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Embracing New Beginnings

“Every sunrise is an invitation to a new life, a chance to rewrite your story, and an opportunity to embrace fresh beginnings.”

Life unfolds in chapters, each marked by transitions, turning points, and the promise of renewal. When we stand at the threshold of something new—a job, a relationship, a journey, or a season—we have a choice. We can cling to the past, fearing the unknown, or we can step forward with courage and curiosity.

Embracing new beginnings is an act of courage and optimism, a leap into the unknown that holds the promise of growth and transformation. It's a chance to leave behind the weight of past mistakes and embrace the potential of the future with open arms.

Embracing new beginnings requires shedding old skins—the comfortable routines, the familiar faces, the well-worn paths. It's about acknowledging that growth lies beyond our comfort zones. Like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, we must stretch our wings and face the sunlight.

In these moments, we find resilience. We discover that change isn't a threat; it's an invitation. It's the chance to redefine ourselves, to learn, and to create. Whether it's a fresh academic year, a relocation, or a personal transformation, we stand on the precipice of possibility.

As we step into the uncharted territory of new beginnings, we must remember that the end of one chapter is not the end of our story but the beginning of a new one. By embracing change and uncertainty, we allow ourselves to experience the fullness of life, enriched by the lessons of our past and inspired by the possibilities of our future. In every ending, there is a silent whisper of hope, urging us to take that first step towards a new and brighter horizon.

So, let us welcome the dawn with open arms. Let us write our stories with ink that smells of hope. Let us honour the past while embracing the blank pages of the future. For in every beginning lies the magic of becoming.

May life's journey be filled with courage, curiosity, and the joy of new beginnings!

- Ms. Meera Nair,
Director - Principal



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Quote of the month

“Every moment is a fresh beginning.”

— T. S. Eliot

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This quote encourages a mindset of continuous renewal and growth, suggesting that we can start anew at any point in our lives, not just at major milestones.

Article from the Head Mistress



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“The beginning is the most important part of work”

Change is the only constant in life, a truth that resonates deeply within the realm of education. We are committed to guiding our school community—educators, students, and parents—through the ever-evolving landscape of learning and growth. Our journey forward requires embracing innovation while steadfastly holding onto the values that define us.

Technological advancements have revolutionised education, presenting us with incredible opportunities to enhance learning. As educators, it is our duty to adapt to these new tools and methodologies, ensuring our students thrive in a modern world. However, in our pursuit of progress, we must not lose sight of our core values: integrity, respect, compassion, and a commitment to excellence. These timeless principles must continue to guide us as we navigate modern education.

Parents play a crucial role in this evolving landscape. Open communication and collaboration between parents and educators are essential in fostering a cohesive learning environment. By working together, we can ensure our students receive consistent guidance and support both at home and at school.

Today’s students are digital natives, growing up in a world vastly different from the one many of us knew. As educators and parents, we must be patient and understanding, allowing them to explore and express themselves while steering them towards responsible behaviour. This requires flexibility, open-mindedness, and a willingness to learn from our students just as they learn from us.

Embracing new beginnings is not without its challenges, but through these challenges, we grow stronger as a community. By approaching change with a positive mindset and a willingness to adapt, we can turn obstacles into opportunities for growth. Let us remember that change is an invitation to enrich our traditions with new perspectives and innovations.

Together, as educators, students, and parents, we can navigate the changing tides of education, staying true to our values while embracing the possibilities that lie ahead. With patience, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to excellence, our school community will thrive in the face of change.

**- Ms. Sujata Rathaur,
Head Mistress**

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Academic Activities

Understanding Line Patterns

In Nursery, we emphasise learning about various types of line patterns. Students practised drawing standing lines, sleeping lines, and slanting lines using crayons, markers, and a variety of other mediums. These activities were beneficial in helping them understand different line directions and improving their fine motor skills.



Exploring Senses

To facilitate tactile learning, the students were given an opportunity to explore different textures like soft, smooth, hard, shiny, and rough surfaces by touching and feeling them. They also tasted sugar to experience its taste and texture.



Additionally, they explored sound boxes to listen to different sounds, enhancing their auditory perception skills. This hands-on activity stimulated their curiosity and provided important opportunities for sensory development and learning.

Recapitulation of Patterns

Patterns are the first step in introducing young children to the concept of lines. They are the backbone of writing and understanding letters. Prep I students had an interactive and fun activity to recapitulate the patterns. The students made patterns by drawing standing lines, sleeping lines and slanting lines using crayons. This activity engaged children's imagination while reinforcing the concept of lines and also helped in developing their fine motor skills.



Explore and Create

Prep I students took a stroll in the school garden, observing the greenery and enjoying the freshness of nature. To deepen their understanding, they engaged in a hands-on



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activity designing a tree using leaves, twigs, and flowers. This activity not only strengthened their bond with nature but also combined art and environmental education in a fun and interactive way.

School Tour

School forms the foundation of a child's knowledge. To familiarise prep II learners with the school, they were taken on a tour. They visited various areas including the dance room, infirmary, play area, turf, and library. The children were excited and the activity enhanced their communication skills. They enjoyed the tour and asked many questions.

Revision of Hindi Swar

Learning Hindi swar is vital for children as it lays the groundwork for understanding the Hindi language. Swars serve as an essential component of words and sentences, ensuring correct pronunciation and facilitating effective communication in Hindi.

An activity was conducted where prep II students matched swar with appropriate pictures. During this activity, they enjoyed the process and used it to reinforce their understanding of all the swars.

Assemblies

International Yoga Day

Prep II grade conducted a special assembly on International Yoga Day on Friday, 21st June 2024 with full spirit and joy. The students learned about the importance of yoga asanas, and the teachers explained their significance, guiding the students to perform a few basic sitting and standing asanas. All the students participated with great enthusiasm in this educational and invigorating session.



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Parent Orientation Program

The online Parent Orientation Program for Preprimary parents was successfully conducted on Saturday, 27th April 2024. Preprimary teachers provided insights into the daily functioning of Amanora School and outlined various activities. Parents were briefed on the school's code of conduct, essential guidelines for the academic year 2024-25, and safety measures.

Additionally, on Tuesday, 4th June 2024, a special in-person session was held for first-time parents, offering extra support and information.

First Day of Preprimary

The new academic year 2024-25 in the pre-primary Section started off on a very happy note. Classrooms buzzed with excitement as young learners embarked on their educational journey. Bright smiles, eager curiosity, and the beginning of new friendships made the day truly special.

On Wednesday, 5th June 2024, our Nursery students had a delightful first day filled with fun activities and interactive lessons. The excitement continued on Thursday, 6th June 2024, as our prep I and II students had a day full of creative and joyful learning.



Father's Day Card-Making Activity

The Preprimary section of Amanora School conducted a Father's Day card-making activity on Friday, 14th June 2024. Our little learners got creative and made beautiful handmade cards for their dads.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities.



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National Reading Day



On National Reading Day, Wednesday, 19th June 2024, Preprimary students of Amanora School engaged in various reading activities. Nursery students explored picture books, practising book care and page-turning. Prep I students identified letters and colourful pictures, while prep II students enjoyed reading and explaining their observations. The event fostered a love for books and encouraged early literacy skills.

Father's Day Celebration

The Preprimary section of Amanora School merrily celebrated Father's Day on Saturday, 22nd June 2024. Nursery students, along with their fathers, presented "**Idli with a Twist**," decorating idli platters beautifully.

Prep I and Prep II students and their fathers painted diyas and played fun games. Their Father's Day event, titled "**Daddy's Day Out**," included a father-child duo planting saplings in the school premises, beautifying the campus and promoting the importance of keeping the environment green and clean.



School Event

Environment Day Celebrations

Every year on 5th June, World Environment Day raises awareness about the vital importance of protecting our environment. To commemorate this occasion, grade X students presented a special assembly. The assembly began with a prayer, followed by a thought of the day-themed "Our Land, Our Future."

Students performed a thought-provoking Nukkad Natak to

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highlight the urgency of environmental action, delivering a powerful message about our responsibility as stewards of the planet. A poem celebrating the day's significance was recited, and Ms. Bhagyashree Jadhav delivered a teacher talk, emphasising the need for environmental conservation. Students then planted saplings to signify their commitment to environmental protection.

A student march from Amanora School to Aspire Towers featured slogans and posters, raising awareness about preserving the planet for future generations.

RISMUN

The sixth edition of the Ryan International School Model United Nations (RISMUN) was held on Thursday, 13th June, and Friday, 14th June 2024, at Amanora School. It simulated the UNGA First Committee (DISEC). Director Principal Ms. Meera Nair opened the conference with her words of wisdom.

Forty-one students from grades VIII to XII participated in the two-day conference on the Red Sea Crisis, discussing, debating, and proposing peaceful resolutions. This experience broadened their understanding of global issues and fostered a lasting sense of togetherness.

Abhivyakti 2024

"Abhivyakti," an inter-school competition, was launched on 29th June 2024, along with the 15 Book Reading Campaign to encourage students to think creatively and take responsibility for their own learning. This event aims to foster creativity and inspire students to explore new ideas. The theme for this year was 'Adventure,' with 14 schools from Pune participating. Four events were organised for students from grades I to VIII.



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The day began with the judges, Ms. Vidya Nesarikar, Mr. Arvind Mittal, Ms. Nandita Warriar, and Ms. Tanushree Potdar, escorted by the mascot Phileas Fogg, lighting the lamp and unveiling the book of the month. Students of grades VI to VIII performed a skit, "The Lazy Town," followed by the four main events. Grade I and II students dressed as their favourite adventure story characters, grade III and IV students added a "Twist in the Tale," grade V and VI students presented a "Book Teaser," and grade VII and VIII students modernised Shakespeare's work.

The competition promoted a love for reading, camaraderie, and healthy competition among students, highlighting the importance of literacy and the power of books to unite and empower young learners.





Teacher's Corner

The Joy of Beginning the Pre-primary Session

"Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together, make this world a beautiful garden."

Going to school is not only an exciting new beginning for young children, but also a wonderful opportunity to grow and discover. It's a time for them to make new friends, learn new things, and explore a different environment. By encouraging a positive attitude and reassuring children that it's okay to feel uncertain, we help them adjust to their new environment. Emphasizing on the fun aspects of school, such as playing with classmates and engaging in creative activities helps the children feel more comfortable.

Embracing this new chapter with patience and enthusiasm will help children develop confidence and a love for learning, thereby setting a strong foundation for their educational journey.

So, the essence is that perseverance turns ordinary moments into extraordinary accomplishments. In such uncertain times, perseverance is like a compass which guides us towards our goals by transforming our setbacks into breakthroughs, struggles into triumphs and adversity into good times.

- Ms. Bhawna Sharma,
Pre-primary - Teacher

Upcoming Events

- Blue Day
- Colouring and Drawing Competition

