life.

We extend our warmest congratulations to all the newly appointed Teacher Representatives and wish them a phenomenally successful year ahead as they lead their houses to new heights!



PRIMARY SECTION

PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

The Primary Section's orientation program was well-attended by parents, marking the start of the new academic year. An icebreaker activity, "Who Am Eye?", helped create a cheerful atmosphere as parents recognized their children through photographs of their eyes. Junior School Principal Mrs. Pratima Nayar welcomed the parents, followed by introductions from teachers and counseling team members. Parents received an overview of the curriculum and the school's teaching philosophy, highlighting the new Cambridge Primary Stage 1 curriculum for Upper Nursery.

An interactive Mentimeter quiz made the session enjoyable while reinforcing school guidelines. Parents engaged actively and clarified questions about academic programs, Physical Education, and Music with teachers. The Counselling and SEN teams provided insights into support systems for students' progress and well-being. The orientation ended positively, enhancing the home-school partnership and leaving parents informed and excited for the learning journey ahead.



JUNIOR SECTION PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

The Junior School's Parent Orientation Program took place on July 4 and 18, 2026, fostering a partnership between home and school for the academic year. The sessions included interactive activities to engage parents and strengthen connections. Mrs. Pratima Nayar welcomed attendees and introduced the school leadership and subject coordinators. Class teachers explained expectations and routines, while SEN and Counselling department representatives discussed available support. The event concluded with a Q&A session, allowing parents to engage with the faculty. The school looks forward to a rewarding academic year with strong parental involvement.







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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Celebrating effort excellence and determination.

GOLDEN PERFORMANCE

at the West Bengal State ITF Taekwondo Championship 2026

We are delighted to share that Atharv Jeloka of Grade 2B, Aayra Jeloka of Grade 2A, and Moksh Lakhotia of Grade 4 delivered outstanding performances at the West Bengal State ITF Taekwondo Championship 2026, held on 28 June 2026.

Competing in their respective age and weight categories, Atharv and Aayra each won two gold medals—one in the Patterns event and another in the Individual Taekwondo competition. In recognition of their exceptional achievements, they were also awarded prize money of ₹700 each.

Moksh excelled in the Under-10 category, winning three gold medals in Sparring, Speed Kicking, and Patterns. In recognition of his exceptional performance, he was also honoured with the Best Player Award in the Under-10 category.



Their remarkable success is a testament to their dedication, discipline, and perseverance. We congratulate Atharv, Aayra, and Moksh on their outstanding accomplishments and wish them continued success in their future sporting endeavours.



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

in Indian Classical Arts

We are delighted to announce that three students of Calcutta International School have been honoured with the prestigious Kalaakriti Medal of Appreciation by the Heritage Foundation of Art and Culture for their outstanding achievements in Indian Classical Music and Dance during the academic year 2025–26.

The award recipients are:

- Yashvi Agarwal (Grade 2) – Kathak
- Aisha Bansal (Grade 3) – Odissi
- Ashvi Bansal (Grade 1) – Odissi

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Yashvi, Aisha and Ashvi on this well-deserved recognition. We wish them many more milestones in their artistic journey.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

in IEO, IMO & NSO Level 2 Olympiads (2025–26)

Our students have once again made us proud with their exceptional achievements in the International English Olympiad (IEO), International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO), and National Science Olympiad (NSO) Level 2 examinations for the academic session 2025–26. Competing against thousands of students from schools across the country, our young learners demonstrated remarkable knowledge, analytical thinking, and perseverance. Their outstanding performances have earned them Certificates of Zonal Excellence, Merit Certificates, and cash prizes, reflecting the school's commitment to academic excellence and holistic development.

RESULTS 2025-26 Awards & Merit Certificates

IEO LEVEL 2

Grade 3 - DIYA AGARWAL and SAANVI RUIA - Gifts Worth Rs. 500/-, Certificate of Zonal Excellence

Grade 4 - PEARLA NEVAEH YONZONE - Gifts Worth Rs. 500/-, Certificate of Zonal Excellence
REYAAN AGARWAL - Certificate of Zonal Excellence

Merit Certificate

Grade 3 - Diya Singhvi, Anirved Somani, Ira Sood, Khin Ling Li, Nyssa Khosla, Deetyaa Jalan, Nayantara Singh

Grade 5 - Anaya Shree Mohta, Abigail Shuhan Chung, Medhaavi Ashwini Kaul, Shravyaa Baid, Aarav Agarwal

NSO LEVEL 2

Grade 3 - DIYA SINGHVI Gifts Worth Rs. 500/-, Certificate of Zonal Excellence

Merit Certificate

Grade 3 - Prisha Sen, Devangi Phumbhra

Grade 4 - Samarth Sanyal, Aryan Newar

Grade 5 - Sanay Parasrampurua, Abigail Shuhan, Tamanna Bhutoria, Aaryav Gujral



IMO LEVEL 2

Grade 3 - Diya Singhvi - Gifts Worth Rs. 500/-, Certificate of Zonal Excellence

Grade 4 - Shreyaan Kajaria - Certificate Of Zonal Excellence

Merit Certificate

Grade 3 - Diya Agarwal, Aisha Bansal, Hridaan Gaurav Vora

Grade 4 - Tanushree Saraff, Samarth Sanyal, Reyansh Sureka, Aryan Newar, Kaveer Agarwal

Grade 5 - Arhaan Sen, Tamanna Bhutoria, Kabir Karnani .Aarav Agarwal

CELEBRATING A YOUNG ACHIEVEMENT

We are proud to share that Uvaansh Bagla of Grade 3B secured 1st Prize in the Mini Coders category at CodeQuest 2026, a national online Coding & AI competition organised by Varaha Inc.

The competition brought together young learners from schools across Kolkata and Mumbai, providing them with an opportunity to showcase their coding, computational thinking, creativity, and AI skills by solving real-world challenges. Uvaansh's outstanding performance reflects his enthusiasm for innovation and problem-solving.

Congratulations to Uvaansh on this remarkable achievement, and we wish him continued success in his future endeavours.



WORLD SPELLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to our students who represented the school in the World Spelling Championship 2025–26, organised by GEMA. Their commendable performances reflect their strong vocabulary, spelling accuracy and dedication to excellence in English.

We are delighted to recognise the achievements of the following students:

- Kiaan Kanodia – Gold Medal
- Atharv Jeloka – Silver Medal
- Krishiv Halwasiya – Bronze Medal
- Zoe Xin Ru Lee – Bronze Medal
- Asmit Banerjee – Bronze Medal

The following students also earned Certificates of Achievement for their commendable performances:

- Krishn Jhunjhunwala
- Ananmay Modi
- Anaaya Patodia
- Devansh Shroff
- Simone Pathak
- Anay Churiwal
- Aryan Newar
- Araddya Tewari
- Riyana Roy
- Prisha Hada

We congratulate all our participants for their hard work, perseverance and enthusiasm.

VOICES OF LIBERTY, TRIUMPH OF EXCELLENCE!

Calcutta International School is proud to celebrate an exceptional achievement at the Alliance Française du Bengale French Elocution Competition 2026, held as part of the Bastille Day Celebrations on 13 July 2026 and co-hosted by Modern High School for Girls.

Speaking on the theme «Liberté / Liberty», our talented participants - Noa Alma Munshi (Grade 4), Aryan Newar (Grade 5), Pratham Pal (Grade 5), and Tanushree Saraff (Grade 5) - captivated the audience with their eloquence, confidence, and heartfelt reflections on the true meaning of freedom.



We are thrilled to announce our winners: Noa Alma Munshi – First Place, Tanushree Saraff – Second Place and Aryan Newar – Third Place

The prizes and certificates were presented by Monsieur Thierry Morel, the French Consul General in Kolkata, and Monsieur Marc Boudin, Director of Alliance Française du Bengale.

Congratulations to all our participants for making CIS proud. Your passion for the French language and your inspiring performances truly embodied the spirit of Liberté.
Félicitations à tous!



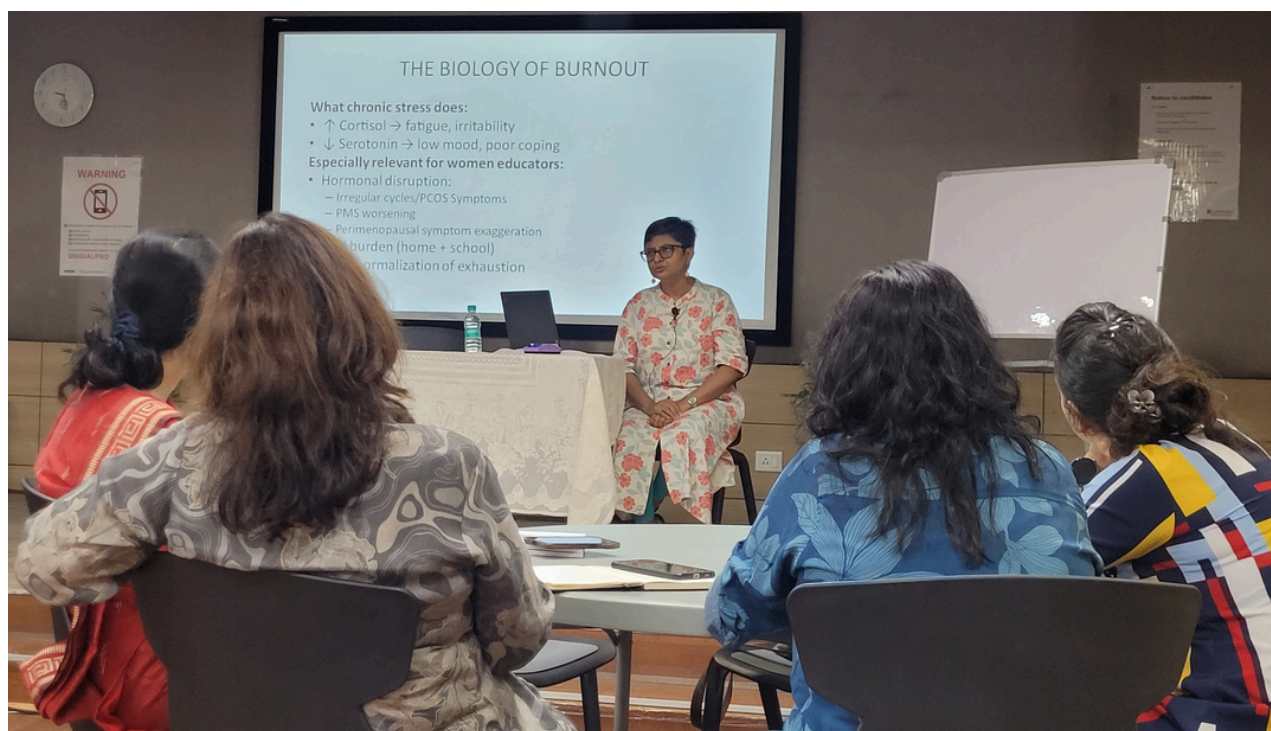


SEN AND COUNSELLING SESSIONS

Guiding with care, support and understanding.

PRIORITISING TEACHER WELL-BEING

On June 12, 2026, the Counselling Department held a wellness workshop for Junior School teachers, led by Dr. Susmita Chattopadhyay, a prominent obstetrician and gynecologist. The session highlighted the link between physical and mental well-being and its impact on daily functioning and professional competence. Teachers learned to identify early health warning signs and understand the effects of chronic stress and burnout. Dr. Chattopadhyay provided practical strategies for improving health and emphasized the importance of self-care for educators, reminding them that caring for themselves is crucial for supporting their students.





SENSITISATION SESSION OF GRADE 5 STUDENTS

for Manovikas Kendra.

On July 15, 2026, the SEN Department held a sensitization session for Grade 5 students in preparation for a collaborative programme with Manovikas Kendra, a non-profit in Kolkata focussed on children and young adults with special needs. Starting on July 31, 2026, the programme will include activities like baking, art, dance therapy, and games to foster understanding and connections. The session educated students on diverse communication methods, including non-verbal cues and the use of mobility aids, encouraging empathy and respect for differences. The session also emphasised the importance of treating

everyone with dignity and respect, and understanding that differences should never be a reason for teasing or laughter.

The session aimed to help students understand every individual communicates, learns, and participates in their own unique way. They were guided on the importance of being respectful, patient, kind and supportive while working together in various activities. The session also highlighted how small gestures of encouragement and understanding can help build positive relationships and create a welcoming environment for everyone.

UNDERSTANDING STUDENT LEARNING NEEDS

A Sensitisation Session for Mainstream Teachers

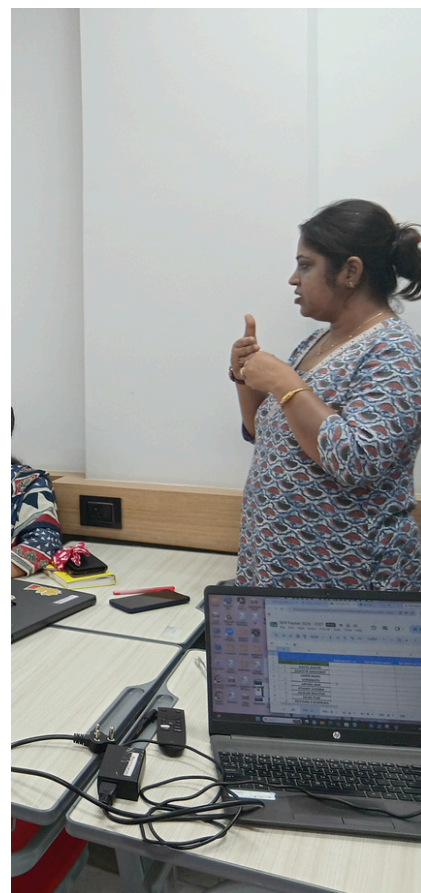
On July 6, 2026, the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Department held a session for mainstream teachers to enhance their understanding of supporting students with diverse learning needs. The session emphasised the collaborative roles of the SEN and Counselling Departments, with SEN focussing on academic support and Counselling addressing social and emotional well-being.

Key highlights included:

- Recognizing early academic red flags and the importance of timely referrals.

- Introduction of the SEN Screening Checklist for systematic classroom observations.
- Updates on students with identified learning needs and those undergoing assessment.
- Sharing effective strategies and interventions for individual students.

The session also presented tools and resources to improve student engagement and academic progress, reinforcing the school's commitment to fostering a supportive learning environment for all students.





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

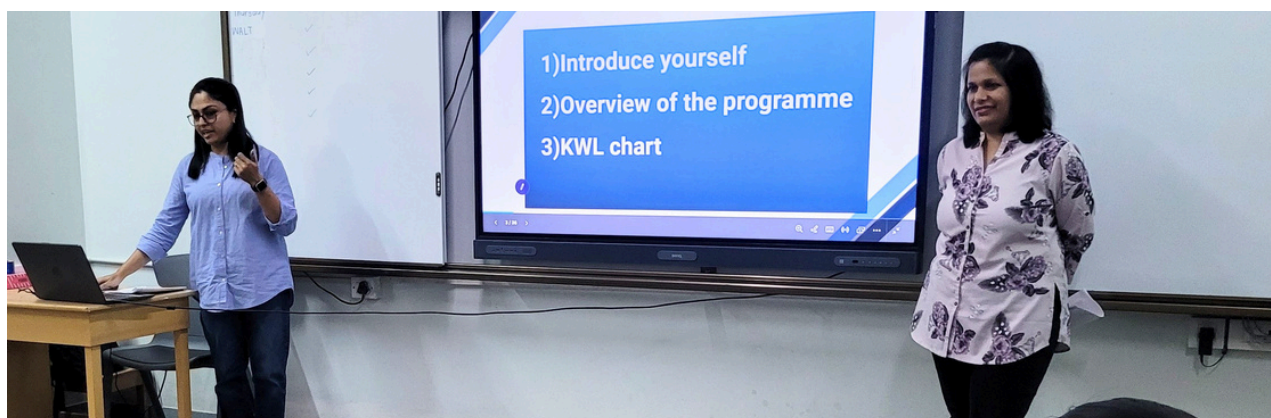
Empowering educators for a changing world.

INTRODUCTION TO CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY ENGLISH

A Collaborative Sharing Session

On July 9, 2026, Mrs. Chandrela Khemka and Mrs. Debika Dasgupta led an informative session on the Cambridge Primary English curriculum for Primary Section teachers, including Mrs. Pratima Nayar. The session covered the curriculum's structure, key learning objectives, and learner-centered approach, showcasing effective classroom strategies and the Cambridge Scheme of Work to enhance

students' reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. The session deepened teachers' understanding of the Cambridge philosophy, focussing on active learning, collaboration, critical thinking, and language development. It also promoted professional growth through reflection, idea exchange, and sharing best practices, resulting in an enriching learning experience.



CIS AT THE FRENCH NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

On July 14, 2026, the Consulate General of France in Kolkata hosted a grand celebration for French National Day at Tollygunge Club, attended by Mrs. Subhasree Sarkhel, a Junior School French teacher representing CIS. The event gathered diplomats, distinguished guests, and friends of France to honor the values of Libert ,  galit  et Fraternit . The evening was filled with inspiring conversations, cultural exchanges, and showcased the friendship between France and India. Mrs. Sarkhel enjoyed French hospitality and the richness of French culture, making it a memorable experience.



EMPOWERING TEACHERS FOR THE NEW STEM HORIZON

On July 11, 2026, Edutech conducted a robotics training for Junior School ICT teachers to prepare them for the Grade 3 STEM Robotics curriculum, focusing on LEGO Robotics and Micro:bit. The session provided hands-on experience and strategies for inquiry-based learning, enhancing teachers' confidence and technical skills. This training aims to help teachers deliver engaging STEM lessons that foster creativity, collaboration, computational thinking, and problem-solving, establishing a strong foundation in robotics and technology for Grade 3 students.



THINKING & WORKING MATHEMATICALLY (TWM) SHARING SESSION

On July 10th, the Junior School Mathematics Department hosted a professional learning session on Thinking and Working Mathematically (TWM), led by Ms. Hazel Albert. Teachers collaborated to explore the eight TWM characteristics and their integration into classrooms, using a TWM Discussion Mat to facilitate collaborative expression of mathematical thinking. The session emphasised inquiry-based understanding, focussing on:

- The significance of the eight TWM characteristics.
- Classroom practices that encourage reasoning and communication.
- Assessment strategies for tracking TWM skill development.



SHARING SESSION ON “WHAT A CAMBRIDGE CLASSROOM LOOKS LIKE”

On June 10, 2026, Ms. Shramana Bhattacharjee and Ms. Debika Dasgupta conducted a professional development session titled "What a Cambridge Classroom Looks Like." The interactive session focused on key features of a Cambridge classroom, providing practical strategies for enhancing teaching and learning through collaborative tasks, discussions, and hands-on activities. Teachers learned practices that foster critical thinking, active learning, and collaboration, gaining valuable insights for immediate application to create inclusive and inquiry-driven learning environments.



SHARING SESSION ON EFFECTIVE CLASSROOM PRACTICE AND ASSESSMENT

On July 3, 2026, Mrs. Shreyaa Dutta Gupta, Mrs. Ishmeet Mokha, and Mrs. Gunjan conducted a sharing session after completing the Certificate in Effective Classroom Practice and Assessment from the Aditya Birla Education Academy. The session covered effective teaching strategies, including lesson planning, student engagement, assessment and differentiated instruction. Participants found the practical strategies and discussions enriching and inspiring, enhancing student learning outcomes.



PRINCIPALS' CONCLAVE

The Times of India organized the Principals' Conclave, gathering prominent educators and institutional heads to discuss key issues in school education. Panel discussions focused on three main themes: cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset in students, the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and promoting critical and design thinking.

A recurring theme in discussions emphasized preparing students for life, not just exams. Speakers stressed the need for schools to foster problem-solving skills, independent thinking, and resilience through failure. They highlighted five key 21st-century skills: creativity, critical thinking, curiosity, collaboration and communication. Creativity should be nurtured in a supportive learning environment, encouraging inquiry and questioning norms.

Regarding Artificial Intelligence, experts recognized its transformative potential in education but warned against over-reliance on AI. Students should critically evaluate AI-generated information, ensuring they remain independent thinkers and use AI as a helpful tool rather than a crutch.





AWARDS

Recognising excellence, dedication and distinction.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Principal-Junior School was invited to a full day conclave “EdVantage - The Architect of Human Potential” Organized by Global School Leaders Consortium at Fairfield by Marriott, Kolkata, on Saturday, 25th July 2026. Mrs. Pratima Nayar was facilitated with the EduLeader Award 2026 in recognition of her exemplary dedication, innovation and forward thinking leadership.



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS 2025–26

On July 24th, 2026, we proudly honoured our remarkable team members at the Employee Recognition Awards. This special event celebrated the unwavering dedication, collaborative spirit and outstanding contributions of staff members who continue to make a lasting, positive impact on our school community.





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