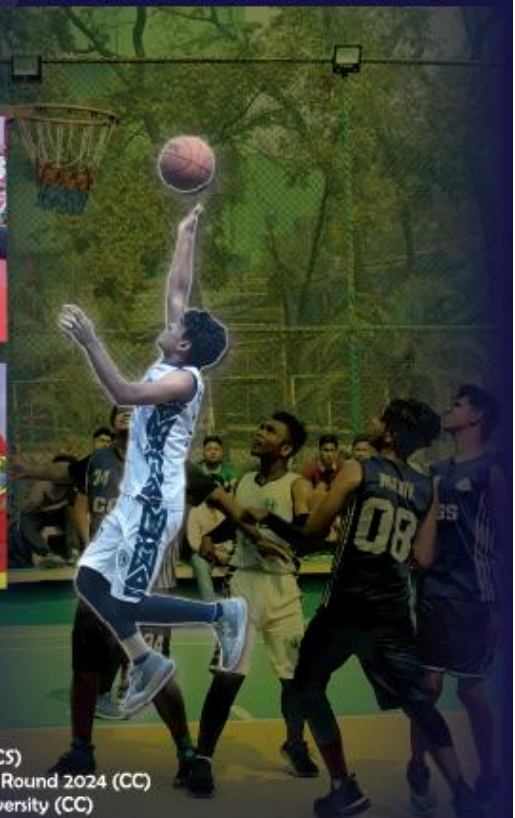




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Executive Director's Message



Dear CIDER Community,

As we delve into another month filled with accomplishments and celebrations, I am thrilled to extend my warmest congratulations to everyone who has contributed to the success of our recent events and initiatives. First and foremost, a heartfelt congratulations to the Cambridge Senior Section for organizing a remarkable Lion Mukhlesur Rahman Memorial Inter School Basketball Tournament 2024. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and securing the Runners Up position is a testament to your exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship.

Equally deserving of applause is the NC Senior Section for hosting a successful Inter House Cricket and Intra School Badminton Tournament 2024. Your enthusiasm and commitment to fostering a spirit of healthy competition among our students are truly commendable.

Congratulations to Master Anagh Tripathi for conducting the CIDER Podcast with such professionalism and finesse! Your ability to impress guests with your presence of mind during interviews is truly commendable. Keep up the excellent work, and may your podcast continue to inspire and inform audiences worldwide.

To the outgoing Batch of the National Curriculum Senior Section, as you prepare to embark on new journeys, I extend my best wishes for a bright and prosperous future. Your time at CIDER International School has been marked by growth, resilience, and countless memories, and I have no doubt that you will continue to excel in all your endeavors.

A special round of applause is also due to the organizing committees of Basant Utsav and International Mother Language Day for flawlessly executing these culturally enriching events. Your efforts have not only celebrated our diverse heritage but have also strengthened the bonds within our community.

Congratulations to all the newly commissioned members of the student council of the NC Senior Section. Your election is a testament to the trust and confidence that your peers have placed in you. As you embark on this journey of leadership, remember to lead with integrity, empathy, and a commitment to service. Your potential is limitless, and I have no doubt that you will inspire positive change within our school community.

I am also pleased to acknowledge the successful completion of the National Curriculum Teachers' training on the curriculum framework. Your dedication to professional development ensures that our students receive the highest quality education, and I am grateful for your ongoing commitment to excellence.

As we prepare to enter the holy month of Ramadan, I extend my warmest wishes to all members of our community. May this sacred time be filled with blessings, reflection, and spiritual growth. Eid Mubarak to those who will be celebrating at the end of this blessed month.

Lastly, I urge everyone to prioritize their health and well-being as we embark on the Ramadan break. Take this time to rest, recharge, and reconnect with loved ones. I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and rejuvenated when we reconvene.

Wishing you all continued success, happiness, and good health.

G C Tripathi
Executive Director

Celebrating Diversity:

Mother Language Day 2024 at CIDER International School

February 21st marks an important occasion globally - International Mother Language Day, a day dedicated to celebrating linguistic and cultural diversity. At CIDER International School, this day was commemorated with great reverence, with a series of events that honoured the rich tapestry of languages and cultures within our community. The festivities commenced with a symbolic gesture - the offering of flower bouquets by the Principal, teachers, guardians, and students. This act symbolized our collective appreciation for the diverse languages and cultures that enrich our school community.



The event kicked off with an inspiring speech delivered by the Executive Director, Mr. G C Tripathi, in Bangla as a gesture of respect to the language martyrs of 1952. His words deeply moved everyone present, emphasizing the importance of preserving and celebrating our mother languages as a vital part of our identity and heritage. Following the Principal's speech, the Vice Principal of the Junior School, Ms. Neeti Tripathi, delivered a heartfelt address in Hindi. Her speech underscored the significance of language as a vehicle for cultural expression and unity.

Next, it was time for the students to take center stage. The Head Boy, Nusayr Bin Rahman of Cambridge Senior Section and Head Girl, Afia Zahin of NC Senior Section delivered their stirring speeches. Their impassioned words served as a reminder of the power of language to connect us all, regardless of our backgrounds. The speech session reached its culmination with a speech from Mr. Bishojit Das, father of Shreyosini Das as a representative of the guardians. His words echoed the sentiments of support and encouragement for our school's initiatives to celebrate and preserve our mother languages.

As a nod to the cultural signature of the Bengali nation, the second part of the event featured the unveiling of the Bangla Magazine 'Alok,' a beacon of students' creativity and passion for their mother tongue. Then the stage was radiated and resonated with cultural performance, including poetry recitations, traditional dances and short dramas. These artistic expressions served as a vibrant tribute to the beauty and diversity of our mother languages, captivating the audience and fostering a deeper appreciation for our shared cultural heritage.

At CIDER International School, this day is not just an event; it is a celebration of our shared humanity and the rich mosaic of languages and cultures that define us.

Reported by
Moharrom Hossain
HOD, English, CC Senior

বসন্ত উৎসব - ২০২৪ খ্রিঃ

১৩ই ফেব্রুয়ারি, ২০২৪ খ্রিঃ, সাইডার ইন্টারন্যাশনাল স্কুল, জাতীয় শিক্ষাক্রম, প্রতিবাদের মত এবারও বসন্ত উৎসবের আয়োজন করে। প্রত্যেক কক্ষনে বসন্ত ঋতুকে সাপরে বরণ করার জন্যই এই উৎসবের আয়োজন করা হয়। বসন্ত বরণের এই অনুষ্ঠানে প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন ড. সুদীপা দত্ত, অধ্যক্ষ, সরকারী সিটি কলেজ, চট্টগ্রাম। বিশেষ অতিথি মানসুমা মোরশেদ, ডিরেক্টর, মেটরন, চট্টগ্রাম এবং উপাধ্যক্ষ নীতি ত্রিপাঠী মহোদয়ের উপস্থিতি এই অনুষ্ঠানকে আরও বর্ণিণ করে তোলে। উক্ত বসন্ত উৎসবের অন্যতম প্রধান আকর্ষণ ছিল মনোজ্ঞ সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান, পিঠা উৎসব ও গানের উন্মুক্ত মঞ্চায়ন। বসন্তের নৃত্য-গীতের পরিবেশনায় উপস্থিত শিক্ষক, শিক্ষার্থী ও শ্রোতারা এই অনুষ্ঠানকে নতুন মাত্রা দেয়। সম্মানিত অভিভাবকবৃন্দ ও সকলের অংশগ্রহণ এই সাংস্কৃতিক আয়োজনকে আরও উৎসবমুখর করে তুলেছিল।



ঐতিহ্যবাহী এই পিঠা উৎসবের উদ্বোধন করেন শ্রদ্ধেয় উপাধ্যক্ষ এবং অতিথি মহোদয়। পিঠার নানা স্টল পরিদর্শন, সুস্বাদু পিঠা ও তিল ধরণের আহার আয়োজন উপভোগের মাধ্যমে তাঁরা অনুষ্ঠানের পরিবেশকে ষিওণ রাঙিয়ে তুলেছিলেন। পরিশেষে পিঠার ভরণপট আহারে এবং পূর্ণানন্দে সমাপ্তি ঘটে এই বাসন্তিক সন্ধ্যায়ের।

বাসন্তিক শুভেচ্ছায়,

প্রতিবেদক
জারা চৌধুরী
৮ম শ্রেণী
সাইডার ইন্টারন্যাশনাল স্কুল (জাতীয় শিক্ষাক্রম)



Empowering Voices: The Journey of CIDER Podcast

When I embarked on the journey of creating the CIDER Podcast, my vision was clear - to harness the power of speech to empower the students of CIDER and the youth at large. Despite the initial apprehension stemming from my lack of experience in such endeavors, I am thrilled to report that the project has exceeded all expectations.

As of February 21, 2014, the CIDER Podcast boasts five episodes, each featuring esteemed veterans who are luminaries in our society. Engaging in conversations with these individuals, who generously share their insights, has been an exhilarating experience.

On a personal note, the moments leading up to each episode were a whirlwind of nervousness, excitement, and anticipation. The realization that any misstep could jeopardize the opportunity to interview our esteemed guests again, due to their busy schedules, added to the pressure.

However, navigating through these emotions has been immensely rewarding. The wisdom and enriching words shared by our guest speakers have not only enriched my own life but also provided invaluable lessons that can be applied both personally and professionally.

In summary, the CIDER Podcast has been a unique and fulfilling journey for me. I am delighted by the positive reception the episodes have received thus far and am eager to continue producing them. My goal remains steadfast - to contribute to the empowerment of the young CIDERians in our school and the youth of Bangladesh as a whole.

Anagh Tripathi
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Mr. AR. Asiq Imran
Honorary Consul General of the Russian Federation in Chittagong



Mr. Krishna Pada Roy
Police Commissioner, Chittagong Metropolitan Police



Brigadier General Md. Shannim Ahuan (MDH)
Director-Chittagong Medical College Hospital



Lt Col Mohammad Tajul Islam Chowdhury
Director-Fire Service and Civil Defense Bangladesh



Mr. Bibi Russell
International Fashion Designer and Model

Farewell Ceremony of Batch - 2024



There is a saying that every beginning has an ending. On 30 January, 2024, the farewell Programme of SSC batch - 2024 was celebrated in our school, CIDER International School, LMR Hall. The Programme was inaugurated with the opening speech of Mr. Abu Sayeed, the Head of the Department of English. Then our honourable Executive Director and Principal delivered his welcoming speech. In his speech, he talked about our students' achievement over the years and he wished the best performance of the batch - 2024. Then, Vice Principal Ma'am, Neeti Tripathi, Junior School, Ms. Munmun Nahar, Head of the Department of Science, Mr. Rezaul Karim, the Head of the Department of Mathematics and Grade Level Coordinators delivered the inspirational speeches which were the matter of inspiration for us all.

After this, a speech was delivered by a student, Fairuj Wahed Chowdhury, of grade X which was followed up the speeches of two more students, Tayeeb Shahjahan Chowdhury and Abrar Zawad from the leaving batch. Those 3 speeches were really overwhelming. Then a group song was presented by the students of class X. This song made them rewind their journey in CIDER. Following the group song there was an exciting game show which included the participation of both teachers and students. After the game show, there was the main attraction of the Programme, the enthusiastic dance performance by grade X. Showcasing the journey of the leaving batch, a slideshow was presented which evoked a sense of nostalgia.

Afterwards, our respected Section Coordinator, Ms. Mukti Chowdhury, expressed her vote of thanks. The Programme ended with cake cutting and photo session followed by a lunch arrangement for all. As we bid farewell to the SSC batch - 2024, let us carry the memories, lessons and friendships formed during this journey. We hope the future of our beloved seniors will be as bright as their CIDER journey.

Reported by
Nanjiba Tahiyat
Student of Class X, NCS

Celebrating Excellence

Bangladesh Physics Olympiad

Regional Round 2024



On the 3rd of February, the city of Chattogram hosted the Regional Round of the Bangladesh Physics Olympiad 2024. This prestigious event attracted a multitude of young minds eager to showcase their prowess in the realm of physics. Among them, a group of CIDERians secured their spots in the forthcoming National Round.

In Category A, the cream of the crop stood out with Md Mawsool Hossain Khan clinching the 12th position and Daniel Yousuf closely following at the 15th position. Additionally, Afreeda Khan, TazbidFarzan, and Deavadittyia Bhowmik garnered Honourable Mentions for their exceptional performances. Category B saw the emergence of talents like Aditya Baidya, Showvik Sharma Tirtha, and Eishan Dey, all earning Honourable Mentions for their commendable efforts and dedication. In Category D, Ahnaf Rafid distinguished himself with a stellar performance, securing the 6th position, while Shahir Raed showcased his potential with an Honourable Mention.

These remarkable achievements not only highlight the academic excellence and dedication of the participating students but also underscore the importance of platforms like the Bangladesh Physics Olympiad in nurturing and promoting scientific talent within the nation.

Reported by
Md. Luthfar Rahman
HOD, Physics, CC Senior

Unforgettable Moments:

My MUN Experience at Chittagong University



The recently concluded four-day MUN held at Chittagong University brought together students, scholars, and experts from various fields. The conference spanned from the 7th to the 10th of February, and it was jam-packed with a delightful array of activities, including opening and closing ceremonies, committee sessions, mind-expanding conferences, and a spectacular cultural night that set the stage on fire.

Let's dive into the highlights of this life-altering event that etched itself into the deepest recesses of my school life. I had the honor of representing The Republic of Lebanon as a delegate in the electrifying committee DISEC. The very first day kicked off with an opening ceremony that was nothing short of a showstopper, followed by an opening plenary where we were introduced to the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Director, who were the rock stars of the conference.

The following two days were a whirlwind of fascinating conferences and intense committee sessions. But it was the 3rd day that truly took the conference to unprecedented heights with the eagerly anticipated cultural night. The participants unleashed their boundless talents, music, dance, drama, and soul-stirring poetry recitals. It was a celebration of Bangladesh's cultural tapestry.

Following the unforgettable cultural night, the final day unfolded with the last committee session, igniting our passions and fueling our determination to find innovative solutions to arm challenges. Putting the finishing touches on their draft resolutions, showcasing their unwavering commitment to making a difference. We then moved on to the closing plenary, where the air was charged with anticipation and excitement. Then a prize-giving ceremony was held to applaud the achievements of the fellow delegates.

As a first-timer, this experience was an eye-opener for me, teaching me the invaluable lessons of active participation, the power of networking, and the beauty of embracing diverse perspectives. It was a thrilling adventure, allowing me to cultivate my negotiating and communication skills while forging lifelong connections with incredible people from around the globe.

Reported by
Raida Rahman
Grade 8A (CC)

INVESTITURE CEREMONY (NCS)

"Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another." – John C. Maxwell

In the shimmering light of February 11th, 2024, Investiture Ceremony of NC Senior Section unfolded our school's auditorium with an aura of grandeur and glory, marking the dawn of a new era of leadership and responsibility for the students. The ceremony commenced with the soul-stirring beginning of National Anthem, symbolizing unity and pride. Following this, the chief guest and guest of honour were accorded warm felicitations in the traditional CIDERian manner, acknowledging their presence and support. Mr. Abu Sayeed, the Head of the Department of English of NC Senior Section, took the podium and delivered an eloquent opening speech that resonated with the essence of leadership. Ms. Neeti Tripathi, Vice-Principal of CIDER International School, extended a heartfelt welcome emphasizing the importance of nurturing leadership qualities among the students.



Soon after, there was a video presentation of Primary Section showcasing the democratic process of electing student representatives, underscoring the democratic values instilled within the school community. The stage then was transformed into a platform of recognition and honour as badge holders from both the Primary and Senior Sections were called forth. Adorned with sashes, badges, and bouquets, they stood tall symbolizing their newfound roles and responsibilities. With the signing of the responsibility papers, they pledged to uphold the values of integrity and service, ready to embark on their leadership journey. But the ceremony didn't end there.

It was the time for oath-taking ceremony involving all the prefects. Each prefect solemnly pledged their commitment to uphold the values of integrity, responsibility, and service, marking the formal initiation of their leadership journey. Once oath-taking ceremony concluded, the newly appointed Head Boy of Primary Section and Head Girl of Senior Section stepped forward to deliver poignant speeches, expressing their gratitude and outlining their vision for the upcoming academic year. Then, parents from each section shared heartfelt messages, expressing their pride and offering words of encouragement to the newly appointed student leaders.



After this, the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour addressed the audience, commending the students for their achievements and encouraged them to embrace their roles with diligence and dedication. A photo session captured the memorable moments of the ceremony, providing a lasting memento for all participants and attendees. The ceremony culminated with a sense of pride and anticipation as the newly appointed student leaders embarked on their journey of service and leadership.

Reported by
Afia Zahin
Student, Grade X, NCS

Lion Mukhlesur Rahman Memorial CIDER Inter School Basketball Tournament-2024

The sporting arena of CIDER International School was ablaze with talent and fervor as teams from various schools converged for an exhilarating tournament. With inaugural speech from the Principal, Mr. G C Tripathi the tournament kicked off on the 15th of February. The event showcased not only remarkable athleticism but also camaraderie and sportsmanship among the participating teams.

In the boys' category, six formidable teams battled it out for the championship title. Boys Teams included:

- CIDER International school CC
- CIDER International school NC
- Sunshine grammar school
- Chittagong Grammar School
- Presidency International School
- Mirza Ahmed Ispahani High School

The competition was fierce, with each team displaying commendable skills and determination. However, emerging victorious was Sunshine Grammar School, whose unwavering performance led them to clinch the coveted champion's trophy. Trevon Valentine's outstanding contributions to the game earned him the prestigious title of "Player of the Tournament".

The runner-up position was secured by CIDER International School CC, whose players exhibited exceptional prowess on the field. Despite falling short of the championship, their spirit was truly admirable, making them formidable contenders throughout the tournament. Mirza Ahmed Ispahani High School earned the title of the "Fair Team" in the boys' division, highlighting their dedication to fair play and sportsmanship.





In the girls' division, the competition was equally fierce, with three formidable teams vying for the championship title. Girls Teams included:

- CIDER International school CC
- Mirza Ahmed Ispahani High School
- Chattogram Cantonment Public College

The final was fought by Mirza Ahmed Ispahani High School and Chattogram Cantonment Public College. Eventually, Mirza Ahmed Ispahani High School emerged triumphant, showcasing exceptional skill and teamwork throughout the tournament.

Chattogram Cantonment Public College displayed commendable performance, securing the runner-up position. Their determination was evident in every match, making them worthy contenders for the title.

A standout player in the girls' category was Sharmila Hoque, whose exceptional talent and contributions to her team earned her the title of "Player of the Tournament".

CIDER International School CC was recognized as the "Fair Team" in the girls' division, underscoring their commitment to fair play and sportsmanship.

On the day of final matches held on February 17th, Mr. MD. Muslim, Additional DIG of Anti-Terrorism Unit, Chittagong Division, graced the occasion with his presence. His inspiring speech resonated deeply with the young basketball prodigies.

As the tournament concluded, it was evident that the true essence of sportsmanship lies not only in victory but also in the spirit of fair play, respect, and camaraderie exhibited by all teams. We congratulate all the participants for their exemplary performance and look forward to witnessing more thrilling tournaments in the future.

Reported by
Dababrata Chowdhury
Sports Teacher & Basketball and Football Coach, CC Senior

Wordsmiths Unleashed: Spell Bee Competition 2023-24



Every year, CIDER International School organizes the spelling bee competition to instill a love for language, enhance vocabulary skills, and promote healthy competition among students. Continuing this cherished tradition, the Spell Bee Competition for the academic year 2023-24 took place on February 8, 2024, at the LMR Hall within the school premises. The event commenced with a welcoming address by the school's vice principal, Ms. Neeti Tripathi, who encouraged participants to embrace the spirit of healthy competition and strive for excellence.

This year, students from grades VI and VII participated in the competition. Before delving into the competitive rounds, the rules were thoroughly explained to the students. As participants took to the stage, the atmosphere became electrifying, with each student showcasing their linguistic prowess in a series of challenging rounds. The audience was captivated, feeling the tension rise with each word spelled, while the participants themselves relished the competitive spirit of the event.

After the completion of all four rounds, the winners were announced. Farhin Khaled secured the 1st position from grade VI, with Muhammad Tazbid Farzan and Md. Talha Hasan securing the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. In grade VII, Showvik Sharma claimed the 1st position, Tahseen Hossain secured the 2nd position, and Muntaha Noman obtained the 3rd position. Among the dignitaries present were the Section Coordinator of Cambridge Senior, Mr. Pranesh Ranjan Das, the Head of the English Department, Mr. Mokarrom Hossain, the activity coordinator, Mr. Biplob Mallick, and the grade level coordinators. They congratulated all the participants for their hard work and determination.

Overall, the competition provided a memorable and inspiring experience for everyone involved, fostering a love for language and celebrating the students' achievements in vocabulary mastery.

Reported by
Debashish Baul
Teacher, CC Senior Section

Rag Day- 2024 (NCS)

Like every year, SSC Batch – 2024 celebrated Rag Day with tremendous fervour on January 28, 2024. During the cake-cutting ceremony, honorable Executive Director and Principal Sir Mr. Gyanesh Chandra Tripathi, NCS Section Coordinator Ms. Mukti Chowdhury, and esteemed teachers were there to kick off the celebration.

We then started to enjoy the final day of classes by playing with color and music to make the day more festive. The students of batch -2024 were happy during the celebration, but there was also a hint of sadness since it might be the last time we celebrate together. Each of us will be searching for better opportunities for their own success and following their own paths of struggle in order to succeed.



The day came to an end with a photo session during which all of my friends expressed how they felt about being together. Despite all the challenges, they had to overcome all these years and now graduating from school. Though our tenure in school is over, we still have to keep going to achieve success in life and maintain our status as exemplary members of society.

Reported by :
Rifat Shahriar
Student, SSC Batch - 2024,
NCS

STEM Fest Experience: A Day of Learning and Achievement



On the 10th of February 2024, a day worth remembering, enriched my domain of knowledge with a new experience. Alongside my friend, Maneesha, I was selected to participate in the STEM Fest, an inter-school science fair organized by the International Hope School Bangladesh. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. During this event, students from various schools in Chittagong showcased their talents through innovative projects. Three teams from our school were selected, and our project focused on a Hydraulic Bridge.

We arrived at 9 am. The programme commenced with captivating music performances by students of Hope School, followed by morning snacks. At 12:30 pm, the main program began with the arrival of a panel of three judges. They visited each group, posing different questions related to our project. Despite one judge asking a tricky question, we managed to answer confidently. Lunch was provided and proved to be delicious. Around 4:30 pm, the prize-giving ceremony commenced. To our excitement, all top positions were secured by students from Hope School. When our names were announced for an honourable mention with a 2000 taka prize, we were thrilled, feeling goosebumps.

Through this event, I learned many things that I wish I had known earlier. It instilled a sense of self-confidence in me, providing an opportunity to reflect on my talents and interact with different types of people.

Reported by
Aaiman Iqbal Khan
Grade 9B

Inter-House Cricket Tournament (NCS)

With huge festivity and enthusiasm NCS Senior Section of CIDER International School organized a two-daylong Inter-House Cricket Tournament on last Saturday and Sunday dated 24th and 25th February, 2024 in our school field. The Executive Director and Principal of the school, Mr. G C Tripathi, inaugurated the tournament with the coordination of Mr. Abu Sayeed, head of the Department of English. The Section Coordinator of NCS, Miss Mukti Chowdhury, was also present there along with other members of the Sports Committee. The names of the houses in the tournament are Dragon, Unicorn, Griffin and Phoenix House.



There were six matches in group stage.

In the first match, Dragon House defeated Griffin House by 6 wickets. In this match, Rahil, one of the players from Dragon house, achieved Man of the Match. In the second match, Unicorn House defeated Phoenix House by 61 runs. In that game, Tousif from Unicorn House achieved Man of the Match. In the third play, Griffin House defeated Phoenix House by 5 wickets. Zawad from Griffin House secured the position of Man of the Match in this game. In the fourth game, Unicorn House defeated Dragon House by 30 runs. Aynaan, from Unicorn House, achieved Man of the Match. In the fifth match, Griffin House won by 2 wickets defeating Unicorn House. In this game, Zawad again achieved Man of the Match from Unicorn house. In the sixth game, Dragon House defeated Phoenix House by six wickets. Fahami, from Dragon House, achieved Man of the Match. The top listed teams from all the groups were Dragon and Unicorn Houses respectively and they both played the final match.



The Executive Director and Principal of CIDER International School inaugurated the final match releasing balloon and festoon in the air. In the presence of Executive Director and Principal and both the captains, Wali and Anas, from Dragon and Unicorn House, a coin was flipped. Dragon House won the toss and chose to ball first. Unicorn House scored 82 run by 8 overs. Tousif scored the highest, 31 runs, for Unicorn House. To chase 83 runs, Dragon house lost all the wickets by 5 overs and scored 35 runs. As a result, Unicorn House became champion for the first time and got the glory of a huge victory by 47 runs. Sohan from Unicorn House achieved Man of the Match

and he made a hat-trick. Tousif became the Man of the Series by scoring 94 runs and 11 wickets.

After the match, both the champion and the runner-up teams got their trophies from the hands of the Executive Director and Principal of the school. During the prize giving ceremony, Section Coordinator Ms. Mukti Chowdhury, Grade Level Coordinators, Ms. Papri and Mr. Rezaul, Activity Coordinator, Mr. Sattonjoy and respected teachers were present there. Mr. Sayeed and Mr. Shimul managed the whole programme.

Reported by
Shimul Barua
Sports Teacher, NCS

একুশে ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০২৪ উদ্‌যাপনে সাইডার



একুশ মানে মাথা নত না করা
একুশ মানে দুগু কণ্ঠে উচ্চারণ করা
আমার ভাইয়ের রক্তে রাঙানো
একুশে ফেব্রুয়ারি
আমি কি ভুলিতে পারি?

একুশে ফেব্রুয়ারির প্রথম প্রহর মানেই ভাষা শহীদদের স্মরণ করা, একুশের প্রথম প্রহর মানেই খালি পায়ে হেঁটে শহীদ মিনারে ফুল দিতে যাওয়া। সাইডার ইন্টারন্যাশনাল স্কুল প্রতিবারের মতো এই বছরও ২১শে ফেব্রুয়ারি, আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা দিবস যথাযোগ্য মর্বাদায় উদ্‌যাপন করে। আয়োজনের প্রথম প্রহরে প্রতিষ্ঠানের সম্মানিত নির্বাহী পরিচালক ও অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় শহীদ মিনারে পুষ্প স্তবক অর্পণ করেন। এরপর অভিভাবকবৃন্দের পক্ষ থেকে পুষ্প স্তবক অর্পণ করা হয়। পর্যায়ক্রমে মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রশাসন ও হিসাব বিভাগ এবং সম্মানিত শিক্ষকবৃন্দ পুষ্প অর্পণ করেন। এরপরেই মূল আয়োজন শুরু হয়। প্রতিষ্ঠানের সম্মানিত নির্বাহী পরিচালক ও অধ্যক্ষ জ্ঞানেশ চন্দ্র ত্রিপাঠী বক্তব্যের শুরুতেই ভাষা শহীদদের শ্রদ্ধাভরে স্মরণ করেন। তিনি তাঁর বক্তব্যে বাঙালির অবিনাশী ও প্রতিবাদী চেতনার কথা স্মরণ করে ভাষা শহীদদের আত্মত্যাগ ও তার গতিধারায় বাংলাদেশ কীভাবে স্বাধীন হলো, সে প্রশ্ন তুলে আনেন। সর্বোপরি তাঁর জ্ঞানগর্ভ এবং বাহুগা ভাষায় দেয়া বক্তব্য সকলকে প্রাণিত করে। এরপর অভিভাবক প্রতিনিধির পক্ষে বক্তব্য রাখেন জনাব বিশ্বজিৎ দাশ। প্রতিষ্ঠানের সি. সি. সিনিয়র শাখার হেড বয় ও এন.সি. সিনিয়র শাখার হেড গার্লের বক্তব্যেও মহান একুশে ফেব্রুয়ারির তাৎপর্যের কথা উঠে আসে। আয়োজনের মূল আকর্ষণ ছিল 'অসোক' ম্যাগাজিনের মোড়ক উন্মোচন ও সাংস্কৃতিক পরিবেশনা। নৃত্য, গান ও দলগত আবৃত্তি পরিবেশনে মুখরিত হয়ে ওঠে সাইডার প্রাঙ্গণ। প্রতিষ্ঠানের সম্মানিত উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় নীতি ত্রিপাঠী তাঁর মাতৃভাষা হিন্দিতে বক্তব্য প্রদান করে সকলকে মুগ্ধ করেন এবং সকলকে আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা দিবসের রক্তিম শুভেচ্ছা জানিয়ে অনুষ্ঠান আয়োজনের সঙ্গে যুক্ত সকল শিক্ষক-শিক্ষিকাকে ধন্যবাদ জ্ঞাপন পূর্বক অনুষ্ঠানের সমাপ্তি ঘোষণা করেন। পুরো আয়োজনটি শিক্ষার্থীদের সজাগানা ও তাদের মনোমুগ্ধকর পরিবেশনায় এক অনন্য আবহ তৈরি করে।

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Training on National Curriculum Framework



In the rapidly changing landscape of education, teachers play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our societies. As we step into 2024, the focus on enhancing the quality of education has led to a significant evolution in teachers' training programs. On 17th December, 2023, the Education Ministry of Bangladesh initiated an extraordinary training for all the National Curriculum teachers. It was a 7 day long training session. The aim of it was to empower educators with the skills and knowledge necessary to meet the diverse needs of 21st-century learners. The training was conducted by some well trained professionals. The most significant transformations in teachers' training were the increased emphasis on Technology Integration, Personalized Learning Approaches, Cultivating Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Skills, Inclusive Education Training and Professional Development through Collaboration. Teachers are now equipped with training programs that delve into the latest educational technologies, ensuring they can easily incorporate digital tools into their teaching methods. Pair work, group work, class work presentation, virtual reality, augmented reality, and artificial intelligence are becoming integral parts of the modern classroom. Teachers are now being equipped with the skills to address not only academic needs but also the social and emotional well-being of their students. The training has become a cornerstone of teachers' skill, focusing on fostering skills such as empathy, communication, and resilience. The goal is to create a holistic learning environment that nurtures students' emotional intelligence alongside academic achievements. With a growing awareness of the importance of inclusive education, teachers' training in 2024 emphasizes strategies for creating classrooms that cater to diverse student populations. Educators are trained to understand and address the unique needs of students with varying abilities, ensuring that every learner has an equal opportunity to succeed. This includes training on creating accessible materials, implementing adaptive technologies, and employing differentiated instructional methods.

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Intra-School Badminton Tournament-2024 (NCS)



We are very glad to know that CIDER International School, NC Senior School, organized Intra-School Badminton Tournament-2024. It was held on 27th January, Saturday, in school auditorium. This tournament was divided into two groups. Group A (VI & VII - Boys and Girls) and Group B (VIII, IX & X - Boys and Girls). Our honourable Executive Director and Principal Mr. G.C. Tripathi inaugurated the tournament. Final match was held between Rashmiya Hrida vs Agrashori Barua, Ayman Jawad vs Umayer Hossain, Samira Akter vs Hafsa Binte Jashim and Tahsin Araf vs Abu Omar Khan. In final match, Rashmiya defeated Agrashori by 2-1 sets, Ayman Jawad defeated Umayer by 2-0 sets, Samira defeated Hafsa by 2-1 sets and Araf defeated Ziad by 2-1 sets. Sreyasini Das, Al Sakin Albhi, Safwana Samrin and Zahin Abrar were the best players of the tournament. Later, on 28th January, in the school assembly prize giving ceremony was held. Our honourable Executive Director and Principal, Mr. G. C. Tripathi, distributed the prizes trophy among the Champions and Runners-up. Our respected Section Coordinator, Ms. Mukti Chowdhury, GLCs, Ms. Papri Nandy and Mr. Rezaul Karim, Activity Coordinator, Mr. Sattanjoy Banik and all the respected teachers were present there. The entire programme was conducted by Mr. Shimul Barua.



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The Kaleidoscope

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রাত অপকল্প এক মায়ারী সৌন্দর্যের রাত। এই সৌন্দর্য, হৃদয় দিয়ে অনুভব করতে হয়। তেমনি বসন্তের এক চাঁদনি রাতে আমার সমস্ত শরীর ও মনে এক পরম সৌন্দর্য-অনুভূতির সুখকর স্রোত প্রবাহিত হয়েছিল। বসন্তের এক বিকসে লোকালয় থেকে মুক্ত হয়ে প্রকৃতির অপরাধ সৌন্দর্য অনুভব করতে নদীর তীরে বসে আছি। কিছুক্ষণ পর সন্ধ্যা নেমে এসে মুহূর্তে তাকিয়ে দেখি পূর্ব আকাশের বুক চিরে সুন্দর একটি চাঁদ উঠেছে আকাশে, তার কোমল আলোর পরশে পৃথিবী যেন ধন্য হচ্ছিল। চাঁদকে ঘিরে আকাশে হাজার তারার মেলা। এদের চূর্ণ আলোর চাঁদ আরও সোহনীয় হয়ে ওঠে যেন। প্রকৃতির সৌন্দর্য কানায় কানায় পূর্ণ হয়। নদীর তীরে বসে বসে এই প্রথম অনুভব করলাম জোছদ্বার আশ্চর্য কমণীয়তা। মাঠের বুকে, নদীর জলে জোছদ্বার সে কী স্বর্গীয় শোভা! আমার সমস্ত মনে এক অন্যরকম আনন্দের অনুভূতি হচ্ছিল। সেদিনের সে অপার্থিব অনুভূতি আমি ভাষায় প্রকাশ করতে পারবো না। যেন কোনো-এক সুন্দর হতে একটা প্রবল জোয়ারের স্রোত এসে আমার অন্তরাত্মকে এক নূতন অনির্বচনীয় চেতনা-শক্তিতে পরিপূর্ণ করে তুলেছে। আমি নিজেকে নিজে দেখছি, ভাবছি, প্রশ্ন করছি কিন্তু বুঝতে পারছি না। পূর্ণিমা-প্রকৃতিও আমার মতো একাকি। কি এক রহস্য পুষ্পকে বিঘানে অসীম নির্জনতার একেবারে শেষ সীমা পর্যন্ত। এই নিস্তর ব্যাকুল প্রকৃতির প্রান্তে আমি একট নিস্তর ব্যাকুল কিশোরী বসে আছি। মাঠ, নদী পার হয়ে আমার হৃদয় আকাশ পর্যন্ত এত গভীরভাবে পূর্ণিমা ধরা দেয়নি কখনোই। সময় গড়িয়ে যায়, আকাশে নিত্য চাঁদ উঠে, জোছদ্বা ছড়ায়, কিন্তু সে রাতের প্রকৃতির বিশ্বব্যাপী বিস্তার আমার মনে তৃপ্তি দিয়েছিল তা আমি কোন রাতেই বুঝে পাইনি।

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গাছপালা আমাদের পরম বন্ধু। গাছপালা ছাড়া পৃথিবীতে আমাদের জন্য জীবন অসম্ভব। যেখানে গাছপালা ও বনভূমি বেশি, সেখানে ভালো বাণী হয়। এর ফলে ভূমিতে পানির পরিমাণ বাড়ে, চাষাবাদ ও কলম ভাল হয়। আমাদের পরিবেশ রক্ষার গাছপালায় বিকল্প নেই। বাতাস থেকে অক্সিজেন নিয়ে আমরা বাঁচি, নিঃশ্বাসের সঙ্গে আমরা কার্বনডাইঅক্সাইড নামের বিষাক্ত গ্যাস বাতাসে ছাড়ি। অন্যদিক, গাছপালা বাতাস থেকে কার্বনডাইঅক্সাইড গ্রহণ করে ও বাতাসে অক্সিজেন ছাড়ে। গাছপালা না থাকলে একসময় বাতাসের অক্সিজেন একেবারে শেষ হয়ে যেত, আর আমরা মৃত্যুর কোলে চলে পড়তাম। কাজেই গাছপালা আমাদের জীবনের জন্য অত্যাবশ্যিক। বন্ধু গাছপালা আমাদের প্রাত্যহিক জীবনেও অনেকভাবে সাহায্য করে থাকে। গাছপালা থেকে আমরা পাই নানারকমের ফল, শাকসবজি, খাদ্যশস্যসহ নানারকম তেল, বীজ। আমরা প্রতিদিনের রান্নায় যে মসলা ব্যবহার করে থাকি, তা-ও পাই এই গাছপালা থেকে। কাঠ আমাদের অতি প্রয়োজনীয় বস্তু। ডেয়ার টেবিল, আলমারি থেকে শুরু করে দেয়ালশাইয়ের কাঠসহ বহুধরনের জিনিস তৈরিতে কাঠ আমাদের কাজে লাগে। আর এ কাঠও আমরা পেয়ে থাকি গাছপালা থেকেই। আমাদের পরিবেশে কিছু গাছপালা আছে যেগুলোকে আমরা ভেজ উদ্ভিদ বলে থাকি। কালো মেঘ, নয়নতারা, আসামগা, শ্বেতচন্দন ইত্যাদি

উদ্ভিদ ভেজ ও গণসম্পন্ন। বনতবাড়ির সৌন্দর্যবর্ধনেও গাছের ছুড়ি নেই। জিনিয়া, গাঁদা, চাঁপা, কবুবি, জবা, রজনীগন্ধা, জোলাপ, ছুই ইত্যাদি ফল রাঙে-রাঙে-গাঙে অতুলনীয়। মানুষের অস্তিত্ব রক্ষার অনুকূল পরিবেশ তৈরিতে গাছের তুলনা নেই। গাছপালা না থাকলে পরিবেশ হয়ে যেত উষ্ণ। পৃথিবী হয়ে উঠত মরুভূমি। তাই গাছ আমাদের শ্রেষ্ঠ বন্ধু।

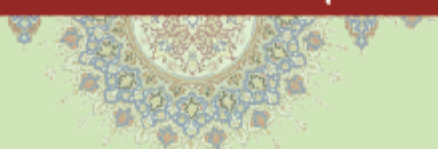
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সাধারণ মানুষ নিজেদের কুটির বা ঘরে বসে স্বল্প মূলধনে যে পণ্য দ্রব্য উৎপাদন করে তাকে কুটির শিল্প বলা হয়। এ দেশের পট্ট-গাঁয়ে নিজস্ব পদ্ধতিতে ঘরোয়া পরিবেশে পরিবার-পরিজনকে সঙ্গে নিয়ে এই শিল্প তৈরি হয়ে থাকে। এখানে কারখানা বলতে একটি ছোট কুটির, শ্রমিক বলতে পরিবারের সদস্য, কাঁচামাল বলতে বাঁশ, বেত, পাতা, মাটি আর মূলধন বলতে স্বল্প পুঁজি বোঝায়। এতে বেশি সোক বা বেশি যন্ত্রপাতির দরকার হয় না। প্রাচীনকালে বাংলাদেশের কুটির শিল্পের যথেষ্ট সুনাম ও মর্যাদা ছিল। বাংলাদেশে বহু ধরনের কুটির শিল্প রয়েছে। সেগুলো হচ্ছে তাঁত শিল্প, মুগ্ধশিল্প, কাঁসা ও পিতল শিল্প, শঙ্খশিল্প, কাঠশিল্প, বুনন শিল্প, বাঁশ ও বেত শিল্প ইত্যাদি। এছাড়া আরও রয়েছে শিকা, হাতপাখা ও নকশিকাখা। বাংলাদেশের মসলিনের উৎকর্ষ ছিল অসাধারণ। পৃথিবীর বহুদেশে এই মসলিন রপ্তানি হতো। দেশ-বিদেশের বহু রাজদরবারে এর আকর্ষণ ও সমাদর ছিল প্রচুর। আগের দিনে বিভিন্ন শ্রেণির কারুশিল্পীরা বিভিন্ন রকমের শিল্পপণ্য তৈরি করত। তাঁতি, কামার, শাঁখারি, কাঁসারি প্রভৃতি কুটির শিল্পীরা বংশানুক্রমে তাদের জাতিগত পেশায় লিপ্ত ছিল, তাদের তৈরি কাপড়-গামছা, হাঁড়ি-কলস, কাস্তে, লাঠল, কোদাল, দা-বাঁটি, কাঁসার খাম্বা-গ্রান, ঘাট-বাঁটি শাঁখের জিনিস অত্যন্ত আকর্ষণীয় ও জনপ্রিয় ছিল। বাংলাদেশের কুটির শিল্পের বর্তমান অবস্থা অত্যন্ত শোচনীয়। আগের দিনের গৌরবময় অবস্থা আজ আর নেই। এখন দেশে বহু কল-কারখানা প্রতিষ্ঠিত হয়েছে: কাপড়ের কল, চালানি করার কল, মোহার নানা জিনিস তৈরির কল ইত্যাদি। বর্তমানে নিত্য প্রয়োজনীয় প্রায় সকল পণ্যই কল-কারখানাতেই প্রস্তুত হচ্ছে। কুটির শিল্পের প্রসার ও উন্নতি ছাড়া দেশের আর্থিক সংকট পুরোমাত্রায় দূর করা যাবে না। উন্নত দেশসমূহের ব্যবসায়ীরা ছোট ছোট মেশিন বসিয়ে নানা পণ্যসামগ্রী তৈরি করে নিজেদের চাহিদা মিটিয়ে বিদেশেও রপ্তানি করেছে। কুটির শিল্প দেশের অর্থনৈতিক উন্নয়নের গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা পালন করে।

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The Kaleidoscope



Discovering Adventure: My Duke of Edinburgh Journey

School life isn't just about monotony; it's about the adventures and memories that shape us. Stepping into seniorhood promised excitement, but it also demanded self-discovery. For students under the Cambridge board examination, one of the coveted adventures is participating in the Duke of Edinburgh trip. As a junior, I often heard tales from proud alumni and current seniors of CIDER about their experiences. Now, I am thrilled to share my own journey through the bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh programme.

The Duke of Edinburgh program offers three levels: bronze, silver, and gold. I embarked on the bronze level journey, which required completing the trip in two days and one night. Despite the tight timeline, every moment was packed with excitement and discovery.

The adventure began with the anticipation of leaving home for the first time. Boarding the bus with my fellow adventurers, the air buzzed with excitement and nervous energy. As we embarked on our journey to Cumilla, our destination, the bus reverberated with laughter and chatter. It was a long ride, but the camaraderie among us made the time fly by. We sang our hearts out to our favorite tunes, forging bonds that would last a lifetime.

Arriving at Cumilla, we were greeted by the picturesque scenery of the Nawab Place Resort, our home for the duration of the trip. The sight of the resort took our breath away, surpassing all expectations. After settling into our rooms, which turned out to be luxurious suites, we couldn't contain our excitement. The adventure had only just begun, and we were eager to explore everything Cumilla had to offer.

Our itinerary was packed with visits to historical sites such as the Mainamati Museum and Buddha Mondir. Each stop was a journey through time, allowing us to immerse ourselves in the rich history of the region. At the Mainamati Museum, we marveled at the artifacts on display, tracing the footsteps of ancient civilizations. The Buddha Mondir, with its serene atmosphere and majestic sculptures, offered a glimpse into the spiritual heritage of the area.

Back at the resort, we indulged in thrilling rides and shared stories of our adventures. Our evenings were filled with cultural performances and delicious meals, bringing us closer together as a group. As the night fell, we retreated to our rooms, exhausted but exhilarated by the day's experiences.

The next morning greeted us with crisp air and the promise of new adventures. After a refreshing warm-up session, we set out to explore Shalban Bihar, another historical marvel. The ancient ruins left us in awe, serving as a reminder of the rich heritage we were privileged to experience. As we bid farewell to Cumilla and boarded the bus back to school, I couldn't help but feel a sense of gratitude for the unforgettable journey. The Duke of Edinburgh trip had been more than just an adventure; it had been a journey of self-discovery and camaraderie.

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