

# CHARTER CONNECT

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Our School, Our Stories



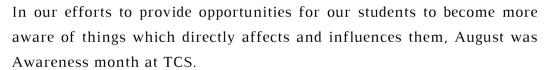
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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### Ms Priya Promod

#### Be aware to be Beware.



War is not the solution to resolve conflicts as it affects generations to come — this message was portrayed effectively through a Skit presentation highlighting the catastrophic effects of the Hiroshima bombing and raising awareness to focus on peace-building measures and conflict resolution through peaceful talks and mediation.

Cyber crimes are at an alarming peak and understanding that in today's digital age, the gullible young minds need to be enlightened on the lurking dangers in the cyber space, the Cyber Warriors of Charter School organized a session on Cyber Security for the students. To take this further a session on Cyber Security Awareness Programme was organized for our Parents to sensitize them on the growing cybercrime menace threatening individuals- both young children and educated adults.

Drug menace is another crucial issue which is lurking in the shadows of our society - the Charter community initiated the 1000 Kicks against Drugs Campaign to make aware of the harmful effects of drugs on health, life and career. The students also took the 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan' - Pledge against Drugs to show their commitment to this cause.

The awareness campaign by the CAP team instilled in the students their important role in making a sustainable future for themselves, urging them to acknowledge the value of each drop of water.

Let us together build a trusting environment for our children and keep our channels of communication open, assuring them that whatever happens 'WE' are there for them.



#### **August Adventures**

August swept through the Charter School, seamlessly blending celebrations, field trips, examinations, and a deep dive into academic and extracurricular pursuits.

The patriotic fervour that characterised the month was palpable, as students and teachers alike embraced the spirit of Independence Day with enthusiasm.

The fascination of space captured the imagination of our young minds, and the excitement was infectious as we explored the cosmos through engaging lessons and activities for India Space Week.

While the month was marked by the fervour of examinations and PTMs, educational field trips offered a refreshing change of pace and provided enriching learning experiences.



A still from the Charter Football team's early morning training sessions

As we gear up for the upcoming sports competitions, training sessions have commenced with full vigour. Our athletes are honing their skills and preparing for victory. We are confident that their hard work and dedication will pay off.

In this edition of our newsletter, let's delve into the highlights of August and witness the vibrant tapestry of activities that unfurled within the walls of The Charter School!

#### THE CONNECT TEAM

Student Editors: Imaan Hawwa Hafiz (G12) Jonathan K. Reshith (G12) Ritvik Rintu (G12) Janaki Shyam (G10) Daksha H (G9) Sria Karthika S (G9)

Teachers: Ms Serafin Ann Ms Meera Sankar

#### **OUR STUDENTS, OUR PRIDE!**

#### **Chess Masters in the Making!**







Team made its mark at the Ernakulam (CiS) School District Team Chess Championship, achieving the 10th position out of 30 School teams. Looking forward to many more victories for our upcoming chess champions!

The Charter School's 24-member Chess

#### Charter Chess Team:

Emma (G2), Austin (G3), Haana (G4), David (G3), Aryan (G4), Sai (G4), Arush (G3), Isaac (G3), Adhrit (G3), Advit (G5), Ryan (G5), Jewel (G5), Naveed (G6), Aakash (G8), Siddharth (G8), Muhammed (G8), Jotham (G8), Jonathan (G5), Dev (G5), Nakul (G6), Naren (G6), Aditya D (G10), Advait (G10), James (G11)

We are immensely proud of our Chess Champion, Naveed Navas of G6, who won Second position in the tournament. Congratulations, Naveed!





#### **Karate Kid Flying High!**







Cherian Jose Kattakayam of G5 secured the 3rd position in Ernakulam District Open Karate Championship organized by the Ernakulam District Olympic Association.

Way to go, Cherian!

#### **Hurray for our Badminton Champ!**

Faraz M Ameen of G9continues to blaze his way to the top. This month, he won third place at the RBC Inter-School Badminton Championship at River Bourne Centre, Tripunithura. He also bagged the third prize at the All Kerala PNB Junior Badminton Championship, winning a cash prize of Rs 7500.







Keep going, Faraz!

#### **OUR STUDENTS, OUR PRIDE!**







#### Agyesham @ GEMS

Fayha Fathima of G9 grooved her way into second place at Galatta - the Spot Dancing competition at Aavesham - the Performing Arts Festival organized by Gems Modern Academy.

Haifa Fathima (G11), Andrea Sara (G8), Fiza Nowrin (G8) and Katherin Elizabeth Jossy (G3) also put up spirited performances.

#### Spectrum @ Sanskara

At Spectrum - the Arts and Cultural Interschool Fest held by Sanskara School, Leanne Joby of G2 secured the first prize for 'Giza' with her innovative stick drawings on paper cup pyramids.

Mariam Huda of G7 and Rasha Abdul Rahman of G7 bagged the 2nd Prize for 'Horus' - Book Cover Design Contest.





#### OUR STUDENTS, OUR PRIDE!



#### Spiritus @ SRVM

At Spiritus, the inter-school fest hosted at Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir, our students excelled:

- Meher Fathima (G4) secured 2nd place in the Cotton Cloud - Towel folding competition.
- Emma Rachel George (G2) and Haya Shiyas (G2) clinched 1st place in the Bongle Bonanza event.

#### Antonio Talenzo @ St Antony's

Advika Aneesh Kammath (G4) clinched the third prize in the Spell Buzz competition at Antonio Talenzo, the interschool festival hosted by St. Antony's Public School in Kizhakambalam.



#### **Pre-Primary Competitors**





Let's cheer for our tiny tots who have bravely stepped out into the world of interschool competitions!

Scaria Tony Augustine - Mind Maze at Antonio Talenzo Shaurya P, Nakshatra Kiran, Janvi Anandhu participated in Tinge Colouring Competition at Spectrum

#### **OLYMPIAD 2023-24 CHAMPIONS**



Our young 2023 Olympiad champions of Primary school were awarded their wellearned certificates and medals.

**Excellence** 



## Winner's List Certificate of Zonal

- 1. Rachel Joy G3A ICSO
- 2. Rohan Dev Ron G2B (Zonal Rank
- 2 Cash prize Rs 250) IMO

#### **Certificate of Merit**

- 1. Advika Aneesh Kammath G4 NSO, IMO
- 2. Sameeksha Sachin G4Z-IEO

#### **TEAM CHARTER GEARING UP FOR VICTORY!**

The Charter School basketball and football teams are hitting the courts and fields with full force! They recently gave a spirited performance at the Visio Interschool Sports Competition at Chavara Darsan CMI School. Here's to cheering them on for all their upcoming matches!





#### Through the eyes of an MUNner

The Charter School has been participating in various MUNs both Indian and International. MUN - Model United Nations, is a great platform where students debate upon the different matters, be it averting wars or preserving cultural sites. Such exposure helps improve their speaking, confidence, general awareness and most of all helps them to make new friends and mould them into future leaders. This year the conferences are off to a "sixer" start!

#### **IIMUN Championship Conference: Aamby Valley, Pune**

Spread over the length of four glorious days, with 2000 students from all over India and abroad. Some of the most brilliant students of the MUN community were in attendance and The Charter School was immensely proud to be among them.

The Sessions: Over the span of two days, all students were split into 20 committees and given an agenda and respective portfolios. They had a battle royale to get recognised amongst students ranging from ages 12 to 19. Resolutions were drafted, challenges were done, screaming, laughing, fighting, but most importantly making memories. The best of the best - 4 from each committee were picked and chosen for the midnight crisis committee which had some sleepy yet action packed debates from 11:30 pm to 3 am.





Winners: After 4 tiresome days with little to no hope of winning, but like they say, "you never know", two incredible students had their names called out as winners and got to stand and receive a medal on the same stage as so many of the nation's most brilliant, and that's all they wanted, all they had been working for. The entire team was happy, the winners had to be quite literally pushed from their seats as they were shocked,

**Special Mention of Niti Aayog**: CM of Kerala: Daksha H

Verbal Mention: Chief Minister of Kalinga empire: Vaiga Vigesh.

#### Through the eyes of an MUNner

#### Pratheeksha MUN 2024

A one-day MUN which always serves an issue as to draft a resolution and not only to get recognised and to state your stance as a pivotal role is not an easy feat. Yet, the Charter Superstars have emerged victorious. Committees took place per the norm but of course had the Bhavans perks and home formula, a fun and unique addition here was The "Surprise Committee", where a scavenger hunt took place with all sorts of exciting games.

**Winners**: Beating the odds, striving to be the best, making a mark, fighting with seniors four times your age and still walking away with a prize and to prove yourself undefeatable. I present to you the winners, you've made us so proud!



## UNHRC High Commendation:

Imaan Hawwa Hafiz (Palestine)

**Special Mention:** 

Thomas Sujith (Iraq)

UNSRC : Special Mention

Advika Bayya Reddy

(Iron Man)

All of this would never be possible without the teachers in charge of MUN who support and encourage us no matter what. The MUN student body is forever grateful to Ms Meera, Ms Betsie, Ms Annu, Ms Serafin and of course our Vice Principal Ms Sameera and Principal Ms Priya. We couldn't fathom doing this without you.

Now we are having loads of MUNs coming up... the prestigious RMUN, and even a trip to the Big Ben... But all in good time, so keep reading and don't miss a beat for you might miss out on some incredible children and their journeys! Till then keep dreaming.

Daksha H, G9

#### Yi Parliament

#### United for a better future!



The YIP (Young Indians Parliament) conference was preceded by an essay writing competition where we had to write an short piece on a topic which we were genuinely passionate about. A month later, we received news that we were accepted into round two of the event.

At the Model Parliament in Bangalore, the energy in the room was electric, filled with passionate young people from all over South India, all driven by a common goal: to make a positive impact on our country.



The conference was meticulously organised, with an array of sessions and talks that covered a range of topics. I found the talk on helping the Karnataka government with Health crises and policies particularly compelling because it covered a lot of my interest areas.

The session taken by Mr Rajeev Gowda, where he spoke about the pros and cons of being in the political sphere of life was engaging as well.

Collaboration was another standout aspect of the conference. I had the chance to connect with like-minded people who were just as passionate about creating positive change.. The conference also featured a tour of the Vidhan Soudha.

The YIP conference was truly unforgettable, not just for the inspiring sessions but for the special memories we created together. From catching flights and navigating the airport with friends to late-night conversations that ranged from deep to hilarious, every moment was filled with warmth.

Rebecca Joy, G10

#### **SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES**

#### Hiroshima Day - G8-Z



National Sports Day - G10



#### Independence Day - Pre-Primary



**Gender Equality - G4A** 



#### **INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Inter-House Patriotic Song Competition**















Result:

1st Place -PHOENIX

2nd Place -AQUILA

3rd Place -COLUMBA

Special Thanks to our Judges: Mrs Nubu Riyad and Mrs Ramya Sajith

#### **INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES**

Tri-colour Pin Wheel Sandwiches Culinary Session by Mrs Simi Arun, parent of Jake Arun (K2Z)



**Independence Day Craft** 



#### **INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Independence Day Craft**



**Inter-House Drawing Competition** 







Special Thanks to the judges : Ms Ann Santosh and Mr Joshy George

#### **ANTI-DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS**

#### '1000 Kicks Against Drug Abuse'

Held in connection with the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, this dynamic community event brought together students, teachers, non-teaching staff, and parents to raise awareness about the dangers of drug use and to promote healthy and active lifestyles. Each kick reinforced our community's commitment to kicking drugs out of our lives.





Anti - Drug Abuse Pledge

The students united to take a pledge under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan to make not only our community, family, friends, but themselves drug-free, because change starts from within.

"I pledge that I will take all efforts in my capability to make India Drug-Free."

#### **DESIGN THINKING COMPETITIONS - G7,8,9**

Our Grade 7, 8 students unleashed their creative potential and transformed into problem solvers and innovators at recent Design оиг competition! Thinking Exhibiting exceptional skills of critical thinking, problem-solving and resourcefulness. they proposed solutions to realworld challenges with innovative solutions that left us amazed!









Design Thinking Competition Winners			
Grade	Team Number	Topic	Team Members
G 7A	Team No 1	TORD - The Over Readers Device	Advika, Norah, Dhruv, Efrin, Kishore
G 7Z	Team No. 1	Better Classroom Layout	Kathryn, Aishi, Mithra, Haya, Amina
G 8A	Team No. 2	School Cafeteria	Aakash, Ayaan, Ayaaz, Johan, Maria
G 8Z	Team No. 2	Transportation Problems faced by Students	Ameeqa, Andrea, Shazia, Fathima, Shreya
G 9	Team No. 3	Mud Removing Mat	Farhaan, Nithin, Ayona, Joanna, Rumaan

#### NATIONAL SPACE WEEK













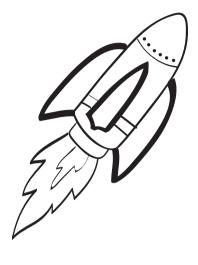






#### **NATIONAL SPACE WEEK**





# INTERHOUSE SPACE QUIZ :



1st Place -PHOENIX

2nd Place -COLUMBA

3rd Place -PEGASUS



#### **WORLD WATER WEEK**























#### The Water Conservation Pledge I pledge to:

- \* Use water wisely and avoid its waste.
- \* Make small changes in my daily habits to reduce water consumption.
- \* Report leaks and water wastage when I see it.
- \* Support efforts and initiatives aimed at conserving and protecting water resources.
- \* Adopt water management solutions that are sustainable.

By taking this pledge, I <u>commit to being a responsible</u> steward of our planet's most precious resource, Water.

#### **Literary and Art Activities on Water Conservation**





#### **ACTIVITIES @ CHARTER: EXPLORE, CREATE, INSPIRE!**

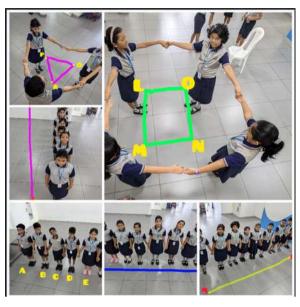


Learning fun @ Pre-Primary



#### **ACTIVITIES @ CHARTER: EXPLORE, CREATE, INSPIRE!**

#### **Math is FUN!**



Hand-in-Hand Geometry!



Bend and Balance: Angles in Action!





**Threading Together Math and Art!** 











Salad with a Side of Science!



#### **BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE CLASSROOM: FIELD TRIPS**



G9-12 CUSAT



G11&12 Milma





#### **BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE CLASSROOM: FIELD TRIPS**











**G5** Ernakulam Public Library















#### **BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE CLASSROOM: FIELD TRIPS**



K1 Maxxfit Fitness Studio





#### CAREER GUIDANCE CELL INITIATIVES



#### 'Futuristic Engineering Education & Careers in Tech': Plaksha University

Mr. Prashanth Raja from Plaksha University led an insightful session for the students of Grades 9, 10, and 11 of The Charter School, along with Grade 9 students from The Cochin International School.

Mr. Prashanth introduced students to the vast opportunities in Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence, Robotics & Cyber-Physical Systems, Biological Systems Engineering, and Data Science, Economics & Business.

#### 'Liberal Education Workshop' : Ashoka University

Our Grade 9 and 11 students had an enlightening experience during the "Liberal Education Workshop" led by Ms. Pranaya Neha David Ashoka from University. session was filled with interactive activities that honed life skills and critical thinking, complemented by deep dives into foundation courses and interdisciplinary studies. This experience has ignited our students' curiosity and motivated them to explore the vast opportunities that a liberal education offers.











#### **HOW TO BE SAFE IN CYBER SPACE: SESSION FOR STUDENTS**

It was with great pride that the Cyber Club organised its first session of the academic year on 6th August 2024 for students of G5-12.

The guest speaker, Mr Sarath, a leading expert in the field of Cyber Security, addressed the students on critical topics related to cyber awareness, including various threats and types of cyber crimes.

Both teachers and students had the opportunity to learn more about the dangers of the digital realm and the new methods that make it easier for crimes to occur. The session was extremely helpful for us students especially as it taught us various methods to identify threats. It also educated us with various preventive methods.

Parvathy KS G11



# CYBER CRIMES AND CYBER SECURITY: SESSION FOR PARENTS



The Cyber Club also held a valuable workshop for parents, conducted by Mr. Thalhath, a senior civil police officer.

The workshop covered a range of topics, including online predators, cyberbullying, and the potential consequences of sharing personal information online. Parents were equipped with practical tips and strategies to ensure their children's safety in the digital age.

#### **IC3 EMPOWER GRADUATION CEREMONY**



Our dedicated school counselor, Ms. Sindhu Deepak, has successfully graduated from the prestigious IC3 Empower program.

This program is recognized for its commitment to enhancing the skills and knowledge of school counselors, enabling them to better guide and support students in their academic and career journeys.

Congratulations, Ms Sindhu! We look forward to the positive impact you will continue to make in our school community.

#### HINDI LANGUAGE TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Teachers are evergreen learners. Hindi Our dynamic language teachers, Ms Nitu and Ms Manjula attended activity based an interactive session workshop on 'Hindi Teaching Language Challenges and Solutions' - by Ms Chhabra, a distinguished Usha name in the Hindi teaching fraternity.



#### **CREATIVE IMPRESSIONS**

#### **Classwise Inter-House Drawing Competition First Prize Winners**





















Hisham Abdulla G7A



Devan S Nair G5Z



Ryan Antony Jithin 5A



Karthikeyan Krishnan G6Z







Haya Elizabeth Kuriakose G7Z



Haifa Riyad G11



#### **CREATIVE IMPRESSIONS**

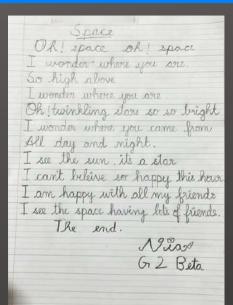
#### The Flower

In Spring it blossomed,
a radiant bloom
as delicate as a plume
Yet no one noticed
Till one day in June
When it succumbed to its doom
A storm had hit
Wrecking the town
Leaving everyone in dismay.
But those who noticed,
Remembered the flower,
Even to this day

Nivedita Nishil G7



Muskaan Ubais Ali G2 Zeta



Nia Nikhil G2 Beta







#### Watch out for more fun!



### **Upcoming Events in** September

- The Charter Cup 😵 🏆
- Interhouse Basketball Tournaments
- · Teachers' Day
- Onam Activities
- Hindi Diwas Activities



#### Unleash your creativity!

Share your awesome stories, art, and ideas for the next edition of Charter Connect!

submissions to serafin@cochins.org by 27th of Send September.

#### Show us your love!





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