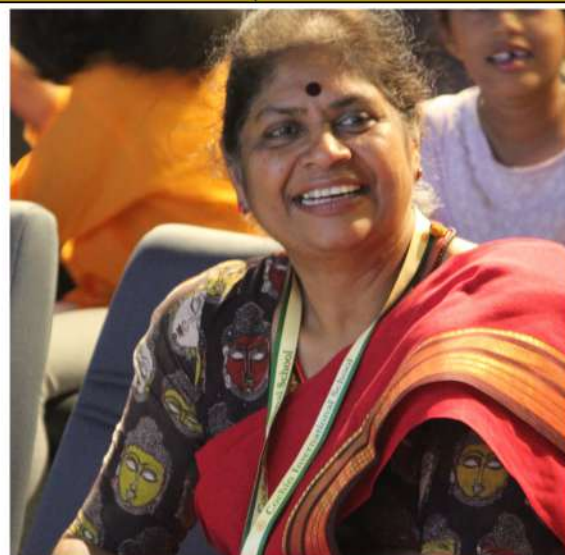


VIP

Our VIP for the month is none other than Ms. Sheela Chacko, our esteemed Head of School. In an insightful interview, Ms. Sheela demonstrated her strong sense of engagement and unwavering commitment to fostering student growth, inclusivity, and leadership, all with a thoughtful focus on driving positive change. Here's what she had to say.



What is your vision for the future of this school?

I think this should be a school with a difference and it should follow the exact international curriculum and standards.

What is your favourite part of working here?

My most favourite part of working here is seeing the small children around, them wishing me and asking me questions like "Miss, why do you wear such a big bindi?". It's so nice seeing the simplicity of these kids.

What inspired you to work as head of school?

I am a giver, I like sharing knowledge and showering care to people around me.

What are you most excited about for this year?

There are so many things I am excited for this year. To put it in 1 word, I'd say '**change**'. I am looking forward to that little change that me and my colleagues are contributing to.

What do you think is the most important qualities a school should instil in its students?

Students should embody empathy, care, sensitivity, and problem-solving skills.

How will you make a school more inclusive?

The school supports children with learning barriers and foster unity among students as one big family. We have teachers who are experienced in the field and conduct various programs for teachers to ensure inclusivity is a part of our teaching and learning.

How do you ensure that students' voices and concerns are heard and addressed? -

Expand the student council by providing more platforms, introducing a class for student engagement, and enhancing the roles of class representatives and sport leaders.

How can students share their ideas with you?

I want to maintain open communication. Students are welcome to share their thoughts and ideas with me at any time or by approaching their student council, who can then share the same with me. with plans to dedicate time for students to approach and share concerns.

- Joannah, Grade 7
Benita, Grade 6



- Asmin, Grade KG 1 B



- Kayla, Grade KG 1 B

KG Champs Naksh and Nathan Glide to Glory!

Our young skating stars from KG have made the school proud with their fantastic achievements at recent inter-school competitions!

Naksh, a KG 2 student, wowed everyone by claiming 1st place in the LKG-UKG Speed Inline category at the prestigious Assisi Inter-School Roller Skating Championship 2025. His remarkable speed and determination earned him the top spot!



Meanwhile, Nathan showcased incredible talent at the 500 and 100 Meters Inter-School Open Skating Championship under the "Below 5 Years Quad" category, bagging not one but two 1st place prizes! 🏇 His amazing performance on the track captured hearts and gold medals!

Congratulations to Naksh and Nathan for their hard work and outstanding victories. Keep rolling to even more success!

Galleria



Raiqah - Grade 9



Eva - Grade 9

CIS STUDENTS SHINE AT DELF EXAM! 🎓🇫🇷

We are proud that this year, all our students who appeared for the internationally recognized DELF examination passed with flying colors – a 100% success rate! Their outstanding achievement was celebrated in a special ceremony, where they were honored by none other than His Excellency, Mr. Thierry Mathou, the French Ambassador, who presented them with their certificates. A huge congratulations to our amazing students for this incredible milestone! Keep up the fantastic work! Cochin International School is now an official partner of the prestigious Alliance Française, the world's oldest language institute.



Abhay Shine: A Rising Tech Innovator at TechFiesta

Abhay Shine, a talented and enthusiastic student, showcased his remarkable skills and creativity during our annual ICT fest called TechFiesta 2024. Among his impressive exhibits was Mealee, an innovative diet planning website that allows users to create personalized diet plans based on their specific needs. The application also features a weight calculation tool, ensuring precise and user-friendly functionality. This project reflects Abhay's ability to blend technology with practical, everyday solutions, making it a standout exhibit at the event.

In addition to this, Abhay presented a thrilling racing game developed using Scratch programming, which captivated visitors with its engaging and interactive design. His projects caught the attention of Ms. Neethu Rajasekharan, one of the parents attending the event, who was so impressed by Abhay's talent that she offered him an internship to further nurture his potential. Abhay's achievements are a testament to his dedication, creativity, and passion for technology, making him a true inspiration for his peers and a proud representative of our school.



THE PREMEDITATED STOLEN RING

Chirp, tweet, tweet! Oh we're in Birdyham a place filled with birds as the name suggests. Now in this forest there was a very intelligent, honest and ultra nice crow. The crow's name was Bright Eye. There was also a very obnoxious pigeon called Mint. Now Mint was jealous of Bright Eye, she didn't like her because before she came to Birdyham, Mint was the centre of attention but she wasn't anymore.. So now she was up to something so abhorrent. Mint had a ring , a rather beautiful ring , it was black and rose gold. Mint was going to put her ring in Bright eye's nest. The nest was decorated with the prettiest flowers and on the top was a little golden bell.

Whilst Mint was putting her ring(Bright Eye went for hunting) in Bright Eyes nest there was a cocoon , kind Bright Eye let a caterpillar make it there. The cocoon was hatching but Mint didn't really bother but fortunately the eyes came first and the little butterfly saw this happening.

Mint shouted "oh no! Someone stole my ring!". Everyone came and Frilly (the leader, a raven) said "don't worry we will help you find it." Then Mint intentionally went to Bright Eyes nest and took her ring out and yelled "everyone I found my ring it was in Bright Eyes nest! Bright Eye, how dare you-" , "you know, I don't think Bright Eye would do that." Rufus the red chested swallow Bright Eye's closest and most loyal friend said. A feeling of doubt settled around Bright Eyes nest, but do you remember that butterfly who was coming out of the cocoon? Well, that butterfly came right in time as Bright Eye was shocked to see that Mint found her ring in her nest.

Bright Eye started to say "I-I would never-but I didn't, maybe by-no I didn't do it" oh I don't know! I feel so tongue – tied up! She thought but then our lucky star the butterfly (named Monarch) came and quickly learned Mint's name and said "No! I saw Mint put her ring in Bright Eye's nest!" Bright Eye felt so grateful.

"Thank you butterfly your name oh Monarch and now you Mint" Frilly told, Mint gulped feeling really embarrassed oh did my whole neighbourhood have to witness this? Mint thought angrily "Mint you listen here, you have been very wayward. I know why you did that Lightfoot told me , now apologize at once" Lightfoot, her best friend!

She gave a look that said 'you betrayed me.' And she got a look back that said 'no I did not, but how can one be a good friend without correcting her bestie?' "Bright Eye I am so sorry I feel ashamed I am very sure you are agitated, going berserk with me and will give me a damnation!" Mint exclaimed. She really meant it this time! Bright Eye looked at Mint as if she was crazy. "I wouldn't dream of giving a damnation to you, I will just forgive you" she said graciously. And you can imagine how happy Mint was. She looked at Bright Eye's eyes and what she saw was kindness and good will , Bright Eye was a truly big hearted bird!

"You're a very kind Bright Eye," Mint said softly. "Shucks don't mention it, hey lets be friends and forget about this!" Bright Eye exclaimed. Mint agreed happily telling Monarch and Lightfoot could also be their friend. They agreed happily too. As for the ring, all four of them agreed to share it among them in a little, special treasure box they made. Even now you could see them hanging out and flying together!

- Rachel Firos, Grade 4

My experience coming to India

My experience coming to India has been the most difficult yet adventurous experience I've ever had, because I had to leave all of my pets, friends, and extended family to go to another entirely different place across the globe. Despite these challenges, I have been starting to make friends, getting used to the spices, expressing my adventure, and connecting with my family and nature through this experience. It has been fascinating to see the difference between the desert-snowy place I lived in, and now living in a humid, hot, paradise. There are so many different plants, animals, and fruits here, and the weather is so different to what I am used to.



- Olive Atkinson, Grade 7

Two Tales from Dubai: Through the Eyes of Young Explorers

Dubai is an amazing vacation spot. We started our visit with the Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world. One of the highlights of my trip was visiting the Museum of Candy. The visit to Palm Jumeriah was pure bliss. We spent hours exploring the endless fun at Dubai mall and watched the Dubai Fountain show with music and lights. I had a meet up with my best friend Eka and we had fun at PopnPlay. We had a fun experience full of games, surprises and lots of treats. Dubai will always hold a special place in my heart.



It all started when I was at the airport, where we ate a very nice breakfast. Later after a long wait at Bangalore, we reached Abu Dhabi and went straight to Corniche beach. We stayed at my uncle's house in Dubai. We visited the Dubai Frame, the Louvre Museum in Abu Dhabi and went on a Dubai Safari. I saw a lot of animals. We also stayed with my friend with whom I played a lot. I loved Expo city, where it snowed. I also met Jhanvi at Abu Dhabi. My Holiday was a lot of fun!



- Jhanvi and Eka, Grade 1 B



A Musical Adventure: Our Visit to Nanma Recording Studio

As part of our learning about sound, we went on a field trip to Nanma recording studio. It was an exciting experience where I got to see how sound is recorded and edited. One of the most interesting things I observed was the soundproof room where recording takes place. I learned that this special room prevents outside noise from affecting the recording. We got a chance to record a song in groups, and later the studio edited our voices. I felt the vibrations when I put on the headphones which helped me understand how sound travels. I really enjoyed the trip.

- Esther Rinn , Grade 3



House Points



Bolgatty - 128



Vasco - 210



Willingdon - 152



Mattancherry - 198



EY SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA

The tiniest athletes of Cochin stole the show at the Early Years Sports Day! The event was filled with energy, enthusiasm, and heartwarming moments as these little champs showcased their budding athletic prowess.

From sprint races and fun relays to creative obstacle courses, every event highlighted their determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Teachers added to the excitement, making the day truly unforgettable.



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