

## From the Principal's Desk

#### Celebrating "Every Child, Every Right"

At Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, we firmly believe that every child is unique and deserves to feel valued and celebrated. The theme "Every Child, Every Right" is not just a phrase; it is a philosophy that drives our approach to education and student development.

In today's world, it is crucial to acknowledge that all children are not alike. Each has their own talents, interests, and abilities that deserve recognition. It is our responsibility as educators, and as a community, to identify and celebrate this individuality within our classrooms. Initiatives like our "Star of the Week" program provide opportunities for every child to shine, reinforcing their self-worth and helping them understand that they are special.

As we navigate the challenges of the 21st century and work with Gen Z, it is clear that the focus of education must extend beyond academics. At Ryan International Academy, we are committed to offering a holistic learning experience that encompasses:

- Sports
- Dance, Music, and Art
- Drama
- General Awareness and Public Speaking
- Leadership Development

These programs ensure that every child has a platform to explore their passions, showcase their talents, and contribute to the school community. By broadening our criteria for success, we empower our students to develop confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging.

As a school principal, I urge parents to join us in this mission. Let us move beyond judging children solely on the marks they score. Instead, let us celebrate their unique abilities and encourage them to grow in areas where they truly excel. Together, we can ensure that every child feels special, valued, and prepared for the future.

## **Editorial Committee:**

Ms. Sonika Kochhar Girotra (Principal)

Ms. Kirti Ranjan (Coordinator)



## **Thought of the Month**

"Every child is a promise, and every right fulfilled is a step toward a brighter tomorrow." The quote highlights that every child symbolises hope and potential for the future. By ensuring their rights—such as education, safety, and opportunities—are upheld, we create the foundation for a better and brighter world. It conveys the idea that nurturing and supporting children today will shape a more positive and inclusive future for everyone.



# ARTICLE FROM COORDINATOR



Every child has the right to dream, grow, and achieve their fullest potential. As a teacher at Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, I am deeply committed to the philosophy of "Every Child, Every Right" and strive to uphold this belief in every aspect of my teaching. Each day, I witness the boundless curiosity, energy, and aspirations that children bring to the classroom, and it is our responsibility as educators to create an environment where these qualities can flourish.

The right to education is more than just access to books and lessons. It is about fostering a love for learning, encouraging creativity, and developing critical thinking. At our school, we ensure that every child experiences a holistic education, where their academic, emotional, and social growth is equally prioritised. Through interactive teaching methods, group activities, and innovative approaches, we aim to make every lesson meaningful and engaging for our students.

Safety and protection are fundamental to a child's development, and we work tirelessly to create a nurturing environment where every student feels secure. Whether it is through anti-bullying initiatives, structured classroom management, or open communication, we ensure that every child's well-being is safeguarded. A sense of safety allows children to explore their potential without fear and helps them build lasting confidence.

Participation is a vital aspect of learning. Encouraging students to express their ideas, lead activities, and take ownership of their learning journey is at the heart of our approach. Whether it's leading assemblies, participating in competitions, or presenting projects, we provide numerous opportunities for our students to develop their leadership and communication skills.

Recognising and celebrating achievements is another cornerstone of our teaching philosophy. At Ryan International Academy, every effort, big or small, is acknowledged. From academic excellence to creative endeavors, we take pride in highlighting the unique talents of our students. These moments of recognition inspire them to aim higher and instill a deep sense of self-worth.

Teaching at Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, is more than a profession—it is a privilege to shape the minds of tomorrow. By ensuring that every child receives their rights, we are not only fulfilling a responsibility but also contributing to a brighter and more inclusive future. Together, as educators and mentors, we stand committed to the vision of "Every Child, Every Right," ensuring that each student is empowered to thrive in a world of endless possibilities.

- Ms. Kirti Ranjan, Middle School Coordinator

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## **Children's Day Celebration**

On the occasion of Children's Day, the little Ryanites of mont I, II, and III participated in a delightful Show and Tell competition, filled with excitement and creativity. Mont I students shared their Favourite Picture, bringing cherished photos from home and speaking a few heartfelt lines about them. Their adorable stories enchanted everyone, bringing warmth and joy to the audience.

Mont II students confidently presented their Favourite Number or Alphabet, using flashcards to express their enthusiasm and knowledge. Their spirited presentations impressed everyone, showcasing their growing confidence in speaking and learning.

Mont III students showcased their Favourite Vehicle, bringing toy cars, trucks, or airplanes. They shared exciting details about each vehicle, captivating the audience with their imagination and understanding of how these vehicles work.

The competition was a wonderful celebration of each child's uniqueness, fostering confidence, creativity, and joy on this special day. It was a heartwarming reminder of the boundless potential within every child and the importance of nurturing their self-expression and individuality.

#### **National Milk Day**

Our joyful learners celebrated National Milk Day on 26th November with creative competitions that beautifully highlighted the importance of milk as "Udderly Nutritious and Delicious!" Mont I and II students took



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part in a Tracing and Colouring Competition, where they traced and coloured a picture of a cow, sharing a few lines about its significance in providing us with milk. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn about this essential resource were evident as they proudly presented their work.

Mont III students showcased their artistic skills in a Drawing Competition, where they not only drew and coloured a cow but also shared interesting facts about its role in our lives. From how cows help provide milk to its nutritional benefits, the students impressed everyone with their knowledge and creativity.

The event was a perfect blend of creativity and learning, allowing young learners to appreciate the value of milk and understand its essential role in maintaining a healthy life. It was a fun-filled day of artistic expression, learning, and celebration of one of nature's most nourishing resources.

#### Thanksgiving Day

To celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving, the little Ryanites participated in a Thank You Card Making Competition on 28th November. Mont I, II, and III students put their creativity to work, crafting heartfelt cards and writing the golden words "THANK YOU" inside to honour their elders. This thoughtful activity not only allowed the children to express their gratitude but also helped them understand the importance of appreciation and kindness in their lives.

As the saying goes, "Gratitude turns what we have into enough," the event beautifully



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captured the essence of thankfulness. The children's enthusiasm and sincere messages filled the air with warmth, reminding everyone of the power of kindness and gratitude. It was a wonderful way to nurture the spirit of thankfulness in young hearts, making the celebration of Thanksgiving even more special.

#### **Violet Day Celebration**

On 29th November, our students celebrated Violet Day with enthusiasm and creativity through fun-filled art and craft activities. Mont I students made vibrant brinials (eggplants) using purple-coloured paper cutouts and crayons on printed sheets, showcasing their artistic flair, Mont II participated Colourina students in Competition, where thev beautifully coloured grapes, bringing the artwork to life with shades of purple. Mont III students added their own touch of vibrancy to a brinjal colouring activity, embracing the spirit of the day.

As the saying goes, "Colours are the smiles of nature," the event highlighted the importance of colours in nurturing creativity, self-expression, and joy in children's lives. It was a delightful celebration that not only enhanced the children's understanding of the colour violet but also allowed them to express themselves through art in a fun and engaging way.

-Ms. Suruchi Thakur,Section Head













#### Math

Maths is one of the most interesting subjects, and Kindergarten students truly enjoy learning numbers. A variety of activities are introduced and practised in class to help learners identify and write numbers correctly. In November, the students of mont II were introduced to two-digit numbers, which involved learning about place value—Tens and Ones. They explored grouping numbers into tens and placing the ones separately.

Learners were encouraged to practise numbers such as "Ten and 1 makes 11," "Ten and 2 makes 12," "Ten and 3 makes 13," and so on. To aid their learning, domino cards and place value charts were introduced, providing an interactive way to visualise the concept.

Using these cards, children were able to form groups of ten and place individual pieces as ones. This hands-on approach allowed them to visually understand the concept of place value. Later, they practised reading numbers by combining tens and ones, such as 10 & 1, 10 & 3, and so on. This method not only made the learning process more engaging but also helped students gain a clear understanding of how two-digit numbers are formed and represented.

-Ms. Shivani Munshi, PPRT

#### Star of the Week

The Star of the Week program at Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, is designed to celebrate each child's unique qualities, achievements, and interests while fostering confidence and a sense of



belonging. Every week, one student from each class is awarded this special recognition, and the parents of the selected student come to school to perform a special activity for the class.

In the month of November, mont II student Zoe Gupta and mont III student Aadhyan were recognised as the Stars of the Week. Their parents arranged exciting Ring Toss and Maze Games for the children in the classroom. Both games provided engaging experience that supported various developmental and educational goals, such as improving hand-eye coordination, gross motor skills, focus, concentration, turn-taking, cooperation, pattern recognition, problem-solving, and directionality. These games also encouraged children to balance competitiveness with fairness, promoting teamwork and social skills.

Through the Star of the Week program, children learn to celebrate differences and recognise unique strengths within their classroom community. The program also fosters a sense of responsibility as "The Star of the Week" often takes on special roles, contributing to academic growth through creative tasks like drawing, writing, or presentations. Ultimately, creating this reinforces inclusive practice positive relationships and helps children feel valued and respected within their learning environment.

-Ms. Sangeeta Shrivastav,

**PPRT** 





#### **Quality Circle Time**

Circle Time is a cherished activity in our Montessori classrooms, held twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It serves as a foundation for fostering communication, building confidence, and nurturing social skills among our young learners.

During Circle Time, children gather in a designated area, sitting together in a circle to promote inclusivity and equality. This simple yet profound arrangement provides every child with an equal opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas. It is especially impactful for shy or introverted students, offering them a safe and encouraging platform to express themselves.

Each session features a "stem statement," a guided prompt designed to spark creativity and self-expression. Some of the stem statements shared with students this month included:

- "I did \_\_\_ during Diwali."
- "My favourite weather is \_\_\_."
- "My favourite place is \_\_\_ because \_\_\_."
- "My favourite game is \_\_\_."

These prompts allowed children to reflect on their experiences, preferences, and aspirations, sharing their unique perspectives with their peers. Through this exercise, students practiced active listening and learned to appreciate diverse viewpoints.

The benefits of Circle Time extend beyond the classroom. It instils essential life skills such as turn-taking, respectful communication, and empathy. Each session concludes with a moment of gratitude or reflection, leaving students with a positive and enriching experience.











At Ryan International Academy, we believe that activities like Circle Time play a pivotal role 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.

-Ms. Payal Manhas, PPRT

#### **Children's Day Celebration**

Children's Day is a celebration of childhood, a time to recognize the rights and needs of our young citizens. It's a day to acknowledge the importance of providing a nurturing environment that fosters their physical, emotional, and cognitive growth. As we celebrate Children's Day on 14th November, we take a moment to appreciate the joy, curiosity, and energy that our young ones bring to our lives. This special day is a tribute to the innocence, creativity, and potential of our children.

To mark this special day, we planned a range of exciting activities and events that celebrated the creativity, talent, and individuality of our students. These included:

A Special Assembly Program: Our talented teachers from the entire Montessori performed various dance forms for their lovely students. They sang a melodious song, "Just Be Happy," to spread joy among the toddlers. Simple games like 'Simon Says...' and 'Pass the Ball' were also played during the assembly to add a touch of fun to the celebrations. To conclude the program, our respected Principal, Ms. Sonika Kochhar Girotra, showered her blessings and best wishes on our little Ryanites.











A Fun-Filled Day of Games, Sports, and Activities: After the assembly, students enjoyed a variety of games and creative competitions in their classes. These activities encouraged teamwork, friendship, and a sense of accomplishment. The celebrations culminated in a cake-cutting ceremony, where everyone gathered to share in the joy of the day.

Children's Day at Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi was a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of our students, teachers, staff, and parents. The day served as a reminder of the importance of celebrating childhood and providing a supportive environment that allows our children to grow and thrive.

-Ms. Vishakha Mangalkar, PPRT



#### **Children's Day**

On the occasion of Children's Day, Ryan International Academy celebrated this special day with great excitement and joy through a lively Special Assembly. The assembly began with the Lord's Prayer, scripture reading, and special prayers, setting a serene and thoughtful tone for the event.

The little Ryanites were delighted by a dance performance put together by all the Montessori teachers, which brought smiles to their faces. A very entertaining and captivating puppet show followed, performed by the teachers. The puppet show conveyed an important message to the children about being kind to others, keeping promises, and showing compassion.











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The fun continued with a series of engaging games, which uplifted the atmosphere of the assembly, making it vibrant and full of energy. The children played and enjoyed themselves thoroughly, further adding to the joy of the day.

Our respected Principal, addressed the little ones, explaining the significance of celebrating Children's Day and highlighting the important role that children play in both the school and society.

The beautiful morning assembly concluded with the National Anthem, marking a fitting end to a day of celebration, joy, and reflection on the importance of our young learners.

#### **National Milk Day**

Ryan International Academy celebrated National Milk Day on 26th November with great energy and enthusiasm. A special assembly was held to highlight the importance of milk in our diet and its role in promoting health and strength, especially for children.



During the assembly, teachers honoured Dr. Verghese
Kurien, the visionary behind India's White
Revolution, and explained the significance of National Milk Day in recognising his contributions to the dairy industry.

The teachers also took the opportunity to educate the students on the numerous health benefits of milk, emphasizing how it helps children grow strong and healthy. The event was a wonderful way to inspire the young learners to appreciate the value of milk in their daily nutrition.

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

Ryan International Academy celebrated Thanksgiving Day with a heartwarming Special Assembly on 28th November, fostering a spirit of gratitude, kindness, and togetherness among students and teachers. The event served as a reminder of the importance of appreciating the blessings in our lives.

The assembly began with prayers, scripture reading, and a moment of silence, allowing everyone to reflect on the things they are most thankful for.

Following this, teachers delivered a welcome speech, sharing the history and significance of Thanksgiving. They emphasized that this occasion is not only about being thankful for

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big accomplishments but also for the small joys of life—such as the presence of friends, family, and good health.

To conclude the assembly, teachers and students came together to sing a beautiful Thanksgiving song, expressing their gratitude for each other, their families, and the entire school community.

#### **Violet Day**

On 29th November, Ryan International Academy celebrated the vibrant and unique occasion of Violet Day with a lively Special Assembly. The day was dedicated to the colour violet, symbolising creativity, peace, and imagination. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring the entire school together to celebrate art, nature, and the beauty of colour.

The assembly began with an engaging introduction to Violet Day by the teacher, who explained the significance of the colour violet in various cultures and its connection to qualities such as wisdom and spirituality. Teachers encouraged students to embrace creativity in all aspects of life and to express themselves freely.

The little Ryanites were dressed in beautiful shades of violet, filling the hall with energy and colour. The day highlighted the power of imagination and the beauty that colour brings to our world.









#### **Innovation**

Our youngest learners in mont III recently explored the fascinating concept of shadow formation using different light sources. Through engaging hands-on activities, they discovered how objects create shadows and learned about the differences between transparent, translucent, and opaque materials. This playful introduction to light and materials sparked their curiosity and excitement, leaving them eager to explore more about how light interacts with the world around them. The children thoroughly experimenting with enjoyed shadows, deepening their understanding of these essential science concepts in a fun and interactive way.

> -Mr. Bhanu Sharma, Innovation Guru

















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Every child has the right to grow, thrive, and achieve their fullest potential in an environment that respects their dignity and nurtures their development. Children can express themselves, be protected from harm, and enjoy equality regardless of their background. Upholding these rights is a moral responsibility and essential for building inclusive, progressive societies where every individual can contribute meaningfully.

The principle of "Every Child, Every Right" emphasizes that all children, without exception, are entitled to the full spectrum of rights essential for their survival, development, protection, and participation in society. These rights are universal, indivisible, and inalienable, meaning they apply equally to every child, regardless of their background, nationality, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Recognizing these rights is crucial to ensuring that no child is left behind in their journey toward a secure and prosperous future. Every child has the right to live in an environment where their physical, emotional, and social needs are met. This includes access to nutritious food, clean water, healthcare, and education, as well as protection from violence, abuse, and exploitation. Children also have the right to grow up in conditions that foster their identity, culture, and individuality. These rights are not just moral imperatives; they are enshrined in international agreements like the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which serves as a comprehensive framework for safeguarding children's rights globally.

However, parenting is a multifaceted journey filled with challenges that test even the most well-intentioned caregivers. Parents must balance work commitments with family needs while providing a stable financial foundation for their children. Managing behavioral issues, guiding children through the pressures of modern technology, and ensuring their emotional well-being are constant concerns. Additionally, societal and peer influences



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often create complexities, requiring parents to be vigilant while fostering independence and self-confidence in their children. The challenge intensifies during adolescence when children seek greater autonomy, requiring parents to navigate sensitive topics and maintain open communication.

In conclusion, while the task of parenting can be overwhelming, it is also deeply rewarding. By fostering a nurturing environment, parents can help their children grow into compassionate, responsible individuals who respect the rights of others. Parents must embrace flexibility, patience, and self-care to effectively address challenges and build strong, supportive relationships with their children. Ultimately, honoring the rights of every child and navigating parenting challenges with care and resilience lay the foundation for a brighter, more equitable future.

- Mr. Aayushi Bansal, Parent of Shriya Srivastav - Mont II 'A'

## **Upcoming Events**

National Energy Conservation Day
Review 2
White Day
Christmas Celebration
Christmas Fiesta
Parent Teacher Meeting
National Mathematics Day

