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## From the Principal's Desk

### Essence Of Childhood

Life soaked in 21st-century materialism has had serious dents on the nature of childhood. Today's kids have access to a wide range of digital devices, such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones. They now speak, play, and learn differently. As the world grows more interconnected; children are exposed to a wider range of cultures and viewpoints than in the past. This works to their advantage by giving them a broader perspective on the world. It may also present difficulties because it may expose kids to conflict and violence affecting the innocence and naivety of childhood.

Children are being inundated with situations that link happiness with material items in today's materialistic culture. As a result, the value of early childhood experiences like play, exploration, and creativity has decreased. The pure joy of childhood has been negatively impacted by the emphasis on material items. A materialistic upbringing increases a child's likelihood of experiencing stress and anxiety. Children fear that they do not have enough and experience peer pressure to always buy new stuff. Their mental health may be significantly impacted by this.

Their creativity is diminished when they indulge in expensive toys or devices, as they may spend less time doing things that encourage imagination and creativity. The days of kids going outside to experience nature firsthand are long gone. Nowadays, they play with electronics indoors for the majority of their free time.

The bliss of Childhood can be reclaimed if the parents assist their children recapture the essence of childhood in a number of ways. If children are inspired to play outside, their physical, social, and emotional development will improve. It enables students to engage their ideas, learn new things, and hone their motor abilities.

Parents must schedule time for non-monetary family activities with family. This can entail taking walks, engaging in games, or spending time reading together.

Encouraging children's creativity by giving them art supplies, musical instruments, or other materials with which to express themselves will disengage them from too much dependence on materialistic pursuits. The significance of values such as kindness, compassion, and gratitude should be inculcated so that these values take precedence over any material possession. I believe that reiterating values, instilling a grateful attitude, and valuing things can be beneficial. And, as parents, we must certainly set a good example. Let's make an attempt to help our children reclaim the lost essence of childhood.

**- Ms. Madulikka Sharma,  
Principal**

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## Article from the Coordinator

### Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders: The Significance of Childhood in Shaping Futures

Childhood, often considered the formative phase of an individual's life, holds profound significance in shaping the future of society. The experiences and influences during these early years play a pivotal role in moulding the character, intellect, and emotional well-being of an individual, laying the foundation for a prosperous and harmonious community.

One of the primary aspects of childhood deserving attention is education. Early childhood education, in particular, serves as the cornerstone for intellectual development. Research consistently demonstrates that a stimulating and supportive learning environment during the early years enhances cognitive abilities, fosters curiosity, and establishes a lifelong love for learning. Investing in quality early childhood education is not only an investment in individual potential but also a commitment to building a society equipped with critical thinkers and problem solvers.

Beyond academics, childhood experiences profoundly impact social and emotional development. Interactions with peers, family, and the community at large contribute to the formation of social skills, empathy, and a sense of identity. Positive childhood experiences create a strong sense of self-worth and resilience, enabling individuals to navigate the complexities of adulthood with confidence and compassion.

Moreover, the importance of play in childhood cannot be overstated. Play is not merely a frivolous activity; it is a crucial mechanism for learning, creativity, and emotional expression. Through play, children develop essential skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, laying the groundwork for success in future endeavours.

It is imperative for society to recognize the vulnerability and potential of childhood and ensure a nurturing environment that prioritizes the well-being of its youngest members. Policies supporting parental leave, accessible healthcare, and safe recreational spaces contribute to the creation of an environment conducive to optimal childhood development.

In conclusion, childhood is the canvas upon which the masterpiece of an individual's life is painted. By investing in quality education, fostering positive social and emotional experiences, and recognizing the importance of play, we not only enrich the lives of individual children but also cultivate the seeds of a vibrant, compassionate, and resilient society. As stewards of the future, it is our collective responsibility to nurture and protect the precious moments of childhood, ensuring a legacy of empowered and well-rounded individuals who will contribute positively to the world.

**- Ms. Amrita Gangwal,  
Coordinator, Grades IX to XII**

# Activities @ School



## Academic Activities

### Nature Sorting

The Nursery students were instructed to gather dry leaves, and twigs in the garden area. The teachers in the area also scattered a few plastic flowers for the students to gather.

Students were then encouraged to sort their collection into the three baskets.

This activity helped to strengthen the student's sorting skills and also provided an opportunity to explore their naturalistic intelligence.

### Painting Nature Scene

In a group activity, Nursery students painted a nature scene using various colour paints along with their fingers and hands.

The teacher demonstrated how to dip their fingers into green paint and create long strokes to represent grass. Another group of students was taught how to use their fingers to create colourful flowers.

This activity provided students with an opportunity to enhance their creative expression and interpersonal skills.

### Symmetry Painting

Symmetry Painting captivated the imagination of nursery students as they marvelled at the magical transformation that occurred when paint drops blended, resulting in a wondrous array of shapes and shades. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to stimulate their senses, develop their visual skills, mix colours and create different textures.



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## Make Letters from Nature

In this activity, Prep I students were encouraged to identify letter sounds and then to create letters from natural items like leaves, sticks, twigs, and flowers.

This activity not only helps students to learn about letters and their shapes but also fosters an appreciation for nature and encouraged fine motor skill development.

## स्वर लेखन अ से उ

An activity was conducted for Prep I students, in which they had to fill in the missing letters from "अ" to "उ". This activity helped learners improve their eye and hand coordination and recapitulate Hindi swars in sequence.

## Let's Make Lemonade

As part of the letter L introduction, the Prep I students were engaged in a lip-smacking activity of making lemonade. This sensory learning experience was highly beneficial for our students as it provided them with a hands-on experience of making lemonade. The little learners enjoyed the activity to the fullest, and it helped them to understand the process of making lemonade in a fun and engaging way.

## Two-Letter Words Formation with Clay

Teaching through activity is always a fun and easy way of learning. To make reading and writing fun, an activity was conducted for Prep II students wherein they made two-letter words from the clay. This activity helped students in developing their fine motor skills and thinking skills. They had fun doing this activity by exploring new words.

## Drawing and colouring 'ug' sound pictures

Drawing plays a crucial role in cognitive development, particularly during early childhood. It enhances cognitive skills such as spatial reasoning and visual analysis, thereby facilitating students' comprehension.

To recapitulate 'ug' words, an activity was conducted wherein they had to draw and colour the pictures of 'ug' family words in their drawing book.



# Assemblies



## Navratri and Dussehra Celebration

The Preprimary section of Amanora School celebrated Navratri and Dussehra Festival on Thursday, 19th October 2023.

All students wore traditional attire for a special assembly led by Nursery students. The festival's significance was highlighted through a skit, and a lively Garba dance performance ensued. The cultural importance of Dussehra was conveyed through playful learning, making it a memorable and enriching experience for our Preprimary students.

## Diwali Celebration

The Preprimary students celebrated Diwali with great enthusiasm and joy on Friday, 3rd November 2023. The entire atmosphere was filled with festive fervour as the students came to school dressed in traditional attire.

Prep I students conducted a special assembly wherein they showcased a skit that aimed to promote an eco-friendly Diwali. Additionally, they also performed a captivating and entertaining dance.

The students created beautiful diyas and wall decor hangings as takeaways. They enjoyed the Diwali celebration thoroughly.



# Events



## English Poetry Recitation Competition

An English Poetry Recitation Competition was conducted on Tuesday, 3rd October 2023, to celebrate the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.

The students recited rhymes based on Gandhian ideologies like honesty, non-violence, cleanliness, patriotism, peace, and harmony.

The little poets captivated everyone with their impressive display of expressions, emotions, and rhythm.

## Field Trip

A field trip to Jagtap Nursery was organized for Preprimary students by Amanora School on Friday, 6th October 2023.

It was an excellent educational opportunity for young students to explore and learn about plants, nature, and the environment.

Students were very excited, and they enjoyed every moment of the trip, starting with the bus ride and exploring different types and varieties of plants and their significance in our lives.



## World Post Day

Preprimary grades celebrated World Post Day on Tuesday, 10th October 2023 by drawing pictures and writing messages for their parents on postcards.

This activity was conducted to make the students aware of the functioning of Post Offices, worldwide.

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### Garba Fest 2023



A special Garba Fest was organized by the Preprimary section of Amanora School on Friday, 20th October 2023. The event began with a prayer seeking blessings, followed by a foot-tapping dance performance by the teachers.

The Preprimary students, along with their parents, were dressed in traditional attire and danced to the rhythmic beats. Everyone had a smile on their face as they immersed themselves in this cultural celebration. It was an amazing time that left everyone mesmerized.

### Awards and Accolades

Heartiest congratulations to Taksh Borate from Prep II 'C' and Arya Ghatge from Nursery 'B' for winning the interschool poem recitation competition 'Prambh' held at HDFC School on Saturday, 14th October 2023.



### Certificate Distribution

The winners of the English Poetry Recitation competition received certificates from Ms. Swati Biswas, the Preprimary Coordinator on Friday, 3rd November 2023.

### International Children's Day Celebration

International Children's Day was celebrated by the Preprimary grades on Tuesday, 21st November 2023.

The students arrived dressed in comfortable clothes and the celebration started with a magical shadow puppet show. This was followed by a variety of enjoyable class activities, games, and dance sessions. The students had a fantastic time, making their day truly unforgettable.

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### Red Day



On Friday, 24th November 2023, the Preprimary Section of Amanora School celebrated Red Day. During the assembly, the students of Prep II enacted the story of Red Riding Hood. Both teachers and students dressed in shades of red, and students brought red-coloured food in their lunch boxes.

There were also different craft activities for the students. Nursery students got to create a red apple crown, Prep I students made a

strawberry, and Prep II students enjoyed making a red bird using the paper folding technique. Overall, it was a fun and engaging experience for the learners.



### School Event

#### Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign

Amanora School undertake Cleanliness Drive – “Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta” along with the kids on 1st October 2023. On the occasion of the Gandhi Jayanti, the Ministry of Education and CBSE Board is observing the ‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ Campaign. With the active involvement of students, teachers, and the community to spread the message of cleanliness, sanitation, and hygiene in society. The campaign is being celebrated by undertaking “Shramdaan” activities.

#### Long Service Awards and ASE Awards

Amanora School awarded Long Service and ACE awards for Term 1 AY 2023-24 to teachers who completed 5 and 10 years of service respectively.

Teachers were recognized for their dedicated commitment and exemplary service to the school. They have been integral in contributing significantly to the academic and personal development of countless students by demonstrating passion, professionalism, and a tireless work ethic.

#### Health Checkup

A health check-up was organized by the school for all students. A team of doctors from Ruby Hall diligently conducted the checkup on various parameters.



# Events



## External Audit

An HSCP Surveillance Audit was conducted by an External Agency. We have successfully retained our Ranking. The Audit was conducted for various aspects of transport, housekeeping, recruitment etc.

The inputs of our Student and Teacher Focus Groups were very well received and appreciated by the Auditor.

## Half Yearly 2023 - Parent-Teacher Meeting

The half-yearly Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) was conducted on Saturday, 4th November 2023 for all grades. Our dedicated team of teachers provided valuable feedback and insights on student's progress, strengths, and areas for improvement. This is a great opportunity for parents to partner with the school in their child's learning journey.





## Teacher's Corner

### The Wonder Years: Celebrating Childhood

Childhood is a time of wonder and curiosity, where exploration and discovery shape our understanding of the world and our sense of self. As the young ones navigate the social, cultural, and physical landscape around them, they are curious to know more about the world around them.

In this stage of life, children's senses are like little scientists, constantly observing and experimenting. Childhood studies hold great potential in understanding the impact of this exploration on the lives of children and the broader society. Research has shown that early childhood is a crucial period for the development of various multi-intelligence potentials in children. It is a time when character and personality are moulded, laying the foundation for future growth and development. During this golden age, children experience rapid cognitive, emotional, and social growth.

As children embark on their journey of exploration, they not only acquire crucial academic and social abilities but also cultivate emotional competencies such as self-awareness, self-regulation, and empathy. They discover the significance of taking ownership of their choices and building positive connections with others. These skills are essential for their holistic growth and achievement in subsequent stages of life..

- Ms. Mittal Belani,  
Pre-primary - Teacher

### Upcoming Events:

- Dancesation with Mummies
- Christmas Celebrations
- Assembly: Makar Sankranti
- Annual Sports Day
- Republic Day Celebrations
- Show and Tell Competition

