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Seasons Greetings from the Boarding!

Time has flown so fast and now we are here with the third edition of the Boarding Chronicle. During the past few weeks before the break, a lot of events have taken place at the boarding. Since the time was short, we tried to cover everything and share with you all the happenings @ the CIS Boarding. So here we are, with our third edition of The 'christmas themed' Boarding Chronicle!!!



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The Terry Fox Run 2013



By: Jahanvi Saini

For those who don't know, Terry Fox was a man who himself had cancer because of which his right leg was amputated. He started something called the Marathon Of Hope. He attempted to run on one leg, all the way across Canada, from east to west, to raise money for cancer research and almost succeeded! He was a man who believed in miracles. Terry said, "It has got to keep going without me." He wanted to collect enough money so that it reaches the equivalent of 1 dollar raised for every Canadian. Later he realised that it is more than just Canada, it is the whole world. Ever since then, people all around the world hold these runs to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

This year, the 33rd Terry Fox Run in Bangalore was held on the 23rd of November. The CAS students from IB 1 and IB 2 hosted the event. We decided to make it bigger than the previous years. We invited around seven schools and most of them showed up, which was cool! It was hectic with so many people but we carried out the event very well. The run was 3 km long. It started from the football field and stretched till the lake outside the school. Along the track, we had volunteers stationed at many posts for any medical aid and to give water to the runners. The volunteers at the posts also took some smashing pictures and guided everyone along the run route. The event started at 9 a.m. and went on for a long time. Though the run was over by 10:30 a.m., the programme still went on as many of the IB 2 students put up a great entertainment show for everyone to enjoy. The IB 1 students organised a great fundraiser that included a mouth-watering bake sale and a watermelon smoothie sale along with many fun games for not only the students but also the teachers, and parents to enjoy.

It was a very successful event thanks to everyone who contributed so well. We raised over 7 lakh rupees for the Terry Fox Run Foundation. The IB 1 fundraiser also made around 11 000 rupees which went to the same foundation. Though it wasn't much compared to the 7 lakh, but every bit counts.

The Srilankan Event

By: Sai-Priya Dayne Paladee

An Indian sage, Gautama Buddha, once said "If you light a lamp for somebody, it will also brighten your path." This quote is probably the best one that can be used to sum up what happened on the 30th of November. That was when we had 'Activity Day' here at CIS. All the children from the 'Indira Gandhi Memorial School (IGMS) for refugee children' were here. Taking them through the activities and events we had planned for them definitely brightened my day. It was a memorable experience and one I think, I will never forget.

It all started at 8:45 a.m. Four boarders left on two buses to bring the students from their school, while the rest of us scrambled about to get everything ready. Most of us were stressing over the simplest details like 'how should the carpets be placed?', 'how many drinks should be placed on one table?' and even 'why aren't they here yet?!'. In retrospect, the entire scenario was hilariously comical. One way or another, we managed to finish the arrangements just as they arrived. The girls arrived first, marching all the way from the parking lot and the boys followed after a short while. As they entered the boarding, we gave them all cups of Tang juice (to keep them energetic in the scorching sun) and then they were seated inside the Boarding Lab. The atmosphere was buzzing at this point.

Mr Regis kicked off the day by giving the students and teachers a big welcome. After that, I addressed them with my welcome speech. With my history of stage fear, I was nervous enough to bounce to Mars and back! Despite that, once I started talking, it wasn't that bad. Most of what I said passed over their heads, as their native language is Tamil. They only know spoonfuls of English. I was followed by Prince, an IB2 student who addressed them in Tamil and made sure they understood all that was about to happen. He even made a couple of jokes at our expense. Mr Regis spoke again, telling them about the games, which were going to happen and where they were going to happen. Akshata, Jahanvi and Sakina handed out the kids' nametags and we got divided into three teams, Green, Blue and Red.



Then, we were off! First the girls played 'Internet Download' on one basketball court while the boys played 'Jungle Attitude' on the other court. The game quickly turned into one of the fiercest competitions I had ever seen. Strategies were made, orders were arranged and meticulous planning was underway. Tempers flared and frustration erupted like lava, whenever somebody dropped the ball. It was a lot more intense than anticipated. After sitting and resting for two minutes, the boys and girls switched courts and games. However, the girls were luckier. The sun was blazing above and Jungle Attitude is a game that can be played in a relatively small place, so we played the game under the shade of the steel canopy over the walkway. Again, everyone plunged into the seriousness of war. An outsider would have thought we were planning World War 3! As the game proceeded further, the intensity of heat from the sun increased. By the time the game was over, I was dry as a bone and frankly; I couldn't remember what water tasted like. We took a well-deserved water break and lounged on the sidewalk, socialising with them, before getting up for the last and final game: 'Star Trek, 25th Generation'. This time, both boys and girls played on the same stretch of football ground. This game was the best one in my opinion. Not too much strategy and a whole lot more fun. Here, it was more relaxed but more frantic at the same time. It was less of a competition. Everyone was a winner in this game.

Some of the girls were ready to drop at this point, so we took them for more water. Then, just to relax and take a break everyone got together in the boarding lab and we played iPad games with the kids and they loved it! Lunch followed. Plates were taken and tummies were filled with delicious food. Some kids went back for seconds and thirds, so as far as food is concerned, everything went awesome! As the big kids were finishing up, the smaller kids arrived. They were so cute! I just couldn't stop smiling when I saw them. The best part was, a lot of kids from my class recognised me and waved and told me that they remembered my name. We took them to wash their hands and led them off to their lunch. Even the smallest of small kids had such big appetites.

After a delicious lunch, we gave all the little kids their sticky nametags and they wore them with pride. I still can't imagine a better reaction than theirs. When they were divided into their groups, we sat next to them and even had to comfort a few kids who were scared by the fire on the stoves. They were so enthusiastic. Not much time had passed until they were already volunteering to flip the pancakes and roll out the dough and use the cookie cutters. There was a lot going on too, so there was no chance for anyone to get bored; pancake making, pancake decorating, cookie batter making, cookie decorating. I flitted from station to station, never settling at one. It was lots of fun though. We got so many pictures of the kids working so hard to make the little cookies look perfect and beautiful. When they were done with all the cooking, all the little kids joined the older ones to watch Kung Fu Panda. I don't know if it was their first time watching a movie but seeing their reactions, I am sure that they had fun! After the movie was over, we had a Thank You & Goodbye speech by Mr Regis. Then they left with little parcels of pancakes and cookies.

The 30th of November was one of the best days I've ever had with the children from the NGO. I saw so many people working really hard, which was amazing. It was a really great experience and I hope that we have many more events like this in the future!



The Boarder's Evening

By: Karthik Doosetty and Gautam Subramanian

School was over by 3:35 p.m. and we had to leave from boarding at about 5 p.m. Everyone was rushing around, getting dressed, though I don't really get why. We ended up leaving by around 5:30 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. because we had to wait for Beam (Vichayut) to join us. The place we went to, AB's (Absolute Barbecue) was very far away. The bus ride to there took two hours, because of the traffic and all of us were starving. The place was packed. They had another huge group of people there too, and at the start, they kept moving us to different tables but eventually we sat down at one table and a little while later we got to the good part: the FOOD!! We got unlimited starters at the table and there was a dessert buffet and a barbecue buffet for both veg and non-veg where we could chose our pick of veg and non-veg and we got to cook it together at our table. I must say that the food was pretty good though I am not sure about the others because I was very hungry, but it was very good. Apart from the food, the evening was great as we were all together having fun and enjoying our time with each other. Many people clicked some crazy pictures and we also celebrated Sai's birthday. The bus ride back was quicker because there was less traffic. We were all so happy and excited that the bus ride wasn't a quiet one either. It was some night, one we won't forget for a long time.



Interviews & special moments:

Teaching the Sri Lankan children is a very enriching experience in many ways. I love teaching the children they are so much fun and so optimistic. A lot has happened to them but this is most probably what makes here children so special. Every Saturday I go to see them they are so excited and happy to have people coming to see them. It seems to bring them great joy, and as a student this makes me feel very good and helpful. I feel like I am doing something good. Even if when I go there I am supposed to teach them things I feel like they are teaching me more. So yes, I do enjoy teaching these children. It is an experience that I believe everyone should go through, because it is an enriching experience not only as an IB student but as a human being. It teaches the importance of life. Because you see these children that at such a young age have nothing but are still so happy and it makes you understand that you should treasure what you have at present time.

Hannah Cannaux
IB1B

Christmas Drive & Fundraiser

By: Sharad Kiswani

The Christmas Drive is a special event celebrated as CIS every year. This year, it was very special! It was my first time being a part of this joyous celebration and I got the chance of helping out in fundraisers once again, this time to fund for the necessities of the unfortunate children. Christmas has been known as the season of giving. With the help of the IB1 boarders, I am proud to say that we earned an approximate amount of Rs. 8000 in the two days through the bake & watermelon juice sale. I feel proud and blessed to be a part of such a noble event. I would sincerely like to thank everyone who made this possible.



THANK YOU!!

It is the end of the year and all of us @ the CIS Boarding, would like to thank our boarding parents for taking care of us so well. They have worked hard all year long to keep us healthy, make sure that we sleep on time and to make sure that we do well in school. Even though at times, they have been unwell they still did everything they possibly could for us. We all want to specially thank Mr. Antony without whom a lot of us wouldn't wake up on time or remember to wear our house uniforms every Wednesday. Mr. Nimesh and Mr. Shane, thank you for supporting us and being there for us always, Mr. Raghush for managing everything so well and for keeping everything under control, Mrs. Radhika and Mrs. Bernadette for being so caring and supportive both morally and academically, Ms. Veena for being such a wonderful nurse and caring ofr all of us from the smallest cut/bruise to the most serious illness, and finally Mr. Regis for being such an extravagant boarding administrator. It couldn't have been a successful 2013 without all these important people.

We want to extend a special thanks to the kitchen staff here at the boarding. They have done such a great job keeping up with everyone's dietary needs even the very special and fussy ones. They make well-prepared appetising food. Not everyone enjoys all of it it, because everyone has their own tastes and likes and dis-likes but everyone definitely appreciates it. They let us use their kitchen so many times for bakes sales regardless of how messy we make it for them. They helped us so much when the children from the Sri Lankan refugee camp came over to bake cookies and make pancakes. They do so much to make our lives easy and we would like to thank them for everything.



JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Birthdays coming up!! Here is the list of January birthdays for you to keep track of... Don't forget to wish them :)

4th - Pranshu Bahadur (IB2B)
13th - Abdul Wadood (IB1A)
14th - Tanushree Guha (IB2B)
21th - Pranitha Muralitharan (9B)
22nd - Kunal Sharma (IB1A)

The CIS Boarding
Newsletter Committee
would like to wish
everyone a very Happy
(well in advance)
Birthday. May God bless
you and May all your
dreams and wishes
come true!



MERRY
& CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY
NEW YEAR 2014



Editors' Note:

A very warm welcome, from the editors at the CIS Boarding Newsletter.

Well, December was a very short month and surely all of us were very eager to go back home for the winter holidays, but so much still happened and we still have to keep you guys updated. We hope that all of you have a great holiday with family and friends. Merry Christmas and a very very Happy New Year to everyone. Make some innovative and interesting resolutions for 2014. See you all next year!!

Feel free to leave comments on our articles, to share your thoughts and suggestions or ask the author a question. We appreciate your support and are so happy to have you all as readers of The Boarding Chronicle. With a Hearty Thanks,

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