



CGS-Dhaka Newsletter

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Dear All,

With school well in progress, students have already settled in by now as the year rolls on to yet another calendar of events. The Eid Lunch hosted for our Community School (CS) students and support staff was indeed a joyous occasion (below) where our Secondary School students had been wonderful ushers.



Our heartfelt gratitude to all for participating in the "Toys & Books" charity event, the collection of which were distributed among the CS students.



In the current session, we shall continue our journey of events with the Science and ICT Fair around mid October. The Science and ICT Departments are busy guiding their students as preparations are underway. Experiments are being run on every floor, project models are being built and posters are being made for the upcoming fair. October shall also host the much-awaited Halloween and UN Day, while a group of our students will also visit the Hay Festival at the end of the month to celebrate the joy of reading.

It has been wonderful meeting all our parents on a daily basis from the very beginning of the Autumn Term by the CGSD Primary team and we indeed value the feedback given to us. Our classes are already being internally shuffled to accommodate rehearsal hours for our much-awaited Annual Cultural Program bearing in mind the theme 'Traditions in Transition'. Some food for thought based on this year's theme...should traditions be bound in shackles for all to follow blindly or should transitions be welcomed?

Asia Alam Chowdhury

CS students getting health checks below:



ROUND SQUARE

RS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, 2015

This year the Annual International RS Conference is hosted by UWCSEA, in Singapore. The CGS team attending comprises of Adiba, Alfaed, Subeh, Ishfar, Jobaer and Tasneem all in class 12. Shereen Ispahani, (Director), Mahine Khan (Head) and RS Rep, Zia Mohiuddin will also be accompanying the group.

The scope of this conference reaches around the globe, bringing together over 1100 students and school leaders from nearly 150 schools on 6 continents. Based on the theme of sustainability, 'Act Today, Change Tomorrow', it will challenge young people to enact positive change in their communities and around the world. During their six days in Singapore, delegates will be inspired by keynote speakers and panels and will participate in dynamic collaborative activities on campus and will explore the city on the 'Discover Singapore Day'.

Teams are also preparing for an MUN to Pathways School, Delhi and a RS Conference to Genesis School.



RC ESSAY AWARDS

The Royal Commonwealth Society received more than 13,000 entries from over 600 schools in 49 Commonwealth countries in 2015. Both the Senior and the Junior judging panels were impressed by the quality of the entries. CGS and CGSD claimed more awards than any other school in Bangladesh with a record of 22 awards in total, ahead of Sunbeam's 14 and Lakehead's 10. Winners are:

Adil Khan, (8G) who won a Gold was awarded a 'Highly Commended' rating, his entry online at:

<https://thercs.org/assets/Downloads/Adil-Khans-entry.pdf>

Gold winners: Adil (8G), Parsha (8G) and from CGSD Namirah (8C), Saraf (10C)

Silver winners: Safia (10C), Huzaija (8K), Samira (7M) and from CGSD Sadia Fairouz(8C), Sadia Tasnim (8G), Adiba (10C), Saiba (9G), Minhazul (10C).

Bronze winners: Anisha (8G), Ariba (6M), Arushi (10C), Asifur (7G), Dipro (8K), Nazifa (11C), Sarah (8G), Sidratul (6G), Zarin (8C), Zuhayer (8S).

Congratulations to the 7 CGSD winners below!



ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR

A presentation and interactive session (pictured below) on current environmental issues was conducted with Bangladesh Studies students of Class 9 at CGSD by the Faculty and students from Dept of Environmental Science and Management, North South University.



CIE DHAKA TRAINING

CIE will be holding Additional Mathematics, English and Bengali teacher training at CGSD for 'O' Levels in October, as part of their ongoing support to schools. CGSD Secondary is now a core training venue for CIE. The workshops will focus on:

- ◆ review of teachers' assessment issues
- ◆ overview of different teaching methods
- ◆ teaching strategies applied to the syllabus
- ◆ discussions on formative and summative assessment
- ◆ revision strategies for candidates
- ◆ ICT and curriculum resources.

Teams from CGS Upper Middle and CGSD will be attending the workshops.

In addition to the CIE workshops a series of stage I workshops for new-career teachers have been held at CGS and CGSD. Stage II workshops for mid-career teachers are ongoing until mid October.

THRIVE VISITS CS AT CGSD

Thrive (an NGO for underprivileged children) member visited CGSD Community School and donated food items and funds for the programme.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	DATE
MUN Conference, Pathways, Delhi	1-4.10.2015
UWCSEA RS Conference, Singapore	2-7.10.2015
IT / Science fair	16/17.10.15
Durga Puja Holidays	21-24.10.15
RS Conference, Genesis, Uttar Pradesh	23-26.10.15
Ashura*	24.10.2015
Mufti Day, Halloween / UN Theme	29.10.2015
CIE Training at CGSD	30-31.10.15