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## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR



We recently had the Literary Festival, which culminated with the Literary Extravaganza. We are happy that so many parents came to see the exhibition. The performances showcased the learners' work. During the Literary Festival, the learners engaged in fun and academic activities focussed on storytelling.

The Israeli historian and philosopher Yuval Noah Harari understands humans as storytelling animals. We understand our past and present through stories and imagine what the future could be like. Stories are told through myths, religion, literature, art, movies, apps, games, music, and other media. They make us understand who we are, and they make it possible to communicate and collaborate. Through stories, we create communities and share values.

Historically, storytelling started with oral stories and developed into written stories. With the digital revolution, we started to tell stories through audio-visual media. With the Literary Festival, we wanted our learners to experience the rich variety of ways stories can be told by hearing, reading, and enacting them.

Through storytelling activities, we want to inspire and motivate our learners to read and write more. With the overload of information and entertainment and with AI-empowered digital media, it has become more difficult for parents and schools to motivate learners to read and write. As my grandson says: "Why should I learn to write? Siri can do that for me." And why should modern children read, when exciting information and stories are told through social media?

However, reading and writing remain core competencies for citizens in the modern world. It is still the basis for understanding the world and interacting with others. It is the basis for all educational and scientific activities. It is also a basic competence in work life. So it will become a problem for the individual and the society if the reading and writing skills deteriorate.

Our learners need to read and write. But simultaneously, they need to learn to communicate with digital productive tools.


In the digital world, many temptations and disturbances make it more challenging to focus on improving reading and writing skills. To focus in a world of information overload has become an essential competence, and schools must help the learners develop this skill.

There is no shortcut to improving reading and writing skills. It will only happen through continuous reading and writing. It can only be mastered through rigorous training. But this skill, when developed, gives access to a treasure of human experiences and knowledge. Being a good writer gives you the joy of being understood by others.

We hope the Literary Festival has inspired our learners to make reading and writing a daily habit, and we will follow up on the same. The parents can support this endeavour by ensuring that the children have books to read and by talking with them about their reading experiences.

And reading is not only good for children. All of us should stay readers all our lives. If we remain curious readers, we will be the best role models for our children.

**Warm Regards,**  
**Allan Andersen**  
**Director**  
**Chaman Bhartiya School**



## FIELD TRIP TO GVKK MUSEUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

As part of their learning about 'Plant Life', learners from EY2 visited GVKK Museum and Botanical Garden, Jakkur. They learned about the evolution of agriculture over the centuries, the tools and equipment used for farming, and different kinds of crops. They listened to the sounds of different animals in the jungle and understood the importance of farm animals like cow and sheep in our lives. In the botanical garden, they looked at various medicinal plants and the lily pond.

Overall, learners were able to connect with nature and understand its importance. The experience helped them understand the need to cultivate plants, save forests, and conserve animal habitats.



## FIELD TRIP TO HAL HERITAGE CENTRE AND AEROSPACE MUSEUM

Learners from grades 3 to 9 went to the HAL Museum for a field trip. Looking at the photographs inside, they learned about the history of Indian aviation. Real aircrafts such as MARUT, MIG-21, HT-2, KIRAN, CANBERRA, AJEET were on display, and learners were thrilled to see them. In the Sustainability Park - which displays working models of solar power systems, biogas plants and hybrid windmills - they learned about how alternative energy sources can help preserve the environment. They also got a glimpse into the various functions of an Aero Engine by studying motorized cross sections of real Engines such as Garret, Adour, Orpheus, Pushpak, and Basant Aircraft.



## CANVA WORKSHOP

Our learners from the Middle Years participated in a session on creating presentations that are not only aesthetically appealing but also get the point across. They learned to apply colour psychology and reference the colour wheel. They also understood the importance of taking human beings' average attention span into consideration while preparing presentations.

The session was conducted by Mr. Drish, Founder of Nesters Hub. Learners presented their work and received feedback from Mr. Drish as well as from their own peers. The activity of critically analyzing each others' presentations was rooted in CBS's leadership pillars of 'Learning to Learn' and 'Learning to Lead'.



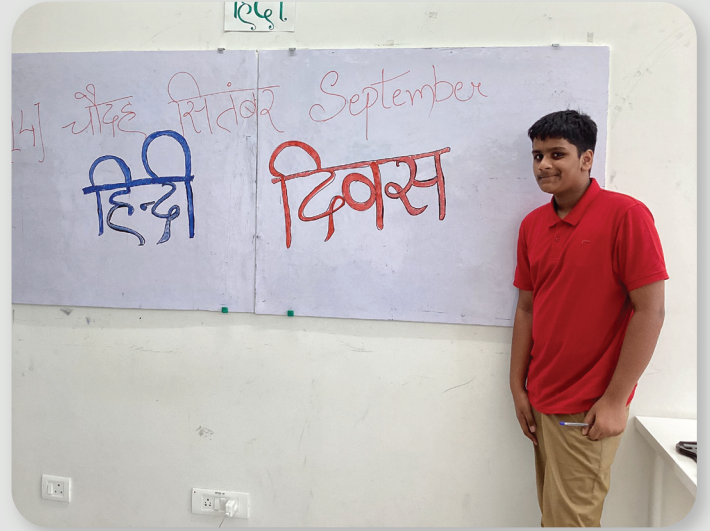
## FIELD TRIP TO HEBBAL FIRE STATION

Our learners from EY 1 visited Hebbal Fire Station in Manyata Tech Park. The fire station staff demonstrated various fire extinguishing techniques. They also told learners about the different kinds of fire-fighting vehicles, including Water Tender, Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP), mini-van, Water Boozer, and Bullet Bike. Learners found the bullet bike especially fascinating.



## HINDI DIWAS

Learners celebrated Hindi Diwas in their classrooms. They recited poems celebrating the Hindi language and literature. They also made presentations explaining the context in which these poems were written.





## COMMENCEMENT OF PARENTS' CLUB

The CBS Parent Club has been envisioned as a safe space for parents and facilitators, where they can discuss the difficulties and joys of bringing children up in today's fast-paced world. It will provide parents and facilitators an opportunity to consider each others' viewpoints on various aspects of parenting. It will also help keep parents informed of opportunities to volunteer in school activities like field trips, events, and festival programs.

In the club's first session, Mrs Sunitha Venkatarathnam - mother of Dhaarmik, the Vice President of our school - shared insightful tips to help parents manage stress and anxiety.



## COMMENCEMENT OF THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The CBS Leadership Academy attempts to expose our Middle Years learners to various occupations, careers, industry mentors and leaders. Such exposure enables learners to figure out their interests and to make informed choices about their careers as they step into high school.

The academy was inaugurated by our very own Chairman, Mr Snehdeep Aggarwal. Through his wise words, he inspired learners to take up responsibilities and explore their own leadership potential.



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY

On the International Day of Democracy, learners at CBS recited the Preamble and took an oath to safeguard the democratic principles that India was founded on. The activity was rooted in CBS' leadership pillars of 'Learning to Lead' and 'Learning to Live Together'.



## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

On Teachers' Day, learners at CBS expressed their gratitude to their facilitators by organizing a grand programme. They dedicated songs and dance performances to the school's facilitator community. The event was a celebration not only of the teaching profession but also of the beautiful relationship between learners and facilitators.



## FIELD TRIP TO CUBBON PARK

Learners from Grades 1 and 2 had an incredible time at Cubbon Park. They picnicked amidst the trees, took a ride on a toy train, and played in the playground at Bal Bhavan. They learned that they need to keep the environment clean. They also observed that the trees in Cubbon Park are numbered so that it's easier to count them.



## PARENT FACILITATOR MEETING - TERM 1

We recently interacted with our learners' parents in a Parent-Facilitator Meeting. We discussed the curriculum, and the activities planned for the months ahead. We also discussed our learners' progress and growth. Sessions like these give us a chance to interact with the parents and understand their viewpoint.

We also had an art exhibition along with the PFM, where we displayed the artwork made by the learners over the course of the first term. This was a wonderful opportunity for the learners to understand how artwork is to be presented.



## FACULTY FEATURES

Nishita Israni is the Vice Principal at Chaman Bhartiya School. She has taught in international schools in India and Singapore. Over a career spanning two decades, she has established herself as a well-rounded academician by contributing - in diverse ways - to the educational institutes where she worked. She has trained teachers, literacy-coached adults and students, and even helped administer schools. As someone who has trained and taught online as well, she is aware of how dynamic the educational landscape is and has ensured that her pedagogy is in sync with the times.

Nishita seeks to provide a comprehensive, holistic learning experience to her students. She wants to nurture leadership skills in students, and she considers experiential learning extremely important. Rooted in research, her unique teaching-style will prepare learners to face the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Nishita is a lifelong learner, who continuously upskills herself through offline and online courses. She has a Post Graduate Diploma in International Education and an IBEC certification from the University of Bath. Her success stems from her unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of students and fellow educators.

Nishita is an active person who loves the outdoors. She is a strong swimmer and trekker. Having a spiritual bent of mind, she loves yoga, meditation, and music.



# HOLIDAYS - OCTOBER 2023

**02 October** ▶

Monday - Gandhi Jayanthi

**13 October - 24 October** ▶

Dussehra break

# EVENTS - OCTOBER 2023

◀ **04-05 October**

Wednesday to Thursday - Literary Fest

◀ **06 October**

Friday - Literary Fest Culmination