

# THE RIDGEAN

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**SKILL DAY**

*'Winners never quit and quitters never win.'*

*Vince Lombardi*

Ridge Valley School believes that each individual is a winner and to celebrate the strengths of our little ones, the 'Skill Day' was held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the ground of Ridge Valley School. The event was about putting up a show to display gross motor skills and building co-ordination, having fun, being physically active, learning the basics of sports and also to give the little angels an opportunity to display their self-confidence, patience, zeal and sportsman ship.

The fantastic turnout of parents and the pleasant weather were the perfect boost for the students. The event began with welcoming the gathering and the Chief Guest, Mr. Ajit Sirohi who was presented a planter by the tiny tots. The Chairman addressed the enthusiastic gathering followed by kicking the football into the goal post, marking the beginning of the event.

Different Skill Stations were set for Grades Nursery, Kindergarten, 1 and 2 for the students to display their gross motor skills. The parents were seated in grade wise allocated areas. The students of Nursery and Kindergarten showcased their gross motor skills by running zig zag through the cones, jumping over the hurdles and balancing on the balancing beam. The students of grade 1 exhibited their skills by performing obstacle race with hula hoops and the Grade 2 students displayed their honed skills by dribbling football. The air was filled with cheering and tons of encouragement for the young athletes.

After the simultaneous display of gross motor skills, all the students headed for their respective races. While Nursery conveyed the message of keeping our surroundings clean, Kindergarten emphasized on the importance of eating healthy food. Grade 1 students performed under vault race and Grade 2 children displayed true spirit of sportsmanship and team work performing shuttle relay race. It was a delight to see the excitement with which children challenged themselves to attempt variety of races.

The students also danced on a peppy song with great fervor which was commendable.

The budding sport stars were awarded badges for their great performance.

The release of colourful balloons by the Chief Guest and the PE team marked the end of the event as the balloons rose high up in the sky rejoicing the great show. Vote of thanks was proposed by Early Years Mentor, Ms. Anjee Madan, thanking the Chief Guest, parents and the facilitators for their continued support.



## RVS EVENTS

### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON HOLI

*'Let the colours of Holi spread the message of peace and happiness'*

As the academic session draws to a close, Grade 1 got busy practicing to put up a Special Assembly on Holi on the 1st of March. It was an eclectic mix of dialogues, dance, drama and music with confident performances that kept the audience of staff and students happily engrossed. The different ways of playing Holi was beautifully depicted through the dances of peacocks and puppets; and the vibrant jokers took the idea of eco friendly celebration of the festival into 'swarg' itself! Grade 1 came together as a team of proud performers and made everyone smile and reflect on the true meaning of this colourful festival.



## VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

*'Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go.'*

14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 was a day of celebration at **Ridge Valley School, Gurgaon** as Grade 4 organized a Valedictory Ceremony for Grade 5 students who were bidding good bye to primary school and were standing on the threshold of middle school. The hosts welcomed their special guests by a band performance that churned out some peppy beats while being camouflaged within the audience, armed with indigenous instruments. It was a treat for the children as they could not make out where the sounds were coming from! After their calls of congratulations to Grade 5, they recited a poem wishing them good luck for the future endeavours. Thereafter, they invited Grade 5 students one by one and pinned badges on to them while a delightfully descriptive comment about them was being read out in the background. After receiving the badge, they proceeded to the stage where the **School Principal, Ms. Archana Sagar** and the **Academic Co-ordinator, Ms. Kamalpreet Bhullar** presented them with graduation caps and scrolls. It was a proud day for Grade 5 students as they reveled in their entry into middle school and recounted their experiences of the year gone by. The customary flying of caps was a kodak moment which will stay in their memories forever!



## YOUNG LEADERS MEET

*'Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions.'*

'*Young leaders meet*' was organised for the students of Grades 6-9 on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The objective of the workshop was to make them learn about their strengths and weaknesses and accept them without any inhibitions. Also to motivate them to realise their full potential and gear up to push themselves to accept rigour and challenges. The entire workshop comprised of two days wherein children went through a journey of self-discovery, awareness, challenge and motivation.

On Day 1 the students talked about the attributes of a true leader and compared them with their own skill sets. Post this, the students were divided house wise led by a team leader who then took them through an array of self-discovery games which aimed at developing their team building skills, cooperative, collaborative, problem solving and planning skills.

On Day 2 the students went on a field trip where they discovered problems of that particular place and after a thorough research came out with excellent solutions for the same. They further presented their study in front of the whole group and teachers, confidently answering the queries.

The team building activities and games were thoroughly enjoyed by the students. The workshop came to an end with a presentation by the students where they shared their study with a lot of compassion and empathy intact towards people targeted by the problems. They felt highly motivated after receiving the tags from their group members. Overall it was an enriching experience adding to the smiles on the faces of our young leaders.



## ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE MONTH

### Sequential Learning

Grade 1 students worked on a sequencing activity that kept the students engrossed. They arranged the pictures given to them with respect to the sentences. It was fun for some and interesting for others as who remarked: "it was like a quiz" and putting the sentences in order helped to "make sense" of what was said.



### We Like to Party!!

The session ended on a party note where children rejoiced and partied in the class. They watched movies and ate snacks which they shared with their friends. The lively Grade 1 is all set to spring into Grade 2.



### The Art of Language



Choosing to study a language is both exciting and inspiring. Grade 4 children take pleasure in picking up a language of their choice to study in Grade 5 from the three languages namely French, Spanish and Sanskrit. Students attended the orientation by the teachers on the process of choosing the language of their choice. It sure will be an interesting decision!!



**How We Ended The Year With a Big Bang!!**

Grade 2 children had an engrossing month which was full of activities. In the Early Man Timeline students were divided house-wise and were given four ages (namely Paleolithic, Neolithic, Bronze age and The age of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century), which they had to depict on a thermocol sheet. They used colours and clay, which they molded into the early man, his tools, animals, the wheel, airplanes etc. Children devoted three days to the activity and the result of their hard work was fruitful.



While studying the concept of Inventions and Discoveries, children were inquisitive to know about how new things came into being or how the idea of inventing something came into someone's head. To keep their curious minds at work, students had to find out about and experiment and demonstrate the same in front of their class mates. Various experiments were displayed such as the overflowing lava, filling up the balloon with a coke bottle, displacing pepper with dish wash soap etc. There was great learning during this 'Fun with Experiments' demonstration.



**In our Poetic Ink!**

Grade 5 read the poem 'Dear Mr. Examiner' by Gareth Owen and 'The Butterfly' by William Wordsworth. They discussed the different genres in English Poetry and evaluated how each genre had a different flavour. They wrote poems of their own thereafter.



**Poetry Analysis**

Grade 4 students read, comprehended and recited the poems 'A Voyage' and 'The Silver House'. They analyzed the traits of each character in these poems.

