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## From the Director's Desk

### Dreams Vs Reality

**There comes a point when a dream becomes a reality and reality becomes a dream.**

Dreams and reality often exist in a delicate balance, shaping the way we view our lives and our goals. Dreams represent our aspirations; the idealized visions of the future we hope to achieve. They inspire us to reach beyond our current circumstances, encouraging personal growth and ambition. However, while dreams can motivate, they often stand in contrast to the realities we face every day.

Reality, on the other hand, is grounded in the present—what is tangible and achievable in the moment. It includes limitations like time, resources, and obstacles. While dreams fuel our desire for something more, reality challenges us to work within boundaries, sometimes forcing us to adjust or modify our goals.

This contrast between dreams and reality is a common struggle for many people. Dreams represent our deepest hopes and desires, often shaped by imagination and ambition. They allow us to escape the routine of everyday life, offering a glimpse of a future we wish to achieve. However, reality is shaped by the constraints of our environment, resources, and abilities.

The tension between dreams and reality is natural. Many great accomplishments are born from this dynamic. For example, successful individuals often manage to bridge the gap by turning their dreams into actionable plans, working step by step toward their aspirations. As Walt Disney famously said, "All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."

However, dreams alone aren't enough. It's essential to ground them in reality by setting realistic, achievable steps. At the same time, reality shouldn't stifle our dreams, but instead serve as a guide to bring them to life. Ultimately, dreams and reality work together. Dreams provide the vision, and reality offers the means to make those dreams a possibility.

Dreams that visit in sleep are mere images, fleeting like a mirage. But the dreams you dare to chase with eyes wide open—those are the ones that shape reality. So, let's keep those eyes wide open, heart-engaged, and dreams alive. Who knows what incredible realities will be created!

- Ms. Meera Nair,  
Director-Principal



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### **Quote of the month**

**"You have to dream before your  
dreams can come true."**

**— A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**

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# Article from the Coordinator



## Dreams vs. Reality

I close my eyes and often find myself reflecting on the days when I was constantly dreaming. Now, many of those dreams have become a part of my life. Yet, the irony remains—I'm dreaming again, striving for something more. It feels like a chakravayuh, an endless cycle. If we truly desire something in life, there are no shortcuts. No instant recipe can turn our dreams into reality. The only companions on this journey are hard work, honesty, compassion, generosity, and humanity.

Today's generation needs to understand that if they truly wish to see their dreams come to life, they must live and breathe them. Dreams require dedication, patience, and persistence. Without them, life becomes like a barren land—devoid of hope, purpose, and motivation. Dreams give us something to aim for, a reason to embrace this beautiful journey.

However, we must also remind ourselves, in the race to chase our dreams, to pause and reflect. Are we neglecting those who love and care for us? If so, we need to reimagine a future where everyone is together. Because once we reach our dreams, the joy of success will be hollow if we have no one to share it with.

*So, dream—dream big—but always question the path you choose to turn those dreams into reality. As Eleanor Roosevelt wisely said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*

**- Ms. Pallavi Shukla,  
Academic Coordinator - Grades III to V**

# Activities @ School



## Academic Activities

### Letter Hunt

The Nursery students took part in an exciting and interactive activity where they had to search for hidden letters in a sand tray. Each child excitedly sifted through the sand to find a letter, which they held up and said aloud, reinforcing their phonetic understanding. After identifying the letter, they matched it with the corresponding card placed nearby, further strengthening their letter recognition skills.



This interactive activity not only made learning enjoyable but also helped improve fine motor skills and boosted their confidence in identifying letters independently.

### Car Park Number Match

In an exciting and interactive session, the students participated in the Car Park number match activity. Each child selected a number card from a pile and carefully parked their toy car in the corresponding numbered space on an imaginative parking lot drawn on paper.



This engaging exercise reinforced their number recognition skills as they matched the cards to the correct parking spots. The hands-on activity not only made learning enjoyable but also enhanced their fine motor skills and spatial awareness as they skillfully manoeuvred their toy cars into place. It was a delightful blend of play and learning, encouraging the children to explore numbers in an engaging way.

### Crafting Letters

Clay topography is a fantastic and engaging activity for the little learners. To emphasize upon this strategy, an activity was conducted for Prep I students giving them an



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opportunity to create letters A to D from clay. This hands-on experience helped children explore letter formation, boosting their understanding of the alphabet while enhancing their creativity and fine motor skills. By manipulating the clay, students actively engaged with the letters, making learning both fun and memorable!

## Rango aur Aakaron wali Express: A Colourful Sorting Adventure

The train shape and colour sorting activity is a fun and interactive way to develop students' cognitive and fine motor skills. During this activity, Prep I students were given various shapes, such as circles, squares, rectangles, and triangles, in different colours. Their task was to match the shapes and colours with the corresponding spots on the shape train. This exercise not only enhanced hand-eye coordination and sharpened cognitive abilities but also promoted teamwork as the children worked together in groups.

## Weigh it Right

Understanding the concept of weight, specifically distinguishing between heavy and light objects, is a fundamental part of early education. By using a weighing scale, students were able to visually and physically see the effects of weight differences. The activity allowed the students to observe that the heavier object lowers the balance, while the lighter object rises, offering a clear, visual understanding.

By the end of the activity, not only had the students grasped the concept, but they also had fun discovering the differences in weight.



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## Hopscotch with CVC Words

CVC words are essential for early reading, helping students blend sounds to form words. To reinforce this, a fun hopscotch game was conducted for the students of Prep II. Each student was called up, and the teacher said a CVC word aloud. The student then identified and read the correct word from the hopscotch grid and hopped to it.

This engaging activity combined physical movement with learning, making it enjoyable for all. The students were excited to participate, and it effectively reinforced their understanding of CVC words in a playful manner.

## Nature Walk

Nature Walk for preprimary plays a vital role in early childhood education, offering countless benefits for our young learners. It encourages students to explore, discover and learn about the world around them.

To develop empathy and appreciation for living things, an activity was conducted for Prep II students wherein they were told the importance of nature while taking a walk around the school and enjoying the beauty of nature. Learners enjoyed this walk thoroughly as they got an opportunity to explore the nature around them.

## Recap of Vyanjan

Learning vyanjan is crucial for effective communication in Hindi. Mastering their pronunciation enhances clarity in everyday conversations. Children typically start by recognizing vyanjan letters and the sounds they produce, which helps them identify initial sounds in words.

A recapitulation activity was conducted for Prep II students wherein they were given letters and picture flashcards and were asked to match the same. This engaging exercise helped the students practice matching pictures with the correct letters.



# Assemblies



## Ganesh Utsav

Ganesh Utsav is a joyous celebration of Lord Ganesha, the revered deity known for wisdom, prosperity, and new beginnings.

The Utsav was celebrated by the preprimary section of Amanora School on Tuesday, 10th September 2024. Prep I students began the celebration with a procession, chanting shlokas while carrying auspicious banners and flags.

This was followed by a skit showcasing the story of Lord Ganesha, Lord Kartikeya, and their parents, Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. The event concluded with a vibrant lezim dance performance by Prep I students.

The young learners enthusiastically participated and enjoyed the event, making it a memorable experience for all.

## Onam

The preprimary section of Amanora School celebrated Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala on Friday, 13th September 2024.

A special assembly was conducted on this occasion which started with the lighting of the Nilavilakku (traditional lamp).

Grade Prep II 'E' students enacted the formation of Vallam Kali (Boat Race). A few students explained the significance of the festival by performing a skit followed by a beautiful dance. The teachers performed a beautiful regional dance around the Nilavilakku dressed in traditional Kasavu attire.

The vibrant, colourful attires and the innocent smiles brightened the ambience and lifted the spirit. The students were intrigued by the festival and enjoyed the celebration thoroughly.



# Events



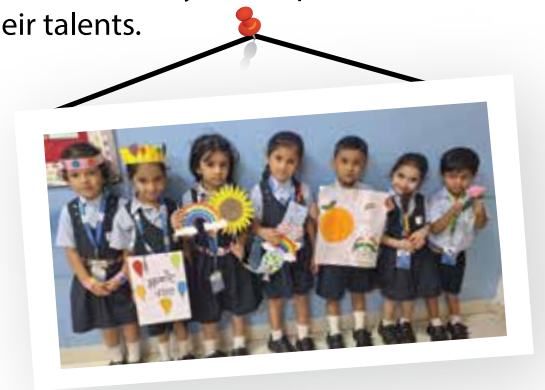
## Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition

Preprimary section conducted a Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition on Monday, 9th September 2024, providing a fantastic platform for the little learners to showcase their talents.

The competition was divided into three categories, each with a unique theme:

- Nursery: Animals or Birds
- Prep I: Colours and Shapes
- Prep II: My Country India

Young students took to the stage with immense energy and enthusiasm, reciting their chosen rhymes with confidence and poise. The event was a resounding success, with students and teachers enjoying the delightful performances.



## Green Day

The Preprimary section of Amanora School joyfully celebrated Green Day on Friday, 20th September 2024, with much enthusiasm. Both students and teachers were dressed in different shades of green. Students also brought green-coloured food in their lunch boxes.

The importance of the colour green was emphasized through various exciting and hands-on activities. Nursery students created lovely grass crowns, Prep I students collaborated to make a healthy green basket, and Prep II students crafted animals using different types of leaves.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the activities, making Green Day a fun-filled experience. It was a fantastic opportunity to spark creativity and learn about the significance of nature and colours!



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### Skills 'n' Thrills with Grandparents

Grandparents play a significant role in our lives as they offer wisdom, emotional support, and love. To celebrate this special bond, "Skills n Thrills with Grandparents" was conducted by the preprimary section of the Amanora school on Saturday, 28th September 2024.

Grandparents participated enthusiastically in the event, showcasing dances, reciting poems, shlokas, and engaging in various fun activities. Collaboration during these performances not only enhances the child's development but also allows grandparents to share their wisdom in a joyful setting. This event fostered a positive atmosphere at the school and created lasting memories for both children and their grandparents, strengthening family bonds and enriching their relationships.



## School Events

### Teachers' Day Celebration and Long Service Awards

*"The true teachers are those who help us think for ourselves."*

*– Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India.*

In honour of this visionary leader and the countless teachers who dedicate their lives to nurturing and guiding students, Teachers' Day is celebrated with great reverence across India on 5th September. At Amanora School, we marked this special occasion with immense joy and heartfelt appreciation.

The festivities began with a ceremony to honour nineteen of our most dedicated educators, who were presented with the prestigious Long Service Award.

Our Director-Principal, Ms. Meera Nair, and Academic Excellence Officer, Ms. Madulikka Sharma, conveyed their deep gratitude to all the teachers for their unwavering dedication and passion in shaping young minds.

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The celebration continued with vibrant music and dance performances, filling the atmosphere with energy and joy. A special lunch was arranged, offering everyone a chance to unwind and share in the camaraderie. It was a beautiful day that truly celebrated the hard work, commitment, and inspiring spirit of our teachers!

## Staff Engagement Programme: Fun Fit Day for Teachers

As part of the Staff Engagement Programme, Amanora School hosted a vibrant and energetic Fun Fit Day for teachers, featuring a variety of exciting games and activities. Teachers enthusiastically participated in fun challenges like the Lemon and Spoon race, Ball Juggling, Book Balancing, Balloon Caterpillar race, Chess, Carrom, Hula Hoop Pass, Badminton, and Drawing activities.

The event, themed Sports for All, All for Sports, provided a refreshing break for the teachers, fostering team spirit and adding a dose of fun to their day. The programme concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, where the winners were awarded by our Director-Principal, Ms. Meera Nair.

It was a day filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a renewed sense of energy, reminding everyone of the importance of balance between work and well-being.





## Teacher's Corner

Walt Disney once said, "All our dreams can come true if we dare to pursue them." Dreams represent our deepest hopes and aspirations, inspiring us to imagine a brighter and more fulfilling future. They encourage creativity, imagination, and the belief that anything is possible. In contrast, reality presents the everyday challenges we face, teaching us resilience, patience, and adaptability. While dreams push us to aim higher, reality grounds us, requiring us to navigate life's practicalities.

For young learners, the power of dreaming fuels their curiosity and helps them see the world with wonder. Dreams are like windows into their imagination, sparking creativity and encouraging exploration. As they grow, they will learn that with determination and courage, they can turn their dreams into reality. While reality may present challenges, it also offers valuable lessons in perseverance.

By nurturing both their dreams and practical skills, we encourage children to embrace challenges and seize opportunities. With guidance, they will develop the confidence to believe that, with effort and courage, their dreams can come true, preparing them to thrive in their future endeavours.

- Ms. Manorama Mishra,  
Teacher - Preprimary

## Upcoming Events

- Garba Fest
- English Poetry Recitation Competition
- Field Trip
- Diwali Party

