

# THE CONNECT

**AUGUST 2023** 

# FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR



We celebrated the 77th Independence Day of the world's largest democracy. To celebrate Indian independence is essential for any school in India. We honour the courageous Indian people who fought for freedom. And we remind ourselves that democracy is not given once and for all but a human construct that needs to be understood, appreciated and rejuvenated with every new generation.

Democracy can only exist when citizens with democratic values and behaviour carry it. A school should play a crucial role in creating citizenship: knowledge about your country and culture, democratic values and an inclination to act for the common good. Our leadership pillars describe the personal qualities we want to develop in our learners. The leadership pillars are also the qualities of citizens who can and will act for the common good.

Democracy starts in the classroom. In the class community, you develop democratic values and behaviour through interaction with fellow students and the teacher.

The teacher plays a crucial role in developing a mindset of citizenship. They create an inclusive community where every student feels included, respected and needed. Every student can be listened to and act for the Class community.

The teacher is the most critical role model for citizenship. She personifies the democratic aspirations of the founders of India.

I am happy that we have such teachers at Chaman Bhartiya School. We call them facilitators to clarify that their role facilitates the children's learning. The teachers' success is the impact they have on the learners.

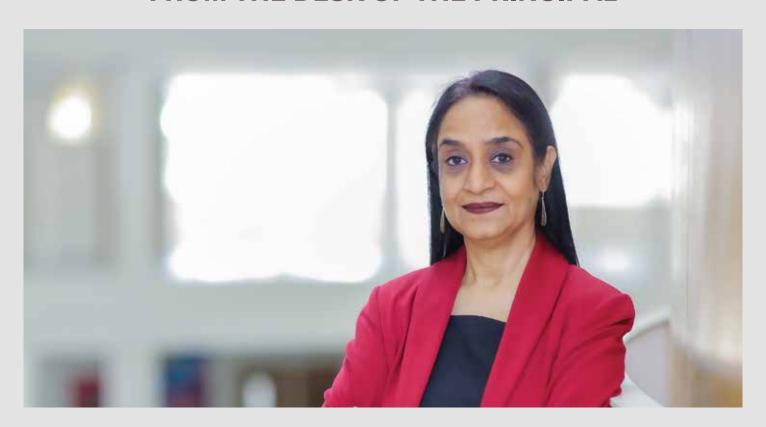
Teachers play a crucial role in the future of India. They can only do their best if they feel appreciated and respected by the learners, the parents, the colleagues and the leadership.

On Teachers' Day, we will have the opportunity to celebrate our teachers and thank them for their great work.

This month, we had the investiture ceremony for the Student Leadership Council. By having this ceremony, we want to signal that the Student Leadership Council is an essential stakeholder in creating the best possible school. The Student Leadership Council is the collective voice of the learners. They are representatives, not a privileged group. The facilitators and the leadership take the representatives seriously. We listen to them, interact with them, and discuss with them. We may have to say no to an idea, but we will listen and discuss it. Because that's what happens in a democracy like India.

Warm Regards,
Allan Andersen
Director
Chaman Bhartiya School

# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents.

The month of August has been a precursor to the following months...

We had the student council members assuming their responsibility as student leaders in a ritualistic manner in this year's 'Investiture Ceremony'. In their victory is written the tales of responsibility to uphold the sanctity of our institution.

Our facilitators have been putting their best foot forward to bring in the desired academic excellence; the professional development sessions by inhouse members and external resources are helping them evolve and make learning a joyful experience for the students. 'All Hands Meet' on the working Saturday served as a bonding platform for the whole team.

The after school 'Clubs' that commenced this month has been appreciated by the learners wherein they get an opportunity to pursue their passion. We are confident that these clubs will help them hone their talents and shine in their area of interest.

The learners across grades have been actively participating in various competitions, viz., fancy dress, speech, scrap book related to the independence of our country. The winners were felicitated with certificates for their achievement in the aforesaid competitions as well as the competitions of making bookmark, slogan writing, poster making, decorating the bulletin boards or painting for the 'World Tiger Day'. The delight on their faces while they were being felicitated was something that all of us will cherish.

The spirit of fervour and gaiety prevailed as Independence Day celebrations were held to commemorate the 77th year of our freedom. The presence of some of our enthusiastic parents during the occasion added to the charm of the event.

This year, we held our very first 'Coffee Connect' as an initiative to involve CBS parents in open conversations with the school leadership team. This initiative is our endeavour to work in tandem with our parents in creating a holistic and cohesive learning environment for our young learners.

On National Sports Day, the sports department held a unique assembly celebrating fitness and health. Our PE facilitators invited all the stakeholders to participate in a fun filled 7-day challenge involving physical activities that led to a competitive spirit among all the four houses of CBS. The winners of the challenge were announced during the special assembly.

We eagerly look forward to the coming months to achieve the desired academic rigour and organise more new programmes for our learners as well as their parents and our facilitators.

Warm Regards,
Shalini Singh Hamilton
Principal
Chaman Bhartiya School

### **INVESTITURE CEREMONY**

We started off the month with a very important event, the Investiture Ceremony, where members of the Student Leadership Council (SLC) took the oath of office. The SLC was chosen by an election held in the month of July. Based on our Leadership Pillars, the SLC aims to create a body of democratically elected young leaders who shall have the agency to enhance improve their school environment. It aims to foster the values of democracy by having every learner participate in the decision making process.











### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

We organised several competitions in the run-up to Independence Day, including those for art, speech, and fancy dress. Our learners' imaginative work captured the mood of the freedom struggle; their speeches were packed with patriotic fervour; and their colourful dresses showcased India's cultural diversity. The event not only gave our learners a platform to express their love for their motherland, but also served as an opportunity for them to learn more about its history, geography, and culture.

There was a special assembly held on Independence Day, where our learners took to the stage to express their nationalism through songs and dance performances. It was especially heartening to see our Early Years learners sing the national anthem so passionately after the flag hoisting.









### **COMMENCEMENT OF CLUBS**

We inaugurated the club activities on Thursday, 10th August 2023. These clubs will play a key role in helping us provide a holistic education to our learners. They include the Sports Club and the Maker's Space / Art Club.

On the first day, the students got to meet their fellow club members and instructors. They got to learn about the club's goals, they discovered the exciting experiences planned for the next sessions. After the first session, the specific requirements for each club were communicated through Toddle.













### **SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - PRIZE DISTRIBUTION**

In a special assembly, held on the 18th of August, we awarded the winners of the recent Tiger Day and Independence Day competitions, including those for art, speech and fancy dress. They amazed us with their artwork and enthralled us with their speeches, and we were glad to appreciate them in a formal ceremony.











### **COFFEE CONNECT**

We recently organised Coffee Connect to interact with our learners' parents. We discussed our curriculum, our pedagogy, and the co-curricular activities being offered this year. The session gave us an opportunity to interact with them and take their feedback, and it provided the parents a platform to ask questions and get their doubts clarified.













### **NATIONAL SPORTS DAY**

In the run-up to National Sports Day, we organized the HeroFit Extravaganza. The Extravaganza included a fitness challenge for every day of the week, and our learners rose to each with energy and enthusiasm. Their commitment to health and fitness was commendable.

On National Sports Day, 29th August 2023, we conducted a special assembly. It provided our learners and facilitators a platform to showcase their athletic abilities. They performed various drills and exercises.









### FIELD TRIP TO MODEL VILLAGE

As part of their learning about 'Mapping My Place in the World,' our EY 3 students went on their first trip to Model Village, Rachenahalli. They learned about the villages, the traditions, and the people of Karnataka. They observed how the people of the village do a lot of physical work and coexist peacefully with trust. They had a thought-provoking discussion on how city life is different from rural life. They also went on a fun "Tanga" ride and watched an exciting magic show.













### **FACULTY FEATURES**

Jacqueline Brass is facilitator of English and Social Studies, with more than 7 years of experience in the subject. She teaches at the Primary and Middle Years level at Chaman Bhartiya, and she is thrilled to be a member of the team.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree in English and Education, and a Master's in Counselling Psychology. She also has a TESOL/TEFL certificate accredited by ACCREDITAT & CPD Certification Service, UK.

Jacqueline has a strong background in CISCE norms. She has also been engaged as an examiner for Council exams for three consecutive years and attended trainings with the ICSE and the KISA.

She believes in teaching students how to think for themselves.

When there are no papers to grade or lessons to prepare, she makes the most by spending quality time with her family. She enjoys camping, trekking and watching movies.



# **EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2023**

# **05 September** ▶

Tuesday - Teachers' Day Celebration

# 06 September >

Wednesday - Unit Test 1 Ends - Grade 6 to 8

# **09 September** ▶

Saturday - Commencement of Parents' Club

# 30 September ▶

Saturday - Parents Facilitator Meeting - Term 1

# **HOLIDAYS - SEPTEMBER 2023**

**◀ 18 September** Monday - Vinayaka Chaturthi