



From the Principal's Desk

As the year draws to a close, it is the perfect time to pause, reflect, and celebrate the spirit of togetherness and new beginnings. This season is filled with festivals and joy, both at home and at school, as we come together to celebrate Christmas, honor the incredible achievements of 2024, and pray for a brighter, better 2025.

Celebrations, whether in the warmth of family or the vibrant spirit of school life, teach us valuable lessons about the true meaning of festivals—unity, gratitude, and compassion. These moments of togetherness are where we grow as individuals and as a community. The year 2024 has been a remarkable journey, filled with accomplishments, learning, and memories. As we step into 2025, let us set realistic goals for ourselves that nurture our growth and character. Here are a few guiding principles for the year ahead:

- Develop good habits that shape our future.
- Detox from gadgets and embrace meaningful connections.
- Give respect and seek respect in every interaction.
- Say no to bullying and foster kindness.
- Be compassionate, understanding the needs of others.

As Ryanites, we pledge every day to believe in ourselves, to manifest positivity, and to remind ourselves: “You are the best. You are the best. You are the change.” Let this belief and determination shine brightly in the new year.

As the Head of Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you—students, parents, teachers, and friends—who have been part of our journey in 2024. Together, we have created a strong and loving family.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous and prosperous 2025 filled with hope, happiness, and success. Let's embrace this new beginning with confidence and togetherness.

- Ms. Sonika Kochhar Girotra,
Principal, RIAH

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Thought of the Month

"Every new beginning comes with the promise of endless possibilities. Embrace the journey with hope, courage, and determination, and let each day be a step toward a brighter tomorrow."

The thought reminds us that a new year signifies fresh starts and unlimited opportunities. It encourages us to approach each day with a positive mindset, face challenges bravely, and stay focused on our goals. By doing so, we can make steady progress toward creating a better and more fulfilling future. It's a call to embrace change, nurture hope, and trust in the power of perseverance.



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As we embark on a new year, the Ryan International Academy community comes together to celebrate the spirit of unity and the promise of fresh beginnings. Each day at our school is a testament to the power of collaboration, where students, teachers, and parents work hand in hand to create a nurturing environment that fosters growth and excellence.

The past year was filled with milestones and achievements that highlighted the dedication and creativity of our young Ryanites. From engaging classroom activities to dynamic events and competitions, every moment was a step towards building confident, well-rounded individuals.

A new year opens doors to endless opportunities for learning and discovery. It encourages our students to embrace challenges with resilience and to dream big with determination. Together, we aim to empower them to unlock their true potential and shape a brighter future.

As we look ahead, let us carry forward the values of togetherness, kindness, and excellence that define our Ryan family. Here's to another year of shared success, happiness, and memorable moments!

Wishing everyone a wonderful year filled with new possibilities and achievements

**- Ms. Kirti Ranjan,
Middle School Coordinator**

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National Energy Conservation Day

The students of mont I, II and III at Ryan International Academy actively participated in a meaningful **"Switch-Off" campaign**, demonstrating their commitment to environmental conservation. As part of the initiative, both students and teachers turned off unnecessary lights, fans, and gadgets for a designated period at the end of the day.

This initiative served as a valuable learning experience, encouraging the students to understand the significance of conserving resources for a sustainable future. By instilling such habits early on, the campaign aimed to nurture responsible citizens who will contribute to the well-being of our planet.

The **"Switch-Off" campaign** was a resounding success, fostering awareness among the young Ryanites and reinforcing the ethos of environmental stewardship that Ryan International Academy proudly upholds.

White Day

White Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy at Ryan International Academy, offering a day full of fun activities and creative competitions for our young learners.

Mont I students embraced their artistic side with a delightful colouring competition featuring a cheerful snowman. Mont II students showcased their creativity by drawing and colouring their own snowman, demonstrating both imagination and skill. Meanwhile, Mont III students engaged in a



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unique and enjoyable fingerprint sheep-making activity, adding a personal and artistic touch to their creations.

Dressed in white and bringing healthy snacks, the little Ryanites celebrated the colour of purity and peace. The activities not only enhanced their artistic and creative expression but also fostered a sense of joy and camaraderie among the students.

It was truly a delightful day, blending learning with enjoyment, and leaving everyone with fond memories of the celebration.

Christmas Celebration

The joy and spirit of Christmas came alive at Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, on 20th December with a day full of vibrant activities and exciting competitions for mont I, II, and III.

Mont I students showcased their creativity by crafting colourful candy sticks using fingerprints, while Mont II students brought festive charm to life by creating beautiful Christmas trees with green paper and stickers. Mont III students joined the celebrations by designing dazzling baubles using paper plates and decorative materials, adding sparkle to the occasion.

Dressed in festive red, white, or green party attire, the little Ryanites participated in a special assembly that featured melodious Christmas carols, a lively tableau, and a much-anticipated visit from Santa Claus. Fun games, joyful dances, and festive cheer filled the air, making the celebration truly magical.



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The students also enjoyed healthy snacks, brought from home, which added a wholesome touch to the day's festivities. It was a heartwarming celebration of creativity, togetherness, and the true spirit of Christmas!

**-Ms. Shivani Munshi,
PPRT**

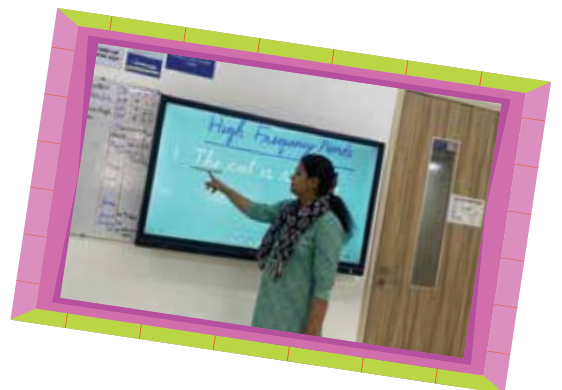
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English

Learning becomes a joyful journey for our tiny tots when it is blended with engaging activities, especially creative craftwork. This month, our mont I Ryanites explored the magic of the English alphabet through exciting and hands-on letter craft activities that made learning both fun and effective.

The children enthusiastically learnt the letters R, S, and T through delightful crafts. They created R for Rabbit, S for Snake, and T for Tree, bringing the letters to life with vibrant colours and creative designs. Alongside these activities, they practised letter tracing and writing in their textbooks and notebooks, reinforcing their literacy skills.

These engaging activities not only supported early literacy by helping children associate letters with their phonetic sounds and related objects but also boosted their creativity and fine motor skills. The combination of hands-on learning and phonics ensured that the little learners grasped the alphabet in a fun and memorable way.



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At Ryan International Academy, we believe in nurturing a love for learning through activities that inspire curiosity and creativity, laying a strong foundation for our young learners' academic journey.

**-Ms. Geetanjali,
PPRT**

Star of the Week

The "Star of the Week" is a beloved tradition in Montessori schools that encourages students' social, emotional, and academic growth. Each week, one student from every class is chosen for this special recognition, and the selected student's parents are invited to school to engage in an activity related to the curriculum.

In December, we were thrilled to announce Aditri Wali from mont III as our Star of the Week. Aditri has consistently shown exemplary behaviour, a strong academic effort, and a loving attitude towards her peers and teachers. She has demonstrated kindness, helpfulness, and a true passion for learning, making her a deserving recipient of this recognition.

To celebrate her achievement, Aditri's parents prepared a fun and exciting Musical Chair game for our little Ryanites. The toddlers thoroughly enjoyed the activity, using their Interpersonal Intelligence and Kinesthetic Intelligence to participate with energy and enthusiasm. The game was a hit, providing both entertainment and opportunities for our students to interact with one another.

By celebrating individual achievements, the Montessori "Star of the Week" award creates



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a nurturing environment that encourages students to thrive and fosters their growth in various aspects. This tradition not only recognises the efforts of our young learners but also strengthens the bond between school and home, reinforcing the values of respect, kindness, and community.

We look forward to celebrating more stars in the future!

**-Ms. Vishakha Mangalkar,
PPRT**

Quality Circle Time

This week at Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, our Quality Circle Time (QCT) delved into the captivating topic of “Who is Your Favourite Community Helper?” This enriching session encouraged our young learners to reflect on the everyday heroes in their community and to appreciate the crucial roles they play in making our lives better.

Circle Time, a cornerstone of Montessori education, promotes active listening, social interaction, and a sense of community. To bring this week’s theme to life, we began with an open discussion where each child enthusiastically shared their favourite community helper and the reasons behind their choice. Thought-provoking questions

like “How do they help us?” and “What tools do they use?” sparked meaningful responses, leading to a lively and engaging conversation.

This activity not only instilled respect and gratitude for the people who keep our community functioning smoothly but also nurtured empathy by helping children recognise the contributions and challenges faced by others. Additionally, it enhanced their communication skills by encouraging them to express their thoughts clearly, bridging the gap between their learning environment and the real world.



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QCT remains an integral part of the Montessori environment, providing children with a dedicated space to gather, share, and learn interactively. This practice aligns seamlessly with the Montessori principles of fostering respect, independence, and a strong sense of community, helping our Ryanites grow into compassionate and thoughtful individuals.

**- Ms. Sangeeta Shrivastav,
PPRT**

Christmas Fiesta

This year's Christmas Fiesta at RIAH, was a heartwarming celebration filled with joy, laughter, and the spirit of giving. The day began on a serene note with a heartfelt Prayer, setting the tone for the festivities.

The event unfolded with a mesmerizing Christmas Tableau, beautifully depicting the nativity scene and reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. The air then resonated with the melodies of Christmas Carols, performed by talented voices that brought cheer to all.

The excitement continued with a thrilling Futsal Match for fathers, showcasing their competitive spirit and teamwork. Mothers and daughters took to the stage for a graceful Ramp Walk, radiating confidence and elegance.

Children dazzled the crowd during the Talent Show, where they showcased their skills in singing, dancing, and playing musical instruments. The electrifying Flash Mob got everyone grooving to the beats and sharing in the festive energy.

Adding to the joy were various Food and Shopping Stalls, offering delicious treats and unique items, and Game Stalls put up by our very own Ryanites, creating a lively and engaging atmosphere for all.

This Christmas Fiesta was a perfect blend of community spirit, creativity, and festive cheer—a memorable celebration for everyone involved.



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White Day

White is a colour often associated with light, goodness, innocence, purity, and virginity, making it the perfect theme for a day of learning and creativity. To introduce our young learners to the concept of this special colour, Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi (RIAH) celebrated White Day on 16th December 2024.

Our little champions and their teachers came dressed in white to mark the occasion, making the day both fun-filled and interactive. The students were encouraged to identify objects of white in their surroundings, sparking curiosity and learning through exploration.

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A variety of exciting and engaging activities were planned to help the children connect with the colour white:

Mont I students enjoyed a Colouring the Snowman activity.

Mont II students participated in a Drawing the Snowman competition.

Mont III students showcased their creativity with a Fingerprint Sheep Making competition.

The children participated enthusiastically in the activities, displaying their artistic flair and creativity. It was wonderful to see their imaginations come to life through their artwork.

To make the day even more memorable, teachers gave each child a special white-coloured takeaway gift, adding a personal touch to the celebration.

White Day was a beautiful way for our tiny tots to learn, create, and have fun while celebrating the purity and joy that the colour white symbolizes. It was truly a day filled with creativity, learning, and cherished memories for our little Ryanites!

Innovation - Mont III

As the year draws to a close, our students have been bustling with creativity and innovation, ending December on a high note. Here's a glimpse into the wonderful work accomplished in our Innovation Lab this month:



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Pellet Drum Creation: Our youngest innovators in mont III delved into the world of rhythm and sound by creating their very own pellet drums! This hands-on activity allowed the children to explore the fascinating concept of vibrations and how sound is produced. The cheerful beats of their handmade drums filled the room with energy and brought a lively atmosphere to the lab. It was truly delightful to witness the children's excitement and joy as they explored music and sound in such a creative and engaging way!

These experiences highlight the endless possibilities for our young learners to explore their creativity and curiosity, setting the stage for even more inspiring projects in the future.

**-Mr. Bhanu Sharma,
Innovation Guru**





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Each day is a chance to start anew, and as a parent, it's truly fulfilling to see Austin embrace independence and responsibility. It's heartwarming to watch him take pride in doing things on his own, from cutting salads to watering plants, and even filling his own water bottle. These small steps, like insisting on wearing his shoes and washing his own socks, reflect his growing sense of independence, which I believe is essential for building leadership qualities. Austin has also developed a compassionate nature, always eager to help others. I'm so proud of his ability to show kindness and consideration in his interactions with those around him. Another milestone I'm excited to see is his growing mindfulness when it comes to money management. He has started to choose more affordable toys when given a choice between an inexpensive one and a pricier option, which shows that he's learning how to budget and prioritize, a skill that will serve him well throughout life. As a parent, I believe in empowering Austin to solve problems independently. It is important that he learns to handle challenges with resilience and adaptability. These qualities will help him navigate various situations confidently, preparing him for the many opportunities and obstacles life will present. As we approach the festive season, Austin is thoroughly enjoying the Christmas preparations. He has taken great joy in decorating the Christmas tree with fairy lights and a variety of Christmas



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ornaments. It's wonderful to see him embrace the spirit of the season with such enthusiasm! Every day with Austin is a learning experience, and I'm excited to see how he continues to grow and develop into a thoughtful, independent, and resilient young individual..

- Ms. Ligi Koshi,

Parent of Austin Kamal - Mont III 'A'

Upcoming Events

- National Road Safety
- Army Day
- Dress Rehearsal
- Netaji Shubhash Chandra Bose Birth Anniversary
- Republic Day
- Annual Day
- National Cleanliness Day
- Brown Day

