



Principal's Note

“A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation’s flag, sees not the flag, but the nation itself.”

Love towards one’s motherland is patriotism. It is one of the best qualities one can have. It is a pious feeling of the mind. Thankfully, we live in an independent country, unlike our great freedom fighters, who had to win it after a lot of struggle and sacrifice. We must respect our ‘motherland’ and work to make this country a better place for us to live in. This month of August lifts our spirits as it ushers the national festival of Independence which is celebrated across the country on 15th of August.

When we look back into the history of our country, many great sacrifices by Mangal Pandey, Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh and the Indian National Movement led by Mahatma Gandhi and so on had institutionalized patriotism through different concepts.

When we look into nation building it is a multi-dimensional concept and it involves active participation of its citizens through various walks of life. A strong and powerful nation is built on dedication and hard work of its citizens. People need to look a little deeper in their roles towards nation-building.

Swami Vivekananda has once said that, “As long as millions live in ignorance and hunger, I hold every person a traitor who, having been educated at their expense, pays not the least heed to them.” Careers, job satisfaction, education, friendship and entertainment are all important in one’s life but it is equally important for the youth to spare a thought for the millions in our country for whom two full meals a day continues to be luxury.

Each one of us should come forward and share our contribution in different areas of the society like following ‘Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan’ to keep our environment clean and safe for our future generations. By supporting the products that are ‘Made in India’, we can truly show our love and respect towards our country and help it grow.

If everyone becomes a true patriot, nothing can prevent our country from heading towards the path of progress and prosperity.

“Jai Hind, Jai Bharat!”

- by Ms. Sonika Kochhar Girotra, Principal

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Thought of the Month

The love for the country and that zeal to undergo any kind of hardships for the country is called patriotism. It teaches us to love our country and embrace the whole of humanity. It enlightens people about their predominant duties towards the nation. The feeling of patriotism is the spirit that seeks happiness through supreme sacrifice for the country and enables us to step forward to do our bit for our country.

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Quit India Movement

The Quit India Movement was a civil disobedience movement in India launched on 9th August, 1942, in response to Mahatma Gandhi's call for immediate independence of India. To create awareness and share the knowledge, RIAH conducted a special assembly on 9th August, 2022. The students were dressed up as different freedom fighters of our country like Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Mahatma Gandhi, and presented themselves with great confidence. The students of grade V and VI presented a speech to describe the aim of this movement which was to end colonial rule. Some students even raised the slogans given by our freedom fighters during this movement – **'Quit India'**, **'Do or Die'**. The assembly summed up with a motivational speech by the Principal. She enlightened all the students with the brief knowledge of 'Quit India Movement' and spoke at length about the freedom fighters who took part in this great movement.



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Books are man's true Friend

“What a blessing it is to love books.”

Furtherance to the 15 Books launch, we at RIAH promoted the importance and benefits of reading for a sound mind and body. Once the habit of reading is introduced in early childhood, it continues through the senior years. The school library provides a variety of books to the students. The students of grade I and II presented the gist of the books they had read and their take away post the reading. This assembly boosted the happy association of students with the books!

Janmashtami Celebration

Krishna Janmashtami, celebrated as the birthday of Lord Krishna is one of the most powerful reincarnations of Lord Vishnu. On 18th August, 2022, the students of RIAH presented a special assembly with great pomp and festivity to celebrate this religious festival. The students of Grade IV highlighted the importance of celebrating Janamashtami and how the holy occasion brings people together, signifying unity and faith. The students were dressed in bright coloured traditional outfits and portrayed a traditional play ‘**Dahi Handi**’ that filled the air with joy and festive spirit. Dahi Handi is the most ancient and joyful game played and celebrated on Janmashtami. Some students also danced to the beat of Janmashtami songs and enthralled the audience with their mesmerizing performance. The Principal along with the teachers cheered the students and enjoyed the special program presented by the students.

Bond of Love – Rakshabandhan

Rakhi is a thread expressing the promise of protection. Rakhi stands out as a unique gift of Indian culture. The simple threads of Rakhi symbolize the sacred love between siblings, friends or two people who believe will stand by each other



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in all the ups and downs of life. The Pre-primary students expressed their Bond of Love by crafting beautiful threads of affection, while the Primary Section came up with splendid artwork depicting their deep connection with their loved ones. The students went back home with smiles and tokens of appreciation.



Independence Day Celebrations

“The salvation of India depends on the strength of the individual, and the realization by each man of the divinity within”.

- Swami Vivekananda

India celebrated its 75th Independence Day - **“Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”** to commemorate its freedom. On 15th August every year, we pay respect to all the freedom fighters who fought bravely for our nation’s freedom. Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi celebrated its first Independence Day with great patriotic fervor and zeal. The Principal, accompanied by the Council Members, hoisted the National Flag **“Tiranga”**. All the students, teachers and the parents present saluted the flag and proudly sang the National Anthem.



The celebrations began with the praise and worship song by the students of grade I and II. This was followed by patriotic dance performances presented by grades III – VI students that showcased their immense love for their nation. The program concluded with the Principal’s deeply enriching and motivating speech. She urged the students, parent fraternity and the faculty members to realize, understand and cherish our coveted freedom and work towards a progressive nation.



Community Service – Blood Donation Drive

Each day India needs large quantities of blood to treat many patients undergoing surgery or getting treatment for various forms of cancer and other health issues. There is always a shortage of quality blood in our country. The issue can be addressed



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and must be resolved to ensure we emerge into a healthy India.

To commemorate 75 glorious years of independence, RIAH organized a Blood Donation drive in collaboration with Sanjeevani Blood Bank, Bhosari - Pune on 15th August 2022 with the aim to donate at least 75 bottles of blood for the use of the general public.

The response received from the parent fraternity, RIAH family and the neighbourhood was immense and we managed to make a donation of 79 bottles of blood, thus giving many recipients a reason to celebrate another day full of life! RIAH expresses immense gratitude to all the donors for creating moments of kindness and making the Blood Donation Drive a grand success.

Down the Memory Lane Competition

Senior citizens are true blessings for all of us. They are the greatest treasure of the family, society, and nation. They have an immense ocean of knowledge, experience, and wisdom that serves as a guidepost for the younger generation.

Ryanites of RIAH took a trip 'Down the Memory Lane' to express their love and gratitude towards their senior citizens of their family, workplace and society at large through an album making competition. Our students across grades I to VI made beautiful photo frames using photographs of their favourite senior citizen of their family! The students were awarded with certificates of appreciation for their work of art.

Open House - PTM

Effective communication and interaction between parents and teachers is of paramount importance as it contributes immensely to the success and well-being of the student. RIAH organized their first Parent Teachers meeting (PTM) on 20th August, 2022. The purpose of the PTM was to interact with the parents and share the progress made by their wards thus far. It aimed at finding workable



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solutions for better academic grooming of the students. The parents shared their valuable feedback about academics, co-curricular activities, sports and other facilities provided by the school. The students exhibited products and showcased their learnings from the various clubs like Coding, HomeScience, Art, etc. They presented their mastery over the club activities with élan that brought smiles on the faces of the viewers.



Coffee with Senior Citizens

Memories are Special Moments that tell a Story.... Ryanites created fond, cherished memories with the seniors of their family, as they celebrated the World Senior Citizen Day on 21st August 2022.

Grabbing a cup of nutty coffee, sharing and enjoying it with their most loved senior member of their family, they made them feel adored, exceptional and cared for! Making sure to eat, laugh, converse and bond over coffee on a brew-tiful day; gifting them the 'Down the Memory Lane' photo album that they so lovingly crafted for them, Ryanites went an extra mile to bring that smile that reached their eyes! Numerous heart touching videos were shared and the most joyous ones were awarded a token of appreciation.



Fantabulous Friday - Street Food Party

It's Friday! Don't forget to be fabulous!

At RIAH, we celebrate the last Friday of every month as Fantabulous Friday. The theme for celebration for the month of August was 'Street Food'. The students eagerly await to enjoy Fantabulous Friday with their classmates every month. To inculcate the habit of sharing, a 'Street Food Party' was organized in the school premises. The students brought different kinds of street foods like samosa, popcorn, wafers etc. in their tiffin boxes and shared the food with their friends and schoolmates. The excitement and happiness could be clearly seen in their eyes. Organizing such events in school creates a happy environment and children pick up a lot of values unknowingly, plus enjoy being at school.



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National Sports Day

“Sports teaches you character, It teaches you to play by rules,

It teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose,

It teaches you about life.”

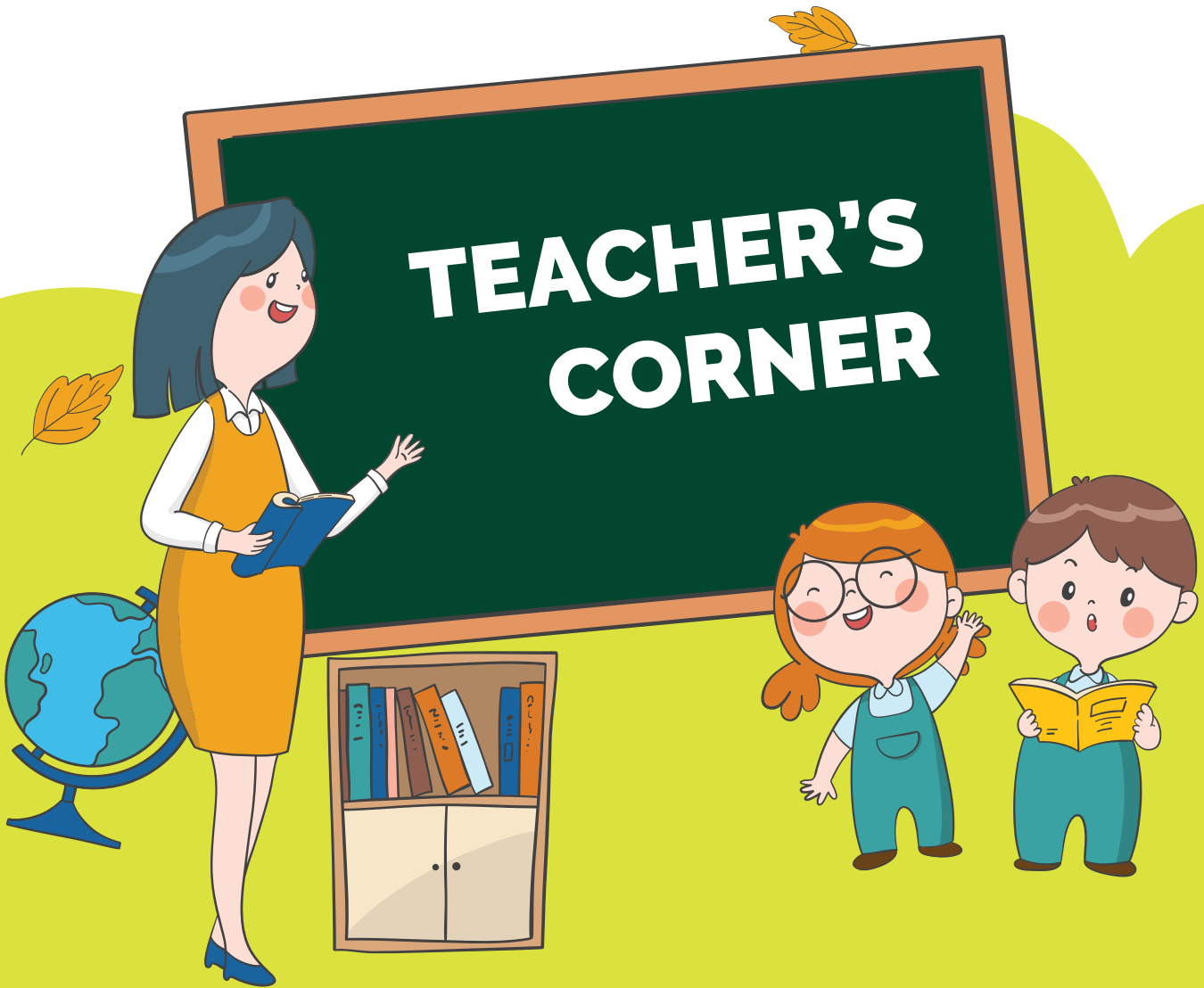
Sports and games are an integral part of our life and have become a way of life for a healthy and fit India. Sports play a pivotal role in the makeup of a young athlete. Where else can a young impressionable youth learn values like discipline, responsibility, self-confidence, sacrifice, accountability and to remain fit?

National Sports Day is celebrated on 29th August every year to mark the birth anniversary of Hockey Legend, Major Dhyan Chand, who is regarded as the greatest Hockey player of all times.

To mark the significance of National Sports Day, RIAH organized several activities to inculcate the feeling of true sportsmanship amongst the children and to enhance their physical and social skills. Students of Primary and Secondary sections participated in various sports like Futsal, Cricket and Basketball with great enthusiasm. The little ones had fun while indulging in these sports activities.

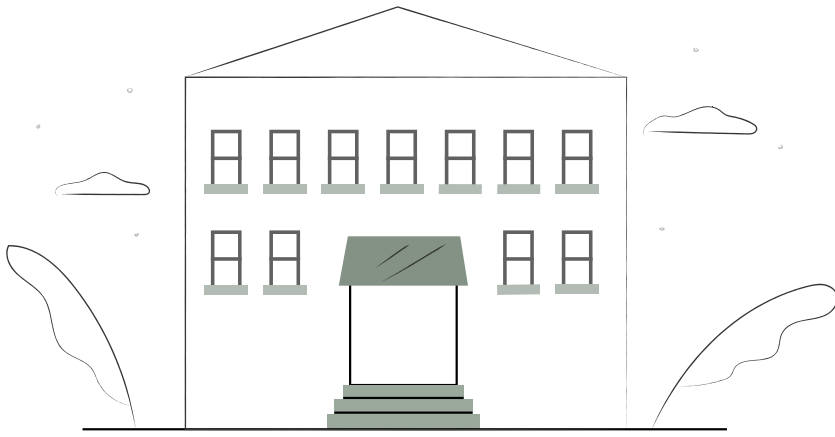
Sports can develop multiple qualities like a sense of togetherness, leadership skills, stamina, planning, patriotism and teamwork. Sports and games offer children a change from the monotony of daily life. They are also a useful means of entertainment and physical activity to stay fit and healthy.





India is a cultural superpower with her timeless wisdom and her rich diversity in cultures, diversity of thoughts, religions, cuisines, languages, arts and dialects, etc. Secularism is inherent in our system, in the Indian ethos and culture and is as old as our civilization itself. A normal classroom in our country best exemplifies multiplicity of various languages and cultures. It is refreshingly extraordinary that in our classrooms there are children who speak English during their lessons, Punjabi, Gujarati or Tamil at home with their parents, Hindi with friends on the see-saw or while playing kho-kho in the evenings. A beautiful addition to all this may well be extra lessons in Sanskrit or foreign languages. The message that these students with their different colours, ways of life, and cuisines desire to convey is even more revolutionary and secular, stressing the proud identity of us an Indian. Being an Indian means being true to what India stands for, that is, diversity. It is to be inclusive, to show kindness, to practice non-violence, to accept distinct cultures and to respect people from all walks of life. It is to love your country and show it in your actions and passionate work for her development.

- by Ms. Kavita Akash Juneja, TGT - English



PARENT'S CORNER

We enrolled our daughter Avani Kavar at RIAH in Grade III and our experience has been good so far. The Teachers and the Principal come up with various activities and initiatives that encourages students to participate in them which helps to learn different skills and gain exposure to real life experiences. Subjects are also taught by teachers in a very interesting and innovative way, so that students not only understand well, but also enjoy their classes. My daughter is happy and excited to go to school every day, learn different subjects and spend time with her classmates at RIA

- Mrs. Deepti Darshan kavar

Parent of Avani Kavar

Upcoming Events

- International Literacy Day - Special Assembly
- Hindi Diwas Competition and Special Assembly
- Ozone Day Special Assembly (Awareness Rally)
- Prep - Trip to Rail Museum



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