



## From the Principal's Desk

At Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi we firmly believe that true success lies in striking the perfect balance between being grounded and aiming high. The theme “Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly” encapsulates the essence of our holistic approach to education, where we nurture our children to soar to new heights while staying deeply connected to their cultural roots.

We begin by grounding our students in the rich values of our culture, instilling in them a strong sense of identity and respect for traditions. Through our value-based assemblies, acts of kindness, and inter-house competitions, we provide them with the moral and ethical foundation that will support them as they grow. These values serve as the “roots” that anchor them, providing stability and strength as they face the challenges of life.

Simultaneously, we empower our students with the skills and knowledge they need to spread their wings and reach their full potential. Our innovative and contemporary curriculum is designed to cater to the demands of the modern world, giving them the tools they need to excel academically and socially. The integration of new-age teaching methods fosters creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities, giving our students an edge in today’s ever-evolving society.

At Ryan, we not only train our children to succeed but also teach them to remain grounded, ensuring that as they soar, they do so with humility, compassion, and respect for the values that shape them. With both strong roots and expansive wings, our students are prepared to fly high, making a positive impact on the world around them.

Let us continue to support our students in their journey, nurturing both their roots and wings to help them grow into confident, responsible, and successful individuals.

**- Ms. Sonika Kochhar Girotra,**  
Principal, RIAH

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Ms. Kirti Ranjan (Coordinator)



## Thought of the Month

**"Roots to ground you, wings to set you free."**

This quote means that a strong foundation (roots) provides stability, values, and a sense of belonging, while the freedom to explore (wings) encourages independence, growth, and the courage to pursue dreams. It emphasizes the balance between security and freedom in life.



## ARTICLE FROM COORDINATOR



At Ryan International Academy Hinjawadi, we believe in nurturing young minds with strong values while encouraging them to dream big. The phrase "Roots to grow and wings to fly" perfectly captures our mission of fostering both stability and independence in students. We provide deep-rooted education through a structured curriculum, instilling moral values, discipline, and cultural awareness to create a strong foundation. Our teachers serve as guiding lights, helping students develop confidence, critical thinking, and emotional resilience to navigate life's challenges.

Beyond academics, we encourage creativity, curiosity, and innovation, allowing students to explore their unique talents and passions. Through experiential learning, leadership opportunities, and extracurricular activities, we give them the wings to soar high, take risks, and embrace new possibilities. Our school fosters an environment where students are motivated to think independently, solve problems, and develop a lifelong love for learning.

We emphasize holistic development by integrating academics with sports, arts, and community service, ensuring that every child discovers their strengths and aspirations. Through mentorship, personalised learning, and state-of-the-art facilities, we prepare students to adapt to the ever-evolving world while staying grounded in strong values.

With the perfect balance of knowledge and exploration, we empower our students to grow into responsible, ambitious, and compassionate individuals, ready to conquer the world.

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

## ACTIVITIES

### National Road Safety Week

As part of our Road Safety Week celebrations, Ryan International Academy Hinjawadi (RIAH) hosted an engaging and educational activity centred around traffic lights on 13th January. This event aimed to raise awareness about road safety in a fun and interactive manner, with the youngest members of our school community—mont I, II, and III students—leading the way.

The day began with our mont I students kicking off the activity by colouring images of traffic lights. Through this creative exercise, the children learned to identify each colour—red, yellow, and green—and understand their significance in ensuring safety on the roads. To reinforce their learning, the students shared a few lines about how traffic lights help keep us safe, demonstrating their growing awareness of the importance of road safety.

The mont II and III students participated in a drawing and colouring competition, where they not only created their own interpretations of traffic lights but also delved deeper into the meaning and significance of each colour. The red light, symbolising "stop"; the yellow light, indicating "caution"; and the green light, meaning "go," were all explored in detail. This competition allowed the children to enhance their creativity while gaining a deeper understanding of the crucial role these traffic signals play in maintaining safety on our roads.

Overall, the activity was both fun and educational, providing valuable insights into traffic safety. It also fostered creativity among the students while nurturing their understanding of how road signs and signals contribute to our daily lives. Through this initiative, our young Ryanites were able to learn about road safety in a hands-on, engaging way, preparing them to make responsible choices on the road in the future.

### Indian Army Day

On 15th January 2025, Ryan International Academy Hinjawadi (RIAH) celebrated Indian Army Day with a heartfelt and engaging Fancy Dress Competition. Our youngest students from mont I, II, and III participated in this special event by dressing up as army soldiers, proudly embodying the spirit of courage, discipline, and patriotism that defines the Indian Army.



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The little ones not only donned their army attire but also shared a few words about the brave men and women of the Indian Army, acknowledging their sacrifice and unwavering dedication to the nation. This activity was a powerful way to honour the army, fostering an early appreciation for the values of bravery, service, and commitment. In addition to paying tribute to the army, the event also played an important role in instilling respect, pride, and confidence in our students. By participating in this competition, the children learned about the significance of bravery and discipline, while enhancing their communication and public speaking skills.

Through this meaningful activity, RIAH ensured that the importance of Indian Army Day was imparted to the young minds, nurturing a sense of national pride and encouraging them to embrace values that are central to our country's strength and unity.

### Brown Day

On 31st January 2025, Ryan International Academy Hinjawadi (RIAH) celebrated a day filled with creativity, fun, and a touch of health during the Brown Day festivities. The day was dedicated to all things brown, and each activity was designed to engage our young learners in exciting, hands-on experiences that nurtured their creativity and fostered a healthy lifestyle.

Mont I students kicked off the celebrations with a colouring competition, where they used their brown crayons to bring a beautiful picture to life. Their artistic expressions filled the room with shades of brown and vibrant energy.



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Mont II students followed by drawing and colouring a playful brown monkey. The simple yet engaging steps helped them showcase their artistic abilities while developing their fine motor skills.

The creative spirit continued with mont III students, who embraced the challenge of origami, crafting adorable brown paper dog faces from A4 sheets. The hands-on activity encouraged them to focus and follow instructions carefully, all while developing their creativity.

To make the day even more special, students came dressed in brown party attire and brought healthy snacks to enjoy with their peers. This not only made the event more vibrant but also aligned with our commitment to promoting healthy eating habits among our students.

Brown Day was a delightful and enriching celebration that combined creativity, health, and learning, ensuring that our students had an enjoyable experience while embracing the beauty and significance of the colour brown!

**-Ms. Suruchi Thakur,  
Section Head**

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### General Awareness

Exploring the Months of the Year: A Fun Journey for mont III

This January, our mont III students embarked on an exciting journey to explore



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the Months of the Year as part of their General Awareness lessons. Through engaging and hands-on activities, they not only learned to spell all twelve months but also mastered the art of reading and arranging them in the correct order.

**Here's a look at the activities that made this topic both educational and fun:**

**1. Learning Through Music:** The children enjoyed catchy songs and rhymes about the months, adding a rhythmic element to their learning. These songs made the names and sequence of the months more enjoyable and memorable.

**2. Hands-On Activities:** Using flashcards and sorting games, students actively participated in identifying and sequencing the months, reinforcing their understanding through fun and interactive play.

**3. Creative Expression:** Each month was brought to life through creative art projects, where the children connected the months to seasons, festivals, and personal experiences. This not only deepened their understanding but also sparked their creativity.

**4. Writing Practice:** The students practiced spelling the months through focused writing exercises. This helped them gain confidence in both their spelling skills and their ability to write each month clearly and accurately.

**5. Interactive Challenges:** Fun group activities like "Arrange the Months" encouraged collaboration and teamwork. The students worked together to arrange the months in the correct order, making learning a cooperative and enjoyable experience.



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By the end of the month, our mont III learners proudly demonstrated their ability to read, write, and recite the months of the year in sequence. Their progress and enthusiasm were truly inspiring!

This activity not only strengthened their language skills but also introduced them to the concept of time, fostering curiosity and helping them understand the world around them in a fun and engaging way. It was a wonderful learning experience for our little learners!

**-Ms. Payal Manhas,  
PPRT**

### Star of the Week - Mont I 'A'

Fridays in the mont I 'A' class were filled with excitement and joy this month, thanks to the eagerly anticipated 'Star of the Week' activity. This special event allows parents to actively participate in their child's learning journey through a variety of fun and educational activities. It's a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the bond between parents and children, while also enhancing the students' learning experience.

Master Mahib Ali's parents kicked off the activities by bringing in a variety of jigsaw puzzles, which engaged the children in critical thinking and teamwork as they worked together to piece the puzzles together. The children eagerly competed in groups, trying to finish the puzzles first, creating a lively and energetic atmosphere. The activity was a hit, with little ones thoroughly enjoying the challenge.

Master Karanveer Singh Sisodiya's parents brought an interactive touch to the day by singing the Finger Family rhyme with the children. This fun rhyme helped revise the names of the fingers, while also promoting awareness of body parts in an enjoyable way. The children loved singing along and engaging with the song, learning as they played.

Master Ved Mahadar's parents hosted a Freeze Dance session, where the children danced and froze in various fun poses. The session was followed by an educational letter matching puzzle, which helped reinforce their knowledge of small and capital letters, as well as the objects associated with each letter.

This activity was not only entertaining but also educational, allowing the children to strengthen their recognition skills in a playful environment.

These engaging and interactive sessions made Fridays in mont I 'A' a much-anticipated event, bringing children and parents together to share memorable learning moments while building a stronger sense of community.



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The Star of the Week activity continues to be a highlight of the month, fostering creativity, learning, and fun in the classroom!

**-Ms. Geetanjali,  
PPRT**

## Quality Circle Time

A Journey of Expression and Confidence

Circle Time is a cherished weekly activity in our Montessori classrooms at Ryan International Academy, taking place every Tuesday. It serves as a cornerstone for fostering communication, building confidence, and nurturing social skills among our young learners.

During Circle Time, children gather in a circle, providing an open space for them to express their views on a particular topic. This simple yet profound arrangement ensures that each child has an equal opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas. It is especially beneficial for introverted students, as it offers them a safe, encouraging platform to express themselves freely.

Each Circle Time session begins with a “stem statement” — a guided prompt designed to spark creativity and self-expression. Some of the stem statements shared with students this month included:

- "Which flower do you like?"
- "Which is your favourite movie?"

These prompts not only encourage children to think and articulate their responses, but also help them develop their conversational skills. The benefits of Circle Time extend beyond the classroom, instilling essential life skills such as turn-taking, respectful communication, and empathy. By listening to one another and waiting for their turn, students learn the importance of patience and mutual respect. Each session concludes with a moment of gratitude or reflection, allowing students to leave with a positive and enriching experience. This helps cultivate a mindset of appreciation and mindfulness.



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At Ryan International Academy, we believe that activities like Circle Time are vital in shaping confident, thoughtful, and socially aware individuals. We are proud to witness our students' growth as they learn to express themselves and connect with one another in meaningful ways. Circle Time is not just an activity; it is a journey of self-discovery and social connection, empowering our young learners to grow into expressive, confident individuals.

- Ms. Rumeli Das,  
PPRT

## Annual Day and Graduation Day Celebration at Ryan International Academy

Ryan International Academy celebrated its most awaited event, Annual Day, on 27th January 2025. The event was a grand occasion, showcasing the talent, hard work, and dedication of our students. It marked the culmination of their efforts throughout the year, with performances and displays that highlighted their artistic, cultural, and academic achievements. This year's theme, "Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly," beautifully encapsulated the role of the school in a child's journey. RIAH provides the roots by nurturing intellectual, emotional, and social growth, while at the same time, it gives children wings by opening doors to new ideas, opportunities, and experiences.

The evening was filled with excitement as cultural performances, including music, dance, and skits, took centre stage. Our mont I and II students captivated the audience with their performance, a beautiful dance symbolising Freedom and Belonging. Our mont III students, along with grades I and II, presented a musical skit titled "Croak," which was both entertaining and



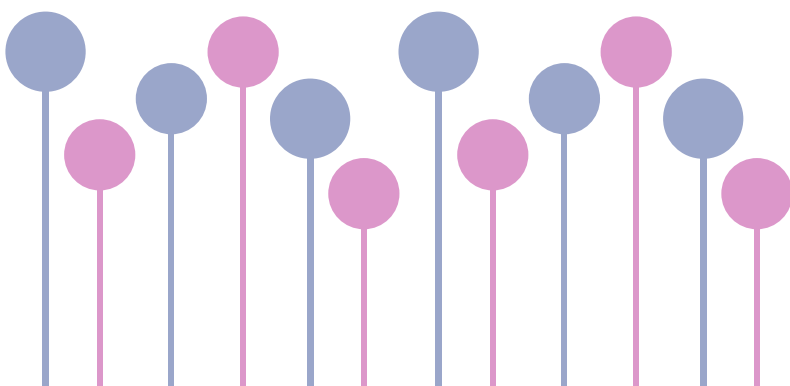
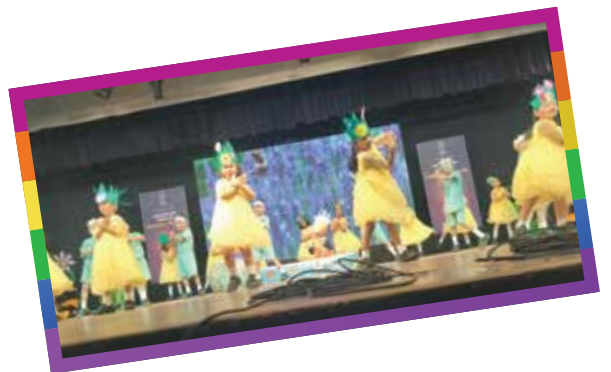
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heartwarming. A special moment of the evening was the graduation ceremony for mont II students, who received their certificates and were celebrated for reaching this important milestone in their educational journey. The ceremony was a moment of pride for both the students and their families.

The event also featured a graduation ceremony where certificates were awarded to our mont III graduates. Various category awards were presented to the little Ryanites for their hard work and dedication. We were honoured to have distinguished personalities as our Chief Guests, including Ms. Arundhati Patwardhan, who presented certificates to mont III 'A' graduates; Ms. Geet Mala Jalota, who presented certificates to mont III 'B' graduates; and Mr. Krishnan Komandur, who presented certificates to mont III 'C' graduates. Ms. Veena Kamat presented mont category awards, while Ms. Doris had the privilege of blessing the Ryan Prince Austin Kamal and Ryan Princess Prisha Diwakirti.

It was truly a memorable day that highlighted the strength, spirit, and future of our school. The event not only celebrated our students' achievements but also symbolized their growth, joy, and potential as they take the next steps in their educational journey.

**-Ms. Vishakha Mangalkar,  
PPRT**



## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

### Pongal, Baisakhi, and Makar Sankranti Special Assembly

We are thrilled to share the highlights from our recent Special Assembly at Ryan International Academy, where our talented Montessori children brought the spirit of Pongal, Baisakhi, and Makar Sankranti to life through their joyful performances. The assembly was a vibrant celebration of these significant festivals, showcasing the creativity and cultural understanding of our young learners.

The celebration kicked off with a delightful act and dance honoring Pongal, the harvest festival celebrated in Tamil Nadu. Dressed in traditional attire, the children performed a lively dance, beautifully expressing the joy of the harvest season and the importance of giving thanks to nature. Their enthusiasm and energy created a heartwarming atmosphere, leaving everyone in awe.

Next, the children celebrated Baisakhi, the festival that marks the harvest season in Punjab and the start of the new year in the region. Our little ones performed a traditional Bhangra dance, full of energetic moves and colorful costumes. Their lively performance highlighted the cultural significance of the festival while spreading joy and excitement to all those watching.

Finally, the children presented a graceful Makar Sankranti dance. This festival, which marks the transition of the sun into Capricorn, was interpreted through a beautiful performance. The children mimed flying kites and danced to the rhythms of traditional music, capturing the essence of this harvest festival, which is widely celebrated across India with kite flying and bonfires.

It was a joyous and educational experience for all, as our Montessori children brought these wonderful festivals to life through their acts and dances. Their vibrant performances not only celebrated India's cultural diversity but also imparted the values of gratitude, renewal, and joy. We are incredibly proud of the little performers for their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm!



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## Brown Day

Our young learners at Ryan International Academy recently celebrated Brown Day in a fun and engaging way, dedicating the day to exploring the many wonderful aspects of the color brown. From nature to culture and daily life, our Montessori children brought this theme to life with their creativity, performances, and enthusiasm.

The assembly began with a simple yet informative presentation, where the children learned about the significance of the color brown. They explored how brown is present in nature—whether in the soil, tree trunks, animals like bears and squirrels, or even in food like bread, chocolate, and potatoes!

Our Montessori children then danced joyfully in their brown-colored outfits, moving to cheerful tunes. Their dance steps symbolized the earth, trees, and animals, adding a lively and dynamic touch to the celebration.

The Brown Day Special Assembly was a truly wonderful experience for our little learners. It was a day filled with creativity, learning, and fun as they discovered the importance of the color brown in the world around them. It was inspiring to witness our young ones come together to celebrate this simple yet meaningful color, reminding us all of the beauty and joy found in the natural world.

**-Ms. Sangeeta Shrivastav,  
PPRT**

## Republic Day

As we usher in the spirit of patriotism and national pride, we are delighted to share the highlights of our Republic Day Celebration, which took place with much enthusiasm and



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creativity in the Montessori environment. The theme for this month's event, "Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly," symbolized nurturing a strong foundation in our children while encouraging them to soar high with confidence and independence.

Our students took part in a captivating "Role Play of Freedom Fighters" competition that was a highlight of the Republic Day celebrations. The young participants showcased their creativity, knowledge, and enthusiasm by stepping into the shoes of iconic leaders from India's freedom struggle. From the brave Rani Lakshmi Bai, Bhagat Singh, to the determined Subhas Chandra Bose, each student brought history to life with passion and conviction. This engaging activity deepened the children's connection to their roots— their country, culture, and values— while inspiring them to dream big and pursue new horizons with courage and confidence.

The entire school came together to celebrate this momentous occasion, marking the day when India became a republic. We kicked off the event with a flag-hoisting ceremony, where the national anthem was sung with full reverence and pride. The ceremony was followed by an impressive cultural program featuring patriotic songs, dances, and speeches that reflected the spirit of unity, diversity, and progress that defines our nation.

In the lead-up to Republic Day, we organized a special assembly where students shared inspiring stories of freedom fighters and highlighted the significance of the Constitution in shaping India's democracy. Through short skits, poems, and informative talks, the assembly emphasized the importance of Republic Day and encouraged students to embrace the values of justice, equality, and unity.

Our young students, dressed in tricolor attire, presented heartwarming performances that filled the atmosphere with patriotism. Each moment was a reminder of the democratic values and the freedom we cherish today.

The special assembly concluded with an inspiring message by our Honourable Principal, Ms. Sonika Kochhar Girotra, who urged the students to uphold the ideals of freedom and contribute positively to the nation's growth.



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The Republic Day celebrations were a wonderful blend of learning, patriotism, and creativity. We thank all the students, teachers, and parents for their active participation and support in making these events memorable. These activities not only provided an opportunity to pay tribute to our nation's history but also helped foster a deep sense of national pride in our young minds.

Let us continue to cherish the values of freedom, unity, and equality as we move forward in our journey as a nation.

**-Ms. Sangeeta Shrivastav,  
PPRT**

## Innovation

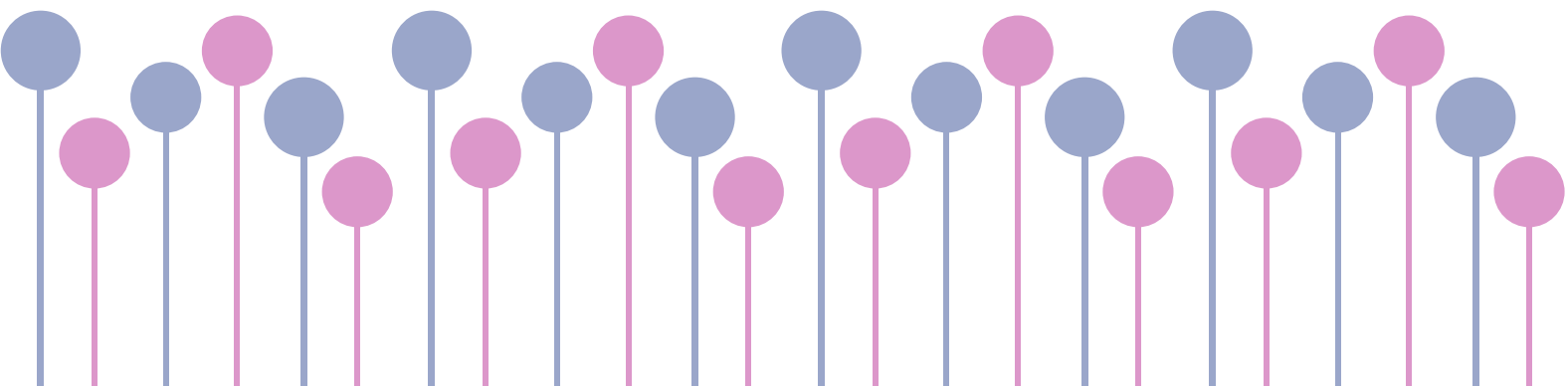
As we welcomed the new year, January proved to be a month filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and ground breaking projects in our Innovation Lab. From robotics and automation to sustainability and app development, our students demonstrated their passion for STEM through a variety of engaging activities. Let's take a closer look at their remarkable achievements this month.

### **Family Tree Exploration - Montessori III**

Our youngest innovators in Montessori III explored the theme of family by creating beautiful family trees. This activity allowed them to understand relationships and develop a deeper sense of belonging, while enhancing their artistic skills. Through this hands-on project, the children also had the opportunity to learn about their heritage in a fun, interactive way. It was a wonderful exercise that connected them to their roots while sparking creativity.

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





## PARENT'S CORNER

"Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly" beautifully captures the role of a school in a child's journey. My child has truly found her roots at RIAH, and she is now soaring to new heights. The nurturing environment and dedicated teachers have helped her grow into a confident and compassionate individual.

RIAH provides the roots by nurturing a child's intellectual, emotional, and social growth. The school instills values, teaches discipline, and fosters curiosity, laying the groundwork for a solid foundation. At the same time, it gives children wings by opening doors to new ideas, opportunities, and experiences.

RIAH has given my child the roots she needs to grow and the wings to fly. The school's emphasis on academic excellence, extracurricular activities, and character development has been instrumental in her success.

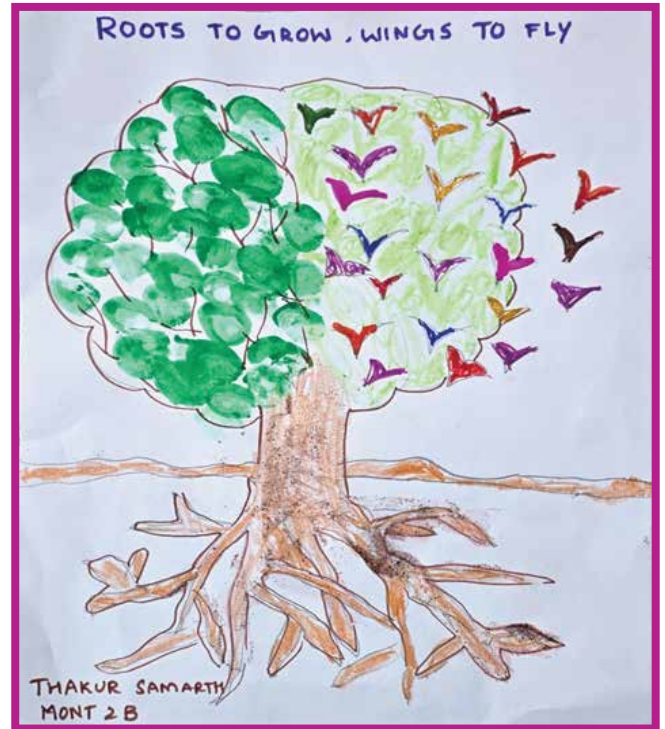
I am incredibly grateful to Principal Mam, the teachers, and the entire RIAH team for providing my child with a strong foundation to grow and thrive. The school's commitment to fostering a love for learning has given her the wings to pursue her passions with confidence.

**- Ms. Anupriya Diwakirti,  
Parent of Prisha Diwakirti - Mont III 'B'**



## STUDENT'S CORNER

Thakur Samarth Singh, a talented Montessori II 'B' student created a wonderful artwork on the theme "Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly." His creation beautifully illustrates how strong roots keep us grounded, while wings help us reach new heights. Through his imaginative work, Samarth encourages us to stay connected to our values and dreams. His creativity and hard work shine brightly in his masterpiece. Well done, Samarth!



## Upcoming Events

Managing Director Madam Dr. Grace Pinto Birthday  
National Science Day  
Groovy Grey Day

