

The Charter School – Annual Report 2022-23

Namaste and Good evening!

Everyone has to learn to think differently, bigger, to open up possibilities- I Quote Oprah Winfrey.

True education is to prepare our students to think differently and we at Charter inspire our students to have a broader perspective. We are also committed and driven by the motto '**Learning is for Life**' and open up opportunities for our students to the '**World of limitless possibilities**' by providing experiences and opportunities to learn beyond the textbook and curriculum.

Camerry Ad film released on 14 November - I am sure you all have watched the clip that played on the LED wall before I walked up to the podium. Keeping children's dreams at the centre, as a collaborative venture with Camerry Ice Cream and the Charter School an ad film in a first of its kind- was conceptualized, directed, and created by our students. This opened up doors to not only think creatively but also to understand the painstaking efforts behind ad filmmaking.

Taking creative thinking to the next level we have introduced Design thinking in Grade 5 and above to take them through a more practical solution-based approach to problem-solving. ***"I wish to create a model of traffic lights in the classroom which would help me to catch the mood of the teacher -whether she is happy or sad or angry, which would help us to understand her better and work in a***

conducive learning atmosphere”- That was the thought process shared by a student in the Design Thinking session.

Our Grade 5 Students piloted Charter School in a 6-week long Climate Action Project connecting with young students like them across 6 Continents. As part of the climate action Project, the students analyzed their role as the changemakers of Tomorrow to understand the global issue of climate change. The students also visited the **Seven to Nine Green Store** where they got to experience and understand how zero waste can be effectively implemented in our day-to-day activities.

The Charter School thus reiterates the cornerstones which form the very foundation laid by our Founding Principal Ms. Molly Cyril who continues to be a guiding light for all of us.

I take it my honor and privilege to present the Annual Report for the Academic year 2022-23 before the August gathering -Ms. Sapnu George, Executive Director, TRINS Group, Ms. Molly Cyril, Advisor, Mr. Richard Hillebrand, Principal & Director of Academics of Trivandrum International School, Mr. Karol Toth, Principal Cochin International School, and you dear parents who have been a supportive partner in all our endeavors.

The Academic session began with the Parent Orientation in the month of May 2022 -Grade wise, to give an insight into the Charter Curriculum, key initiatives planned for the year, and the transition to the new normal of a full-fledged school after the pandemic.

Mindful waste management goes a long way in protecting the Environment. To reiterate this, a Workshop was conducted for the students by 'AAKIRI', a waste management team in Kochi. Students were motivated to contribute towards a recycle drive and guided to follow the wastage management measures in their day-to-day life.

“One of the greatest titles in the world is parent, and one of the biggest blessings in the world is to have parents to call mom and dad.”

Students made cards for their loved ones showing their love, affection and gratitude to them on the occasion of Mom and Dad's Day.

Talents are to be nurtured and at times needs to be spotted - Talent show '**Spotlight On You**' was conducted to unravel and appreciate the talents in the students.

A strong bond between the Parent and School community goes a long way in bringing the stakeholders together. A fun filled **Family Fiesta** was held with the students performing on the theme '**Around the World**'. An Art gallery showcasing the Art work of each and every student along with Fun games stalls and Food stalls added excitement to the evening.

Our team of students and teachers attended the MUN Conference in Peevees Public School, Nilambur.

Investiture: It is said that Leadership is 30% genetic and 70% learned. School student council gives opportunities for the leaders in the making, to take on the role and perform duties which would enhance their leadership skills. The Investiture ceremony witnessed

Aayisha Marwua of Gr 11 taking oath as the School Captain, Hamdan Mohammed as Sports Captain. A Council consisting of Vice Captains, Prefects and Class Captains took Oath along with them.

Celebrating events and festivals in schools is an integral part of learning and building a strong cultural belief in a child. All significant events and festivals are celebrated to highlight the significance of the special day and also to draw out creativity and appreciate inter cultural diversity. Important festivals like Bakrid , Onam, and Diwali ; significant days like World Environment day, Kerala Piravi day, Teachers day and Children's day and National festivals like Gandhi Jayanthi and Independence day were celebrated with all reverence and fervour.

Indian Air Force Day was observed with great zest and zeal. Students had a great privilege to interact with Flight Lieutenant K.P Preetha who was the guest speaker for the day.

An interactive session with noted Architect Sandhya Mohandas Chairman of Institute of Indian Interior Designers gave a strong message that design is all around us and nature has its unique way of presenting inspirational designs.

Storytelling sessions always fascinate the young and the old alike. Our students had the wonderful opportunity to attend a story telling session and interact with Ms. Preethi Menon, the author of "When the Jungle Whispers ".

Students of Grade 7,8 & 9 had the amazing opportunity of interacting with the talented French writer and illustrator Ms. Emmanuelle Houssais who gave a fascinating insight into the process that goes into writing and illustration.

Learning Expo -2022 was organized to give our students a platform to present their learning and understanding of the concepts in different subjects and themes along with the co-curricular and 21st century learning skills of research, knowledge-sharing, collaboration, presentation and creativity.

A medical camp under the nemesis of Future ace was conducted for the students. Dental, Eye and a general check-up was carried out by a team of specialist doctors.

The December session drew close with spectacular Christmas celebration which included a Nativity Play, soul-stirring Carols and mesmerising dance highlighting Christmas fervour and spirit.

Inter House Choir Singing Competition and Foot tapping Dance to the melodious Christmas numbers by the students across the grades added to the upbeat mood of the year ending celebration. A medley of Carols by the teachers gave a final touch to the joyous occasion. Keeping alive the spirit of Christmas, students collected essential items through a Charity Drive and handed it over to the inmates of Sneha Sadan.

I quote Barack Obama- **“Reading is a gateway skill that makes all learning possible”**. Along with the Raz-Plus program which was introduced as a part of their curriculum in 2020, students are encouraged to make reading a part of their life. The students were given a Reading Challenge during the Christmas break and we intend to continue this through the summer break.

Financial Literacy - We also introduced Financial Literacy for Grades 6-11. The students have been taken through different aspects of the banking sector like understanding the working and use of a cheque leaf, counterfoil, ATM card, etc. They also learned about the evolution of the financial system, the importance of financial decision-making, managing money and how Bitcoin works.

Integrating Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics—students across grades are provided with opportunities to experience a variety of activities, brainstorm, collaborate, and come out with unique ways of making learning connections as part of STREAM session.

Career guidance -Choose a career or job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life- goes a great saying. Our students of Grades 9 and above are taken through various career guidance sessions.

Ms Maya Menon, the founder of ME -Mind Empowered, presented a frame work on the possible career choices based on the subject combination choices they have taken.

Ashoka University offered students a glimpse of the New age careers in Liberal Arts Education to the young learners.

An engaging session on "Study in UK by being in India", was conducted to our students by J.A.C Academy & Universal Business School- Cardiff University.

Our students of Senior School along with their parents attended the US Education Roadshow hosted by 15 US Universities and a Community College. The session gave a thorough information on Higher Education options, application procedures, scholarship possibilities, and various other programs which would course their career path.

Student well-being sessions are conducted to prepare students to make the right choices and guide them to understand the effect of their choices on their health and well-being, we conduct regular sessions on crucial topics like Drug abuse awareness, Respect in friendship, Mindful manners, Kindness, Behavioural issues, Emotion Regulation, Reframing negative thoughts etc.

Sports and Co-curricular activities are an integral part of learning. Our athletes participated in the Sahodaya Inter School Athletic meet. Niranj Vipin of Grade 8 secured silver medal in the Senior Boys long jump event at the Kochi Sahodaya Inter School Athletic Meet.

Dev Menon reached to Semi-final level in the Junior badminton championship under 9 category. He is also the winner of All Kerala junior shuttle championship.

Advait Prakash from Grade 8 won the Silver medal in Kumite Black Belt under 13+45 kg category at the Shinbukan National Invitational Karate Championship.

Benjamin Paul of Grade 3 won the Gold medal for Kickboxing in the first Interschool Murray Thai Championship.

Vybhav Abhishek of Grade 4 raced up to the 5th position among 48 students in the 100m and 50m race in the Munshi memorial Inter school Athletic meet.

Azrah Bilal of Grade 4 was adjudged with 2 gold medals and 1 silver medal in the Girls Under 10 group in the International and National Taekwondo Championship at Chennai.

Our Boys Football Team participated in the Choice Football Cup and won their first match against Rajagiri Jeevas CMI Public school Charter Girls Football team played a friendly match with Vidyodaya School to give a kickstart to their dreams.

Other Achievements Students of Gr10 , Arya Sajan and Nikita Prasad successfully achieved DELF A1 certification in French.

Kathryn J Kattakayam of Grade 5 got distinction in the initial Piano entry level graded examination conducted by Trinity college, London Our students participated in 'Antonio Talenzo' 2022 an inter school competition conducted by St. Antony's School and the team comprising of Siddhanth of Grade 7 and Krishnapriya of Grade 6 won the First place in Clay Modelling.

SOF Achievements -Our students have been performing extraordinarily well in the SOF Olympiad examinations and have received Medals & Certificate of Distinction.

Manav Arun & Nikitha Nikhil of Grade 3; Michelle Dennis of Grade 4; Grade 5- Norah, Kathryn & Mithra; Grade 8 - Rebecca and Grade 10- Arya Sajan has qualified to the second level of IEO

-Manav, Nikitha & Devan - Grade 3; Michelle, Johann & Rajaleskhmi Grade 4 and Advika Reddy -Grade 5 qualified to the Next level of NSO
-Devan S Nair of Grade 3 and Aishi Francia Prafash of Grade 5 have qualified to the next level of IMO

In the last academic year 2021-22 , 14 students of Grade 10 appeared for the All-India Secondary School Examination and Ann Mariya Paul and Anushka Shyam scored A1 in all subjects.

The following students secured above 90 %:

- Anushka Shyam - 96% , Nathania Elizabeth Alex - 95.2%
- Ann Mariya Paul - 95% and Ananya Jolly - 92%

The following were the subject Toppers

- English - Nathania Elizabeth Alex (100)
- Malayalam - Ann Mariya Paul (99)
- Hindi - Anushka Shyam (96)
- Mathematics - Anushka Shyam (92)
- Science - Ann Mariya Paul and Anushka Shyam (98)
- Social Science - Nathania Elizabeth Alex(99)
- Computer Applications - A. Hamdaan Mohamed (91)

Teacher Enhancement Programs :

"It's the teacher that makes the change, not the mere classroom".

Staff Development Programmes are conducted on the 1st working Saturday of every month to update the teachers on the new developments in the teaching-learning process. Topics covered, to name a few-includes student management, understanding SEN requirements and support and integration of Art and ICT in teaching.

With facilities which will be available for our students in the coming academic year, we assure you dear parents that we would be moving forward in our commitment to provide the best of the opportunities and work towards bringing a difference in the lives of our children.

I thank Mr. George M Thomas and Ms. Sapnu George for their unstinted support in all our endeavours. I thank Ms. Molly Cyril for her inspiration, guidance and presence. My heartfelt gratitude to the Vice Principal, Coordinators, Admin Team and all the Support staff for their continued support .

I am thankful to you dear parents for reposing your unparalleled trust in us which propels us to march ahead with greater commitment and enthusiasm.

Dear students you are the heart and soul of the school and you are dear to each one of us and we all Love you!

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!