



From the Principal's Desk

At Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, we firmly believe that traditions are the heartbeat of culture, weaving the past and present into a tapestry of enduring values. They are not merely rituals; they are living lessons that nurture empathy, respect, and a sense of belonging. Through the celebration of festivals and cultural milestones, our students are guided to appreciate the richness of heritage and to understand the principles that have shaped generations before them.

Traditions provide children with more than knowledge; they instil pride, strengthen moral grounding, and cultivate emotional intelligence. They encourage students to value relationships, cherish family and community bonds, and embrace gratitude and kindness in their daily lives. By connecting with these timeless customs, our learners develop a profound understanding of their roots, identity, and responsibilities as global citizens.

At RIAH, our mission is to create an environment where the spirit of tradition inspires thoughtfulness, integrity, and compassion. We aim to ensure that every celebration leaves an indelible mark on young hearts, shaping not only memories to treasure but also the character and values that will guide them throughout their lives.

- Ms. Surinder Kaur Sayan,
Principal, RIAH

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Thought of the Month

“Traditions are the threads that weave our past into joyful memories for the future.”

It means traditions connect us to our heritage and cultural roots. By practising and celebrating these customs, we transform experiences from the past into meaningful moments that create lasting happiness and memories for ourselves and future generations.



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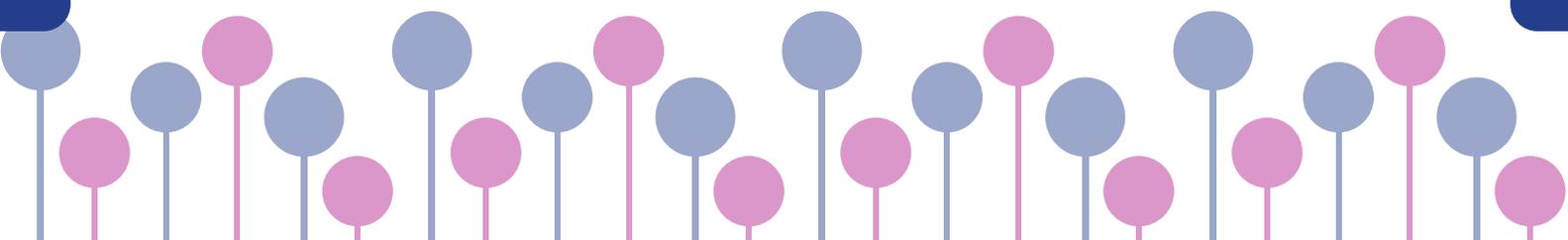


Festive seasons in India are a vibrant celebration of culture, heritage, and togetherness. From lighting diyas during Diwali to exchanging sweets at Eid, from colourful rangolis at Pongal to joyful songs and dances during Navratri, every tradition carries a story, a lesson, and a legacy passed down through generations. These customs are not merely rituals, they teach values, nurture respect for culture, and strengthen the bonds between family members and communities.

In today's fast-paced world, where nuclear families are increasingly common, traditions become a vital link that reconnects loved ones. Celebrating together, sharing laughter, preparing traditional foods, decorating homes, performing rituals, and engaging in cultural activities help families create memories that last a lifetime. They instil a sense of belonging, reinforce moral values, and provide children with a connection to their roots.

Traditions also offer families opportunities to pause, reflect, and celebrate life's joys together. They allow moments of togetherness, reinforce emotional bonds, and remind us of the importance of family, love, and shared happiness. Regularly celebrating these customs ensures that cultural heritage is preserved and passed on, creating a sense of continuity and identity across generations.

**- Ms. Suruchi Thakur,
Preprimary Coordinator**



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International Day for the Elderly

Grandparents are like guiding stars, full of love, wisdom, and care. To celebrate International Day for the Elderly, our Mont I to III students took part in a Thank You Card Making Competition. Our little learners expressed their gratitude and affection by creating beautiful cards for their grandparents and sharing a few heartfelt lines. Through this activity, children strengthened the special bond of love, care, and respect they share with their elders, celebrating the invaluable role grandparents play in their lives.



Indian Air Force Day

On 8th October, our Pre-primary students at Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi celebrated Indian Air Force Day with great enthusiasm, creativity, and patriotism.

Our little Mont I learners explored the world of aviation through vibrant colours while enjoying colouring jet planes, enhancing their observation and artistic skills. Mont II students tried their hands at step-by-step aircraft drawing and colouring, further developing their creativity and attention to detail. Mont II 'A' learners also participated in a special assembly where they learned about the bravery of our Air Force heroes, culminating in a joyful dance performance on the rhyme "Aeroplane Up in the Sky," waving their arms like flying planes and expressing pride and love for the nation. Mont III students showcased their ingenuity by making paper planes, combining craft with fun learning.

Through these engaging activities, our young learners not only celebrated the Indian Air



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Force but also developed curiosity, creativity, and a sense of respect for the dedication and courage of our heroes.

Wonderful White Day

RIAH celebrated Wonderful White Day with excitement and elegance! The teacher explained the meaning of the colour white, symbolising peace and purity, and the children embraced the theme wholeheartedly. Dressed beautifully in white, they danced joyfully to the song “Colours Are There, You See Colours Everywhere,” spreading happiness and brightness throughout the classroom.

Our little learners also took part in various art and craft activities themed around white. They created adorable polar bear crafts and charming sheep using cotton pasting, showcasing their creativity, imagination, and fine motor skills. The classrooms were decorated with white balloons, streamers, and craft displays, creating a festive and elegant ambiance. Children received delightful takeaways to cherish the memories of the day.

It was a celebration filled with fun, learning, and a deeper appreciation for the colour white, highlighting values of peace, calmness, and purity while encouraging creativity among our young learners.

Global Hand-Wash Day

At Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, our little learners from Mont I to III enthusiastically participated in activities to mark Global Handwash Day, learning the importance of cleanliness and good hygiene. The highlight of the day was a special assembly conducted by Mont II ‘C’, where students performed a



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lively dance on the rhyme “Wash, Wash, Wash Your Hands.” Dressed in white, the children cheerfully shared the message of proper handwashing and the value of maintaining personal hygiene.

During the day, students took part in a Role-Play Competition, demonstrating the correct handwashing steps: wet, lather, scrub, rinse, and dry. Using props, pictures, and visual aids, each child performed the actions and spoke a few lines about why handwashing is important. The assembly also included a Handwashing Pledge, where students committed to practising good hygiene every day. Activities like these help children understand the vital role of handwashing in maintaining their health, preventing illnesses, and promoting overall well-being, while instilling lifelong habits of care and cleanliness.

Diwali Celebration

Diwali is a festival of togetherness, joy, and creating cherished memories. At Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, our little learners embraced the festive spirit with enthusiasm and creativity before the Diwali break.

Students participated in a delightful Garland Making Activity, using flower petals (real or paper cutouts), leaves, ribbons, decorative stickers, glitter tape, and string to design their own unique garlands. This fun threading activity not only allowed children to showcase their imagination and creativity but also helped develop fine motor skills, focus, and attention to detail. Dressed in colourful ethnic outfits and bringing along healthy snacks and sweets, the children added to the festive ambience,



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making the celebration lively and memorable.

Our Mont II 'C' learners celebrated Diwali - the Festival of Lights with joy and excitement. During a special assembly, they learned about the significance of the festival and performed a vibrant dance on "Aayi Diwali, Aayi Diwali," using lanterns, candles, and diyas crafted by themselves. The day was filled with light, laughter, and togetherness, reflecting the spirit of Diwali. Through such activities, RIAH fosters tradition, cultural awareness, and a love for festivals, helping children understand and celebrate India's rich heritage while enjoying learning through hands-on experiences.

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Children Exploring Reading Sentences - Mont III

Our Mont III learners recently embarked on a delightful journey into the world of sentences and sight words. Through a specially designed activity on Reading Sentences, the children explored how words come together to create meaning, building both their confidence and fluency in English.

With keen enthusiasm, students identified sight words within short sentences and read them aloud, discovering the joy of recognising words independently. This hands-on practice not only enhanced their reading skills but also nurtured comprehension, self-assurance, and early literacy development.

It was heart-warming to witness the little learners immerse themselves in the activity, confidently applying their knowledge while



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enjoying every moment. Experiences such as these inspire curiosity, foster independence, and lay a strong foundation for a lifelong love of reading.

Discovering the Wonders of Plants: A Hands-On Learning Experience

Our Mont III 'B' learners recently engaged in a fascinating activity on the Parts of a Plant, designed to deepen their understanding of the plant world. Through hands-on observation, children explored the root, stem, leaves, flower, and fruit, learning the role each part plays in helping the plant grow.

During the activity, students enthusiastically observed a real plant, discussed its components, and labelled them on a picture or chart. They were able to identify and point out each part, understanding how all parts work together to support the plant's life.

This activity not only strengthened their knowledge but also encouraged curiosity, care, and love for plants, helping children develop an appreciation for the natural world around them.

Plants are indeed our green friends, and every part, from roots to fruits, is essential for life and growth.

Montessori Math Activity - Understanding Whole and Half

At Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, our Montessori children are engaged in a



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variety of hands-on math activities to explore the concepts of whole and half. Using practical materials such as whole objects (for example, fruits) and divided objects (cut fruits), children experience learning interactively and enjoyably.

During the activity, each child was given a whole object, such as an apple, and introduced to the concept by saying, "This is a whole apple." The apple was then cut into two halves, with the explanation, "Now we have two halves." Through these hands-on experiences, students developed a clear understanding of dividing objects into equal parts and applied the concept to create examples of whole and half using real-life objects and visual aids.

This activity not only strengthened their mathematical understanding but also enhanced their problem-solving skills and ability to connect concepts with everyday experiences.

Star of the Week

At Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, motivational activities play a vital role in guiding our Montessori students' behaviour, emotions, and learning in positive ways. One such cherished activity is "Star of the Week", designed to encourage positive behaviour, build confidence, and nurture self-esteem.

Children are naturally drawn to praise, recognition, and rewards, and being acknowledged for their efforts or kindness makes them feel proud and valued. As a result, they are eager to try new tasks and actively participate in a variety of classroom activities.



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Every Friday, the Star of the Week activity is conducted, inviting the selected child's parents to school. The day begins with a warm welcome by the students, followed by engaging and fun activities that parents and children enjoy together. These include paper crafts, interactive games such as Lemon and Spoon, rhymes, dance, and collaborative sessions, all designed to foster joy, learning, and bonding.

The children are always excited and full of anticipation to discover who will be chosen as the Star of the Week. Activities like these not only celebrate each child's achievements but also create memorable moments of connection, learning, and happiness for both students and their families.

Quality Circle Time

At Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, our Montessori children recently enjoyed a lively and engaging circle time where they joyfully shared their favourite stories. Tales such as The Tortoise and the Hare and The Lion and the Mouse sparked conversations about important values like patience, kindness, and courage. The children also reflected on what good behaviour means, listening carefully, sharing, helping others, and using polite words, and brainstormed simple ways to show kindness, such as helping a classmate, sharing toys, or saying "thank you."

Adding to the fun, the little learners delighted in naming baby animals like kitten, joey, cub, kid, lamb, and calf, and discussed how each is cared for. When asked about their favourite pet, many chose dogs for their playful loyalty, while others preferred cats for their gentle companionship.



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Grandparents Day Celebration

Our little Ryanites celebrated Grandparents' Day on 4th October with joy and laughter! From a lively Welcome Song, fun dance performances, and a charming skit, to classroom games like Ball in the Basket, creative Handprint Butterflies, and tunes from the Toy Band, grandparents and grandchildren shared unforgettable moments of love, fun, and togetherness.

The day was filled with smiles, giggles, and cheerful interactions as grandparents actively participated in games and activities with their grandchildren. It was heart-warming to see them singing along, cheering each other on, and sharing stories from their own childhood.

The celebration gave children an opportunity to express gratitude and affection, while grandparents cherished these precious moments of bonding. The creative activities and performances also nurtured teamwork, confidence, and joy in our little learners.

It was a beautiful reminder of the importance of family, respect, and love across generations. We are grateful to all grandparents for making this day extra special with their warmth, enthusiasm, and presence.



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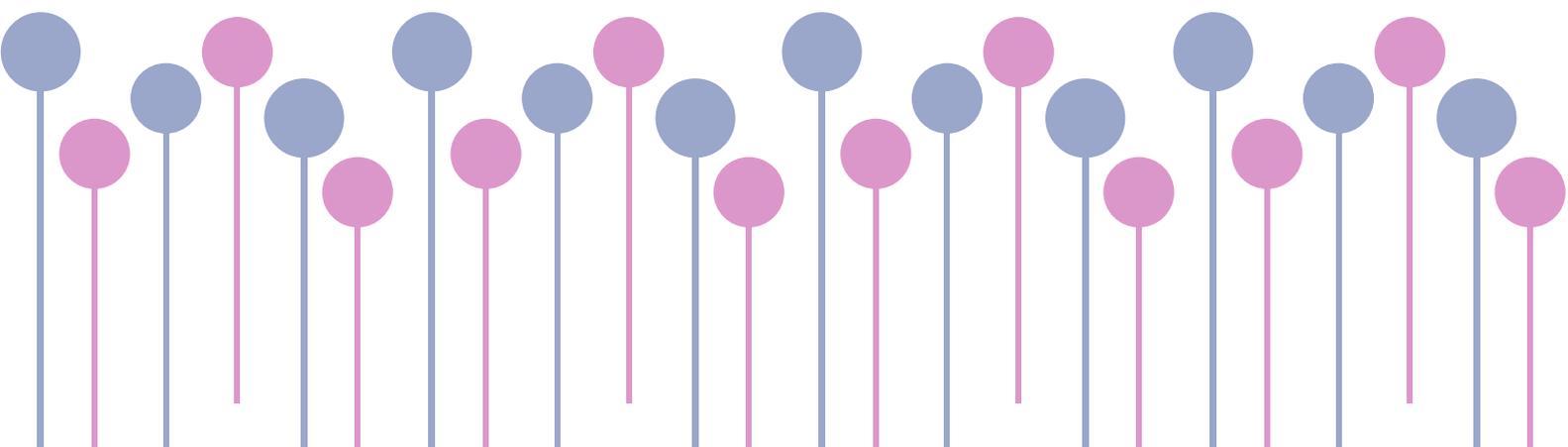
Promoting Mental Wellness: Observing World Mental Health Day

On the occasion of World Mental Health Day, Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, organised a special webinar for staff and parents on Friday, 10th October 2025 at 3:15 PM, focusing on the importance of mental wellness and debunking common myths, because happy minds create happy families!

The session was led by Dr. Rashmi Satpute, a dedicated Consultant Psychiatrist at Manipal Hospitals, Baner, with nearly a decade of experience in diagnosing and treating a wide range of psychiatric conditions. Dr. Satpute shared valuable insights and practical guidance on nurturing mental well-being, emphasising that mental health is as important as physical health, and highlighting the need to break myths and reduce stigma associated with mental health issues.

Participants learned to recognise common challenges such as stress, anxiety, depression, and burnout, and were guided on how to identify early warning signs in themselves and their loved ones. Dr. Satpute also provided clear advice on when and how to seek professional help, and shared strategies to encourage openness and emotional support within families and school teams.

The session concluded with a live Q&A, giving attendees the opportunity to ask questions, share experiences, and gain expert advice. The webinar was both informative and empowering, reminding us that mental wellness is not a luxury but a necessity. By supporting one another, we can foster a more compassionate, resilient, and mentally healthy community.



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Touching Lives: A Transformational Training for Educators

Teachers at Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi had the privilege of attending an inspiring training session titled “Touching Lives”, conducted by Colonel on 9th October 2025. The session focused on the profound and lasting impact teachers have on their students’ lives, far beyond the classroom.

Drawing on his extensive experience in leadership, discipline, and human values, Colonel delivered a thought-provoking session filled with real-life stories, motivational insights, and interactive discussions. He reminded educators that every word, gesture, and interaction with a student can leave a lasting impression, shaping their confidence, character, and future.

Key takeaways from the session included the importance of empathy and emotional connection in teaching, building trust and rapport with students, leading by example through integrity and consistency, and recognising the lifelong influence of a teacher.

The session left the faculty deeply moved and re-energised, with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment. It served as a powerful reminder that while lessons may fade, the way a teacher makes a student feel is remembered forever.

We extend our sincere thanks to Colonel Kulkarni for sharing his wisdom and inspiring our educators to continue touching lives, one student at a time.





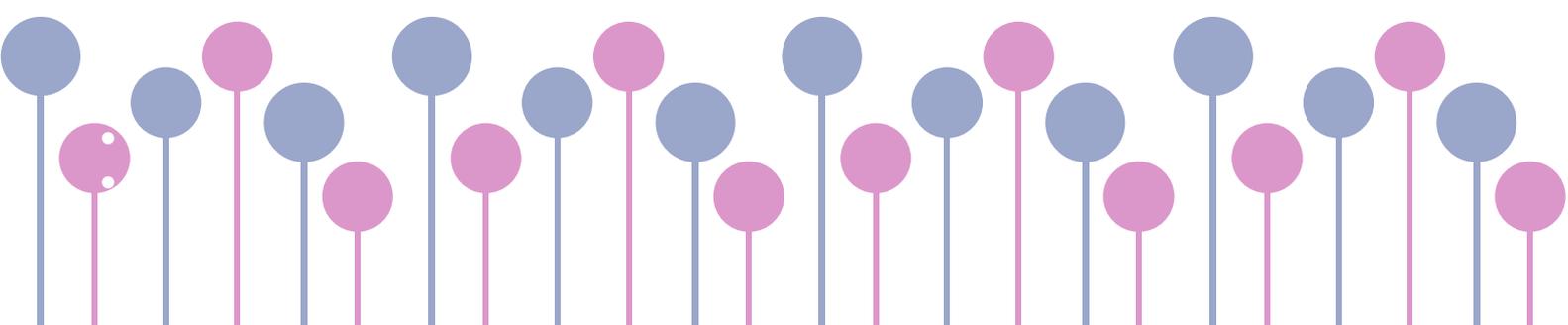
PARENT'S CORNER

As parents, we feel immense pride and joy watching our little one, Manvik, experience the beauty of our Indian traditions in such creative and meaningful ways. The theme “Celebrating Traditions and Creating Memories” beautifully captures the essence of togetherness, joy, and cultural pride. It was heartwarming to see Manvik paint colourful diyas with patience and excitement, create bright and beautiful rangoli patterns, and make artistic craft lanterns that added charm to the festive atmosphere.

Through these joyful activities, Manvik not only explored his artistic side but also learned the values of celebration, creativity, and cultural connection. These moments allowed him to understand how festivals bring families and friends together, filling homes with laughter, lights, and love. Watching him enjoy and participate with enthusiasm made us realise that traditions truly become more special when shared with our children, creating memories that stay forever in our hearts.

- Ms. Shalini Singh,

Parent of Manvik Singh - Mont II 'A'



STUDENT'S CORNER

Yoshita, a bright and enthusiastic learner from Mont II 'C', loves bringing her imagination to life through vibrant colouring. Her favourite shades, pink, blue, and yellow, shine creatively in every artwork, reflecting her joyful expression and attention to detail.



Yoshita - Mont II 'C'



Upcoming Events

- World Public Transport Day
- Children's Day
- Pink Day
- National Milk Day

