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From The Playground to The Podium: Inspiring The Champions of Tomorrow

At Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur, we firmly believe that sports are an essential part of a child's education. Sports teach us discipline, perseverance, teamwork, resilience and, most importantly, the courage to dream big. The 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow gave India much to celebrate. India finished fourth in the medal standings with an impressive 39 medals — 13 Gold, 17 Silver and 9 Bronze. Indian athletes delivered memorable performances across disciplines, with boxing emerging as a major strength, while athletics, para-athletics, weightlifting and judo also contributed to the nation's success. These achievements remind us that sporting excellence is built through years of dedication, discipline and consistent effort. The excitement becomes even greater as India prepares to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. India was formally confirmed as the host at the Commonwealth Sport General Assembly in November 2025, making the 2030 edition a landmark Centenary Games.

For our students, this is more than an international sporting event—it is an invitation to dream. The next four years can be a journey of preparation, practice and purpose. The champions of 2030 may already be sitting in our classrooms, swimming in our pools, practising their shots on the basketball court or football field, learning discipline through martial arts, mastering their balance on skates, or discovering the excitement of pickle ball.

At Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur, we are committed to providing children with opportunities to explore and excel in a wide range of sporting disciplines. Our message to every young Ryanite is simple: Start where you are, practise every day and never be afraid to dream beyond the ordinary. You do not have to become a champion overnight. Every practice session, every missed goal, every race, every fall and every comeback is part of the journey. As India prepares to welcome the Commonwealth Games in 2030, let us inspire our children to ask themselves:

“Could I represent India one day?”

The answer begins with a willingness to try, the discipline to practise and the determination to never give up. At Ryan, we believe that every child has the potential to RISE, BUILD, LEAD and ARISE. The playground could be the beginning of a lifelong journey—and perhaps, one day, the road to the Commonwealth podium.

Dream big. Play with purpose. Train with passion. And let the journey to 2030 begin today!

- Ms. Sripurna Sharma,
Principal, RIA Sarjapur



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Quote of the month

Determination

"A great book begins with an idea; a great life with determination."

Louis L'Amour

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ARTICLE FROM SECTION HEAD



"The Joy of Learning Through Play"

Childhood is a precious journey of discovery, where every experience shapes the foundation for lifelong learning. In the Montessori approach, play is not viewed as a break from learning—it is learning in its most natural and meaningful form. Every activity, every exploration, and every moment of curiosity becomes an opportunity for a child to grow intellectually, socially, emotionally, and creatively.

A thoughtfully prepared Montessori environment encourages children to explore with confidence, make independent choices, and learn through hands-on experiences. Whether they are building with blocks, engaging in practical life activities, experimenting with sensory materials, creating art, or participating in group discussions, each experience nurtures critical thinking, creativity, communication, and problem-solving skills. More importantly, it instils self-confidence, resilience, and a genuine love for learning.

Learning through play also strengthens essential life values. As children collaborate, share, respect one another's ideas, and celebrate small achievements, they develop empathy, responsibility, patience, and teamwork—qualities that extend far beyond the classroom.

The partnership between parents and educators further enriches this journey. When children receive encouragement, trust, and opportunities to explore both at school and at home, they flourish into confident, compassionate, and lifelong learners.

At our school, we believe that every smile reflects curiosity, every question sparks discovery, and every playful experience lays the foundation for a brighter future. By embracing the joy of learning through play, we inspire children to become confident thinkers, kind individuals, and enthusiastic learners who are ready to embrace the endless possibilities of tomorrow.

-Ms. Neetu Birla,
Section Head – Montessori

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International Parents' Day - Mont I to III

Fun filled Games

Our school **Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur** celebrated **International Parents' Day,** honouring the invaluable bond between parents and their children through a day filled with laughter, creativity, and unforgettable memories. Parents were warmly invited to participate alongside their children in a variety of engaging activities, such as **Family Puzzle Run, No Flame Full Fame, Trendsetter Together, and Ryan's Family Showcase.**





The campus buzzed with excitement as families worked together, showcased their creativity, and celebrated each other's unique talents. From solving puzzles as a team to preparing delicious no-fire recipes and delivering captivating performances, every activity reflected the spirit of togetherness and mutual encouragement.



The enthusiastic participation of parents transformed the celebration into a memorable occasion, strengthening the partnership between home and school. The event beautifully highlighted that when families learn, laugh, and grow together, they create lifelong memories and inspire children to dream with confidence. It was truly a heartfelt celebration of love, unity, and the priceless joy of family.



Ryan Sir's Birthday Celebration



The school community came together to commemorate the birthday of our esteemed CEO, Ryan Sir, in an atmosphere of great enthusiasm and sincere gratitude. The

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occasion served as a meaningful tribute to his enduring vision and commitment to education.

A highlight of the celebration was the creative presentation of '50' handprints by students, symbolising 50 years of excellence, learning, and joy. The vibrant display reflected the collective affection and appreciation of the student body.

The programme concluded with heartfelt songs, greetings, and expressions of goodwill, reinforcing the spirit of unity and belonging that continues to define the Ryan family.





A Splash of Sunshine Yellow Colour Day Celebration - Mont I to III

Paper tearing activity, Cotton and finger printing.



Our Montessori wing radiated joy and positivity as students celebrated Yellow Day, embracing the colour of happiness, hope, and energy. Dressed in bright yellow attire and carrying their favourite yellow toys, the little learners filled the campus with cheerful smiles. Each class explored creative activities that reflected the theme beautifully. Mont I made a radiant sun through tearing and pasting, Mont II created stunning sunflowers using cotton stamp printing, and Mont III crafted adorable chicks with colourful finger printing, showcasing their imagination and fine motor skills.



Adding to the excitement, the teachers surprised the children with an engaging

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storytelling session followed by the lively rhyme “Five Little Ducks.” The interactive performance kept the children captivated as they sang, laughed, and enthusiastically joined in the actions. The celebration created a joyful learning experience, making Yellow Day a memorable occasion filled with creativity, fun, and countless sunshine-filled smiles.





Physical Education

Fitness Circuit

Our Montessori I learners enthusiastically participated in a Walking on the Balancing Beam activity, designed to strengthen their gross motor skills through fun and purposeful movement. With cheerful smiles and careful steps, the children walked across the beam while maintaining their balance and posture. They learned to focus on each step, improving their body coordination, concentration, and self-confidence.



The activity also encouraged perseverance, as each child tried independently and celebrated their achievements with pride. Walking on the balancing beam is an excellent way to build core strength, spatial awareness, and control over body movements. Through this engaging experience, our young learners discovered that every small step taken with confidence leads to greater physical development and a positive attitude towards active learning. It was a joyful session filled with excitement, determination, and a sense of accomplishment.





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Circuit Challenge – Inspiring - Young Achievers





The Mont III learners enthusiastically embraced an engaging Physical Education circuit that seamlessly blended fun with skill development. The thoughtfully designed course featured hurdle jumps, hula hoop transitions, and balancing beam activities, each aimed at strengthening agility, balance, coordination, and body control. With determination and growing confidence, every child successfully completed the circuit, demonstrating perseverance and an eagerness to take on new challenges. The session fostered resilience, focus, and self-confidence while encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle. Through such enriching experiences, our young learners continue to build strong physical foundations and develop the confidence to move, explore, and excel with enthusiasm.



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Sorting Vowels and Consonants – Strengthening Early Literacy Skills Mont III 'A'





The Mont III learners enthusiastically participated in an engaging language activity focused on distinguishing vowels and consonants. Children carefully picked individual letter cards and thoughtfully sorted them into their respective vowel and consonant pouches. This hands-on learning experience encouraged active participation while reinforcing letter recognition and phonemic awareness. As

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students classified each letter, they developed a deeper understanding of the English alphabet and strengthened their early reading and writing foundations.

Learning Experience: The activity also enhanced observation skills, concentration, critical thinking, and fine motor coordination as children handled and sorted the letters with precision. Through interactive and purposeful learning, our young learners gained confidence in identifying vowels and consonants, making language acquisition both enjoyable and meaningful. Such experiential activities foster curiosity, independence, and a lifelong love for literacy while laying a strong foundation for future language development.

Exploring Big and Small with the Pink Tower Mont III 'B'







Mont III students explored the concept of big and small through an engaging hands-on activity using the Montessori Pink Tower. The children worked with a set of graded blocks, carefully observing and comparing their sizes. They learned to arrange the blocks from the biggest to the smallest, developing a clear understanding of size, order, and sequencing.

Learning Experiences: The activity encouraged students to use their observation and logical thinking skills while strengthening hand-eye coordination, concentration, and fine motor abilities. With great enthusiasm, the children selected each block and carefully built their towers, enjoying the process of learning through exploration. Their excitement and curiosity made the activity both meaningful and enjoyable. The Pink Tower provided a wonderful sensory learning experience, helping students understand mathematical concepts naturally through hands-on discovery and independent learning.

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Experiencing the World Through Our Five Senses Mont I





Our Mont I students enjoyed an exciting experiential learning activity on the five sense organs, turning the classroom into a world of exploration and discovery. Through hands-on experiences, children learned how their eyes, ears, nose, tongue, and skin help them understand the world around them.



The students used their eyes to observe and see different objects, exploring colours, shapes, and details. They touched both hard and soft toys to understand the sense of touch and feel different textures. Using their tongue, they tasted juicy grapes, discovering how the sense of taste helps us enjoy different flavours. The children happily smelled fresh flowers, learning how their nose helps them identify pleasant scents. Finally, they listened carefully to the sound of a drum, discovering how their ears help them hear sounds.



The activity made learning meaningful, joyful, and memorable while encouraging curiosity, observation, and sensory awareness through real-life experiences.

Counting with Concrete Objects: Learning Numbers 1 to 5 - Mont I



Our Mont I students participated in an engaging hands-on Mathematics activity focused on identifying and counting numbers from 1 to 5. Using concrete counting magnetic buttons, the children were encouraged to recognise each numeral

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and connect it with the correct quantity. They picked a number card, identified the numeral, and carefully counted the corresponding number of buttons, placing them in front of the respective number.

This activity made number concepts more meaningful, visual, and enjoyable. Handling the buttons also strengthened their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, concentration, and counting abilities. The interactive approach helped children understand that each numeral represents a specific quantity. Students enthusiastically participated, counted the buttons aloud, and enjoyed matching numbers with objects. Through this experiential learning activity, Mont I children developed confidence in early numeracy skills while learning numbers through active participation, exploration, and joyful learning.







Bilateral Coordination Activity

Our Montessori I children participated in an engaging bilateral coordination activity that encouraged observation, concentration, and active learning. The children carefully observed the activity board and matched the blue handprint with palm and yellow circles with fist in their corresponding spaces. As they placed each piece correctly, they strengthened their visual discrimination and colour recognition skills also. The activity enhanced hand-eye coordination, fine-motor control, and spatial awareness as children handled and positioned the pattern independently. With curiosity and enthusiasm, the little learners explored the patterns, identified similarities, and made thoughtful choices. This playful experience encouraged logical thinking,





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problem-solving, and focus while making learning enjoyable. Such practical Montessori activities provide children with opportunities to learn through movement, exploration, and discovery, building confidence and essential early learning skills in a joyful environment.



Meaningful Morning Assembly

The Montessori students of Ryan International Academy participated in a well-organised and meaningful morning assembly that helped them build confidence, discipline, and communication skills. The little learners began the assembly with the Lord's Prayer, followed by a Scripture Reading that encouraged them to reflect on good values. They also offered a Special Prayer, seeking blessings for their parents, teachers, and school community.

The children confidently recited beautiful rhymes and sang patriotic songs, showcasing their love for the nation. They then took the National Pledge along with the Ryan Pledge, demonstrating respect, unity, and responsibility. The young students also melodiously presented the Ryan Anthem, which filled everyone with pride.

The assembly concluded with the respectful singing of the National Anthem. Overall, the Montessori assembly was a joyful and enriching experience that helped children develop confidence, faith, and a sense of belonging to the school community.

Innovation Corner - Mont III

Fun with Magnets

Students explored the exciting world of magnets through a fun hands-on activity by creating colorful fridge magnets using craft materials and small magnets. As they designed and decorated their fridge magnets, they learned about magnetic attraction and how magnets stick to metal surfaces. This creative activity helped develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and artistic expression while making learning enjoyable and meaningful. Students also discovered how magnets are used in everyday life, which encouraged curiosity, imagination, and confidence in their learning.





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Global Visa – Discovering the Wonders of Egypt





As part of our Global Visa programme, the Mont III learners embarked on an exciting journey to explore the rich heritage of Egypt. Through engaging and interactive sessions, children discovered the country's location on the world map, its traditional attire, famous cuisine, unique culture, and customary greetings. They enthusiastically identified Egypt on the map, confidently named popular foods, and shared fascinating facts about its traditions. This immersive learning experience broadened their understanding of the world while nurturing curiosity, cultural appreciation, and global awareness from an early age. By exploring diverse countries and their way of life, our young learners are developing respect for different cultures, enhancing their communication skills, and becoming confident global citizens prepared to embrace the beauty and diversity of our interconnected world.



Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



Sugar & Health: How Sweet Is Too Sweet?

The Health & Safety awareness for the week focused on “Sugar & Health: How Sweet Is Too Sweet?” While sugar adds sweetness to our favourite foods, excessive consumption can affect children’s health. Too much added sugar may contribute to tooth decay, unhealthy weight gain, energy fluctuations, reduced concentration and long-term health concerns.

The awareness message highlighted that sugar is often hidden in foods such as flavoured yoghurt, breakfast cereals, packaged juices, ketchup, energy drinks, chocolates, cakes and sweetened beverages. Families were encouraged to make smarter choices by including fresh fruits, nuts, seeds, fruit-topped yoghurt and homemade smoothies. Parents and schools were also encouraged to promote healthier snacks, water instead of sugary drinks and the habit of reading food labels.







Doctor’s Day: Celebrating Healthcare Heroes

The Health & Safety awareness highlighted the significance of Doctor’s Day, celebrated on 1st July, and encouraged everyone to appreciate doctors beyond a single day. Doctors play many important roles—they are healthcare providers, educators, counsellors, problem-solvers and advocates of preventive care. Their dedication involves listening, diagnosing, treating, reassuring and guiding patients and families.

The message also reminded us that gratitude towards doctors should continue throughout the year. Regular health check-ups, seeking medical advice at the right time, following healthy lifestyle choices and encouraging preventive care are meaningful ways to value the health that doctors work hard to protect.

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Fire Mock Drill

On 14th July a Fire Mock Drill was conducted at Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur to enhance awareness and preparedness among students and staff in the event of a fire emergency. The drill provided an opportunity for everyone to understand and practise the appropriate emergency response procedures in a safe and organised manner.

Students and staff participated in the evacuation process, following the designated emergency routes and assembling at the identified safe assembly area. The drill emphasised the importance of remaining calm, following instructions, moving in an orderly manner and avoiding panic during an emergency.

The activity helped reinforce the school's commitment to fire safety, emergency preparedness and the well-being of every student and staff member. Regular mock drills play an important role in building confidence and ensuring that the school community is better prepared to respond effectively to unforeseen situations.







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Safe and Unsafe Touch Workshop

Students from Montessori III to Grade III at Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur. The session was facilitated by the school counsellor, Ms. Nandita, with the objective of helping young learners understand the importance of personal safety and body boundaries.

Through age-appropriate discussions and interactive activities, students were taught to identify the difference between safe and unsafe touch, understand that their body belongs to them, and recognise the importance of saying "No", moving away from an unsafe situation, and immediately informing a trusted adult if they ever feel uncomfortable. The session also encouraged students to speak up confidently and reassured them that seeking help is always the right thing to do.

The awareness programme reinforced the school's commitment to ensuring a safe, secure, and supportive environment where every child feels protected, respected, and empowered.















STAR OF THE WEEK

The **"Star of the Week"** is a wonderful initiative at Ryan International Academy, celebrating the unique qualities and achievements of our students from Montessori I to Grade IV. Each week, one child from every class is chosen as the "Star," a special recognition that fosters confidence and a sense of community.

The chosen student's parents are invited to the classroom to have an engaging interaction with the students, where they share heartwarming stories and talk about their child's personality, hobbies, and strengths. This interaction not only makes the star student feel special but also helps build a strong connection between the parents, teachers, and the rest of the class.

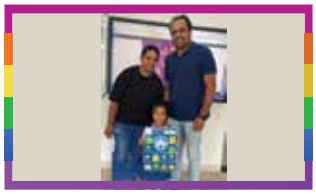
To make the experience even more memorable, each Star of the Week receives a personalized poster to fill out. The child proudly pastes their picture and shares their favourite things, from their cherished colour and food to their preferred sport and dream travel destination. This colourful and creative poster is then displayed outside the classroom for the entire week, allowing the whole school to celebrate and get to know our shining star a little better. It's a truly heartwarming concept that highlights the individuality of each child.

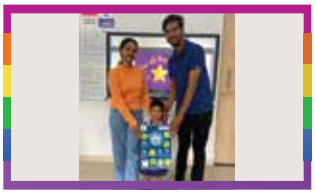












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Unplug to Grow:

Helping Young Children Embrace the World Beyond Screens

The early years of a child's life (3–5 years) are a time of curiosity, exploration, and rapid development. While technology has become a part of everyday life, excessive screen time can unintentionally reduce opportunities for children to move, play, and build meaningful relationships with others.

Have you noticed your child preferring a mobile phone or tablet over a trip to the park? Do they hesitate to play with other children or become upset when screen time ends? These are common signs that children may be relying too heavily on digital entertainment.

Outdoor play is much more than recreation—it is essential for healthy growth. Running, climbing, balancing, and exploring nature strengthen muscles, improve coordination, and support overall physical health. Equally important, playing with other children helps develop communication, sharing, teamwork, patience, empathy, and problem-solving skills. These everyday experiences build confidence and emotional resilience that no screen can replace.

What Can Parents Do?

Set clear and consistent daily screen-time limits.

Create "screen-free" family time every day.

Encourage at least one hour of outdoor play whenever possible.

Visit parks, playgrounds, or open spaces regularly.

Organise playdates to help children make friends and learn social skills.



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Join your child in outdoor games, cycling, gardening, or nature walks to make play enjoyable.

Praise your child for trying new outdoor activities and interacting with others.

Children learn best by observing the adults around them. When families choose conversations over screens, walks over scrolling, and games over gadgets, children naturally follow.

Let us work together to give our little ones the gift of an active childhood—filled with laughter, friendships, imagination, and unforgettable outdoor adventures. A balanced approach to technology today will help raise healthier, happier, and more confident children for tomorrow.

- Ms. Prajisha Manoj,

Parent of Niharika C Manoj - Mont I 'A'

TEACHER'S CORNER



At Ryan International Academy, our Montessori Department is dedicated to nurturing young minds through a joyful, child-centred learning environment. We believe that every child is unique and learns best through exploration, hands-on experiences, and meaningful interactions.

Our classrooms encourage curiosity, independence, creativity, and confidence while fostering a love for learning. Through engaging activities, practical life exercises, language development, numeracy, sensorial experiences, and cultural learning, we help children build a strong foundation for lifelong success.

Beyond academics, we focus on developing values such as kindness, respect, responsibility, and teamwork. Every day is an opportunity for our learners to discover their potential, express themselves, and grow into confident, compassionate individuals.

- Ms. Somdatta Chakrabortee,
Class Teacher - Mont III 'B'

Upcoming Event

- Friendship Day Competition
- Independence Day
- PTM (Showcase World Handloom Day)
- Blue Colour Day
- Rakhi Competition
- Founder's Day Celebration
- Tirangaa

