

INFANT SECTION REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2016 - 2017

The Infant Section is a most happy and successful part of the school. C.I.S. attaches great importance to the early years and foundations laid in the impressionable early years form the bed rock on which future academic success is based.

Students are provided with a child centered dynamic educational programme that helps develop intellectual, social and physical growth in an environment that fosters a lifelong desire for learning.

Children who joined the school from the Nursery to Year 2 have had a very successful academic year. Holistic, balanced education with quality teaching and innovative technologies have helped promote consistent progression and academic development from the Nursery to Year 2. The Infant school follows the early years Key stage 1 component of the UK national curriculum.

We are happy to announce the commencement of our 2nd Nursery class from September 2017.

Our team of experienced and dedicated teachers encourage and develop the joy and commitment for learning by utilizing extensive resources and providing students a memorable learning experience in every year group.

This year has been yet another successful year with events and achievements.

In September CIS celebrated its 34th birthday. It was a great afternoon for both students and their families. The proceeds from this event were donated to various charitable organizations.

We are a multinational, multicultural school that celebrates all the significant religious and cultural events of the various nationalities. Children from all communities and nationalities happily participated in Christmas, Vesak, Deepavali, Haj, Independence Day and Sinhala and Tamil New Year assemblies. These were enriching experiences for the parents and children alike.

A book is an adventure! If a child's love for books is kindled his association with books grows into a lifelong experience. In October pupils from all year groups participated in our Library week activities, assemblies and competitions, which were aimed at improving and developing children's literacy and reading skills. Many children received prizes and certificates for their book reviews and competitions at a colourful presentation assembly held in the auditorium. Indicators such as reading age show that our pupils make good progress in their fluency and reading skills.

Sport plays an integral part in a child's education. It fosters team spirit and friendship. Our students made great achievements in the field of sports this academic year. Our sports day was held on the 21st of October 2016. The opening ceremony was a colourful drill display by our Year Two students. Every age group participated in their class track and relay events. Many pupils from Reception, Year One and Two participated and performed well in their respective track events at the International Schools Athletic Competition (ISAC) held in February this year. Our Infant Swimming squad and Athletic squad have helped to improve swimming and athletic standards as well as enthusiasm for the sport. Congratulations to all our achievers this year.

In December children enjoyed celebrating Christmas. Our Christmas Carol Service was held on the 7th of December at the Cathedral of Christ the Living Savior. At this special event the Infant choir performed collectively along with the Junior and Secondary choirs harmonizing together in one voice. On the final day of the term all age groups enjoyed their class parties as well as a visit from Santa with a gift for every child.

I wish to commend our Infant choir which consists of over 45 pupils from different nationalities. Harmonizing together they participate in special assemblies throughout the year.

Term two was eventful with students excelling in their academic progress. Class assemblies have been of very high standard developing self-confidence as well as public speaking skills.

Topic theme days were very special to every year group. Pupils were actively involved in their respective topic days with interesting topic based activities, assemblies and field trips.

The Infant Art and Craft and Computer Art exhibitions titled "Nature's Little Treasurer" displayed students' creativity, skills and talents working with a range of mediums as well as natural products. Computer generated art work was created by using Microsoft paint applications. All exhibits were of a very high standard and a remarkable achievement by our students.

Performing Arts, Drama, Dance and Music are a valuable part of the extracurricular programme in the school. They provide students an opportunity to develop and enhance their skills in acting, dancing and singing as well as their self-confidence.

The highlight of the final term was the Infant production. A musical adaptation of "Sesame Street" the globally recognized show cherished by generations. Our Year 1 and 2 students enjoyed characterizing the roles of popular characters while dancing and singing to tracks by popular artists.

The Variety Show "A Feast of Talent" was presented by Nursery, Pre Reception I and 5 pupils on the 18th of May. The Reception classes C, I and 5 presented "Fairytale Show" on the 19th of May. Both "A Feast of Talent" and the "Fairytale Show" delighted the audience with their show of talent.

The collective effort by our dedicated teachers contributed to the great success of the Variety Show.

Resources and facilities for teachers and pupils in the Library, Computer room and around the school are excellent as they are child centered. Class displays of children's work are outstanding and motivating. All activities are planned to give students the opportunity to achieve and excel in their work as well as enjoy their day in school.

Newsletters of the termly events and photos of termly events appear on our school website (www.cis.lk).

Our dedicated group of Class teachers, Assistant teachers, Supportive teachers and all Subject teachers have attended to their academic responsibilities meticulously throughout this academic year. On behalf of the school I would like to extend my gratitude to them all for their invaluable contributions in order to make this year a success.

The Infant school is no doubt the foundation of CIS where students work to achieve high standards academically and socially. I wish to congratulate them all for their success and achievements. I take this opportunity to wish our Year Two pupils every success in the Junior School. We trust they will continue to build upon the solid foundations they have received in the Infant School.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs. Shamali Chu our Deputy Head of Infants for her commitment and support in numerous ways. Thank you Shamali.

I also take this opportunity to thank our Principal Mr. David Sanders 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.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to our Chairman and Head of CIS Mr. Armyne Wirasinha for his invaluable support at all times.

I would also like to thank our Executive Deputy Chairman Mr. D.P.C. Lawrence for the support rendered throughout this academic year.

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.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our pupils joining us in the next academic year.

To all our little friends from Nursery to Year Two "Congratulations" and Happy Summer Holidays!
Looking forward to seeing you all on the 25th of August for the new Academic year.

Mrs. I. Kenny

HEAD OF INFANTS