

LITTLE STARS SHINE BRIGHT



The Nursery students of Sri Sri Academy perform at a musical, *Sri Tarang - A Musical Morning*, dressed as bears, birds and bees. Some students waved enthusiastically at their parents mid-performance; some paused briefly before catching up to the rhythm; and others performed with confidence.

The basement hall of the school came alive with colour, rhythm and laughter as the programme brought together music, movement and storytelling.

Pre-nursery and Nursery performed a sequence of musical pieces, including *I Love Books*, *Down in the Jungle*, *It's a Happy Day*, *Projapati Projapati*, *Chirp with the Birds*, *Badal Baul*, *In the Toyland* and the upbeat finale *Doo Dee Doo Dee Dum Dum*.

Students of Class V joined in as the choir.

The guest of honour was Pratima Nayar, principal of Calcutta International School (junior section).

She highlighted the importance of encouraging creativity, reading habits and free play during early childhood while maintaining a balanced approach to screen use.

"What stood out to me was the authenticity on stage. The children were not performing out of pressure," she said.

Months of preparation went into the musical, with teachers guiding the children through rehearsals, building their confidence and ensuring that every child could take part. The event also promoted sustainability, as the stage decor and the props used were crafted from recycled materials.

"The most beautiful part of the day was watching the children perform without fear or self-doubt. Over the past months, we saw them grow in confidence, expression and independence with leaps and bounds," said principal Gargi Banerjee.



Movie fun

BRAINIAC HERITAGE SCHOOL

Brainiac Heritage School hosted its annual day, EXCELSIA 2K26, in January. The show was centred on the theme, 100 Years of Indian Cinema, bringing together music, dance and drama.

The chief guest was Keya Sinha, academic director of National Gems Academy. The guests of honour were Shyam Sundar Mishra, BDO of Diamond Harbour Block II, and youth empowerment speaker Shaleen Das.

The school management members — chairman Anser Daptary, secretary Rajia Sultana Daptary, director Nadim Anjum Shaikh, finance secretary Reshmi Daptary, president Imran Mallick, director Hanifa Mallick and senior management member Partha Banerjee — were also present.

The programme opened with a choir performance and lamp-lighting by the dignitaries.

The Nursery students danced to *Barbie Girl*, and the LKG ones presented a performance, *Disneyland*. A comic act based on Mr Bean by Class I kids and a fantasy presentation inspired by Harry Potter added variety. The highlight of the day was the performance based on the film *Sholay* by Classes IV to VII.

There were group dances to *Chak deen deen*, *Zoobi doobi* and *Give me some sunshine* and recitation of Rabindranath Tagore's *Aagomni*, among others. A mash-up of songs added to the fun.

The event also included the distribution of academic and co-curricular awards.

The programme concluded with a final performance by Classes III to VIII, celebrating unity in diversity.

"EXCELSIA 2K26 stands as a proud reflection of Brainiac Heritage School's commitment to holistic education. Celebrating 100 years of Indian cinema was not merely about entertainment, but about honouring our rich cultural legacy and inspiring young minds," said the institution's chairman.

Added principal Sugata D'Souza: "The annual day programme helped showcase students' talents through cultural performances, speeches and awards. It portrayed creativity, confidence and teamwork among students."

Looking back

CALCUTTA BOYS' SCHOOL

Calcutta Boys' School (CBS) celebrated its 149th Founders' Day at its SN Banerjee Road address on March 7. The occasion brought together members of the CBS family, including its students, teachers, alumni and guests. Besides the SN Banerjee Road premises, the school also has branches in Asansol, Beliaghata and Sonarpur.

The celebration began with floral tributes at a prayer service. The guests included Rev. K. Sardar, Rev. Roshan Hansda and others.

Raja McGee, principal and secretary of the Calcutta Boys' School, gave a speech, expressing gratitude for the institute's journey. He thanked students and teachers — past and present. He mentioned how it was a time to remember the past and recommit to carrying on the legacy of the school.

Tributes were paid to the founders of the institution — JM Thoburn, Rev. G Henderson, Bishop FW Warne and Sir R Laidlaw, whose vision laid the groundwork for the school's legacy.

The programme featured hymns and musical performances presented by students and teachers of different branches. The event also witnessed the presence of many



former students and teachers, who shared memories of their days at the institution.

Former teachers were also honoured on the occasion.

The celebration concluded with a special Founders' Day fellowship dinner.

"As Calcutta Boys' School marks 149 years, it has consistently upheld values of academic excellence, character building and holistic education, shaping generations to be remarkable men. As we are at the helm of completing a century and a half, I urge you to focus on 3Rs. Reflect on our enduring mission. Remember with gratitude towards those who laid the foundations of this great institution and recommit ourselves to the values of service, excellence, and integrity," said the principal-secretary of the institution.



Pillars of love

BIRLA HIGH SCHOOL, MUKUNDAPUR

Prathama Ghosh, grandmother of Ishanvi Ghosh of Class I, got emotional as she watched her granddaughter create crafts for her. The event was a Grandparents' Day celebration hosted by Birla High School, Mukundapur.

The event brought together students from Playgroup to Class II and their grandparents in a celebration designed to honour elders as sources of love, wisdom and traditional values.

Held in the school auditorium and classrooms, the programme began with a welcome where grandparents were presented with badges as tokens of appreciation.

The cultural segment featured songs, dances and recitations. There were interactive events too.

Following the cultural programme, the grandparents were escorted to classrooms, where students welcomed them with handmade bouquets and gifts.

The classroom sessions included games such as Ring the Cones, Spot the Difference, Balloon Tap Challenge, Pin Tumble Game and Ball in the Basket. Grandparents and grandchildren took part together, sharing moments of laughter and bonding.

"Grandparents' Day at Birla High School, Mukundapur, was a warm and joyful occasion that celebrated the special bond across generations. Laughter, shared stories, games and performances filled the day with affection and pride. The wholehearted participation and heartfelt responses from grandparents made the celebration truly meaningful," said headmistress Rakhee H. Patel.

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