




THE CBC Journal

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New school year began in April. Together with new class, new books, new classroom, the first birthday of CBC was another highlight. Members, volunteers and sponsors worked together and contributed to make the birthday party a huge success. WA as usual has been very supportive. CBC shares with you its birthday bash fun details.

Editor's Note:

Read, write and be merry for each moment we learn. For some reading is a part of life, for some it is a necessary evil and for some it is as essential as breathing, an action for staying, rather feeling alive.

We talked of bibliophiles, no they are not nerds. A book lover is not necessarily one who always has a book in hand or nose in a book. That is more for effect; more to get a thrill out of hearing the public 'wows!'. One who loves to read does so just for the sake of reading, learning and enjoying a harmless and a fruitful pastime.

So spend your spare time reading and be happy; this will make the world a happy place.

The Party that happened

CBC, as we all know, shares its birthday with none other than Hans Christian Andersen.

So, on 2nd April, 2018, volunteers got together before the designated hour to set the stage, that is, to decorate the room and make it ready for the party. Young enthusiasts started arriving. The mood was of celebration. The planning, however, had begun long ago with little bits being added now and then. Cute invitation cards were made and delivered by the young members; which, as revealed later, was a very touching gesture for the special invitees.

At 5:30 pm the chief guest, **Dr. Satyajit Bannerjee**, secretary, Faculty Club, had arrived and was welcomed with a bouquet made by the volunteers with flowers from their garden. The touch was personal throughout. **Mrs. Richa Verma**, the joint secretary Women's Association, IIT Kanpur, was also there to welcome the chief guest, Dr Bannerjee and the guest of honor, **Mrs. Rachna Agarwal**, and also the special invitees, **Dr. Kiran Biswas**, **Dr. Chaithra Puttaswamy**, **Dr. Kiran Jha** and **Mrs. Sunita Singh** and the members and family.

The program began on time with the anchor, **Gargi Joshi** requesting Richa aunty to welcome the guests. After the guests were formally welcomed the chief guest was requested to launch the birthday issue

of the CBC Journal (3) and to address the gathering. The chief guest lauded the efforts of CBC in reviving the interest of reading in children and pledged the support of the Faculty Club to help CBC grow.

Next, was the time for members to put forward their views and highlight the aims of CBC. First of all **Mehul Garg** shared his yearlong experiences (CBCJ 3) as a member as well as a volunteer. This was followed by a brief

yet spellbinding reading session by **Sharadiya Mondal**. After prose came recitation of a very suitable poem by **Nisseem Bagad**. Finally, **Inesh Mohanty** talked about one of the books, among many, that he had read from the library stock.

Finally, it was time for the most important and most awaited part of a birthday party - the cake cutting ceremony. **Sharvari** aunty had baked the most beautiful chocolate cakes, yes 3 cakes with 'C', 'B' & 'C' gems studded on them. The guest of honor was requested to do the honors and she called upon some of the youngest members to assist her.

Nowhere has it been mentioned earlier but this was a theme party after all. The CBC members were to come dressed as story characters. Now they came forward and introduced themselves. Oh! What fun it was to see the BFG, Tinkerbell, Willy Wonka, Dumbledore, Rapunzel, Silky, Noonie, Elsa, Gangsta Granny, The hungry Caterpillar, Chhota Bheem and more!!

After the vote of thanks, by **Anjana** aunty, was refreshment time lovingly prepared by moms and enjoyed by all alike. Loads of blessings, good wishes and books as gifts were showered upon CBC. Happy memories till 2nd April 2019.





Book Club Activities



April 2018: Bookmark making competition



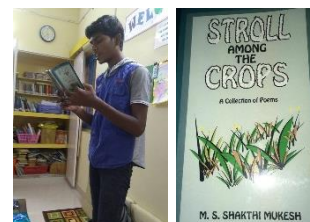
An activity suggested by the young members, it was held in 2 groups. CBC thanks Ms Radha Harish for painstakingly judging the activity. The winners in each group were:

Group A: - 1st- Mansi Garg, 2nd- Rupesh Krishna, 3rd- Kabeer Chavan

Group B: - 1st- Syon Bhattacharjee, 2nd- Parnasi Apte, 3rd- Vibhor Mohite

May 2018: Meet the Poet

The May activity, as the name suggests, was just that. CBC member M.S. Shakthi Mukesh read from his recently published book of poems '*Stroll among the crops*' and answered questions asked by the members present.



June 2018: Travelogue writing

13 travelogues submitted as CBC June activity. Wonderful enthusiastic work, keep it up Mansi, Pradyot, Lohit, Sarthaka, Kabeer, Rupesh, Syon, Nisseem, Bipasana, Sharadiya, Sanjana, Vibha, Mehul

June is vacation time. The activity for this month was writing about your current vacation or any previous one which has been your favorite till date. The travel essays were to be written in English or Hindi and mailed to cbookclub.iitk@gmail.com. The articles will be published in the next issue.

July 2018: Make your own Muppet

Make your own muppet, as the name suggests, was exactly that. Guided by Anamika Rathore about 30 children made finger puppets, like bee, elephant, rabbit etc. About 15 mothers volunteered to assist Anamika aunty and help the children. Both mothers and children had fun and said they would love more such activities. The session was completed by a lively muppet story told by Anamika in which the children participated with full enthusiasm.



Members' Corner

Dear CBC

Ananya Nair



*Our Library is turning one year old.
Remember its generosity? How many stories it told?
Fictions most queer, true stories to hear,
Horror sparked fear; the fable of a deer.
One year of fun, one year of scare,
One year of imagination, a year to receive and share.*

My Book

Sarthaka Panda



*What my mother gifted me let me have a look.
I can see it on my desk. Wow! It is a book.
I took my book in my hand and read the first page.
On it there was a question. "What is your age?"
In the book there were two people who were in a rage.
And that is because the parrot had escaped from the cage.*

Guess What!

It was a very very stormy night...in a small tavern by the side of Lake Geneva, three friends were debating among themselves about writing horror story mixed with science fiction. Two of them were already famous for writing romantic poems. The third and the youngest of all, however, wrote the best horror story that night which involved an experiment of a scientist in developing an intelligent creature using Galvanic shocks! The cruel creature, later, became famous by the name of the scientist.

Who was the writer of this story and what was the name of her story?

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