

RYAN
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY



**SCHOOL**
Connect **December 2025**
Grades I to IX

From the Principal's Desk

As we bring this academic year to a close, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the journey we have undertaken together. This year has been a tapestry of learning, growth, and remarkable achievements, woven by the efforts of our students, teachers, and parents alike. Every classroom, corridor, and activity has been a space where curiosity was encouraged, creativity was celebrated, and character was nurtured.

Our students have continued to inspire with their dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to explore new horizons. They have embraced challenges with courage, demonstrated resilience in their learning, and shown kindness and respect toward one another. Witnessing their growth, academically, socially, and emotionally, has been a source of immense joy and motivation for all of us at school.

This year has also highlighted the power of collaboration and community. Our teachers, staff, and parents have worked together to provide a nurturing and stimulating environment, ensuring that every child is supported, encouraged, and empowered to achieve their personal best. It is this partnership that truly embodies the spirit of our school and drives us forward.

As we look ahead to the new year, I encourage our students to continue exploring, questioning, and learning with curiosity and confidence. Let us carry forward the lessons, the memories, and the values cultivated this year, and step into the future with optimism, purpose, and a commitment to excellence.

**- Ms. Surinder Kaur Sayan,
Principal, RIAH**



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Ms. Surinder Kaur Sayan - Principal

Ms. Kirti Ranjan - Middle School Coordinator

Thought of the Month

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and looking back with a thankful heart is the first step toward moving forward with purpose."

This quote reminds us that appreciating what we already have brings contentment and joy. Reflecting on the year with a thankful heart helps us acknowledge growth, lessons, and achievements. It encourages us to move forward with intention, positivity, and renewed purpose.

Coordinator's Speak



A Year of Growth, Learning, and Togetherness

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

As we wrap up a truly memorable year, it's the perfect moment to reflect on the growth, learning, and experiences we have shared. This year has been a journey of curiosity, discovery, and resilience, one where every student has been encouraged to explore, create, and challenge themselves. From the classroom to collaborative projects, from personal achievements to collective celebrations, our students have grown not just in knowledge, but in character, confidence, and compassion.

Throughout the year, our young learners have embraced new challenges, explored their passions, and celebrated each milestone with enthusiasm. They have nurtured creativity, built teamwork, and learned the importance of perseverance, empathy, and responsibility. Every step they took, every idea they shared, and every effort they made contributed to the vibrant energy of our school community.

Our teachers and support staff have been the guiding lights, fostering a nurturing environment where every child could thrive. Their dedication, encouragement, and unwavering belief in each student's potential have been instrumental in shaping this successful year. Equally, our parents' trust, collaboration, and active participation have strengthened this journey, creating a strong partnership that has enriched our students' learning experiences.

As we reflect on the year, it is the daily moments, the curiosity sparked, the challenges overcome, and the shared joy of learning, that leave the deepest impression. With gratitude for this remarkable journey and excitement for the opportunities ahead, we step into the new year with renewed energy, purpose, and a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of every Ryanite.

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

Coordinator's Speak



As we draw close to the end of another academic year, it feels important to pause and reflect on the journey we have shared. This year has been filled with learning, growth, and challenges, interspersed with countless moments that reminded us why our work truly matters.

What made this year particularly special was the spirit of togetherness that permeated our school. From classrooms to corridors, from careful planning to seamless execution, there was a quiet commitment, mutual support, and a shared belief in giving our very best for our students. Every effort, whether big or small, contributed to the smooth functioning and positive energy of our school.

I would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to our leadership for their guidance and trust, to our teachers for their unwavering dedication and passion, and to our support staff for being the strong backbone of our daily operations. Our parents and students also deserve special recognition for their cooperation, patience, and confidence in us throughout the year.

As we step into the new year, may we continue to grow together, learn from one another, and move forward with renewed enthusiasm and purpose. Thank you for making this year meaningful, memorable, and inspiring in more ways than one.

**- Ms. Archana Tiwari,
Primary Coordinator**

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International Mountain Day

International Mountain Day was celebrated on 11th December 2025 with a range of engaging and age-appropriate activities for students from Grades I to IX, with the aim of fostering an appreciation for mountains and highlighting their ecological, cultural, and environmental significance. The celebration helped students understand the vital role mountains play in maintaining biodiversity, regulating climate, and supporting human life.

Students of Grade I & II participated enthusiastically in “My Favourite Mountain”, where they spoke confidently about mountains they admired, describing their features, beauty, and importance. This activity enhanced their speaking skills, observation abilities, and early environmental awareness.

Students from Grades III to V showcased their creativity through “Mountain Story”, writing imaginative short stories that portrayed the grandeur, mystery, and significance of mountains. These stories reflected students’ understanding of nature and helped develop their storytelling and creative writing skills.

For Grades VI to VIII, a Collage Making Competition was organised on the theme “Mountains: Our Natural Heritage”. Students creatively used images and illustrations to depict the importance of mountains in preserving natural resources, culture, and wildlife. The activity encouraged teamwork, artistic expression, and environmental responsibility.

Grade IX students participated in an Article Writing Competition on the topic “Mountains and Climate Change”, where they demonstrated awareness of the impact of climate change on mountain ecosystems and discussed the need for conservation and sustainable practices.



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Overall, the celebration successfully promoted creativity, communication skills, critical thinking, and environmental consciousness among students, inspiring them to respect and protect nature.

Community Service: Wrapping Up the Year with Gratitude

As the year drew to a close, our students embraced the spirit of gratitude and responsibility through a heartwarming community service initiative. With great enthusiasm and joy, students from Grades I to IX generously donated small saplings of flowering and fruit-bearing plants, demonstrating their care for nature and the wider community.

These saplings were lovingly planted within the school premises and in surrounding areas, transforming familiar spaces into greener, healthier environments. Each student took pride in contributing to this eco-friendly initiative, understanding that even small actions can create a meaningful and lasting impact.

The plantation drive not only enhanced environmental awareness but also nurtured essential values such as kindness, gratitude, and active participation in the community. Students learned firsthand that giving back to nature is a powerful way to show thankfulness and responsibility.

As we wrapped up the year, this initiative served as a poignant reminder that every small effort towards sustainability matters. Together, our young Ryanites sowed seeds of hope, for a greener tomorrow, a healthier planet, and a more responsible future.

The initiative left everyone inspired and filled with pride, proving that when gratitude meets action, the results can be both beautiful and enduring.



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Speech and Drama

During the month of December, Speech and Drama classes focused on Production Practice, with special emphasis on scene work and stage preparation. Students enthusiastically participated in scene-setting sessions for all parts of the production, learning to understand the environment, space, and mood of each scene. They explored how different characters move, speak, and react in varied situations, developing a deeper connection with their roles.

Through guided practice in body language, facial expressions, voice modulation, and dialogue delivery, students enhanced their confidence, teamwork, and stage readiness, preparing effectively for the upcoming final performance.

For Grade I & II, the focus was on understanding characters and their emotions within scenes, practising clear voice projection and expressive body language, learning basic stage positions, and developing listening skills while coordinating with fellow performers.

Grades III to V concentrated on detailed scene work, exploring character motivations and reactions, using dialogue with appropriate tone, pace, and expression, becoming aware of stage space, entrances, and exits, and refining teamwork, timing, and performance discipline.

Grades VI to VIII worked on advanced character development, adding emotional depth to their performances, managing smooth scene transitions, improving stage presence and audience engagement, and polishing dialogue delivery and movement across the stage.

Overall, December's Speech and Drama sessions nurtured creativity, confidence, and collaboration, equipping every student with the skills, poise, and stage presence needed for a captivating final performance.



Revival of Lost Art

At RIAH, students have been engaged in a vibrant and meaningful Passion-Building Initiative “Revival of Lost Art”, aimed at reconnecting them with India’s rich traditional art forms while nurturing creativity, imagination, and a love for cultural heritage. Through this year-long initiative, learners from Grades I to IX have explored various traditional art forms, with a special focus on Kohwar Art, a tribal wall art from Jharkhand celebrated for its symbolic patterns and cultural significance.

Students have consistently practised Kohwar Art painting, learning to create traditional motifs using natural patterns and earthy colours. They have also applied their skills to wall paintings, pouch painting, pot painting, and canvas painting, blending traditional styles with personal creativity. This ongoing exploration has allowed them to experiment, innovate, and express themselves meaningfully while appreciating India’s artistic heritage.

The initiative goes beyond developing artistic skills, it fosters patience, observation, confidence, and a deeper understanding of cultural preservation. By learning the lost arts, students connect with tradition, embrace creativity, and cultivate a lifelong respect for India’s rich heritage.

Innovation

As we wrapped up the month of December, our students showcased remarkable creativity and innovation in the Innovation Lab, culminating in a series of impressive projects. From exploring sustainable energy to coding, automation, and IoT-based solutions, the students’ work this month highlighted their curiosity, problem-solving abilities, and practical application of STEM concepts.

Montessori III students embarked on the



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EVS Classroom Activities Joyful Learning in Action

At Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, EVS learning is made both engaging and meaningful through interactive classroom activities that encourage active participation, curiosity, and confidence among young learners.

Grade I students enthusiastically participated in a classroom enactment activity focused on India's National Symbols. Children portrayed the National Animal, National Bird, National Flower, and National Flag, while their classmates guessed the symbols being enacted. This activity not only made learning about national symbols fun and memorable but also enhanced students' observation, communication, and confidence skills.

Grade II students actively engaged in a classroom enactment activity on Community Helpers. Students took on roles such as doctors, teachers, police officers, farmers, and sanitation workers, while the rest of the class guessed the roles. The activity encouraged confidence, teamwork, communication skills, and an understanding of the vital roles community helpers play in daily life.

These interactive EVS activities reflect Ryan International Academy's commitment to experiential learning and holistic development, making education a joyful and meaningful experience for every student.

Science in Action: A December of Discovery at RYAN

As the December chill settled outdoors, our science laboratories at Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi were buzzing with a different kind of energy, the warmth of curiosity and the spark of discovery. This



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month, students from Grades IV to IX moved beyond their textbooks, engaging in hands-on activities that brought complex scientific concepts to life.

Grade IV students enthusiastically explored the world of energy by creating simple electric circuits. Using batteries, wires, buzzers, and bulbs, they observed how chemical energy stored in the battery converted into electrical energy, which then transformed into sound energy through the buzzer and light energy through the bulb. The activity encouraged curiosity, critical thinking, and practical application of classroom concepts, while fostering teamwork and scientific exploration.

Our youngest scientists in Grade VI became “Botanical Detectives,” engaging in live dissections and observations to study the parts of plants. Students examined taproots and fibrous roots, traced leaf veins, and identified reproductive parts of flowers. An outdoor “walk through greenery” allowed them to connect theoretical knowledge to the real world, fostering a deep respect for the green engineers that sustain our planet.

Grade VIII students delved into electrochemistry by performing electrolysis. Using batteries, electrodes, and water, they observed bubbles of hydrogen and oxygen forming at respective terminals. This hands-on experiment introduced chemical decomposition, precision, and observation, demonstrating that even the most stable substances can be broken down into fundamental elements through the power of science.

Grade IX students explored the science of sustainability and food security. Through discussions on organic farming versus chemical fertilisers and a case study on Crop Variety Improvement, students learned how hybridisation and nutrient management can help feed a growing global population. This activity highlighted the role of science in



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addressing real-world challenges, from environmental conservation to global food security.

December proved that when students actively “do” science rather than merely “read” it, the knowledge truly sticks. We are proud of the analytical thinking, teamwork, and curiosity displayed across all grades this month. As the year comes to a close, we celebrate our inquisitive young scientists who remind us that the best gift of all is the gift of knowledge.

Christmas Celebration

The students of Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi were filled with excitement and joy as the school prepared for the much-awaited Christmas Celebration. The festive spirit was evident across the campus, with students eagerly anticipating a day brimming with creativity, music, and togetherness.

The celebration began with a special assembly, which set a calm and prayerful tone for the day. Students and teachers came together for the Lord’s Prayer, reflecting on gratitude, peace, and togetherness, the true essence of Christmas. This was followed by an inspiring Christmas message from our respected Managing Director, Madam Grace Pinto, who emphasised kindness, compassion, and the joy of sharing with others.

The day was brought alive through grade-wise creative activities that encouraged imagination, artistic expression, and teamwork. Montessori I students enthusiastically made Finger Candy Sticks using colourful fingerprints, while Montessori II students created vibrant Christmas Trees with paper and decorative materials. Montessori III students showcased their creativity through Paper Plate Baubles, and Grades I and II drew and coloured Christmas trees step by step in beautiful shades of green. Students of



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Grades III to V engaged in Paper Christmas Tree Making, while older students, from Grades VI to IX, displayed remarkable teamwork in creating Christmas ornaments, paper chains, and paper plate wreaths, decorating the school with festive cheer.

Adding to the excitement, an Inter-House Carol Singing Competition from Montessori II to Grade IX filled the campus with melodious tunes, showcasing the students' musical talent, coordination, and festive spirit. The Grade V Speech and Drama team also presented a delightful skit, conveying the true meaning of Christmas and spreading joy among the audience. Students from Montessori to Grade II dressed in cheerful red and white party attire, while those from Grades III to IX wore their house uniforms, reflecting unity and discipline.

The celebration concluded on a joyful and heartwarming note, leaving students and staff with a strong sense of community, happiness, and festive cheer. The Christmas festivities at Ryan International Academy truly captured the spirit of the season, fostering creativity, collaboration, and a love for tradition, making it a memorable occasion for all.

Marathon: Run for Awareness, Run for Life

Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi proudly organised a 5 km marathon titled "Run for Awareness, Run for Life", which began with great enthusiasm and positivity. The school campus was alive with energy as students, teachers, parents, and our respected Principal came together to participate in this meaningful event. The marathon aimed to promote awareness about health, fitness, and the importance of an active lifestyle.

The cool morning weather added a refreshing touch to the run, energising the participants as they displayed determination, discipline,



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and true sportsmanship along the 5 km route. Runners cheered and motivated one another throughout, exemplifying teamwork and perseverance. The participation of parents alongside students and teachers reflected the strong sense of unity and togetherness within the Ryan community.

The event was further graced by the presence of Manas Dubey, a renowned sportsman, whose inspiring words encouraged everyone to embrace physical fitness and take sports seriously. He distributed certificates and medals to the winners and applauded all participants for their enthusiasm and commitment.

The marathon was a grand success, leaving everyone inspired, energised, and motivated to lead a healthier and more active life.



Lead by Example

Ryan International Academy proudly hosted LBE - Lead by Example, a professional learning event designed to foster reflective teaching practices and collaborative growth among educators. The event took place on 6th December 2025 at Ryan International Academy, Bavdhan, bringing together teachers from both the Hinjawadi and Bavdhan campuses.

The platform provided educators with the opportunity to share classroom case studies, highlighting innovative strategies and effective practices that had led to measurable improvements in student learning and classroom management. Teachers presented real-life classroom challenges, discussed the approaches they adopted to address them, and showcased the positive outcomes achieved. These presentations reflected careful planning, creativity, and a strong commitment to student-centered teaching. LBE - Lead by Example encouraged professional dialogue, peer learning, and the exchange of best practices, reinforcing the belief that teachers inspire most when they



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lead through action, reflection, and continuous improvement. The event concluded successfully, leaving participants motivated, enriched, and equipped with practical insights to implement in their own classrooms, further enhancing the learning experience of their students.



Coffee with Principal

Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi successfully hosted a warm and interactive session of "Coffee with the Principal" on 13th December, bringing together parents of Grade I & II for an open and meaningful dialogue.



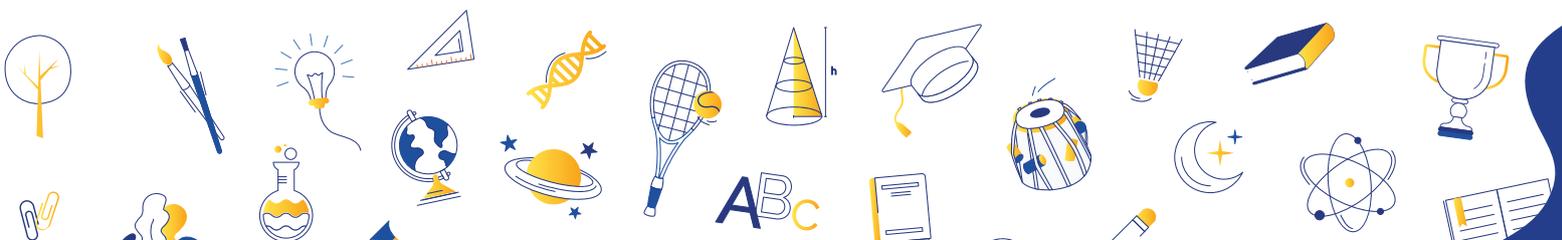
The session began on a positive note, with parents expressing appreciation for the school's management, academic structure, and the wide range of programmes designed for the holistic development of students. Many highlighted their satisfaction with the nurturing environment and the school's consistent efforts in supporting both academic and co-curricular growth.



A special highlight of the discussion was the successful 5 km Marathon held on the same day, which received enthusiastic feedback from parents. The event was lauded for promoting fitness, teamwork, and community participation among students and parents alike.

The interaction also covered important aspects such as students' academic progress, examination patterns, schedule planning, upcoming events, and future programmes. School leadership addressed parents' queries with clarity, reinforcing a culture of transparent communication and collaborative growth.

Parents were invited to share valuable suggestions, which were warmly received, reflecting a strong partnership between the school and its parent community. The session concluded on a positive and reassuring note, strengthening trust, collaboration, and a shared vision for nurturing confident, happy, and well-rounded learners.



Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



Health, Safety, and Child Protection (HSCP) Weekly Alerts – Why They Matter

At Ryan International Academy, the HSCP Weekly Alerts play a crucial role in keeping students, parents, and staff informed, safe, and supported. Shared weekly via the parent app and the school's social media handles, these alerts raise awareness of important health, safety, and child protection messages relevant to our school community.

The alerts cover a range of topics, including safeguarding updates, health and wellbeing advice, online safety and digital awareness, local or national safety concerns, and seasonal risks with preventative guidance. By sharing these messages regularly, the school aims to create a safe learning environment, support parents with timely information, help students make informed choices, and encourage open communication between home and school.

Even when a message may not feel immediately relevant, it could be valuable to someone else in our community. In addition to online sharing, alerts are presented during school morning assembly by student leaders, reinforcing key messages directly with students. Weekly, HSCP Captain Darsh Patil and HSCP Vice-Captain Avani Kanwar present these alerts, promoting peer-led awareness.

The initiative is coordinated by Ms. Megha Madhavan, HSCP Coordinator, reflecting the school's ongoing commitment to safeguarding, wellbeing, and partnership working. We encourage parents, and students to take a few moments each week to read the alerts and discuss them at home where appropriate.

Together, by staying informed and aware, we can help ensure our school community remains safe, healthy, and supported.



Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



Weekly Surprise Bag Checks to Promote Safety

In line with Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi's commitment to maintaining a safe and secure learning environment, weekly surprise bag checks are conducted as part of our Health, Safety, and Child Protection (HSCP) policies. Recently, a surprise bag check was carried out for students from Grades I to IX.

The activity was conducted by the School HSCP Coordinator, Ms. Megha Madhavan, alongside Academic Coordinators Ms. Kirti Ranjan and Ms. Archana Tiwari, with the support of class teachers. The checks were carried out in a calm, respectful, and student-friendly manner, aiming to reinforce awareness about prohibited items and remind students of the importance of bringing only safe and necessary belongings to school.

Students cooperated fully throughout the process, reflecting their understanding and responsibility toward school safety guidelines. The school appreciates the continued support of parents in guiding their children and reinforcing these safety measures at home. Through such regular initiatives, Ryan International Academy continues to uphold a safe, disciplined, and positive learning environment, ensuring that every student can focus on learning with confidence and peace of mind.



Students Speak



A Heart Full of Thanks: A Year-End Reflection

The year is closing like a well-read book,
As at all our memories, we take a final look.
The bells are ringing with a festive chime,
Reminding us of a whirlwind, wonderful time.
From the Grade VII hallways to the fields of play,
We've learned something curious every single day.
From complex equations to the science lab's glow,
It's amazing to see how much we can grow.
We're grateful for teachers who led us through,
With patience and kindness in all that they do.
To the friends who were there for a laugh or a chat,
Our school is a family—we're thankful for that!
The lockers are silent, the holidays are near,
Wrapped in the magic of this time of year.
With a heart full of thanks and a spirit so bright,
We're ready for cocoa and stars in the night.
So here's to the growth and the joys we have found,
With festive-season kindness spinning around.
May your winter be happy, your holidays sweet,
Until in the New Year, again we shall meet!

Prathamesh Singh Parihar,
Grade VII



PARENT'S CORNER

Wrapping Up the Year with Gratitude

As the calendar turns its final pages and the air fills with the familiar hum of festive bells and holiday cheer, it's easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of year-end projects, performances, and holiday planning. Yet, amidst this rush, there is a quiet magic that invites us to pause—and reflect.

For us parents of Grade VI students, this year-end feels particularly poignant. We've watched our children embrace greater responsibility, forge deeper friendships, and discover newfound independence. We've seen them tackle challenging problems, navigate social dynamics, and begin to understand who they truly are. Every morning as they walk through the school gates, it's clear that they aren't just growing taller—they are growing in character, confidence, and resilience.

The festive season is often called the “season of giving,” and as I reflect on this past year, I am struck by all that has been generously given to our children by the Ryan community.

To our teachers: Thank you for being the anchors of their learning. You've done more than teach lessons, you've sparked curiosity and offered guidance when it was most needed.



To the school staff: Thank you for the smiles at the front desk and the tireless work behind the scenes that keeps our school “village” running smoothly.

To fellow parents: Thank you for the carpools, shared advice, and the spirit of community that reminds us we are all in this together.

As lights twinkle in classrooms and homes alike, the festive mood is about more than decorations, it’s about the warmth of a shared journey. Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and as we look back on the successes and the “messy learning moments” of Grade VI, we have so much to celebrate.

Let’s carry this spirit of appreciation into the new year. May your holidays be filled with laughter, rest, and the simple joy of being present with family.

- Ms. Kalpana Phapagire,

Parent of Pratyush Phapagire - Grade VI ‘A’

Upcoming Events

- Funfinity Carnival
- Army Day
- Sports Day
- Handwriting Day
- National Girl Child Day
- Republic Day
- National Cleanliness Day

