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Grade VI to IX

From the Principal's Desk

A New Academic Year, A New Journey of Abounding Growth

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome each one of you back to school as we begin another exciting academic year at Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur. After the summer break, our campus has once again come alive with the joyful laughter, enthusiasm, and boundless energy of our students. June, the reopening month, is always filled with excitement, fresh beginnings, and renewed aspirations, making it one of the most special times of the year.

The start of a new academic session provides every learner with an opportunity to turn the page and begin a new chapter filled with possibilities. It is a time to set goals, embrace challenges, discover new interests, and strive for excellence. As educators and parents, we have the privilege and responsibility of guiding our children through this journey and helping them grow into confident, compassionate, and capable individuals.

This year, we embark on our journey with the inspiring theme, **"Abounding Growth."** This theme reflects our vision of nurturing growth in every dimension of a child's life. Growth is not limited to academic achievement alone; it encompasses character development, creativity, emotional intelligence, leadership skills, resilience, and social responsibility. We aspire to create an environment where every child feels encouraged to learn, explore, question, innovate, and flourish.

The reopening month has been marked by positivity and enthusiasm as students reunited with friends, welcomed new classmates, and settled into their classrooms with excitement. Our teachers have worked diligently to ensure a smooth transition into the new academic year by creating engaging learning spaces and planning meaningful experiences that spark curiosity and inspire a love for learning.

At Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur, we strongly believe in holistic education that balances academics with sports, arts, technology, life skills, and values. Through a wide range of curricular and co-curricular opportunities, we aim to provide our students with experiences that prepare them not only for examinations but also for life beyond the classroom. We want our learners to become critical thinkers, effective communicators, collaborative team players, and responsible global citizens.

As we move forward into the academic year, I encourage our students to approach each day with curiosity, courage, and determination. Success is built through consistent effort, perseverance, and the willingness to learn from both achievements and challenges. Every experience, whether big or small, contributes to growth and shapes the leaders of tomorrow.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our parents for their continued trust, support, and partnership. The strong collaboration between home and school plays a vital role in ensuring the success and well-being of every child. Together, we can create a nurturing environment where students feel valued, motivated, and empowered to achieve their fullest potential.

As we embrace the spirit of **Abounding Growth.**, let us work together to make this academic year one of meaningful learning, memorable experiences, and remarkable achievements. I look forward to witnessing the many milestones our students will accomplish in the months ahead and celebrating their journey of growth and success.

Wishing all our students, parents, and staff a joyful, enriching, and successful academic year ahead.

- Ms. Sripurna Sharma,
Principal, RIA Sarjapur





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Thought of the Month

"Together, let us grow not just in knowledge, but in kindness, curiosity, and care for our planet—because today's learners are tomorrow's changemakers."

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EVENT

Building Bridges: Parent Orientation Mont I to Grade VIII

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid... for the Lord your God goes with you."

—Deuteronomy 31:6

Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur, successfully conducted its **Parent Orientation Programme,** fostering a strong partnership between the school and parents while offering valuable insights into the institution's vision, values, and holistic approach to education.

The programme commenced with the Lord's Prayer and Scripture Reading, creating a serene and spiritually uplifting atmosphere. An engaging ice-breaker activity encouraged interaction among parents, setting a warm and positive tone for the session.

The Vice Principal, **Ms. Rupa Saha Mandal,** warmly welcomed the gathering and emphasized the significance of collaborative efforts between parents and the school in nurturing students' academic excellence, character, and overall development.

An interactive session by the Passion Building Teachers provided parents with meaningful insights into the school's teaching practices, student well-being, and holistic development initiatives. These discussions enabled parents to better understand the learning environment and the support system available to every child.

The programme concluded on an encouraging note, reinforcing the shared commitment of the school and parents towards empowering students to achieve their fullest potential and ensuring a successful academic journey together.









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First Day of School Mont I to Grade IX

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."

– Isaiah 41:10



Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur, warmly welcomed students to the new academic session with great enthusiasm and a vibrant campus adorned with colourful decorations, welcome displays, and creative arrangements.



The day commenced with a special assembly led by the pastors. The assembly included the Lord's Prayer by the Vice Principal, Scripture Reading, Special Prayer, and uplifting praise and worship songs, invoking God's blessings for a successful academic year. Melodious musical performances and energetic dance presentations further enriched the celebration, creating a joyful and inspiring atmosphere.



Students then participated in engaging classroom activities designed to foster interaction, confidence, and a sense of belonging. Meaningful sharing sessions with teachers helped students settle comfortably into their new learning environment.

The celebration concluded with thoughtfully prepared takeaways, making the first day memorable for every child. The event beautifully reflected the school's commitment to nurturing students in a caring, faith-filled, and joyful environment, setting a positive tone for the academic year ahead.

Voices That Lead: Student Parliament Elections Grades VI to IX

"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve."

– Joshua 24:15



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Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur, successfully conducted the Student Parliament Election 2026, providing students with a firsthand experience of the democratic process while fostering leadership, responsibility, and active citizenship.

The event commenced with a special assembly, where the Vice Principal introduced the various leadership positions and encouraged students to participate with integrity, confidence, and a spirit of service. Eligible students filed their nominations, following which they were evaluated through speeches and a structured selection process based on leadership potential, communication skills, discipline, and commitment to the school community.

Shortlisted candidates appeared before an interview panel to demonstrate their confidence, decision-making abilities, and vision for student leadership. Adding a creative dimension to the campaign, candidates designed unique election logos and canvassed among their peers, sharing their ideas and aspirations while upholding the values of fairness and respect.

The election culminated in a transparent e-voting process, with a dedicated voting booth ensuring a smooth and efficient experience. Students of Grades VI to IX, along with teachers, exercised their voting rights, making the election an inclusive celebration of democratic participation.

The Student Parliament Election proved to be an enriching learning experience, reinforcing the values of accountability, ethical leadership, and informed decision-making. The initiative empowered students to embrace leadership with confidence and compassion, preparing them to become responsible citizens and future leaders.









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Leading with Purpose: Investiture Ceremony Grades VI to IX

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."

– Matthew 20:26

Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur, proudly hosted its **Investiture Ceremony 2026–27,** a momentous occasion that marked the formal induction of the newly elected Student Parliament and Council Members. The ceremony celebrated leadership, responsibility, integrity, and a commitment to serving the school community.

The event commenced with a grand welcome to the **Chief Guest, Commandant P. Manoj Kumar, CRPF,** who was received with bouquets, ceremonial badging, and a Guard of Honour presented by the students. Reinforcing the school's commitment to environmental sustainability, a plantation drive accompanied by a plantation song added a meaningful touch to the occasion.

The programme began on a spiritual note with the Lord's Prayer, Scripture Reading with interpretation, Special Prayer, and uplifting praise and worship. A multilingual welcome speech, melodious welcome song, patriotic performance, and the felicitation of the Chief Guest reflected the vibrant spirit and cultural diversity of the Ryan family.

The highlight of the ceremony was the investiture of the newly elected student leaders. Scarves and badges were conferred upon the office bearers, symbolising their leadership responsibilities. The outgoing council ceremonially handed over the school and house flags, followed by the oath-taking administered by the Principal, where the newly elected leaders pledged to uphold the values of the institution with dedication, integrity, and sincerity.









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The event also featured an impressive March Past, an energetic leadership-themed dance, and an inspiring presentation on **"The Power of Teamwork in Students."** Students who demonstrated outstanding achievements in academics and co-curricular activities were recognised with awards for Academic Excellence, Merit, and All-Round Achievement.



In his motivating address, **Commandant P. Manoj Kumar** encouraged students to embrace discipline, teamwork, humility, and responsible leadership. His inspiring words urged the young leaders to lead by example and serve their peers with commitment and compassion.



The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, followed by the Closing Chorus, School Anthem, Ryan Song, and the National Anthem. The Investiture Ceremony stood as a proud celebration of student leadership, inspiring every young Ryanite to lead with purpose, serve with humility, and strive for excellence.



Turning Pages, Shaping Futures: Launch of the 15 Book Campaign Grades VI to IX

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

– Psalm 118:24

Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur, enthusiastically launched the **15 Book Campaign,** an inspiring initiative aimed at cultivating a lifelong love for reading, strengthening literacy skills, and encouraging students to explore the limitless world of books.



The programme commenced on a spiritual note with the Lord's Prayer, Scripture Reading, Special Prayer, and uplifting praise and worship. The gathering warmly

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welcomed the distinguished Guest of Honour, while students delivered a multilingual welcome address, reflecting the school's spirit of unity in diversity. The Vice Principal felicitated the guest and highlighted the significance of the campaign in nurturing young readers and lifelong learners.

An engaging student presentation introduced the objectives of the campaign, emphasizing the importance of reading over excessive screen time and showcasing how books enrich knowledge, spark imagination, and build confidence. A thought-provoking mime performance beautifully conveyed the value of caring for library books and preserving the joy of reading for all.

The event also celebrated the achievements of students who successfully completed the **15 Book Campaign (2025–26)** and recognised the accomplishments of the school's young authors for their literary excellence. The Guest of Honour officially inaugurated the campaign and delivered an inspiring address, encouraging students to make reading a daily habit and discover the transformative power of books.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, followed by the School Anthem and the National Anthem. The launch served as a meaningful reminder that every book opens the door to new ideas, inspiring students to embrace the campaign's enduring message: **"Read Today... Lead Tomorrow!"**









Nurturing Green Minds: Celebrating World Environment Day Grades VI to IX

In celebration of World Environment Day, Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur, organized a series of engaging and

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thought-provoking activities across Grades VI to IX, inspiring students to become responsible environmental stewards.

Grade VI students beautifully blended creativity with environmental awareness by designing eco-friendly posters using dry leaves and other natural materials. Their artistic creations were complemented by original four-line poems and impactful slogans on themes such as "Save Trees, Save Earth" and "Nature is Art," reflecting their love and concern for the environment.

The melodious voices of Grade VII & VIII echoed a powerful message during the Inter-House Choir Singing Competition – "50 Voices for the Planet." Through soulful performances based on themes like Plant More Trees, Love for Mother Earth, and Save Water, students captivated the audience while spreading awareness about environmental conservation.

Adding to the celebrations, Grade IX students showcased their innovation and vision in the Inter-House Poster and Model Making Competition on the themes "Next 50 Years – My Green Vision" and "Sustainable Future – Ryan @50." Their imaginative posters and sustainable models reflected practical solutions and a shared commitment to building a greener tomorrow.

The celebration served as a meaningful platform for students to express their creativity, environmental consciousness, and sense of responsibility towards protecting our planet, reinforcing the belief that every small step today contributes to a sustainable future.

Learning Outcome: Students developed environmental awareness, enhanced their creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication skills, while understanding the importance of sustainable practices and their role in preserving the planet for future generations.









Academic Activities

Second Urbanization – Punch-Marked Coins Grade VII 'A'

As part of the lesson on The Second Urbanization, students created models of Punch-Marked Coins using clay. They carefully engraved different symbols such as the sun, animals, trees, geometric shapes, and other ancient markings to understand the unique features of India's earliest coins.

This hands-on activity helped students explore the importance of punch-marked coins in facilitating trade, commerce, and economic growth during the Second Urbanization. Through this creative task, students developed a deeper understanding of early Indian currency, while enhancing their observation, creativity, and historical thinking skills.

Learning Outcome: Students understood the significance of punch-marked coins as the earliest form of metallic currency in ancient India and recognized their role in promoting trade and the growth of urban centres during the Second Urbanization.







Many Languages, One Heart! - Grade VIII

As part of the **Multilingualism activity,** students enthusiastically came forward to display the charts they had prepared. Each chart showcased the different names used for family members in various Indian languages, highlighting the rich linguistic diversity of our country. Students confidently explained their charts, shared interesting regional variations, and appreciated the uniqueness of different languages. The activity fostered collaboration, cultural awareness, and respect for India's multilingual heritage while making learning engaging and meaningful.



Academic Activities

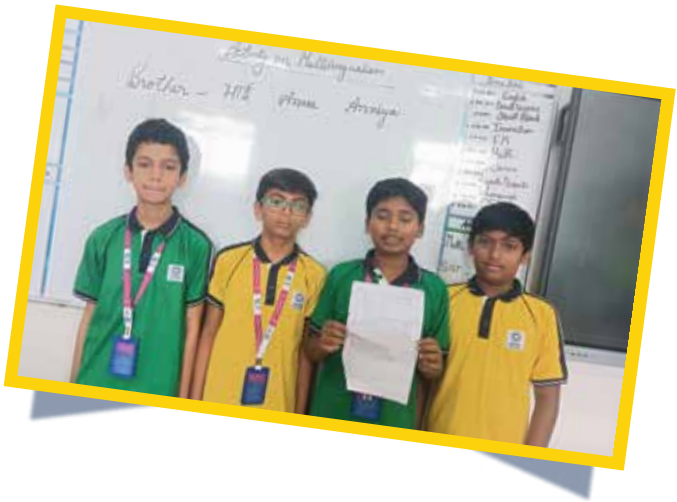
Learning Outcome:

• Students developed an appreciation for India's rich linguistic and cultural diversity.

• They enhanced their communication and presentation skills by confidently explaining their charts.

• They learned to respect and celebrate different languages while understanding the importance of multilingualism in promoting unity and inclusivity.





Turncoat Challenge: Speak, Switch & Shine! Grade IX

Grade IX 'A' enthusiastically participated in the **Turncoat Challenge,** where students demonstrated their critical thinking and public speaking skills by speaking *for and against* the same topic. They confidently switched perspectives, presenting balanced arguments with clarity and conviction. The activity encouraged quick thinking, logical reasoning, and effective communication, making learning both engaging and thought-provoking.

Learning Outcome: Students developed the ability to think from multiple perspectives, strengthen their reasoning and analytical skills, enhance their confidence in public speaking, and improve their ability to present well-structured arguments with clarity and respect for diverse opinions.







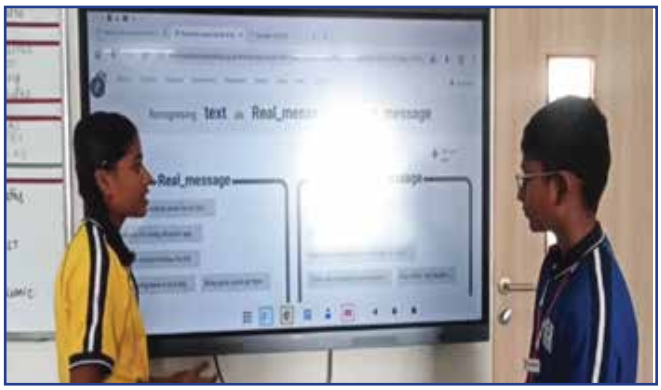
Academic Activities

AI in Action: Innovating Through Intelligent Learning - Grades VI to VIII

Students of Grades VI to VIII enthusiastically participated in a series of engaging Artificial Intelligence (AI) activities designed to strengthen their understanding of machine learning and computer vision through hands-on learning.

Grade VI students completed the Spam Shield activity, where they trained an AI model to identify and filter spam messages, gaining insights into how intelligent systems classify information. Grade VII students explored the fascinating world of computer vision through the Quick Draw Challenge, training and testing AI models to recognize hand-drawn objects. Grade VIII students undertook the Fashion Police activity, developing an AI image classification model to identify various clothing items while discovering its real-world applications in the fashion and retail industry.

These experiential learning activities fostered computational thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and digital literacy, equipping students with practical AI skills and preparing them to become confident innovators in an increasingly technology-driven world.



AI Spam Shield
Grade VI



AI Quick Draw Challenge
Grade VII



AI Fashion Police
Grade VIII

Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



HSCP Induction Programme

On 29th May 2026, before the commencement of the academic year, Mr. Uday conducted the Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Induction Programme for all teaching staff.

During the session, Mr. Uday emphasized that child safety is the highest priority and the responsibility of every staff member. He reinforced the school's Zero Tolerance Policy towards any form of abuse, neglect, bullying, harassment, corporal punishment, discrimination, or misconduct.

The induction covered all key aspects of Health, Safety and Child Protection, including child protection guidelines, staff code of conduct, supervision responsibilities, health and safety measures, emergency procedures, and the reporting mechanism for any child protection concerns. Teachers were reminded to remain vigilant, act responsibly, and report any concerns immediately in accordance with the school's HSCP policy.

The session concluded with a commitment from all staff to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and work together to provide a safe, secure, and nurturing environment for every child throughout the academic year.





Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



POCSO Awareness Training

On 6th June 2026, Ms. Nandita conducted a POCSO Awareness Training for all staff members. The session focused on the key provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and emphasized the importance of creating a safe, secure, and child-friendly school environment.

During the training, staff members were sensitized to recognize signs of abuse, maintain appropriate professional boundaries, follow the school's Child Protection Policy, and understand their legal and ethical responsibility to report any concerns immediately. The session also reinforced the school's Zero Tolerance Policy towards any form of child abuse, neglect, bullying, harassment, or misconduct.

The training strengthened staff awareness and reaffirmed the collective responsibility of every employee to safeguard the well-being, dignity, and rights of every child.









Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



Surprise Bag Check - Grades III to IX

On 10th June 2026, a surprise bag check drive was conducted for students of Grades III to IX as part of the school's Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) initiative. The objective was to ensure that students were not carrying any prohibited or unsafe items to school and to reinforce a safe and disciplined learning environment.

The inspection was carried out smoothly, and only one prohibited item was found during the entire drive. This reflects the effectiveness of the school's awareness programmes and the cooperation of students and parents in adhering to school safety guidelines.

The bag checks successfully achieved its objective of promoting safety, responsibility, and compliance with school policies while maintaining a secure environment for all students.









Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



Road Safety Awareness Programme

On 15th June 2026, a Road Safety Awareness Programme was conducted for all drivers and support staff. The session aimed to reinforce the importance of following road safety rules and promoting safe transportation practices.

The programme covered topics such as safe driving practices, adherence to traffic rules, speed control, defensive driving, vehicle safety checks, and the importance of ensuring student safety during school transportation. Participants were also reminded of their responsibility to maintain discipline, remain alert, and follow all safety protocols while on duty.

The session strengthened awareness among the staff and reaffirmed the school's commitment to providing a safe and secure transportation environment for all students.





Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



Importance of Physical Activity - Grades V to IX

On 22nd June 2026, a workshop on the Importance of Physical Activity was conducted for students of Grades V to IX. The session was facilitated by Ms. Nandita, who highlighted the significance of regular physical activity in maintaining good health, improving fitness, enhancing concentration, and promoting overall well-being.

Through an interactive and engaging session, students learned about the benefits of leading an active lifestyle, developing healthy habits, and balancing physical exercise with their daily routine. The workshop encouraged students to participate in regular physical activities and adopt healthy lifestyle practices for their overall growth and development.

The session was highly informative and beneficial, creating greater awareness among students about the importance of physical fitness and healthy living.









Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



Health, Safety Wellbeing Newsletter

Back to School, Back to Healthy Habits: Why Hand Hygiene Matters More Than Ever

To mark the reopening of the school, students were reminded about the importance of maintaining proper hand hygiene as a simple yet effective way to prevent the spread of infections. The session highlighted the correct handwashing practices and encouraged students to wash their hands before meals, after using the washroom, and after outdoor play. By reinforcing these habits, the initiative aimed to promote a clean, healthy, and safe school environment.

World Blood Donor Day: One Drop of Humanity, Give Blood, Save Lives

In observance of World Blood Donor Day, students were sensitized to the importance of voluntary blood donation and its role in saving lives. The session emphasized the values of compassion, generosity, and social responsibility while helping students understand how a single blood donation can make a significant difference. Families and eligible adults were also encouraged to support this noble cause by becoming regular blood donors.

International Day of Yoga: Stretch, Smile & Shine!

As part of the International Day of Yoga celebrations, students explored the physical, mental, and emotional benefits of practicing yoga. The session focused on how regular yoga and breathing exercises improve flexibility, concentration, emotional balance, and overall well-being. Students were inspired to make yoga a part of their daily routine and embrace a healthier and more mindful lifestyle.

Oil & Health: Is Your Kitchen Oil Helping or Hurting Your Family?

To promote healthy dietary habits, an awareness session was conducted on the role of cooking oils in maintaining good health. Students learned about choosing healthier oils, avoiding the repeated use of cooking oil, limiting fried and processed foods, and following a balanced diet. The session encouraged students to adopt healthier eating habits and share these important messages with their families, fostering better health practices at home.

Students Speak



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The ink wet upon a treaty in a distant, marble-lined hall takes only days to dry, yet its ripple effects are felt for decades in the quietest corners of ordinary lives. We often speak of world politics as a grand, detached chess game played by figures on television screens, an abstract storm raging high above the canopy of the everyday. But international relations are never truly distant. They are the invisible architecture of our mornings, the silent guests at our dinner tables, and the authors of our modern anxieties.

Consider the simple act of brewing a morning cup of coffee. To the untrained eye, it is a solitary ritual, a quiet moment of transition between sleep and the demands of the day. In reality, it is a complex intersection of global trade routes, diplomatic alliances, and climate policies negotiated across hemispheres. When a geopolitical tremor shakes an agricultural hub or an embargo shifts a shipping lane, the price of that morning ritual fluctuates. The conflict across an ocean is not just a headline; it becomes the reason a parent calculates the family grocery budget with newfound precision at the supermarket counter. Energy policies decided in foreign capitals translate directly into the heat radiating from a living room radiator on a cold winter night.

In our interconnected digital age, this vulnerability extends far beyond the wallet; it shapes the subconscious geography of our minds. The constant influx of international news alters collective moods, shaping how communities view their future, their security, and their neighbours. A sense of instability halfway across the globe can quiet a local marketplace, make entrepreneurs hesitate, and cause ordinary people to hold their breath.

Students Speak



Yet, this friction also brings us closer. Borders may be drawn firmly on maps with rigid ink, but human culture remains fluid and resilient. Political shifts displace populations, bringing new languages, cuisines, and perspectives to local neighbourhoods, permanently altering the social fabric of distant towns. We find ourselves sharing sidewalks and stories with people whose histories were rewritten by the same global forces that altered our economic realities.

There is a profound irony in how the grandest decisions of statecraft mirror the intimate realities of human existence. When nations build walls, citizens often find themselves closing off their communities. When international treaties favour collaboration, local societies tend to lean into openness and shared progress. We do not live our lives in isolation from history; we live them right in the middle of its draft.

Ultimately, the grand theatre of world politics is not a separate entity from the human experience, it is the human experience writ large. Every policy, sanction, and alliance eventually trickles down, transforming from abstract political strategy into the tangible, felt reality of a citizen's Tuesday afternoon. To understand world politics is not just to analyze power; it is to recognize the invisible threads that tie the fate of a stranger thousands of miles away to the cost of our own daily morning coffee.

- Tanvi Pawan,
Grade VIII 'A'





The Importance of Reading in an AI World

We are living in an exciting era where Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the way we learn, work, and communicate. From answering questions instantly to helping us solve complex problems, AI has become an integral part of our daily lives. Yet, amid these remarkable advancements, one timeless habit continues to shape young minds like no technology can—reading.

Reading is the foundation of learning. It expands vocabulary, strengthens language skills, improves concentration, and develops critical thinking. More importantly, it nurtures imagination, empathy, and creativity. While AI can provide information within seconds, it cannot replace the joy of discovering ideas, reflecting on them, and forming independent opinions through reading.

Children who read regularly become confident communicators and thoughtful learners. They learn to analyse information, distinguish facts from opinions, and approach challenges with curiosity and confidence. These are the very skills that will enable them to use AI wisely and responsibly.





As educators and parents, our responsibility is not to choose between books and technology but to help children use both effectively. AI should be viewed as a tool that supports learning, while reading remains the habit that builds wisdom, character, and lifelong curiosity.

Every book opens a new window to the world. Every story sparks imagination. Every page read today prepares our children to become informed, compassionate, and responsible citizens tomorrow.

In an AI-driven world, those who read deeply will not only keep pace with technology but also lead it with knowledge, ethics, and creativity. Let us continue to nurture a love for reading, for it remains one of the greatest gifts we can offer the next generation.

- Ms. Shruthi Radhakrishnan,

Teacher



PARENT'S CORNER

Parenting Gen Z: Bridging the Generation Gap

Today's teenagers are growing up in a world where a swipe opens doors to endless possibilities and endless pressures. Gen Z is a generation of dreamers, innovators, and digital natives who seek understanding more than instructions and connection more than control. As parents, our greatest role is not to have all the answers, but to become their safest place to ask questions, make mistakes, and grow.

Bridging the generation gap begins with replacing criticism with conversation, judgment with empathy, and authority with guidance. Every meaningful conversation, every shared laugh, and every moment of patient listening strengthens the invisible bridge between parents and their children. While values such as honesty, respect, responsibility, and kindness remain timeless, the way we communicate them must evolve with the times.

When parents choose to understand before being understood, they raise more than successful teenagers—they nurture resilient, compassionate, and confident young adults. In the end, the strongest bridge between generations is built not with technology or rules, but with trust, love, and unwavering support. Together, we can empower Gen Z to face the future with courage, character, and confidence.

- Mr. Deepak,
Parent



Upcoming Events

- **PT-1 Exam**