



From the Principal's Desk

We are an information-overloaded species, and the only surprise in that statement is that we always have been. Even in the ancient Savannah, there were too many sounds, smells, and suspicious shadows lurking around the corner to process. Today, not only is there still too much information coming at us through our five senses a good deal of the time, but there is far too much data to process in a host of ways that we are not good at processing. Martin G. Moore once said, "No amount of empathy is too much," Further adding that a leader needs to understand his people as deeply as possible.

We are better at understanding strong emotional responses in people that we know well—when a child comes home from school in tears or bouncing up and down with joy—but that's about it. To understand body language, we must be willing to study the "steady state" body language of someone, and then be ready to spot the changes when they occur. It is in these changes that we find the limited understanding that we can.

Put yourself in someone else's shoes. Maybe that little step will start the world off in a better direction. So, let's do the work. At school, spend time getting to know your fellow schoolmates. Dhruv in Grade IV, Amayra in Grade III, Kapish in Grade V and let's understand what triggers them to cry, what makes them happy?

First, ask them questions. Where do they live? How do they commute to school? Do they like their school? How long does it take to get them ready for school? Do they like rain? Now you're beginning to get a picture of how they might feel coming into the school in the morning.

Then, find out about their favorite teachers and friends. A big part of having empathy for someone you study with is understanding their likes and dislikes. Once you've begun to round out a picture of their school world, then dive into their hobbies and outside interests.

Find out the passion that you share with others, do it so that you can connect deeply with that other person and begin to build empathy.

In the end, you take what you know about the other person and ask yourself, what would that feel like? Put yourself in someone else's shoes. Maybe that little step will start the world off in a better direction.

- Ms. Sonika Kochhar Girotra,
Principal RIAH

Coordinator Speak



Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others, and it has the potential to create a positive and compassionate environment. Empathy is like a bridge that connects people on a deeper level. When you practice empathy, you develop a greater understanding of your friends, classmates, and teachers. By putting yourselves in their shoes, you gain insight into their experiences, emotions, and perspectives. This understanding creates stronger bonds and fosters a sense of belonging within our school community.

When you show empathy towards others, you create a safe space where everyone feels valued and accepted. This inclusivity ensures that no one feels left out or isolated. By supporting and uplifting each other, we can collectively create a caring and supportive environment where everyone thrives.

Empathy also plays a vital role in resolving conflicts. When you take the time to understand each other's feelings and perspectives, it becomes easier to find peaceful solutions and reach compromises. Conflict resolution through empathy fosters cooperation and strengthens our relationships.

Furthermore, empathy nurtures emotional intelligence - the ability to understand and manage emotions. As you practice empathy, you not only become more attuned to the emotions of others but also develop a deeper understanding of your own feelings. This emotional intelligence helps you communicate effectively, build healthy relationships, and handle challenges with grace and empathy.

By practicing empathy, you become advocates for positive change. When you understand the struggles and experiences of others, you can become involved in initiatives that make a difference in our school and beyond. Empathy drives you to stand up against bullying, support community service projects, and be agents of kindness.

Let's work together to create an environment where empathy is celebrated and practiced daily. Embrace the power of empathy, and together, we will build a society filled with compassion, understanding, and unity.

**- Ms. Kirti Ranjan,
Academic Coordinator – RIAH**



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Quote of the month
***“Empathy is seeing with the eyes
of another, listening with the ears
of another and feeling with
the heart of another.”***

Empathy means adopting the perspectives of others, actively listening to their feelings, and connecting with their emotions to create genuine understanding and compassion.

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Siblings Day

On 10th April 2023, Ryan International Academy (RIAH) organized a heartwarming Siblings Day competition for students, emphasizing the significance of sibling bonds. Grade I - IV students created beautifully decorated photo albums showcasing the love shared between siblings. Additionally, grade V-VII students' artistic sketches depicted the strong bond of friendship among siblings. This event celebrated the inseparable connection between siblings, who are not only our first best friends but also the pillars of support throughout life.



World Heritage Day

World Heritage Day was celebrated on 18th April 2023 with an Artistry-Palmistry Competition. Students from different grades showcased their creativity by drawing heritage sites, historical monuments, and wonders of the world using their fingers and palms on canvas. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of preserving and protecting our cultural heritage while nurturing the students' imaginative minds. The participation was enthusiastic, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the engaging activities.



English language Day

English Language Day was celebrated on 24th April 2023 with enthusiasm, focusing on effective communication skills. The students of Grade III and IV had a story-telling competition, while grade V-VII engaged in a fun tongue twister contest, enhancing their speaking abilities. All students participated wholeheartedly, showcasing their talent and improving their language skills. The event provided a wonderful opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the significance of the English language.



International Dance Day

International Dance Day was celebrated on 28th April 2023 at RIAH with an inter house dance

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competition filled with energy and excitement. grade III and IV students impressed with their props dance, showcasing grace and coordination with captivating objects like hats and scarves. Meanwhile, grade V - VII students rocked the stage with hip hop and contemporary dance styles, showcasing creativity and individuality.



World Bicycle Day

On 3rd June 2023, World Bicycle Day was celebrated by the students of RIAH through varied competitions for different grade levels. Grade I and II showcased their artistic skills in a drawing competition, while Grade III and IV crafted bicycle models using different materials. Grade V to VII students demonstrated their design abilities by creating their favorite bicycle logos. The competitions provided a fun and enriching learning experience, fostering creativity and appreciation for cycling among the students.



World Ocean Day

On 8th June 2023, World Ocean Day was celebrated to raise awareness and conservation efforts. Grades I to IV crafted fish models using recyclable materials, while grades V to VII created shark models from recyclable materials too. The competitions offered enriching learning experiences, fostering creativity, teamwork, and a deeper understanding of the ocean's significance.



Father's Day

On June 20th, Father's Day celebrations were held to honour fathers and father figures for their love and support. Different grade levels participated in various activities. The students of grades I and II crafted personalized crowns for their father with messages of love, while grades III and IV made special baskets filled with treats reflecting their fathers' interests. Grade V - VII created photo moments showcasing cherished memories with their fathers. These activities provided students a creative platform to express gratitude and strengthen their bond with their fathers.



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Community Service

The students of RIAH actively participated in two commendable community service initiatives: Samrakshan and Ankuram. During Samrakshan, held in April they explored historical monuments in Pune and other cities, learning about their significance and the challenges in conservation. This dedication reflects their commitment to preserving cultural heritage for future generations. In addition to Samrakshan, the students engaged in Ankuram which held in June, a project focused on planting saplings. They planted around 50 saplings in their residential area, contributing to a greener environment. This plantation activity helped the students to understanding the importance of trees for our ecosystem.

Their passion and responsibility as global citizens shine through their active involvement in both initiatives, making a positive impact on their community and the environment.



Beyond Breaking News

Beyond Breaking News was a young journalist program that offered five days of hands-on training from 24th June to 28th June to the students at the Ryan TV Studio at RIAH. The practical training covered operating of cameras, understanding lighting equipment, lenses, sound recording, and video editing techniques. The students enjoyed the program, conducting TV interviews and learning about the ethics of news journalism. This experience provided them with valuable skills and knowledge, inspiring potential careers in journalism.



15 Books Reading Campaign

15 Books Reading Campaign aimed to foster a reading culture among students, encourages them to read at least 15 books in a year. The campaign held on 15th June 2023 was graced by renowned author Ms. Leela Gour Bromme and bookstagrammer Mr. Ronak Shah, adding expertise and enthusiasm to the event. It began with a



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soulful prayer, followed by praise and worship, setting a positive and reflective ambience. The school librarian delivered a speech emphasizing the significance of reading for personal growth and knowledge. Students took an oath to read 15 books, committing themselves to the joy of reading and learning.

An interactive session with the guest allowed students to delve deeper into the art of storytelling and its impact on readers. The session allowed the students to explore the art of storytelling, unlocking the secrets behind its transformative effect on readers. The engagement was both enlightening and inspiring, leaving a lasting impression on all.

Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony held at RYAN International Academy Hinjawadi on 17th June 2023 was a remarkable event that exemplified leadership and the transformation of vision into reality. The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Colonel Somesh Bhatnagar and the Guest of honour, Miss Vaishali Patkar.

The event began with a warm welcome and a badging ceremony for the chief guest and the guest of honour. This was followed by a plantation activity, during which the school choir sang a captivating plantation song. Afterward, the guests were escorted to their seats by a guard of honour. The program commenced with the blessing of the almighty, followed by an engaging praise and worship song performed by the school choir and dance troupes. Furthermore, a patriotic song performed by the choir group created a sense of patriotism in the air. Lastly, the mesmerizing performance by the Montessori students showcased a toy band.

The ceremony proceeded with the recognition of the Head Boy, Head Girl, HSCP captain and vice-captain House Captains, and Vice Captains from classes VI, VII, and the Montessori section. They were adorned with badges and sashes, symbolizing their roles and authority, and



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acknowledging their leadership potential and commitment to the school.

The newly selected Students' Council members were officially invested with their roles, duties, and responsibilities. They took an oath to fulfill their duties with honesty, integrity, and dedication. In alignment with the vision of our respected Chairman Sir, Dr. A. F. Pinto, a plantation activity was carried out by the Students' Council, showcasing their commitment to environmental sustainability.

The Investiture Ceremony at RIAH was an exceptional event that exemplified the school's dedication to nurturing future leaders. It inspired students to embody leadership qualities, turn their visions into reality, and make a positive impact on their school and community.



Class Activities

Yardstick

Experiential learning and application-based programs are integral to the Science curriculum, fostering scientific temperament and a logical thinking. Through Science models, projects, and enrichment activities, students deepen their understanding of concepts. This approach nurtures curiosity, creativity, problem-solving, and inference drawing, paving the way for potential scientists.

The students of grade I identified body parts and their functions, while grade II created the Healthy Plate to classify foods. Grade III engaged in a plant parts activity, and grade V built an aquarium, exploring marine habitats. The students of grade VI conducted nutrient tests in food, and grade VII experimented with soil properties and pH. These hands-on experiences empower students to feel confident and unique, fostering independent learning and critical thinking. By immersing in experiential science, students develop a lifelong love for exploration and discovery.



Class Activities

Innovation Lab

Innovation at RIAH means encouraging students to adopt new technology and creative thinking to add value and drive substantial changes in society. In June, the Innovation Academy engaged students from Montessori 3 to grade VII in various projects.

Young Ryanites of Mont 3 explored properties of magnets with a magnet car activity, while the students of grade I learned about usage of hydraulic power through a hydraulic jack activity. Grade II students built windmills to comprehend the utilization of wind energy.

Grade III constructed a hand-operated escalator to understand its mechanism, and grade IV delved into articulated grabber applications.

Grade V focused on metallurgical processes with magnetic waste separators. Grade VI learned about gear systems through simple and compound gear trains.

Lastly, grade VII built 3-speed gearboxes, grasping speed multiplication through combined gears. These hands-on projects fostered innovative thinking, allowing students to explore scientific principles and develop a deeper understanding of various concepts.



Pre-primary Activities

Baisakhi Day

Baisakhi is a significant festival celebrated in Punjab and other parts of India to appreciate farmers' hard work. At RIAH on 13th April 2023, pre-primary students celebrated with a vibrant Baisakhi theme, dressed in traditional Punjabi attire, and enjoyed folk dance, energetic Bhangra exercises, and other Art activities. Traditional sweets like Jaggery Halwa and Gajak added a sweet fervor to the celebration. The young Ryanites were delighted to receive their surprise takeaways.



Pink Day Celebration

The vibrant Pink Day celebration on 21st April 2023 at RIAH filled the hearts of Montessori children with joy. Dressed like colorful butterflies, they enjoyed art, drawing, and coloring activities. Pink takeaways doubled their happiness, making the day even more special. The event highlighted the importance of colors in bringing happiness and cheerfulness to our lives.



World Environment Day

On 5th June 2023, World Environment Day was organized at RIAH, featuring a paper bag making competition for pre-primary students and parents. The little Ryanites created eco-friendly paper bags distributed to neighborhood shops, receiving praise for their noble deed. These young eco-warriors are making a positive impact and raising awareness about protecting our planet.



International Olympic Day

On 23rd June 2023, International Olympic Day, a mass drill exercise was organized using pompoms, hula hoops, and balls to teach students about teamwork, confidence, and discipline. The aim was to make them physically, mentally, and constitutionally fit while emphasizing the importance of a balanced diet and avoiding junk food. This activity instilled valuable skills and awareness in our little soldiers.



Pre-primary Activities

Red Day Celebration

The Red Day celebration on 30th June 2023 at RIAH's Montessori section was a delightful success, engaging children in a fun-filled learning experience. The purpose was to introduce them to colours, improve sensory development, and create a sense of community and celebration. The section was beautifully adorned in shades of red, and the various activities deepened their understanding of the colour while enhancing fine motor skills.



Ikigai Centre of Learning

Math Navigator

Math Navigator at RIAH fosters a love for Mathematics using hands-on activities to deepen understanding, problem-solving, and engagement. Grade I students matched number chits to encourage interaction and reinforce quantity concepts. Using domino cards, they practiced counting and number recognition.

Grade II students engaged in a Math race, enhancing mental math abilities and confidence in problem-solving. The 'Buddy Ball' activity developed their understanding of even and odd numbers through teamwork and hands-on counting. The program aims to make Math an enjoyable and integral part of students' lives beyond just a subject.



Health, Safety and Child Protection

Teacher Training on HSCP

To ensure the well-being and safety of students, teachers underwent comprehensive training on health safety and child protection (HSCP). The training covered various aspects, including maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, proper sanitation practices, and promoting personal hygiene habits.

The teachers were educated about handling health emergencies. Child protection was a priority, and teachers learned to identify signs of abuse, neglect, and exploitation while understanding their legal reporting obligations.

The need for creating safe and supportive classrooms with clear boundaries and appropriate behaviour management techniques was emphasized. Effective communication with parents, guardians, and authorities further ensured students' holistic well-being.

Empowered with this knowledge, teachers play a vital role in safeguarding students, providing a nurturing environment for them to flourish and reach their full potential. The training reinforced their commitment to creating a safe, healthy, and thriving learning environment for every child.





Teachers Training on Active learning

Teachers underwent training on active learning methodologies, focusing on engaging students in the learning process. They learned strategies like group discussions, project-based learning, and interactive technology tools. Practical exercises and workshops helped them design engaging lesson plans and facilitate discussions. The training aimed to create an inclusive and stimulating learning environment, promoting 21st-century skills. By incorporating active learning, teachers can meet diverse student needs and foster deeper understanding and retention of knowledge.

ASE Awards

Ryan International Academy Hinjawadi celebrated its annual ASE (Award for Students Excellence) Award ceremony on 17th June 2023, honoring outstanding students in academics and co-curricular activities. The grand ceremony showcased their hard work and dedication, inspiring pride and celebration. The award reflects the school's commitment to holistic development and fosters a culture of excellence. Congratulations to all the deserving Achievers!





PARENT'S CORNER

We, as parents, are delighted to share with you the incredible power of empathy and its profound impact on our children's lives. Empathy goes beyond sympathy; it is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. It is an essential skill that shapes our children into compassionate individuals who understand the value of kindness and connection.

As parents, we have the privilege and responsibility of teaching empathy to our children. By modeling empathy in our daily interactions, we show our children the importance of understanding and compassion towards others. When we validate our children's feelings and emotions, we create a safe and supportive environment that enables them to acknowledge and value the feelings of others.

Furthermore, empathy instills a sense of social responsibility in our children. It raises their awareness of the needs of those less fortunate and nurtures a desire to make a positive difference in the world.

Empathy also plays a significant role in developing our children's emotional intelligence. It helps them become more self-aware, attuned to their own emotions, and better equipped to manage them effectively. When our children can empathize with others, they learn to regulate their emotions, communicate their feelings more assertively, and build stronger emotional connections.

As parents, we believe that nurturing empathy in our children is crucial in shaping their character and contributing to a kinder and more compassionate society. By teaching empathy, we are empowering our children to be agents of positive change.

Let us all continue to embrace the power of empathy and work together as a community to inspire and guide our children towards becoming empathetic individuals who thrive in harmonious relationships and make a positive impact on the world around them.

- Ms. Reema Kala,
Parent of Reesha Kala, Grade III B

STUDENT'S CORNER

The whisper of the dusk is night shedding its husk,

The beauty of autumn is the enchanting fragrance of the musk.

(Ishita Patil, a diligent student of grade VII 'A' at Ryan International Academy, Hinjawadi, beautifully captured the combination of twilight and autumn in her artwork)



Upcoming Events

- Doctor's Day - 3rd July 2023
- Ryan Sir's Birthday - 8th July 2023
- Battle Glory: Tales of Glories (Inter house Competition) - 26th July 2023
- World Tiger Day - 31st July 2023

