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From the Director's Desk

Creativity and Inspiration

You can't use up creativity, the more you use, the more you have.

Creativity and inspiration are often seen as elusive forces, but they are present in everyday life, waiting to be uncovered. Creativity is the ability to think beyond conventional boundaries, to see the world with fresh eyes, and to find new possibilities in familiar situations. Inspiration, on the other hand, is the spark that ignites this creative process.

Artists like Vermeer and poets like Wordsworth found beauty in the everyday. Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring" and Wordsworth's "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" celebrate simple moments, turning them into extraordinary works.

While many believe creativity stems from sudden moments of brilliance, it often arises from consistent observation of the world around us. Everyday experiences, objects, and even routines hold the potential to inspire if approached with an open mind. As Pablo Picasso said, "Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working." This suggests that creativity is not solely the result of waiting for inspiration to strike; it's about engaging with the process actively, being curious, and exploring new ideas.

From artists like Vincent van Gogh, who found beauty in nature and everyday scenes, to scientists like Albert Einstein, whose theory of relativity was inspired by simple observations of motion, creativity comes from being attentive to the ordinary. The mundane, when viewed creatively, becomes a source of endless inspiration.

Ultimately, creativity is a skill that can be nurtured by staying curious and embracing diverse experiences. By looking beyond the surface and engaging with the world around us, we open ourselves up to endless possibilities for inspiration and innovation.

**- Ms. Meera Nair,
Director-Principal**



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Quote of the month

"Creativity is seeing what everyone else has seen, and thinking what no one else has thought."

— Albert Einstein

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This quote suggests that creativity involves observing the same things as others but approaching them with a unique and original mindset. It underscores the ability to generate new ideas and perspectives that surpass conventional thinking.

Article from the Coordinator



"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled."

– Plutarch

Creativity and inspiration are closely linked but are not always dependent on each other. Creativity is the ability to generate new ideas, solve problems, and bring something unique into existence. It thrives on routine, discipline, and persistence. It's the consistent effort of producing, creating, and refining, even when inspiration is lacking.

Inspiration, on the other hand, is that sudden spark that ignites our creative process. It's often unexpected, fleeting, and cannot always be controlled or predicted. While inspiration can provide the initial push needed to start a project or explore new ideas, it's not the sole driver of creativity.

The challenge lies in maintaining creativity when inspiration fades. Many people struggle with this and may abandon projects or ideas when they no longer feel inspired. However, true creativity involves pushing through these periods and continuing to work even without the immediate rush of inspiration.

Great creators, like Leonardo da Vinci, exemplify the power of resilience. Da Vinci's work during the Renaissance was not always driven by constant inspiration, but rather by his dedication and discipline. His success lay in his ability to persist and continue working despite fluctuating levels of inspiration.

In today's world, technology plays a significant role in supporting creativity. Smartphones, for instance, are invaluable tools for capturing ideas, recording inspirations, and staying organized. They help us seize those fleeting moments of insight before they vanish, enabling us to nurture and develop our creative ideas more effectively.

Ultimately, while inspiration can spark creativity, it's the ongoing effort, discipline, and use of tools that sustain and expand our creative endeavours. Balancing both aspects allows us to fully explore and realize our creative potential.

**- Ms. Neha Khan,
Primary Coordinator - Grades I and II**

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Academic Activities

Roll and Count

Nursery students participated in a fun activity called "Roll and Count Fun!" In this engaging exercise, they rolled dice and counted out the corresponding number of colourful pompoms.

This simple yet effective activity not only enhanced their number recognition and counting skills but also improved their fine motor coordination as they grasped and placed the pompoms. The hands-on approach made learning enjoyable, fostering a positive attitude toward math while encouraging teamwork and interaction among the children. It was a wonderful way to blend play with essential educational skills.



Pattern Play

Nursery students engaged in an exciting activity called "Pattern Play," where they replicated simple patterns using colourful blocks and shapes. This hands-on experience was instrumental in developing essential skills like pattern recognition, logical thinking, and problem-solving.

As the children identified and created various patterns, they also enhanced their focus and attention to detail. The interactive nature of the activity made learning enjoyable, allowing them to explore creativity while building a strong foundation for future math concepts.



Clay Letter Creations

Nursery students had a blast with an exciting activity called "Clay Letter Creations," where they practised letter recognition by shaping letters out of clay. This tactile



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experience not only reinforced their understanding of the alphabet but also enhanced their fine motor skills as they moulded the clay.

As they manipulated the clay to form different letters, the children engaged their creativity and developed hand-eye coordination. This fun, hands-on activity made learning the alphabet enjoyable and memorable, providing a solid foundation for their literacy skills!

Senses Awakening (Recapitulation of Sensory Organ)

The identification of sense organ activities provided students with a comprehensive understanding of the five senses: sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell. Through engaging, hands-on experiences, prep I students explored how each sense organ functions and contributes to their everyday lives.

Their enthusiasm was evident as they participated in various activities, allowing them to interact with the material in a fun way. By the end of the session, students had developed a deeper appreciation for the significance of each sense organ, making the experience not only enjoyable but also a valuable educational opportunity.

Drawing of Objects Related to Swar अ और आ

To reinforce the sounds of swar अ and आ among prep I learners, an engaging activity was conducted where children drew pictures of objects related to these sounds. They were encouraged to use bright colours to make their drawings lively and fun.

Once everyone finished, a show-and-tell session was held, allowing each child to present their artwork and explain what it represented. This enjoyable activity helped them connect the sounds with the real world in a memorable way!



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Learn to Count in Bundles

Counting skills are foundational for children's cognitive development and play a crucial role in their overall learning. To enhance this skill, an activity of Bundle counting with lollipops was conducted for Prep I students. As they counted and created bundles of lollipops, they not only practised their numbers but also gained a deeper understanding of quantities.

The hands-on nature of the activity made it enjoyable, and the students had a great time while learning. It was a fun-filled experience that effectively combined education with play!



Match CVC words with the Flashcards

Flashcards play a crucial role in preprimary education as they enhance memory retention and active recall, helping children remember key concepts. They also promote visual learning by associating words or images with meanings, supporting vocabulary development. To reinforce the concept of reading CVC words an activity was conducted for the students of prep II wherein they had to read the CVC word and match it with the corresponding picture flashcard.

Sense Organs

Sense organs play a vital role in how young children explore and understand the world around them. Our five sense organs—eyes, ears, nose, tongue, and skin—help us see, hear, smell, taste, and feel. For pre-primary children, these senses are essential for learning and development. To make them understand the importance of sense organs an activity was conducted for prep II students wherein they were associating the objects to the sense organs like perfume to nose, tambourine to ears and so on. The activity helped the children to become more aware of their environment, promoting a love for learning through exploration!



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Drawing Pictures with Hindi Letters

Learning Hindi letters is a fun and creative journey! One engaging way to introduce letter recognition is by drawing pictures with Hindi letters. This activity combines art, imagination, and language skills to help children remember the shapes and sounds of Hindi letters. Prep II students had a blast learning the letters wherein they drew pictures associated with the different letters thereby enhancing their identification skills and vocabulary.



Assemblies

Independence Day

The Preprimary grades celebrated the 78th Independence Day with great enthusiasm on Wednesday, 14th August 2024. All the Preprimary students and teachers were dressed in the vibrant colours of the Indian flag, adding to the patriotic spirit of the day. A variety of activities were planned to mark the occasion. The Nursery students conducted a special assembly, where they honoured the freedom fighters and remembered their invaluable contributions to the nation. They also performed a lively dance number, filling the atmosphere with energy and pride.



Janmashtami Celebration

The Preprimary section of Amanora School came together on Friday, 23rd August 2024 to celebrate Janmashtami with great joy and enthusiasm. The day began with a special assembly conducted by prep II students, where they featured a captivating dramatic display of Shri Krishna's story, which the students watched with awe and excitement. A scintillating dance was also performed by the students to celebrate the birth of Lord Krishna.



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The Janmashtami celebration was a wonderful blend of fun and learning, leaving the children with joyful memories of the day's festivities.

Rakshabandhan

The Preprimary section of Amanora School celebrated Rakshabandhan on Friday, 16th August 2024. Students came dressed in traditional attire to keep up with the festive spirit. A special assembly was conducted by the students of Prep II, wherein they spoke about our culture, traditions, and the significance of relationships.

A spectacular dance was also displayed by the students. The teacher also narrated stories associated with Rakshabandhan. The day was filled with laughter, happiness, and lots of smiles.



Events



World Friendship Day

The primary section of Amanora School celebrated World Friendship Day on Friday, 2nd August 2024. It's a day dedicated to promoting friendship and camaraderie among people, cultures, and countries.

Story sessions were conducted to teach the students about sharing, kindness, and cooperation. Later the teacher and students discussed the story and asked questions about friendship. Interactive games were organized in the classroom that encouraged teamwork and cooperation.

These activities not only celebrated World Friendship Day but also fostered social skills, empathy, and a sense of community.



March Past

The Independence Day celebration continued with a March Past on Wednesday, 14th August 2024, where the Preprimary students chanted slogans while waving banners and Indian flags. In the classrooms, various craft activities were conducted, allowing the children to creatively express their love for the country.

The day was a beautiful blend of learning, creativity, and patriotism, leaving the young students with a deep sense of pride and a memorable experience of celebrating their nation's independence.



Events



Safe Circle

A session on Safe Circle and Good Touch, Bad Touch was conducted for Preprimary students, focusing on personal safety and body awareness. As part of the session, the film Komal—which addresses child safety—was shown to the students.

Teachers guided the learners, explaining what to do when they experience an uncomfortable or unwanted touch. Through interactive discussions and age-appropriate examples, the children were guided in understanding safe and unsafe situations and the importance of their safe circle.



School Events

Independence Day Celebration

On 15th August, we celebrated the 78th Independence Day with the theme "Viksit Bharat," reflecting the vision of a progressive India by 2047. At school, the day began with a flag-hoisting ceremony, with the tricolour symbolizing unity and sacrifice. Students and teachers sang the national anthem and flag song, and Avani Bharodiya shared her thoughts in Hindi.

Middle school students participated in an inter-house singing competition, with Emerald House emerging victorious. A vibrant dance performance based on the five elements of nature followed.

Our Director Principal, Ms. Meera Nair, reminded us that independence is not just freedom from external rule but also the freedom to build a better future. She proudly announced the achievements of Amanorites in recent competitions. Let's continue to uphold the values of freedom, justice, and equality.



Events



Tirangaa 2024: India the Rising Titan

Amanora School was alive with excitement during Tirangaa 2024, an inter-school competition themed 'India—The Rising Titan.' With 22 schools and 392 participants, the event kicked off with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and a vibrant welcome dance. Chief Guest Mr Agast Annand inspired all with his encouraging words.

The competition featured a variety of exciting events: Living Legends, Sporty Steps, Rap Blitz, Marketing Marvels, Swift Sports Challenge, Share and Shine, Giggle Gala, Venture Adventure, Piece by Piece, Chrono Canvas, and The Great Escape.

The day ended with smiles and pride as students displayed creativity, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We extend our gratitude to all participants, schools, and our team for making Tirangaa 2024 an unforgettable experience.





Teacher's Corner

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Children are naturally curious and eager to explore the world. Creativity and inspiration are fundamental in preprimary education, as this stage of development is marked by curiosity, exploration, and imagination.

Creativity involves imagining possibilities, experimenting with different perspectives, and turning abstract concepts into tangible results. Inspiration, on the other hand, is the spark that ignites creativity. Young children express their creativity through play, art, and storytelling, which helps them develop cognitive, social, and emotional skills. Activities like imaginative play, drawing, music, and movement encourage self-expression and problem-solving, while hands-on experiences with nature or simple experiments in arts and crafts cultivate curiosity and innovation.

Together, creativity and inspiration promote a mindset of curiosity and exploration, encouraging continuous learning and fresh perspectives in all aspects of life.

- Ms. Mayuri Ketkar,
Teacher - Preprimary

Upcoming Events

- Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition
- Ganeshotsav Celebration
- Green Day Celebration
- Skills & Thrills with Grandparents

