



AMANORA SCHOOL

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HOME SCHOOL LINK

A bi-annual newsletter promoting home school partnership

Dear Parents

Greetings to you!

‘Bringing out the Best in the Students’ is the motto achieved by way of structured method is the PEARSON way of imparting quality education adopted here at Amanora School, Pune. Education is facilitated here in a cherished environment with much dedicated and supportive facilitators that indeed benefit the students. The new session with an escalation in the student strength and also in the facilities, is an ensured stability towards achieving the best in all fields.

HOME SCHOOL LINK is a Biannual Newsletter sent from my table to share with you the In house activities. This also serves as a platform to receive feedback from you which compliment to the School’s functioning and achievements.

Best Regards,

**Mrs. Meera Nair
Principal**

School Reopening Day



Delightful young Amanorites'
 Commencement of the new session 2016 – 2017. On 4th April, 2016 for Grades I- X and 1st June, 2016 for the Pre-primary section.

Pristine Pre Primary

Red, Yellow, Blue and Green Days were celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm. Children came dressed in the day's colour attire and participated in the various class activities designed to reiterate the colour concepts. Skit extending the awareness of 'Save Trees... Save Earth...' was presented as a part of the Green Day Celebration. Students were enthralled by the eye catching Puppet Show.



With July being the Health and Safety Month, importance of healthy diet was emphasized by celebrating fruit day, highlighting the importance of **fruits for a Healthy Life.**

Nursery children participated in activities like stringing the beads to develop fine motor skills; sorting of red colour crayons ensured concept building and learning.



Backward counting, difference between big and small family was explained to Prep I students. The students were also taken for a school tour in the campus to understand the functioning of the school.

Prep II students were introduced to the Solar System and planets through a role play. Students learnt about Wild and Domestic animals through various activities. Delicious Vegetable Salad was prepared by students to understand the vital role of vegetables in our diet.



Passionate and Proactive Primary School



Students of Grades I- IV celebrated the ties of friendship through various programmes in the assembly. Grade II students celebrated the birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in the assembly. They also presented a Yoga demonstration to celebrate International Day of Yoga. Students of Grade III presented an assembly on the theme 'Happiness – an Inside Job'. Grade IV students explained the Importance of Savings in Life and performed a classical dance to celebrate International Dance Day. World Health Day was celebrated by Grade IV students.

Mesmerizing Middle School

Assemblies were conducted in order to depict the various special days. Assemblies based on social welfare themes like 'Van Mahotsav', 'Forgiveness' and 'Friendship Day' were presented by Grade V students. Grade VI students celebrated the Earth Day and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti through their vibrant assembly. A message of Peace echoed in the assembly presented by Grade VII students on Hiroshima Day.



Keeping in mind the theme, 'International Youth Day' the students also initiated a positive change in the given set of cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. Grade VIII students extended an awareness on the International Day against Drug Abuse. Pranayama and Yogasanas were showcased and demonstrated to mark International Yoga Day.

Scholarly Secondary Section



Mango Feast – A Competition was organized for Grade IX students as a part of Work Education activity. Grade IX students presented western dance to celebrate International Dance Day. On the occasion of World Environment Day, a skit emphasizing on the theme, "Go Green" was followed by a pledge taken to contribute towards making our planet a greener and a healthier place to live. Grade X students presented an assembly on the theme, 'Laughter'.

Festive Merriments at School

The significance of various festivals like Gudi Padwa, Mahavir Jayanti, Palaki, Ramzan Eid, Guru Purnima, Janmashtami, Raksha Bandhan, Onam and Ganesh Chaturthi were depicted by students through traditional dances and skits. They enthralled everyone with their amazing performances.



Other Significant Events

School Cabinet Election, Investiture Ceremony of School Cabinet and PTA Election

First ever E-Polling for the School Cabinet was held after rigorous campaigning. Investiture Ceremony for the democratically elected School Cabinet of the year 2016-2017 was held in the presence of the Chief Guest of the day Mr. Narendra Barhate (CEO and MD of SEED Infotech Ltd.), Guests of Honour of the day Mr. J.K.Bhosale (Chairman, Amanora Knowledge Foundation), Mr. Vinod Sharma (Business Head, Pearson School), and Mr. Parshvadeep Singh (Cluster Head, Pearson Schools). First Meeting of the Parent Teacher Association Executive Committee for the academic year 2016-17 was conducted with an objective to make parents our partners in this journey of growth and development.



Open Mic Poetry Slam



The first 'Open Mic Poetry Slam' as a prelude to the 15 Books Campaign was held, which was aimed at encouraging students to write, compose and present their own poems. The stage was set for the event in the School Library. The students were judged on various parameters like Originality, Language, Presentation and Recitation.

15 Books Campaign Launch Program

Launching ceremony of the 15 Books Campaign, a programme to encourage students to read minimum 15 books in one academic year, was held in the presence of Prof. Chandrakant Redican, a Spoken Word Poet. The campaign was launched with various student poets' performances and the school's Nukkad Natak group performance.



Independence Day Celebration



Special Assemblies were held to celebrate the nation's 70th Independence Day, where in students presented patriotic songs, dances and speech. Pre Primary students dressed up as freedom fighters to mark the celebration of 15th August 2016. Flag Hoisting, March Past, Patriotic Dance, Yoga Demonstration and Inter House Patriotic Song Competition added extra flavour to the celebration.

Evacuation Drill

A systematic evacuation drill was exhibited by the staff and students of Amanora School. The purpose was to ensure the evacuation of the school building in a safe manner during any emergency and to assemble at a safe place for rolls to be called. The drill was conducted by 2513 students and 236 employees in 11 minutes and 31 seconds.



Principal's Appeal – 'Organ Donation Day'



"The gift of Life, Pass it on - Help Someone Live forever after Your Death and you Immortalize Yourself" - Principal Ms. Meera Nair galvanized and motivated the students to spread awareness about organ donation and to serve humanity through her inspirational talk.

Celebrating 100 Days of Schooling

Reviving memories of the first day, that our toddlers entered Amanora School with curious minds and tender thoughts, exploring every nook and corner that their sight could have captured... On 8th September 2016, these kids walked the aisle celebrating being '100 DAYS SMARTER'...



Teacher's Day Celebration



The Teacher's Day Celebration in the school had an enthusiastic as well as an emotional touch. Students of Grade IX conducted an assembly for teachers wherein they expressed their gratitude towards the teachers. Students of Grade X were given an opportunity to step in to the role of a teacher for a day. Actual classroom teaching was conducted by the students in the junior classes. Teachers enjoyed the special celebration bursting with games, song presentations, lunch, awards and gifts. Grade IV students presented a special assembly with the song for the Teachers "This Song is for those, who inspire us today..." and a bookmark as a token of love and appreciation for all the teachers was presented.

Tirangaa

An Inter School Independence Day Cultural Fest "Tirangaa" was held on 20th August, 2016. The theme was "Celebrating India's Visual and Performing Arts". 31 schools, including our School Amanora, participated in it. Total 586 students participated and 52 participants were from Amanora School. There were 13 competitions held simultaneously in the school premises. Parents were also a part of this event as audience for the Mime, Indian Folk Dance and Classical Dance competitions. All participating students were given snacks and certificates. Amanora School bagged the Winner's Trophy and was followed by St. Arnold's Central School as the 1st Runner up.



HSS and Transport Safety Month Celebration

July month was celebrated as 'Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Protection' month. To create awareness amongst students and the staff about the Health and Safety, measures ensuring HSS in the day to day life were shared. Special Assemblies on the theme 'Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Protection' were conducted wherein students presented various speeches, skits, songs etc. on the sub topics like Health and Safety, Ground Safety, Safety in School, Cope up with Peer Pressure, 'STOP...Abuse...' and Stand Up against Bullying. Quality Circle Time, Exhibition, Screening of ChildLine Movies, Poster Making, Collage Making, Group Discussion, Role Play, Health Check Up for Teachers, Stress Management Training for Teachers, Informative Bulletin Boards, Session on Self Defence Techniques for Girls were also part of the celebration.



Students of Grades IX and X conducted an awareness march on 'Health and Safety'. They marched in the school corridors and classes with informative posters explaining the importance of Health and Safety measures to their juniors. In keeping with the HSS practices, August month was declared as a 'Transport Safety Month.' Believing in the quote that 'Safety begins at home', we assured that our in-house members are equipped with required knowledge and the awareness related to safety through orientation programs for our staff and special assemblies for students. Assured Transport Safety also being achievable by a periodic check of the available transport resources is the role set on priority.

Health and Safety Audit



Mr. John Maxwell and Mr. Dave Stevenson's (Global Health and Safety team) visited Amanora School to carry out a global audit on Health and Safety Practices. The audit included detailed visit (school gates to the classrooms), interaction with students and staff and review of school's health and safety documentation and procedures. On being ensured about the evidence of a positive health and safety culture within the school led by an optimistic and zealous leader, Principal Ms. Meera Nair, the school has secured a thumping 95% rating in the Health and Safety Performance.

Field Trips, Excursion and Amusement....

Students of Prep II visited Amanora Fire Station, Police Station, Restaurant and Yes Bank as a part of experiential learning. Students of Grade IX and X went for an excursion to Diamond Adventure Park, a fun filled and adventurous outing. Archery, Burma Bridge, Zip Line, Bungee Jumping, Rock Climbing were few highlights of the excursion.



Parent Orientation Programmes



An Orientation of parents from Nursery to Grade X was conducted in the month of June 2016. The Orientation Programs were scheduled on different dates as per the age and grade requirement to make it fruitful for both the staff and the participant parents. Through the orientation, the parents were introduced to the CBSE pattern of academic and non-academic activities practiced in Amanora in a much friendly and easily comprehensible method by the Principal Ms. Meera Nair and her team of Coordinators through an effective presentation. Apart from the knowledge sharing, the Principal also encouraged a platform for an Open Parent Interaction wherein the parents expressed their need for guidance with certain concerns related to child development.



Club Activities

A variety of innovative club activities are a part of the co-scholastic activities which cater to an overall development of the child. These are proposed Grade wise as:

Grades I and II: Abacus, Karate, Helen O'Grady, Skating, Art and Craft, Music (Vocal), Sports Club.

Grades III and IV: Apart from the above mentioned – Archery and Western Dance (Hip Hop).

Grades V to VIII: Karate, Helen O'Grady, Archery, Home Science, Revival of Art, Young Engineers, Literary, Music, Western Dance, Artistic Yoga, Band, Rope Skipping, Math Navigator, Written Expression, Mystery Science, Community Service



In-House, Inter-House and Inter School Competitions

Various In House competitions like Fancy Dress and English Recitation Competition for Pre Primary students; Poster Making, Clay Modeling, Word Building, Drawing, Friendship Day Card making, Rakhi Making, English Recitation, Handwriting, Origami, Shloka Recitation, Slogan Writing,



Collage Making for Grades I to IV students and Clay Modeling, Rakhi Making, Collage Making for Grades V to VIII were held. Students of Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire and Topaz houses participated in Inter House Patriotic Song Competition. Amanorites participated in various competitions organized by Pune District Sports Association which include Subrato Mukharjee Football District Sports Competition (Under 17 Boys) at Symbiosis College, Pune; District Cricket Sports Competition (Under 14 Boys) at Fergusson College, Pune; District Badminton Sports Competition (Under 14 Girls) at PDMBA, Modern School, Pune; District Table Tennis Sports Competition (Under 14 Boys and Under 17 Boys) at Symbiosis College, Pune; District Basketball Sports Competition (Under 14 Girls, Under 14 Boys, Under 17 Girls and Under 17 Boys) at Deccan Gymkhana, Pune; District Lawn Tennis Sports Competition (Under 14 Girls and Under 14 Boys) at Fergusson College, Pune and District Chess Sports Competition (Under 14 Boys and Under 17 Boys held at Rajaram Bhiku Pathare Vidhyalaya, Kharadi, Pune. Students also participated in Orbis Interschool Football Tournament (Under 14 Girls, Under 14 Boys, Under 16 Boys and Under 16 Girls) organized by Orbis School, Mundhwa, Pune.

Shining Stars

Aditya Sai Vemparala (Grade V) was awarded with Certificate of Outstanding Performance in the International Award Ceremony at Delhi, for achieving International Rank 1 in the 9th SOF International Mathematics Olympiad –Grade IV during the academic year 2015-16.



Nirav Vyas (Under 12 Inline Boy), Soumya Kanchan (Under 8 Inline Girl) and Pragya Rawat (Under 12 Inline Girl) won Gold medal in 17th Interschool Roller Skating Championship organized by Roller Relay Skating of Maharashtra at Chandrashekhar Agashe College, Gultekdi, Pune. Ayush Shilimkar (Under 8 Inline Boy) and Charanjit (Under 8 Quads Boy) won Silver medal in the same competition.

Aryan Sugesh of Grade III (Under 8 - Inline Category) secured 3rd Place in the Decathlon Skating Championship organized by Pune District Roller Skating Adhoc Committee held at Decathlon, Wagholi, Pune.



Ved Badwaik (Under 14 Boys) of Grade VI secured Third place in District Rifle Shooting Sports Competition (10 meter air rifle peep site) organized by Pune District Sports Association held at P.M.C. Shooting Range, Hadapsar, Pune.



Sakshi Pasalkar of Grade VI won Second prize in the District Rope Skipping Sports Competition (Double Under 30 second) organized by Pune District Sports Association.

Atharva Saikar of Grade III won Gold medal in Point Flight event (7,8,9 kg weight) in 30th Senior Pune District Kickboxing Championship 2016 and Cadet, Junior Open organized by Shivamudra Martial Arts and Sports Club and Sanctioned Pune District Kickboxing Association (PDKA).



Rishita Saikar of Grade V won Silver medal in Point Flight event (10,11,12 kg weight) in 30th Senior Pune District Kickboxing Championship 2016 and Cadet, Junior Open organized by Shivamudra Martial Arts and Sports Club and Sanctioned by Pune District Kickboxing Association (PDKA). She has also won Bronze medal in the 30th MKBA Senior Maharashtra State Kickboxing Championship 2016 and Cadet Open (State Level).

Rishika Nigam of Grade V won Bronze medal in 30th Pune District Kickboxing Championship 2016 organized by Pune District Kickboxing Association (PDKA).



Rushikesh Ransing of Grade V won Bronze medal in 36 Kg. Weight category in 5th Hapkido Boxing Pune City Championship 2016 organized by Unique Sports Club and Martial Art Association and Hapkido Boxing Pune City Organization and sanctioned by Hapkido Boxing Maharashtra Organization.

IN-HOUSE AND INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS



Certificates were given to the winners of various in-house and inter-house competitions in the assembly.

From the Faculty Frontier

Teacher Orientation Programme



Teachers' Orientation Programme was conducted by Regional Lead (Academics) Ms. Nidhi Thapar, Principal Ms. Meera Nair and the Academic Coordinators.

Other Trainings

Teachers attended various trainings including Child Counseling, Life Skills, Active Learning, A program on Life Skills and Personal Safety, 3 days training on Life Skills and Child Safety for selected teachers, ICT, My Pedia, Session on Voice and Communication, Stress Management and Yardstick.



Infrastructure Development



The school has come up with a huge infrastructural development in the form of Wooden Flooring in Yoga Room and Library, Basket Ball Court, Astroturf, Outdoor Rubber Flooring for Sports, Table Tennis Room, Infirmary, Painting of Old Building, Security Cabins, Fencing Chain for Covered Dispersal Area, Mesh Fencing for Covered Pathway etc.

Assessments

Formative Assessments I was conducted during June and July, which was based on various rubric related activities. Formative Assessments II and Summative Assessment I, the Pen and Paper Tests, were conducted in the month of August and September respectively for Grades I to X.

Team Amanora works towards creating a heaven for our children. We work with the belief that, "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success."

Best regards,

For Amanora School
Ms. Meera Nair
Principal



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