

Chaman Bhartiya Connect Newsletter - November special edition



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I hope you all enjoyed the Diwali break. This week is an important milestone for your child's journey at Chaman Bhartiya School. On Saturday, we have scheduled meetings between parents and facilitators, and you will receive feedback about your child's progress. Post the session, a written report will be shared as well. We are extremely happy with the progress that has been exhibited by all our learners online both in terms of academic rigour as well as holistic development.

Reading, Textbooks and Academic Rigour:

The current pandemic situation has made us resort to online learning – and hence we have woven a strategy which combines academic rigour, along with the emotional well-being of the child.

As communicated earlier- to enable children to adapt to online learning – we have gradually increased the number of subjects, topics and have increased intensity of the academic rigour whilst utilizing pedagogy which is meaningful and engaging. Hence till date, we have only shared materials/learning resources during lessons. This was part of our planned approach since we did not want our children to become overloaded. Therefore till date, we have not introduced textbooks.

We do not believe in rote learning with fixed textbooks. But we strongly believe in reading, studying, in-depth knowledge and understanding. Therefore, our textbooks and learning resources will be different from conventional textbooks. The facilitators will streamline the digital textbooks for the subject, topic and activity of a given class. They will be compiled from various sources: school textbooks, internet resources, apps, movie clips and articles. They will be inserted into a digital book, that will be easily accessible for both learners as well as the parents.

From the feedback we got from the parents, children have responded well to this approach – not only is their learning progressing, but they look forward to our online classes. Hence in Phase 2 of our plan, we will:

1. Introduce the Reading Program.
2. Introduce our digital textbook anthologies – as usual, there will be homework – which will combine assignments with preparatory reading as well (dependant on the age group).
3. Resources that teachers have been sharing with the Learners will be shared in a folder that is accessible for learners and parents.

Calendar

We have made some changes in the school calendar for the rest of this academic year to ensure that we get as many school days as possible. This has allowed us to gain two more weeks. You can view the revised school calendar on the CBS portal.

2nd and 3rd term fee

As communicated earlier, we will review the academic year before the 3rd term fee. The 2nd term fee will be the "normal" term fee. Before the 3rd term, we will consider a waiver on the 3rd term fee if we find that we cannot cover the full academic year.

The fee is a package of all the activities the school will have. It's not a shopping list with prices on every activity. It is an indication of what we plan to do. Sometimes you will get more of one kind of activity and less of another and vice versa.

This year is a different year with the ban on face-to-face teaching due to Covid 19. Therefore, we were compelled to reprioritize our activities. Instead of many of the activities we would have had during an average school year, we have created an online school with remote learning, and with the same holistic philosophy. We have ensured that the learners will obtain a quality education even during the pandemic.

We can see that our approach has been successful for most of the learners. They have learned a lot, as you will see in the report cards you will receive after the parent-facilitator meeting. And most importantly, they are happy with learning, and they are longing – as we are – to come to school.

Parent survey:

We always give high priority to inputs we obtain from parents. Your feedback is one of the important basis, on which we draw up our strategic as well as operational plans. In line with this approach, we would request your inputs on the questions mentioned in the survey form.

To give your response, [click here](#).

Allan Andersen,
Director

LAUNCH OF OUR ONLINE READING PROGRAM

Reading skills encompass a varied set of skills that can permeate all aspects of life and help us become holistic learners. With established reading skills, one can interpret and find meaning in what has been read and move towards being able to communicate effectively through writing. With these precepts in mind, through our reading Program, we aim to instill in our learners the joy of reading, the ability to unlock their dreams, widen their horizons and transform their lives. Through our holistic approach, literacy skills such as decoding text, building comprehension and vocabulary, enhancing fluency, developing imagination, and writing skills are some skills learners will develop along the way. They will extend this by exploring the techniques and style an author uses to beautify or embellish their compositions.

To develop this vital skill in our learners, we at Chaman Bhartiya have developed a structured approach to our "Reading Programme" which will be launched in December 2020. In order to gear up our learners for the reading program, basic reading sessions have begun in the month of November 2020. During these sessions, learners start their day by reading aloud a wide variety of genres: fiction and nonfiction. They engage in dissecting the text by discussing the text read while familiarizing themselves with various literary devices such as phonetics, spelling, parts of speech, figures of speech, grammar etc.

Our well-equipped library houses a wide range of books and resources on various themes, genres, and subjects. From December 2020, parents are encouraged to come and borrow these books, and when their children are done reading them, they can be returned for someone else to take it home.

We are certain that with the development of our learners' reading skills, their aptitude to effectively communicate and their overall ability to interact with others will certainly develop. Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body! Here's to more Reading!



Our well stocked library.

GLIMPSES OF JOYFUL LEARNING



CELEBRATING KNOWLEDGE

Our facilitators are always looking for new ways to make learning more engaging for our young ones. One such example is the Halloween Party celebrations by our Learners in grade 1. They dressed up as their favourite characters and boarded the online class Knowledge train, with a new festive cheer.



Samir David Vijayashankar, Grade 1, dressed up as batman.



Aahana Mehta, Grade 1, dressed up as a zombie.



Triaksha.N.Khure, Grade 1, dressed up as a skeleton.

IGNITING CREATIVITY

The grade 1 Learners also learnt how to ignite their creativity by creating beautiful Diwali decorations during their art & craft online sessions.



Artwork by Triaksha.N.Khure, Grade 1



Artwork by Ronit Shukla, Grade 1



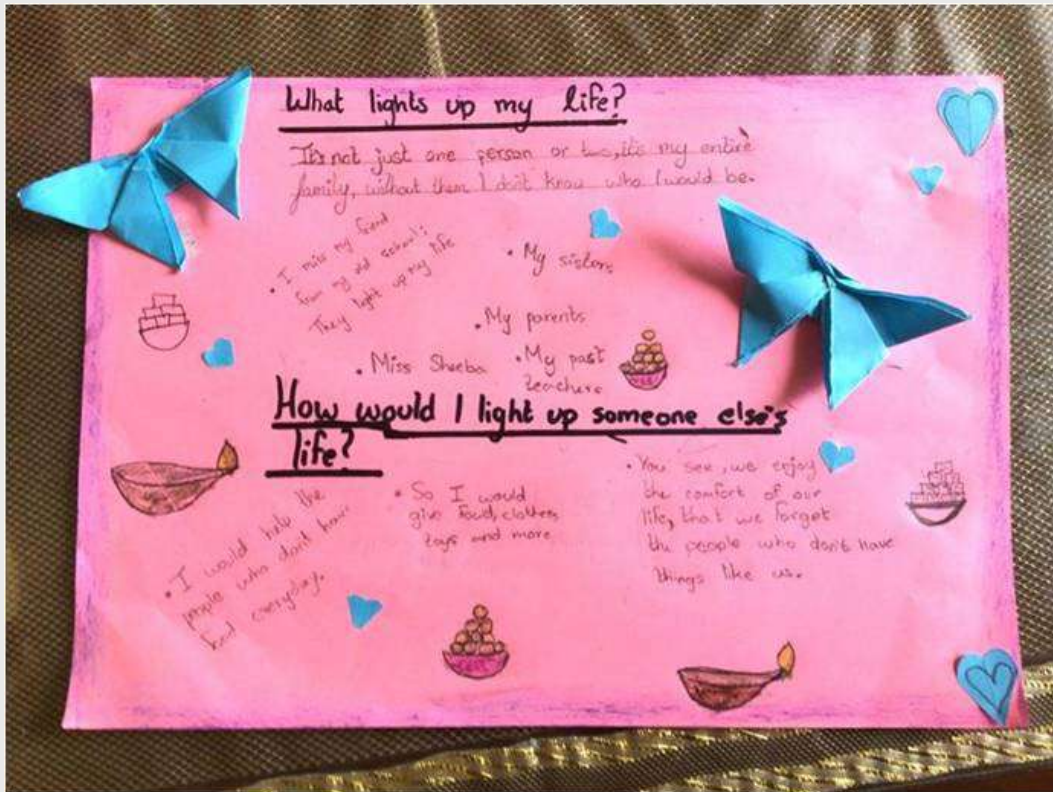
Artwork by Aadya Prashant,
Grade 1



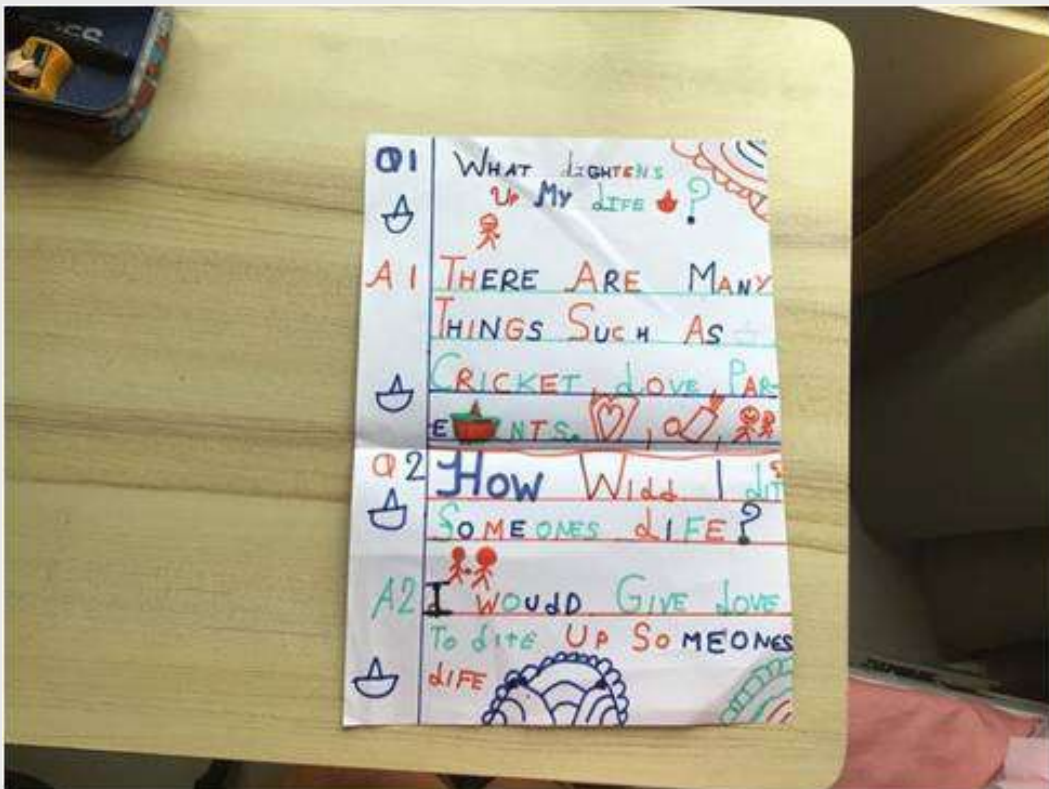
Artwork by Aayush Shetty,
Grade 1

WHAT LIGHTS UP MY LIFE?

The grade 5 Learners took to learning about the true significance of Diwali through a project. This project focused on imparting the value of caring for others, and sharing the light that is within each of us.



Artwork by Mayuka Rajesh, Grade 5



Artwork by Virat Mehta, Grade 5

CHILDREN'S DAY - A DAY JUST FOR OUR CHILDREN



Our Learners are the most important element in the school. They bring the entire school to life. It is only fair that we show them how special they are to us. We had an entire assembly planned for them.

The facilitators geared up to showcase their love for their Learners through a dance on “London Thumakda”. They each had a special message to share too.

Here’s Allan’s message for our Learners. He also threw light on the need to improve the living conditions for children in India.

Click the image to watch the video

GRATITUDE CORNER



Thank you notes from our young ones for our facilitators.



Wishes pouring in from the facilitators for our young ones.

WHAT ARE OUR LITTLE ONES UPTO?

Holistic education is one of the key components of the “We Lead” curriculum and strong evidence of this can be seen in the academic delivery which has taken place till date amongst our early years Learners.

We aim to develop a strong sense of compassion and service towards others which is deeply embedded in our school philosophy.

To enable our little ones to understand better on how our community helpers are important and what role they play – each one of our little ones dressed up as their favourite community helpers and explained their role during the activity. Our facilitator further highlighted why Community helpers are very important; they keep the community safe and healthy, make life better for the people in the community, and help the community function more efficiently.



Vivaan Kiran Honakeri dressed up as a Police officer



Aiden Lasrado dressed up as a Traffic Police



Aanya Shetty Saraf dressed up as a gardener

IN THE PRESS

A slice of Scandinavia in India's Silicon Valley

The upcoming Chaman Bhartiya School in Bengaluru is daring to be different in India's K-12 jungle

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Anjali Bhargava
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Anjali Bhargava an esteemed journalist from Business Standard, the third largest financial in India featured Chaman Bhartiya School in this article.

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'Start reopening schools gradually with staggered classes'

[Rajlakshmi Ghosh](#) | Posted on Monday, November 09, 2020 13:11

Educators want clear-cut guidelines by govt before placing the onus of its implementation on schools



A day after most of the schools reopened in

Uttarakhand, an 18-year-old student in Ranikhet tested positive while over 10 other students who came in contact with him have been quarantined. The school, much like other schools in the state, had resumed classes after the state government allowed them to reopen for classes X and XII from November 2.

Our Director, Allan Andersen, featured in a recent coverage in the Education Times, The Times of India, concerning the reopening of schools. He spoke about the opening of educational institutions and what role the government should play to facilitate the opening of schools.

Click the image to read the entire article.