

Welcome to the monthly newsletter of Chaman Bhartiya School. The month of October had a number of exciting activities which took place – from our first coffee morning with parents to the visit of Denmark Consulate's Consul General (Bangalore) as well as our Special Dussehra Assembly. The Professional Development Workshop on UN Sustainable Goals enabled our facilitators gain an in-depth understanding of the same.

JETTE BJERRUM, CONSUL GENERAL, DENMARK CONSULATE, COMES TO VISIT!

Chaman Bhartiya School was extremely delighted to host Denmark Consulate's Consul General (Bangalore), Ms. Jette Bjerrum. During her visit she was given a tour of the school and was introduced to the unique open design and the sustainable construction of the school. She was also taken through the "We Lead" Curriculum and how the curriculum is closely tied up with the UN Sustainable Goals.



FIRST COFFEE MORNING WITH PARENTS

Chaman Bhartiya School was extremely proud to host our first Coffee Morning with Parents. The objective of this event was to connect with parents and find out how they are coping in the current pandemic. It also aimed at reviewing the experience of our little ones so far with online classes. We were very happy with the positive feedback and encouragement given by our parent community. All our facilitators were highly motivated by this interaction.





Poonam Saklecha, who was part of our first Coffee Morning with Parents tells us how the event helped clear all the doubts she had about her child's education and development.

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Dr. Ashwini Bagewadi, mother of Grisha, Grade 4 student, shares her experience at the Coffee Morning with Parents.

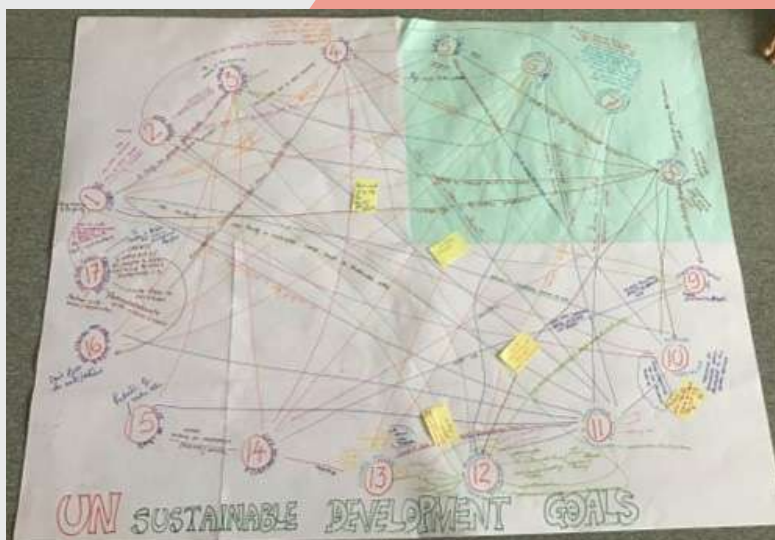
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Chaman Bhartiya Curriculum is designed to empower our learner's knowledge, skills and dispositions that will enable them to work toward building a better, green and peaceful world. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals were chartered by the UN to bring 17 crucial problems that the world currently faces, to the consciousness of each human being that inhabit the planet. Today, the UN sees the education of young people as the only hope, to address these problems and bring about practical solutions to them. The academic curriculum at Chaman Bhartiya will act as a hook to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through project-based learning approaches, where learners will raise awareness about these goals in the communities they come from, find solutions to these problems at the local levels, and place their work and ideas in the real world.

To ensure this vision is realized, the facilitators of Chaman Bhartiya went through a rigorous, 5-day training program on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals where they became aware of all the 17 crucial goals, and mapped these to their academic curriculum (Natural and Social Sciences). The training was aimed to empower facilitators to lead projects designed or conceptualized by our learners effectively.

The training was led and facilitated by **Perna Thacker**, a Mumbai based Architect, who is passionate about creating sustainable structures, as well as sharing her expertise on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals with schools and children.



FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON MATH MASTERY

The Math Mastery Professional Development Program is a unique initiative at Chaman Bhartiya School. Math Mastery is a unique concept followed in Asia and UK and enables children to get a deeper understanding of Mathematics. In the process children also build fluency, reasoning, conjecturing & problem-solving amongst children so they can be effective problem-solvers in any context they are presented with. The PD sessions will be conducted by Sheeba John who has pioneered the introduction of the concept of Math Mastery in the primary years.

Reflection by Dr. Anuradha, Grade 3 Facilitator, on the Math Mastery Workshop

..”We were taught a trick or two about Vedic maths and how to compute the same efficiently. This reminded me of my grandfather, who always used Vedic Maths to compute complex calculations. We need to look into our own roots and traditions is what I noted.

We understood the importance of facilitators clearing misconceptions like 0.6 being a bigger number than 0.48. At this point, we all shared our childhood experiences revolving around Maths and the common misconceptions which we still carried along with us. This made me think critically and deeply about the profound effect we facilitators have on young impressionable minds.

Sheeba was like a conjurer showing us the next trick up her sleeve conjecturing. I was introduced to the first time why a cube on the screen was 2D whereas a cube on the table was 3D.”

SPECIAL MORNING ASSEMBLY FOR DUSSEHRA

A special assembly was organised before the commencement of the Dussehra celebrations. The theme of the assembly was “Positive over Negative” - how to overcome the negativity we encounter in life by the positivity within us. The facilitators conducted circle time before the assembly and children shared their ideas on positivity. The children were introduced to the cultural nuances of Dussehra through a puppet show. One student from every grade expressed their views about various aspects of Dussehra. All the facilitators put up a brilliant dance performance which was a mixture of garbha and dandiya. It was a fitting start to the holidays indeed!



MEET OUR STAFF



Ranjini Sridhar is a multifaceted lady, with several years of experience in the fields of both education & IT. She is extremely excited about her role at Chaman Bhartiya school as it gives her scope to merge both her passions- Education & IT. She has 35 years of experience and has worked in WIPRO for their WATIS (Wipro Applying Thought in Schools) programme. She has also worked in Accenture as a Senior Analyst. Her vast work experience also encompasses stints in Datum Technologies as well as Learn soft solutions. She has authored several books on computer literacy from grade I to grade X.

IT is a tool which is intrinsically woven in the Chaman Bhartiya philosophy to achieve our learning goals. As Head IT Ranjini is not only in charge of developing the complete IT ecosystem ; but also ensuring it's effective implementation of the same. This is where she feels her dual experience in the field of education & IT comes in very handy. Ranjini formulates the IT policies for the school and also coordinates the implementation of Apple Training for all the facilitators. Chaman Bhartiya is working towards becoming an Apple Distinguished School and she plays an active role in streamlining the policies and procedures towards the same.

As the Digital Curriculum Lead, she aspires to integrate new age education technology into our WE LEAD curriculum. It's her aspiration to see our learners use digital tools innovatively to enhance their creativity. She is one of the first employees from Chaman Bhartiya , who have received a certification from Apple. She has also completed a course on Swift Coding. During her free time, Ranjini is an avid cook, an accomplished classical music singer and has various other creative pursuits such as painting.

GLIMPSES OF BLENDED LEARNING

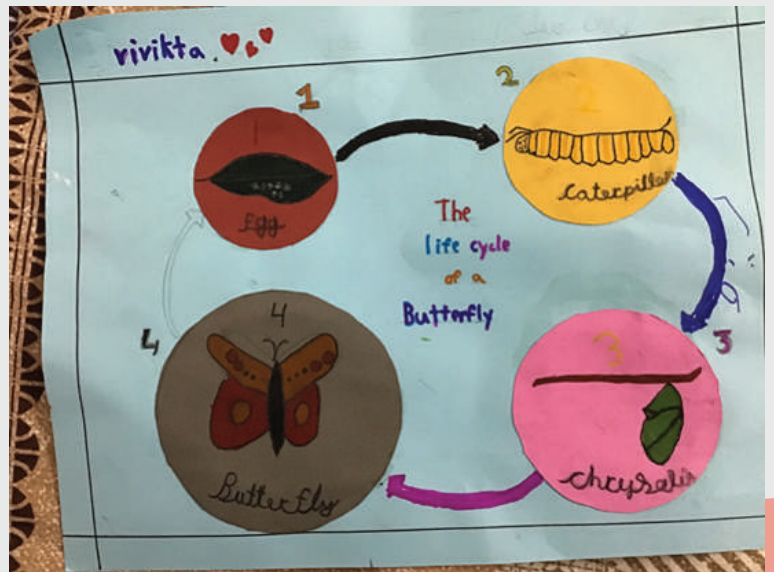
Grade 2: Science Project, Life Cycle of a Butterfly

The students of Grade 2 are learning about Growth and changes in animals, which included the topic: "The life cycle of Butterfly". However, the interesting part was that the children took the onus on themselves to educate each other on this topic. They decided to use their creativity and household items to work on the project and did presentations in the class.

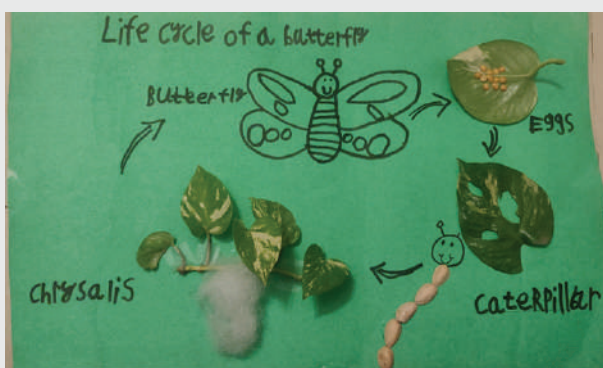
The amazing part of this entire activity was the feedback given by the students to their peers. They were so motivating and encouraging towards each other. In fact, the students inspired each other in a very positive manner towards overcoming any mistakes they made during the presentation.



Science Project by Raima Sharma



Science Project by Vivikta.Shanthling Kodli



Science Project by Ishaanvi. M.Wadkar



Science Project by Dhruthi Pradeep Kumar

ART MADE FROM EGG CARTONS

An activity which introduces children to recycling as well as facilitates Creativity.



Art by Parinita.C.S, Grade 3



Art by Abigail Lasrado, Grade 3



Art by Vivan.Muppalla, Grade 3

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EARLY YEARS?



Aanya Chawla from Early years 1, puts her imagination on paper through paint.



An activity which facilitates imagination by D.Adhyathaa Shanwi Reddy



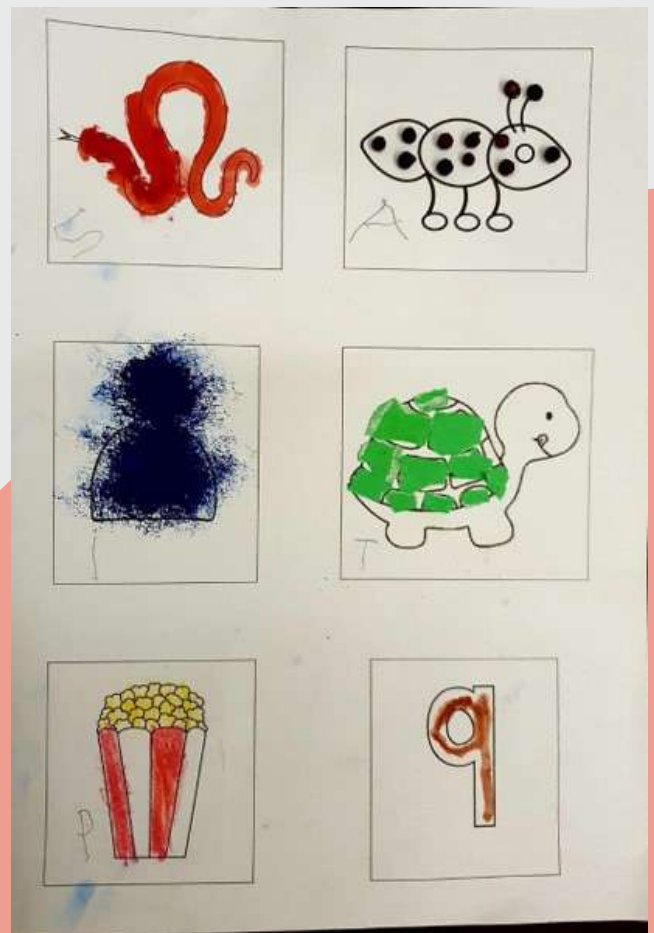
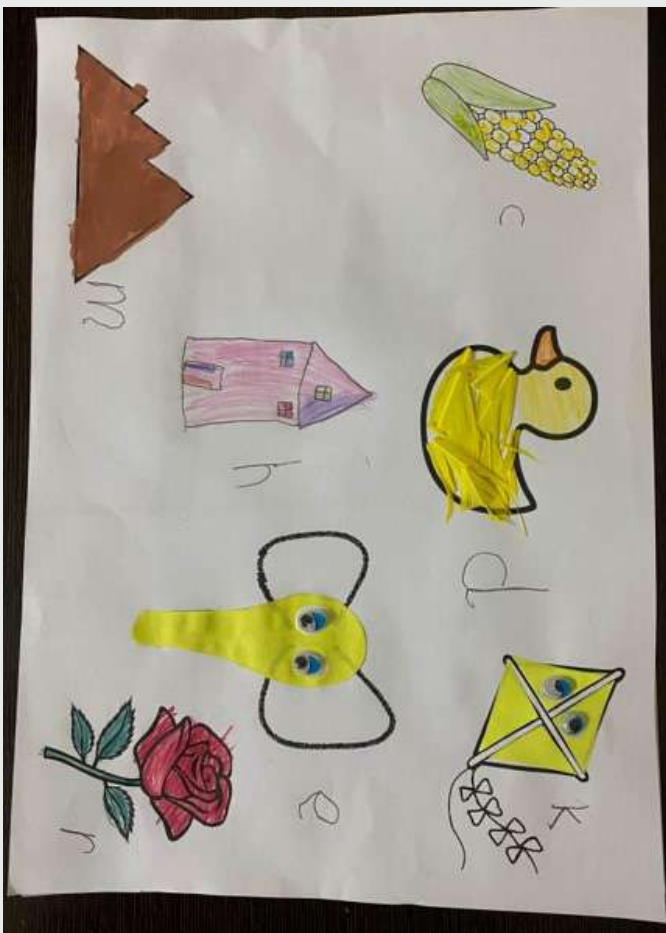
Adhyathaa and Shourya of Early Years 1, participate in an activity designed to teach our young ones how to associate numbers with quantity.



Children used straws to build tens and ones. They bundled tens, counted and verified the numbers. This is how Aiden Lasrado of Early Years 2, bundled the number 42.



Aanya Chawla and Kiara Chawla of Early Years 1 perform an activity designed to help children learn in-depth about the letter 'e'.



The students of early years took part in various literacy activities which involved painting, craft and other joyful activities. Here are a couple of submissions from Vivaan Honakeri and Aanya Shetty of Early Years 2.

TITLE SPONSORS OF BANGALORE EDUCATION ONLINE EXPO!



We were delighted to be the title sponsors of the Bangalore Education Online Expo, the first virtual expo organized by parents, from 16th to 18th October 2020. Throughout the expo, we hosted a bunch of exciting and insightful events at our virtual stall on all three days! In case you missed out, you can watch all the videos by clicking the images below.



Hand in Hand: School and Parents | Sheeba John

An interview with Head of Academics, Sheeba John on Hand in Hand: School and Parents.

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A Sneak Peek Into Chaman Bhartiya School | Allan Andersen

Our Director, Allan Andersen, takes us through some of the key aspects of the Chaman Bhartiya School building.

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Tools and Technology @ CBS | Ranjini Sridhar

"Tools and Technology @ CBS" with Ranjini Sridhar, Head of IT at Chaman Bhartiya School.

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Teacher Talk | Early Years

A discussion with Triveni and Samhitha, teachers of early years at Chaman Bhartiya School about what their experience has been like so far at the school.

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Teacher Talk | Grade 1

A discussion with Iram Rauf, teacher of Grade 1 at Chaman Bhartiya School about what her experience has been like so far at the school.

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Race, colourism, bullying: What parents feel about touching upon taboo topics with their kids

Our Special Needs Educator, Deborah Joel, and one of our parents, Dr. Ashwini Bagewadi, featured in an article by Indian Express. The former talks about the role of teachers in educating younger students about taboo issues and how such sensitive topics should be approached from earlier ages. The latter speaks about her belief that a child's innocence must remain for as long as it can.

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