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MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM - DIRECTOR & PRINCIPAL



We hope you are enjoying the summer and will find time to spend with your kids. The school team is recharging the batteries to prepare for an exciting, new academic year. The leadership and the administration team are busy laying hands on the last preparations for the next academic year.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

We are happy that we have been successful in implementing the ICSE and MYP programmes from grade 6 and have also completed the affiliation process with ICSE. We are now eagerly waiting for the IB authorisation visit in the last week of July. The team has worked tirelessly and we are hopeful of getting the authorisation soon after the visit is completed.

This academic year, we have strived hard to establish and align all academic processes to the two boards. We have completed the curricular demands, organised summative assessments, and completed bridge courses to ensure that the learners are ready for the challenges of the new grades.

We know the curriculum and test challenges have not been easy for the learners. Fully aligning to the two board curricula was a new experience. However, we are sure the learners will get used to the combination of academic rigour and CBS's holistic approach.

We will continue to support all our learners in achieving academic excellence. We believe that the quality of staff has a powerful and meaningful effect on learners and hence we have further streamlined the staff selection process. We have recruited competent teachers with experience in both ICSE and IB for the new year. We are hopeful this will further foster student learning.

Because of the affiliation processes, we have focussed on aligning our pedagogical processes to the Board's demands. However, CBS is only successful if we succeed in pursuing academic excellence and leadership. We have inserted the leadership pillars in the lesson plans to ensure we develop leadership simultaneously with educational goals. We have continued problem-based learning this year in a slightly different format. Once again, seeing and hearing our students present their projects was impressive.

In the Annual Day performances, where all the learners had a role, the leadership pillars were at the centre of the narrative. We have started an internship program, where learners visited companies during the winter break and now again during the summer break. Even the field trips, where the children collaborate and overcome fear when participating in outdoor activities, are crucial to developing the learners' leadership potential.

Our learners' afterschool clubs on Thursdays and Fridays were successful. We are happy that we had clubs in various areas and that nearly all our learners participated. We are currently running the summer program and we are happy to share that the initial feedback has been very encouraging and reassuring.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

We have achieved many of our academic year 2023-24 goals. We are now planning for an even better 2024-25. The foundation is a well-thought-through year plan that balances academic excellence, co-curricular activities and leadership pillars.

Here are some of the initiatives we will present in the academic year 2024-25:

The middle school leadership academy will be held regularly featuring speakers who have exhibited exemplary leadership in their domains. We are certain this exposure will inspire our learners to aspire more and dream big.

The PBL exhibition continues to be our flagship program. In 2024-25, we will combine our experience from previous years and create small subject projects and large interdisciplinary projects.

Clubs will continue with some modifications so that student agency and student ownership get further enhanced. On popular request from our parents and students, we plan to introduce a Debate Club and a MUN Club (Model United Nations) next year. We will support the Student Leadership Council to become an active partner in developing the school and its culture.

We admit that we have faced challenges with completing the sports ground, but we are now happy that the work is in progress and should be ready for the academic year 2024-25.

Our new cafeteria will serve all our learners sumptuous, balanced, and hygienic food. We will share the menu with the parents one week ahead. We feel that having the children eat together adds to the school community.

We know that there are many different opinions about school uniforms. However, to encourage House and school spirit, we intend to introduce House colour T-shirts which our learners will be expected to wear on a specified weekday, special occasions and for sports day.

Next year, we will once again add one more class, grade 10. We will also have more learners in the other classes. To enhance learning, we will add new furniture and learning resources to the open learning areas. Furthermore, we will improve our science labs and the innovation lab. We will also have more books in the library.

Many thanks for a great school year! We hope your summer includes lots of family time - travelling, reading, writing and fabulous memories.

Allan Andersen
Director
Chaman Bhartiya School

Geeta Jayanth
Principal
Chaman Bhartiya School



LEARN TO LIVE

Happiness, Mindfulness, Perseverance...
Appreciate Life!

MINDFULNESS CLASSES

At CBS, Mindfulness classes are an integral part of our learners' regular routine. These sessions are aimed at improving the overall well-being of our members. Each class begins with breathing exercises that help us find our center. We then engage in various warm-up activities, walking meditations, and muscle stretches that promote flexibility and focus. Throughout the session, we take short breaks for meditation, focusing solely on our breath to achieve a sense of calm. These sessions have been highly effective in reducing stress levels and improving the overall mental and physical health of our community.





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STAGE ASSEMBLY - DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET

Our Grade 1 learners recently conducted a stage assembly around the theme of developing a growth mindset. It began with updates on sports news and upcoming field trips. The highlight of the assembly was a presentation on Growth Mindset, where learners emphasized believing in one's ability to learn and improve through perseverance. They used a metaphor of a magic garden in the brain, explaining how learning and effort grow skills and knowledge like planting seeds. They also focused on maintaining a growth mindset during difficult times, comparing it to providing water and sunlight to struggling plants. The assembly concluded with an empowering song and the national anthem. Overall, the assembly fostered unity, determination, and growth among the learners.





LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER

Respect, Empathy, Gratitude...
Sharing & Caring

FOOTBALL TRAINING SESSIONS - GRADES 1-5

After conducting our football trials, we started training sessions to refine the skills of our learners. The sessions include a range of activities, such as warm-up exercises, drills, and match simulations, aimed at enhancing the players' techniques and understanding of the game. Through collaborative activities and friendly matches, the learners are able to cultivate important life skills such as communication, resilience, and sportsmanship. These training sessions have allowed the players to improve their abilities and set personal goals for further progress. They are also given valuable feedback after every session to empower the learners to become better players.





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PARENT-FACILITATOR MEETING - TERM 3

We conducted a meeting for the parents and facilitators of our third-term learners. The facilitators informed parents about their child's academic progress and shared an overview of the curriculum for the next grade. This meeting allowed parents to share their thoughts, feedback, and concerns. The meeting further strengthened our partnership, and reiterated our commitment to fostering the academic, social, and emotional growth of all learners.





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Curiosity, Exploration, Experience...
Grow & Evolve!

FIELD TRIP TO MILANO - EY 1 & 2

The field trip to Milano Ice Creams turned out to be a delightful experience for our Early Years 1 and 2 learners. On the way to the factory, they enjoyed singing songs and seeing the scenery of the city. During their visit, they had a chance to learn about the process of making ice cream. The young learners were fascinated as they watched the ingredients like milk, sugar, and cream being transformed into flavors like hazelnut and vanilla. The highlight of the trip was when they tasted the freshly made ice cream in different flavors along with delicious cookies. The trip was an engaging and informative experience for the learners, inspiring them to try making their own ice cream at home.





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FIELD TRIP TO ONESTA - EY 3

Our Early Years 3 learners recently visited Onesta. It was a wonderful opportunity for our learners to learn about the art of pizza making. They were mesmerized by the sights and sounds of the bustling kitchen, observing the intricate process of pizza preparation. From kneading the dough to choosing fresh toppings and baking the pies, they learned about each step through hands-on experiences. They also tasted their freshly baked creations.

This experience sparked discussions about ingredients, cultural significance, and food preparation, expanding learners' knowledge beyond culinary arts. As the field trip concluded, the learners left with a newfound appreciation for the skill and craftsmanship behind a beloved dish like pizza.





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FIELD TRIP TO PICKET FENCE FARM - GRADE 1

A field trip was organized for our Grade 1 learners to explore Picket Fence Farm. They explored pottery-making under skilled instructors and were thrilled to see their clay creations come to life. They interacted with diverse animals like camels, calves, exotic birds, sheep, and parrots. After an eventful morning of exploration, the learners gathered for a communal lunch, sharing food and stories, further strengthening their friendships. They concluded the day with a leisurely stroll, observing the farm's beauty before heading home. Filled with wonder and new knowledge, the learners returned to school with many unforgettable memories.





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FIELD TRIP TO SERICULTURE FARM - GRADE 2

Our inquisitive Grade 2 learners embarked on an immersive field trip to a sericulture farm in Sidlughatta. They witnessed the intricate process of silk production firsthand - from harvesting silkworm cocoons to operating handlooms and power looms for weaving. They also posed thoughtful questions about the life cycle of silkworms, the challenging work of weavers, and life in rural communities. A few learners even bravely held wriggling silkworms. Overall, it was an enriching experience that sparked empathy and curiosity in our young learners.





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OUTBOUND TRIP TO CHANNAPATNA - GRADES 6 TO 9

As a part of the Outbound Programme, our Middle Years Learners from both MYP and ICSE batches went on an adventurous trip to Channapatna, led by their facilitators. The learners enjoyed a range of exciting activities such as ziplining, kayaking, well-jumping, and rain-dancing, followed by an exciting campfire after dinner. The following day, they embarked on a short hike to the top of a nearby hill, which provided stunning views of the area. Throughout the trip, the students displayed excellent teamwork and cooperation, making the most of their time away from school. The Adventure Camp trip to Channapatna was a huge success, providing the students with valuable opportunities to learn new skills, build relationships, and embrace the great outdoors.





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SOCIAL STUDIES GROUP PROJECT

THEME: UNITY IN DIVERSITY

As part of their Social Studies curriculum, our Grade 4 learners organized an impressive display to celebrate the cultural diversity of India. They highlighted five Indian states - Karnataka, Goa, Punjab, Assam, and Jammu & Kashmir, showcasing their unique cultural and traditional aspects, including food, capital cities, and fun facts. The event also featured mesmerizing cultural performances. This event was a great opportunity for the learners to develop their teamwork and public speaking skills while becoming more aware of India's regional diversity.





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STAGE - ASSEMBLY

THE LITTLE SEED: GROWING AND CHANGING EVERYDAY

The Early Years 2 learners conducted an engaging stage assembly highlighting their growth and development. With the theme 'Little Seed Growing and Changing Everyday,' the young learners compared themselves to sprouting seeds, emphasizing how nurturing from parents and teachers helps them change and grow daily. In an eloquent and heartfelt performance, they shared their own captivating growth stories and delighted the audience.





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FIELD TRIP TO DISCOVERY VILLAGE, NANDI HILLS - GRADES 3 TO 5

We organized an exciting field trip to Discovery Village in Nandi Hills for our learners from Grades 3 to 5 as a part of our Outbound Programme. The trip aimed to provide our young learners with hands-on learning opportunities in a natural setting outside the classroom. The learners participated in a range of activities such as rock climbing, zip-lining, and nature walks. Each activity was carefully designed to challenge the learners and encourage them to step outside their comfort zones. Throughout the day, the learners demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills, working together to overcome challenges and achieve their goals. They also had the opportunity to learn about the local flora and fauna, gaining a deeper appreciation for the natural world. Overall, the field trip to Discovery Village was an excellent way to cultivate essential skills and attitudes, aiding in their holistic development.





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STAGE - ASSEMBLY

END OF THE YEAR - CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES

The final assembly for the academic year 2023-24 was presented by the class ministers of Grade 1 & 2, and two learners from EY. The theme of the assembly was "Our reflections from the year", where the learners shared their achievements and the challenges they faced. The assembly started with the thought for the day, followed by the national, international, and campus news. The learners also presented their major takeaways from the year. Towards the end of the assembly, we sang the national anthem and listened to an inspiring message from our principal, Ms. Geeta. Overall, the assembly was a great way to end the academic year and celebrate our successes.





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SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - PRESENTED BY PERFORMING ARTS DEPT

On the last day of school, the Performing Arts Department of our school organized a special assembly. The assembly commenced with the school anthem followed by a warm welcome from our Director - Allan Anderson, the thought for the day and the news. The music team then took over and performed a few spectacular numbers. A few fun activities were conducted that were followed by mesmerising dance performances. The event concluded with the handover of the school flag by the President and the Vice-President of our school, Shaunak and Dhaarmik, words of wisdom from the Principal - Ms. Geeta, a vote of thanks from the Vice Principal - Ms. Nishita, and the national anthem, marking a fitting end to our school year.





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Aspire, Achieve, Excel...
Be the Voice, Not the Echo!

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME FOR GRADES 7 TO 9

This summer, we organized the second edition of our Internship Programme for our learners from grades 7 to 9. This year, we introduced a new format where learners rotated through different fields each day, including hospitality, engineering, retail industry, and commercial leasing. The internship was designed to provide exposure to different industries through hands-on learning experiences.

We received positive feedback from both parents and learners, who appreciated the unique opportunity to explore various fields and learn from experienced mentors. Additionally, the internship fostered career exploration and provided valuable insights for their future endeavours.





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EY 3 STEP UP CEREMONY

The Early Years 3 Step Up Ceremony was a heartwarming celebration of the achievements of our young learners. The ceremony was filled with emotions as the learners bid farewell to their current grade and looked forward to the challenges that the next grade would bring. The learners put up scintillating song and dance performances, leaving everyone in awe of their growth and development. They were also awarded certificates of completion and sashes displaying their academic virtues, making it a proud moment for both the learners and their parents.



FACULTY FEATURES - JAYA PRABHAKER

Ms. Jaya Prabhaker is the English Lead at Chaman Bhartiya School. She is an alumna of the esteemed Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow. Throughout her impressive career, she has been renowned for her dedication, passion, and innovation in education. During her B.Ed., she was awarded 'The Best Student of the Year', and she also holds a master's degree in Sociology.

As a proponent of continuous learning, Ms. Jaya has recently earned an IB certificate and is actively pursuing a leadership certification from Cambridge, UK. With a rich 19-year tenure in English education, she has honed her expertise at premier institutions across Mumbai and Bangalore, contributing to the ICSE, CBSE, IGCSE, and IB curriculums.

Ms. Jaya believes that children are the pivotal element of our educational framework, and she ardently supports the pursuit of educational excellence and comprehensive child development. She is committed to providing learners with the tools they need to succeed.

When she's not in the classroom, she finds solace in gardening and delving into the literary world. With a zest for life, she embarks on journeys to discover new locales, savor diverse cuisines, and forge connections with people from all walks of life.

