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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Ms Priya Promod



July 2024 was an eventful month marked by transformative experiences for our students at Charter.

Our Student Council members, newly invested as Student Leaders, exemplified the essence of leadership. Within days, they seamlessly transitioned into their roles, taking initiative and responsibility. They became Peer Counsellors, engaging in open dialogues to address student concerns and collaboratively developing solutions. This shift led to a noticeable improvement in our classroom dynamics, reinforcing the notion that when students are entrusted with responsibility, they rise to the occasion and significantly contribute to a robust school community.

In another inspiring initiative, our Yi Thalir members led an E-Waste Collection Drive, involving the entire school community to address the gravity of e-waste pollution, its impact on climate change, and our ecosystem. From planning the campaign and educating their peers to meticulously sorting and responsibly handing over the collected e-waste, their dedication was evident at every step. This initiative highlighted the responsibility of this generation to initiate action to protect the environment and conserve it for the future.

Let us empower our children so they develop a stronger sense of self-worth, confidence, and responsibility. Accountability for their actions should be encouraged both at school and at home. While they may falter, let us be their pillar of strength, providing unwavering support so they can move forward with confidence.

The Power of Collective Responsibility

“Man has always been a social animal.”, said my teachers and books from school and college. I fondly remember my school days where bonding happened in the school buses, the school corridors, at birthday parties or weekend get-togethers at parks and beaches. As I entered college, my social connections took a different turn, becoming more refined through university projects, chit-chats at the photocopy place or tea joints, and, of course, those last-minute study sessions before exams.



Over the years, with the transition to social media platforms, this bonding has taken a different, almost unreal, or nearly non-existent form. Today, one can have a thousand followers and yet feel alone. You might have over 400 "Friends" on Facebook, but not a single soul to talk to when you really need it. These days, many find comfort in being alone and prefer not to be "bothered" by the so-called gatherings that once played a crucial role in shaping the "social" element in humans.

In today's fast-paced and often individualistic society, it's easy to become absorbed in our own lives, goals, and achievements. We seem to have forgotten that the true strength of any community lies in the collective spirit of its members. The key is in understanding that "it's not about ME but about US". This simple, yet powerful shift in our thoughts can definitely transform our approach to challenges, opportunities and the very essence of our presence in this beautiful world.

In recent years, the sense of "US" has outshined the "ME" factor when challenges were thrown our way, whether in the form of the COVID pandemic or natural disasters like floods. COVID reminded us that without community, our resilience weakens, and our progress slows. The Kerala floods reminded us that together we shall overcome. As the month of July ended, the Wayanad disaster became a clear example of humanity holding each other by the hands and souls, helping the victims to "Attraversiamo"—cross over a nightmare that turned their lives upside down.



At Charter, the sense of community resonates through every brick of the campus. We believe that each and every member of our community—whether a student, parent, teacher, admin staff, support staff, driver, or guest speaker—brings something unique and valuable that adds to the spirit of our community.

Through the curriculum and our daily activities & interactions, the members of our community have experienced how adopting the 'It's not about me' mindset leads to empathy and compassion. We unlock the true and limitless possibilities within our communities. As valuable members of The Charter community, let us carry this mindset forward, ensuring that our actions always reflect the power and potential of our collective strength.

Whether it's through the Book Collection Drive for the Kadamakkudy Government School, the Christmas Charity Drive for the inmates of Sneha Sadan, or Digital Literacy Sessions for the Bus Support Staff, the Charter Students Social Responsibility Cell (CSSRC) has played an important role in fostering empathy within our community. Through these simple yet impactful projects, our students decode the power of community and collective responsibility—something no book can teach.

Adopting the mindset that "it's not about me" can revolutionise our communities by deepening our understanding of what truly connects us as human beings. In the end, the greatest achievements come not from standing alone but from standing together. When we realise that it's not about me, but about us, we unlock the true and limitless possibilities within our communities. As valuable members of The Charter community, let us carry this mindset forward, ensuring that our actions always reflect the power and potential of our collective strength.

Sameera Basheer Kavapurayil
Vice - Principal

A Monsoon of Milestones

July has been a whirlwind of activity! Balancing schoolwork with extracurricular fun while navigating the unpredictable monsoon weather has kept us all on our toes. The cool, crisp monsoon air outside mirrored the focused energy within our classrooms.

Amidst the flurry of assignments and exams, students have found time to explore their passions, whether it's on the sports field, in the arts, or in inter-school competitions.

The unexpected monsoon showers, while disrupting our regular schedule, have not dampened our spirits. Our seamless transition to online learning, when needed, is a testament to the enthusiasm and spirit of our students and teachers.



A moment of tranquility from our butterfly garden

This edition of Charter Connect is a celebration of this vibrant month. We invite you to explore the pages and witness the myriad ways in which our students are growing, learning, and thriving.

Let's continue to embrace the challenges and opportunities that each day brings, fostering a spirit of resilience, curiosity and joy.

THE CONNECT TEAM

Student Editors:

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Jonathan K. Reshith (G12)

Ritvik Rintu (G12)

Janaki Shyam (G10)

Daksha H (G9)

Sria Karthika S (G9)

Teachers :

Ms Serafin Ann

Ms Meera Sankar



A Rising Chess Star!

Austin Jarvis Vadakkan from Grade 3A has secured an impressive 17th position at the prestigious MM Abdul Rahiman Memorial All Kerala Open Chess Tournament 2024.

Let's continue to cheer for our young prodigy as he embarks on his chess odyssey!

CHARTER BRILLIANCE AT VISTA!

Our students made a remarkable impression at the recently concluded inter school competition, Vista, hosted by Rajagiri Public School, Kalamassery. It was a platform for our students to showcase their talents and compete with the best.



OUR STUDENTS, OUR PRIDE!

Ayaan Satish Kumar and Patrick Fernandez secured the first position in TechWizard, while Sreelakshmi Gopal and Devan S Nair emerged as champions in Lit Blitz. Manav Arun and Dev Menon showcased their numerical prowess by securing the second position in Numerical Nuances.

Congratulations to the winners and all the participants for their spirited involvement!



Olympiad 2023-24 Champions



A sense of immense pride and satisfaction filled the air as our young 2023 Olympiad champions were awarded their well-earned certificates and medals.



Winner's List

Gold Medal of Distinction

Manav Arun Puliyeril - G 5A

Certificate of Zonal Excellence

1. Manav - G 5A - ISSO , NCO, NSO
2. Michelle - G 6A - NSO
3. Nivedita - G 7 A - IEO
4. Haya - G 7 Z - NSO

Class Topper Medal of Excellence - SSO

1. Sri Lakshmi - G 5A
2. Eva - G 5Z
3. Devan - G 5Z
4. Nikita - G 5Z
5. Michelle - G 6A
6. Norah - G 7A

Certificate of Merit

1. Johan- G 6Z - IMO
2. Nivedita - G 7Z - IEO
3. Haya - G 7Z - IEO
4. Mithra- G 7Z - IEO
5. Advika - G 7A - IMO



Future Tech Olympiad Bronze Medal

Maria Anna Vaidan - G8A

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

National Doctor's Day - G8-A



Paper Bag Day - Pre-Primary



International Friendship Day - G3-A



Nelson Mandela International Day - G11



INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture Ceremony for the Student Council of 2024-2025- where the slight yet mighty weight of responsibility plated with gold was pinned upon 16 students who would go on to represent the entirety of the student body.

The prestigious event in which they marched to the drumbeat in front of the school, receiving their badges with much poise and dignity. When the day ended all they had on their minds were the many milestones to accomplish. So let the games begin!

Daksha H



United for a better future!



The E-waste Drive of the Charter Yi Thalir Team was successfully conducted in July. Our team went from class to class and conducted sessions to raise awareness about what e-waste is and how to dispose of it responsibly. The sessions were an enlightening and wholesome experience with the enthusiastic response of the students. The team also conducted an assembly session.

Then the boxes were placed and then came the waste galore. An assortment of old batteries, CDs, phones, motherboards, and even a microwave showed up in the collection!

The best part about this was that the whole school as well as the teachers and staff wholeheartedly participated in the drive. The turnout was so amazing that the entire team was overwhelmed and startled for a moment. However, we regrouped and worked hard to sort it all out.

The Yi Thalir-in-charge came to the school and took the collected e-waste to be recycled and broken down sustainably.

This is one of the many examples of the wonders that can take place when the school community comes together and tries hard.

So the question begs; what if we tried harder?
Oh, the limitless possibilities!

Daksha H
G9
Yi Thalir



Yi Thalir - Session on Menstrual Hygiene and Awareness



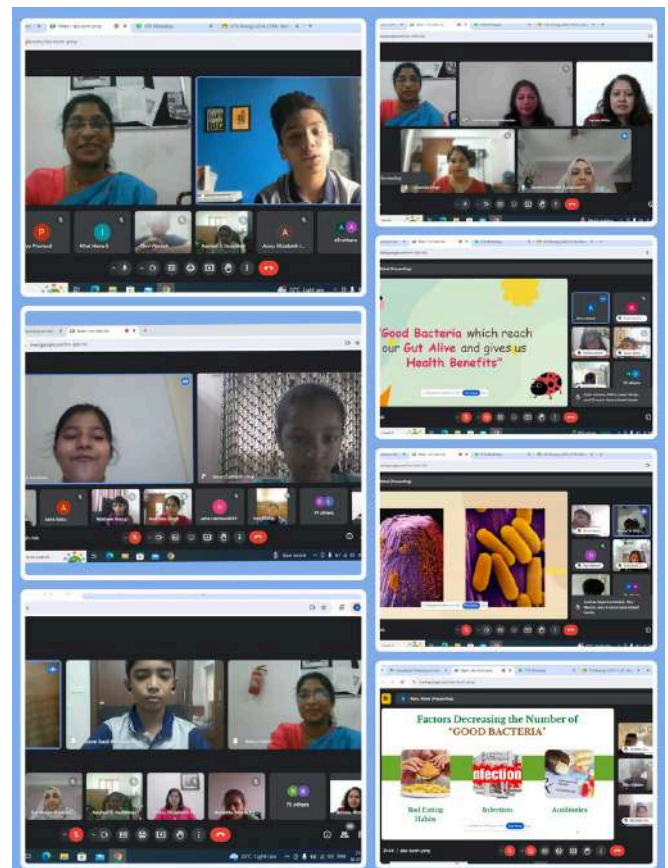
The Charter School's Yi Thalir Health vertical hosted a session on 'Menstrual Health and Hygiene' for girls in Grades 3 to 10 by **Dr. Natasha A Prabhu**, a fertility specialist from Akshaya Hospital. The session aimed to dispel myths and provide accurate information, empowering students with knowledge to manage their menstrual health confidently.

Dr Natasha shared her expertise in women's health, particularly in areas like infertility, PCOS, and reproductive endocrinology.

The session underscored Yi Thalir's commitment to health education and fostering a well-informed school community.

Online Workshop on Intestinal Health - Ms Renu Rahel

Our young learners in Grades 3-8 had a fantastic opportunity to delve into the world of Intestinal Health during an online workshop with food safety expert, **Ms. Renu Rahel**. With over two decades of experience in the food industry, Ms. Rahel provided our students with invaluable insights into the connection between nutrition, digestion, and overall well-being.



Gen Next Global Universities Fair

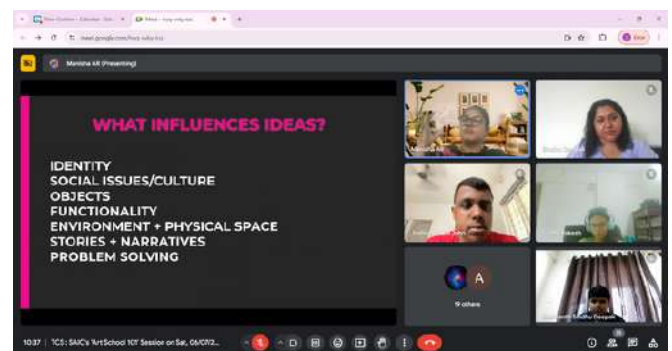
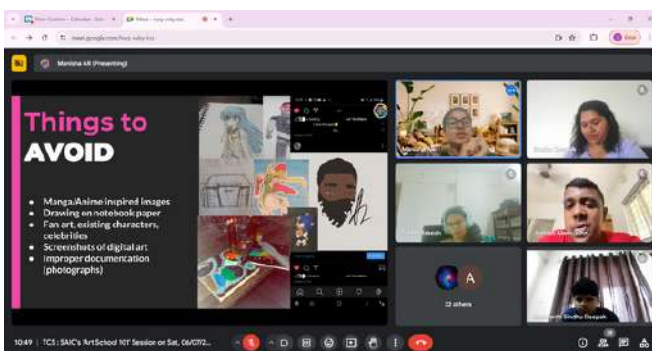
The Charter School proudly hosted the Gen Next Global Universities Fair for its students from Grades 9, 11 and 12, along with Grade 9 students from The Cochin International School. The fair showcased top universities, both Indian and International, offering an excellent opportunity for our students to explore diverse educational paths and scholarship options.



Online Career Counseling Session by SAIC, Chicago

Key Takeaways:

- Accreditation importance (AICAD, NASAD)
- Choosing an art school: faculty, technology, peer group
- Portfolio building tips and critic-based assessments at SAIC
- Interdisciplinary courses and scholarship opportunities





Learning is fun @ Charter!



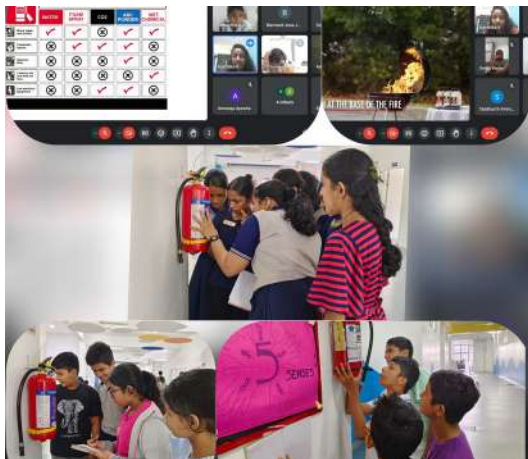
Activities @ Charter : Explore, Create, Inspire!



Art



Literary Pursuits!



Fire Safety

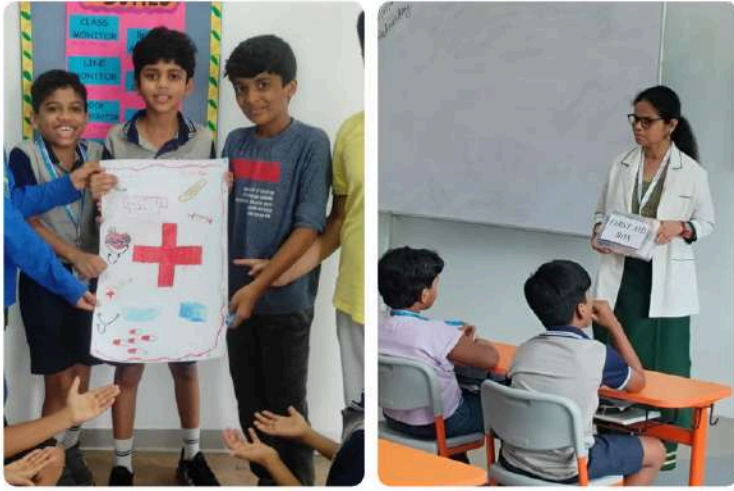


Financial Literacy

Talent Day



Doctor's Day



Kargil Vijay Diwas



International Friendship Day

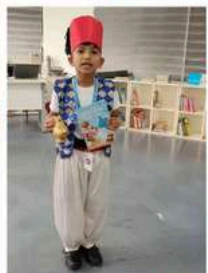
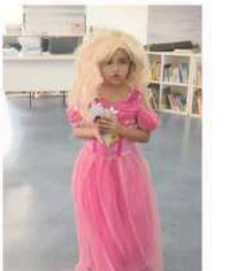


IGNITE activities



World Tiger Day

Bringing stories to life - Dress Up Day



Let's Get Active! Fun-filled PE Sessions



CYBER SQUAD : The Charter Cyber Security Club

🛡️ We are Back and Better Than Ever! 🚀

Hello, Tech Titans and Cyber Warriors!

Hold onto your keyboards because the Charter Cyber Security Club (Cyber Squad) is back and more powerful than ever! After a brief hiatus, our squad of digital defenders has reassembled and multiplied, and we're ready to tackle cyber threats head-on with renewed energy and cutting-edge strategies.



What's Ahead?

The Charter Cyber Squad is all set and raring to go with exciting activities, assemblies, guest speakers from the world of cyber defense, and hands-on activities designed to make you a cyber-savvy superhero. Whether you're a seasoned techie or a curious newbie, there's something for everyone. The countdown to cyber excitement begins now!

Jonathan K Reshith
G12
Cyber Squad

UNODC Round Table Conference @ GMAK



Ms Sameera and Ms Najia joined educators from various schools across Kochi for a roundtable conference on “**Mainstreaming Education on SDG 16, Peace and The Rule Of Law**’ held at GEMS Modern Academy Kochi.

It was part of RiseUp4Peace - an innovative educational initiative spearheaded by the THE UNITED NATIONS ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)

CENTA International TPO Winners

A proud moment for The Charter School as Ms. Sameera Basheer Kavapurayil has secured Rank 12 for the School Leadership Track at The CENTA International TPO - a stupendous achievement indeed!

Adding to the glorious moment, Ms Serafin Ann has secured Rank 278 for the Senior & Senior Secondary English Track in the CENTA Teaching Professionals Olympiad 2023.



STUDENT FOCUS

🎓 From Classroom to Campus! 🌟

We've got some exciting news to share! Our very own Aryan Khandelwal, a proud graduate of our school, has just made waves by securing a spot at Department of Design, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, Delhi NCR! He had also made it top in the list of Symbiosis Institute of Design as well. Our Student editors Jonathan and Imaan caught up with Aryan to chat about his journey from our halls to higher education.

Jonathan: Congrats on your college acceptance, Aryan! How does it feel to be heading to Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence?

Aryan: Thank you so much! It feels incredible. I'm both excited and a bit nervous. It's surreal to think that I'll be walking through those college gates soon!

Imaan: Can you share a bit about how your time at our school helped prepare you for college?



Aryan: My time at Charter really changed me. The support from teachers, the challenging coursework, and all the extracurricular activities really helped. I learned how to manage my time, like, when to do homework and when to relax.

Jonathan: That's wonderful to hear! What were some of your favourite memories of our school?

Aryan: Oh, there are so many! But honestly, some of my favourite moments were just hanging out with friends in the cafeteria and playing games with them.

Imaan: Do you have any advice for current students who are aiming for college?

Aryan: Definitely! First, stay curious and don't be afraid to explore different interests. Whether it's a club, a sport, or a new subject, dive in and see what you enjoy. Also, remember to ask for help when you need it – your teachers are there for you. Lastly, keep a balance between your studies and personal life. It's important to work hard but also make time for fun and relaxation.

Jonathan: What's the first thing you're looking forward to at Shiv Nadar Institution?

Aryan: I'm really excited about meeting new people and exploring the campus. I'm also eager to learn more about art and design.

Imaan: We're sure you'll do great! Thank you for sharing your journey with us. Any final words you'd like to say to your fellow students and teachers?

Aryan: Just a huge thank you to everyone at Charter. Your support and encouragement have meant the world to me. Keep pushing forward, stay passionate, and enjoy every moment of your school experience.

We wish Aryan the best of luck at Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence and can't wait to hear about his future adventures.

Creative Impressions



Joshiah Alvin John, G9



Arundhathy Akhil Nair, G 1Z



Eshal Shafi, G12BZ



Gauri, G8A



Benjamin, G11



Sajay Surya, G11A



Jewel Jestin, G5A

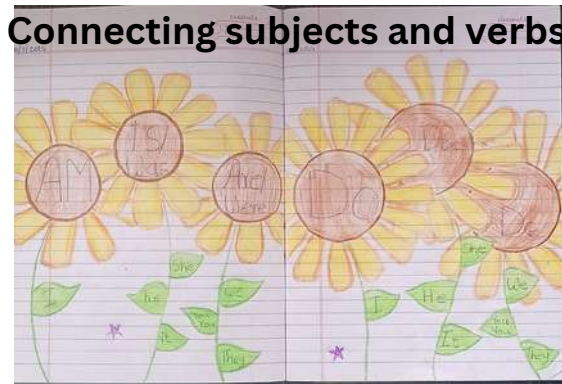
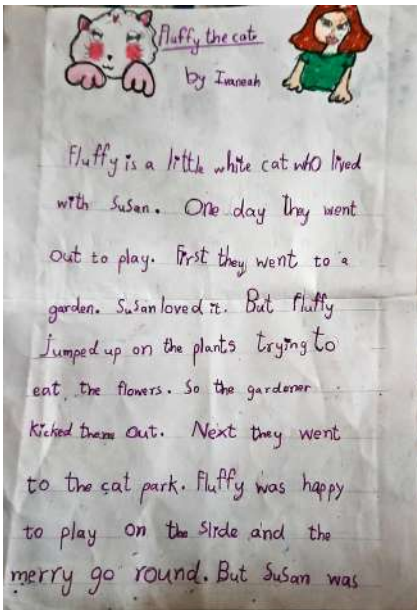


Sria Karthika S, G9A

Creative Impressions

Michelle 6A,

Connecting subjects and verbs



Ivaneah, G1Z

Theres, G6A

My Conversation With An Alien using close-ended questions.

Me : Hello! Hey, isn't your name Alex alien?
 Alien : Yes
 Me : Do you live on planet Astron?
 Alien : No
 Me : Do you live on the planet Megalix?
 Alien : Yes
 Me: Do you live underground to protect yourselves from craters?
 Alien : Yes
 Me : Is your planet full of worms?
 Alien : Yes
 Me : Have you made a pesticide yet?
 Alien : No
 Me : Okay, then I will make a pesticide for your planet. Is that ok?
 Alien : Yes
 Me : Do you aliens eat lava fish?
 Alien : No
 Me : Then do you eat lava shark?
 Alien : Yes
 Me : Do you drink lava smoothie?
 Alien : Yes
 Me : Do you enjoy living on your planet?
 Alien : Yes

Manav
G5A



Whatif? - Nivi's version

Based on Shel Silverstein's poem

Whatif I ace that test?
 Whatif Dhruv stops being a pest?
 Whatif there comes a day
 when all we need to do is play?
 Whatif all my 'whatifs' come
 true?
 That sure would be great for me
 and you!

Nivedita, G7Z

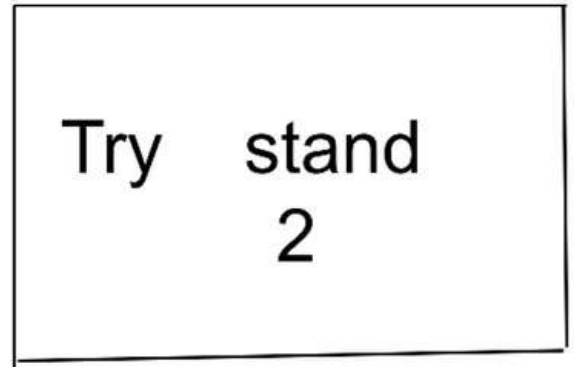
Brain Teasers

Think you can crack these riddles? Let's see!

1. If you have it, you want to share it. But if you share it, you won't have it. What is it?
2. How many bricks does it take to complete a building made entirely of bricks?
3. What goes up, but never comes down?
4. What can you catch but not throw?

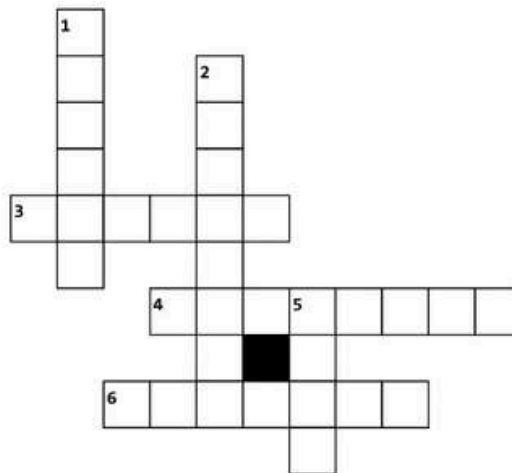
Answers: secret, Only one - the last one, our age, a cold

July Rebus fun!



Answer: Try to understand!

Be Cyber Safe!

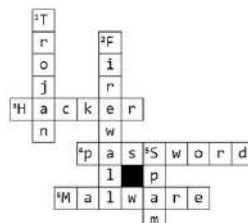


Across

3. A person who uses computers to gain unauthorized access to data.
4. A secret word or phrase used to gain access to a digital system.
6. Software designed to disrupt, damage, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system.

Down

1. A type of malware disguised as legitimate software.
2. A network security system that monitors and controls incoming and outgoing network traffic.
5. Unsolicited or irrelevant messages sent over the internet, typically to a large number of users.



Watch out for more fun!

Upcoming Events in August

- The Charter Cyber Awareness Session “ How to be Safe in Cyberspace”
- Inter-House Patriotic Song Competition - August 14
- Independence Day
- IIMUN Championship Conference, Aamby Valley, Maharashtra
- Hiroshima Day
- National Sports Day



Unleash your creativity!

Share your awesome stories, art, and ideas for the next edition of Charter Connect! Send submissions to serafin@cochins.org by 26th of August.

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