



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE, JANUARY 2022

I wish a Happy New Year to all members of the Chaman Bhartiya school family. I hope that 2022 will be the year that will end the corona pandemic. I hope that life will soon get back to normal, as it was before the pandemic; and that all our learners will be able to physically attend school without worrying about getting sick or spreading the disease to other people.

Many people in India, especially in Bangalore, have been vaccinated. Many have already been exposed to the disease. There is, therefore, a reason to be optimistic. But first, we have to get through the third wave, wherein new cases will increase for weeks to come.

Therefore, it was no surprise when the Karnataka government decided that schools should go back to online schooling. Unfortunately, the children in India are the victims of this unprecedented situation. Even though we will try our best to handle the situation (and we can do a lot), the children will still be excluded from the experiences of a physical school community.

It has been such a joy to see how happy our learners were to be with their classmates and facilitators. It is hard to imagine a school building without the vibe and sound of enthusiastic and engaged children.

Compared to many schools in India, we are lucky to have a robust infrastructure for online learning. And we know from experience that online schooling is a good functioning substitute when "normal" school is not an option. Academically, online learning is quite efficient for most kids. And we will do our utmost to take care of the children's mental health. We will ensure that our mentoring program will be in place in an online setting as well.

We don't know how long schools will be closed for physical schooling. When we open the school gates again, we will simultaneously organise a transition period with online and offline teaching.

Problem-based learning (PBL) is a critical component of CBS' pedagogical toolbox. The learners learn to be curious, identify problems, analyse the situation, create innovative solutions, and communicate them to an audience. PBL is a way to make learning engaging by connecting to real-life issues and using scientific concepts and methods to solve problems. While doing it, they learn to collaborate with team members and people outside the school.

To further develop our PBL concept, we will introduce learner-directed projects, "passion projects". The idea is that all learners will choose a topic or problem they are passionate about and analyse and create solutions for the problem. The "passion projects" will continue throughout the education at CBS. We are sure that we can introduce passion projects, even in an online setting. Offline or online, we will implement the CBS vision and philosophy.

**Warm Regards**

**Allan Andersen**

**Director, Chaman Bhartiya School.**

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## LEARNERS ENGAGE IN THE LAUNCH OF WATER ROCKETS

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As part of the Space Education Programme at Chaman Bhartiya School, our learners launched water rockets into the sky, applying various scientific methods that they learned. As part of the activity, students were trained in science processing skills, usage of technological design and identifying factors that affect motion and forces. They were also introduced to Newton's laws of motion.

Through such unique activities, Chaman Bhartiya School aims to make science interesting, engaging and hands-on for our learners.



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## WE CONDUCTED THE END-TERM COFFEE MORNING WITH PARENTS

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Last month, we conducted our end-term Coffee Morning! This unique parent-facilitator meet is designed for interactions and sharing of feedback between parents and teachers. Coffee Mornings are not just an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss a student's progress academically, but also a session that enables direct feedback for and by the teacher to the parent and vice-versa. It is a way through which our facilitators further their grasp on the strengths and weaknesses of each student, allowing them to modify their approaches to engage with each child.



## CHAMAN BHARTIYA SCHOOL RANKED 3RD IN THE TIMES EXCELLENCE AWARDS

We are proud to announce that Chaman Bhartiya School has been ranked 3rd for the category Emerging schools in BANGALORE, in The Times EDUCATION Excellence awards. The year 2021 was one filled with accolades and recognition from all across the country. The Times Excellence Awards is a prestigious title that is handed out after vigorous research and analysis of thousands of schools across Bangalore.



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## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT CHAMAN BHARTIYA SCHOOL

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We conducted a Christmas assembly last month, with students from all grades performing various arts such as singing and playing the flute. The performances were all themed around Christmas songs and carols. Further, Early Years students celebrated Christmas by decorating their respective classrooms with Christmas decorations! They also teamed up to produce a card and a sock snowman. Through these fun activities, students learnt all about the culture behind each festival while also immersing themselves in exciting group activities.



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## MEET THE STAFF

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Manisha first started speaking Spanish while preparing for her IGCSE level examinations. For more than a decade now, she has stayed in touch with the language by making Spanish-speaking friends, exploring the world of Spanish cinema and history, and crossing places off her bucket list like Ecuador, Panama, and Cuba. She also completed a Masters in Arts Journalism at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and spent some time writing about the art and politics of Chicago. Soon after, she returned to her hometown Bangalore and dived headfirst into teaching. Before Chaman Bhartiya, Manisha taught Spanish at the Institute for Foreign Language & Culture and Bangalore International School.

Teaching Philosophy: "Learning a new language is like discovering a whole new lens through which one views the world. In the words of American journalist Flora Lewis, "learning a new language is not only learning different words for the same things but learning another way to think about those things." As an educator, I want to equip children and share the joy that comes along with discovering a whole new world through Spanish. Through this process, if a child becomes a more tolerant and culturally sensitive citizen of the world, that's a bonus!"

