

INFANT SECTION REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2010 - 2011

Every child has something divine, something of his own, a chance of perfection and strength in how ever small a sphere, the aim of us educators is to help the growing child to draw out that in it self which is best and make it perfect for noble use.

The Infant school provides our children an intellectually stimulating educational environment that aims to sharpen their analytical skills, cultivate their problem solving, abilities, develop their creativity and enhance their retentive power.

Revised and continuously upgraded Key Stage 1 Schemes of work as well as new resources have helped to maintain high academic standards as well as enable our pupils to excel in every field. Indications such as Reading Age Show that pupils make accelerated progress.

Education is a journey through discovering realization and understanding our dedicated and experienced teacher's skillfully guide our children on this journey to make remarkable strides and achievements. Their dedication, professionalism and care are greatly appreciated.

The path to create unity and diversity is paved by organizing assemblies that denote the culture and religious festivals of all nationalities. Children from all communities and nationalities happily participate in Christmas, Wesak, Deepavali, Haj, Independence Day and Sinhala and Tamil New Year assemblies.

As well as partaking in daily lessons children have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extra curricular activities that cater to their needs and interests. Computing, scrabble, French, Drama, Musical, Dancing, Art and Sports are some of the popular clubs. These activities have enabled the children to develop friendships and skills in a more informed environment.

Many events have marked each term. This year the school celebrated its 28th Birthday with a variety of food stalls and games. Both children and parents enjoyed the celebrations.

A book is an adventure, a garden, a teddy bear, an air balloon. If a child's love of books is kindled his association with books grows into a life long experience.

In October a week was devoted to reading and Library activities and assemblies. Competitions and reading activities were organized from Play Group to Year 2. The climax was a colourful presentation assembly held in the auditorium. The children dressed up as their favourite story book characters and received participation certificates.

In December the children enjoyed celebrating Christmas. Every classroom looked very festive with beautiful displays of children's hand work. Children from the Infant Section presented a beautiful item for the Christmas assembly. Our Christmas carol service was held on the 15th of December. Many children participated in the singing and reading of the 7th lesson in the church of the Christ the Living Savior. On the last day of term all age groups enjoyed class parties as well as a visit from Santa.

In the second term much time and effort was spent on organizing and practicing for sports events. Our sports day was held on the 14th of January. It was a fun filled event for our children staff and parents. The opening ceremony was a colourful drill display presented by our Year Twos. Our Year Ones presented a P. band item after the break. The children excelled in their track events and relays. Every child received a participation gifts as well as a certificate. In the field of sport some of our year One's and Two's participated in the Inter-international Athletic meet held at the Sugathadasa Stadium. I wish to congratulate all our participants for their achievements. In swimming our Year Ones and Twos participated in the Junior swimming meet.

In February we celebrated our 63rd Independence Day on the 4th of February. To mark this event we presented a special assembly along with the Junior school. Children had their Topic theme days in February organized by their teachers for every year group. Working around a topic theme is an important aspect of our curriculum. Every year group participated in Topic oriented activities.

The highlight of the Second Term was the Infant Art Exhibition 'Athkum.' Children worked with a range of medium and materials to present beautiful Art

and Craft exhibits. Pupils from years 1 & 2 used Microsoft paint software to present colourful Computer Art exhibits.

The Second Term ended with the Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebrations. Children dressed in traditional clothes participated in avurudu games and activities and the term ended on a festive note.

Education has many facets beyond book learning and Drama is a valuable part of the extra curricular programme. The highlights of the Third term were the Infant Play “The Way It Is” and the special assemblies presented by our Reception and Play Group pupils in the auditorium.

The Infant school presented “The Way It is” which was staged on the 09th and 10th of June by a cast of around 150 children. This play was an extravagant musical production depicting the life of young children in a perfect happy neighbourhood. It is evident that the children have developed their talents, skills and team effort to stage the production.

The Special Assemblies presented by our Reception and Play Group classes on the 16th and 17th of June gave our very young friends an opportunity to display their talents as well as develop their self confidence.

Every Friday we recognize our Achievers for the week by presenting them, Certificates of Encouragement.

News letters and photos of termly events appear on our website (www.cis.lk)

We strive to generate a warm and caring atmosphere in which all children can flourish and achieve their full potential.

I wish to congratulate and thank all our dedicated teachers for their dedication, commitment and achievements through out this year. I have been very impressed by the contributions made during our subject meetings in order to improve the curriculum as well as maintain steady progression from Play Group through to Year 2. Our children have indeed benefited from these initiatives.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Mrs. Shamali Chu our Deputy Head of Infants for her continuous support in numerous ways throughout this academic year. Thank you Shamali.

I also take this opportunity to thank our Principal Mr. M. J. Chappell for his efforts to support the Infant Section throughout the academic year. His personal interest in the children has been a source of motivation and encouragement. Thank you Mr. Chappell.

Our pupils have worked hard and achieved much academically and socially. I wish to congratulate them all for their success and achievements and I wish our Year 2 pupils every success in the Junior school. We trust that they will build upon the solid foundations they have received in the Infant school.

We welcomed many new children this year and everyone soon settled into school life happily. We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our children joining us in September 2011.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all our parents who have supported the school in numerous ways. Your confidence and cooperation are greatly appreciated. My sincere thanks and appreciation to our Chairman and Head of CIS Mr. Armyne Wirasinha and Executive Deputy Chairman Mr. D. P. C. Lawrence for their invaluable support in numerous ways. Well done to all our pupils on the successful completion of this year. Happy summer Holidays! Looking forward to seeing you in September for the new academic year.

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