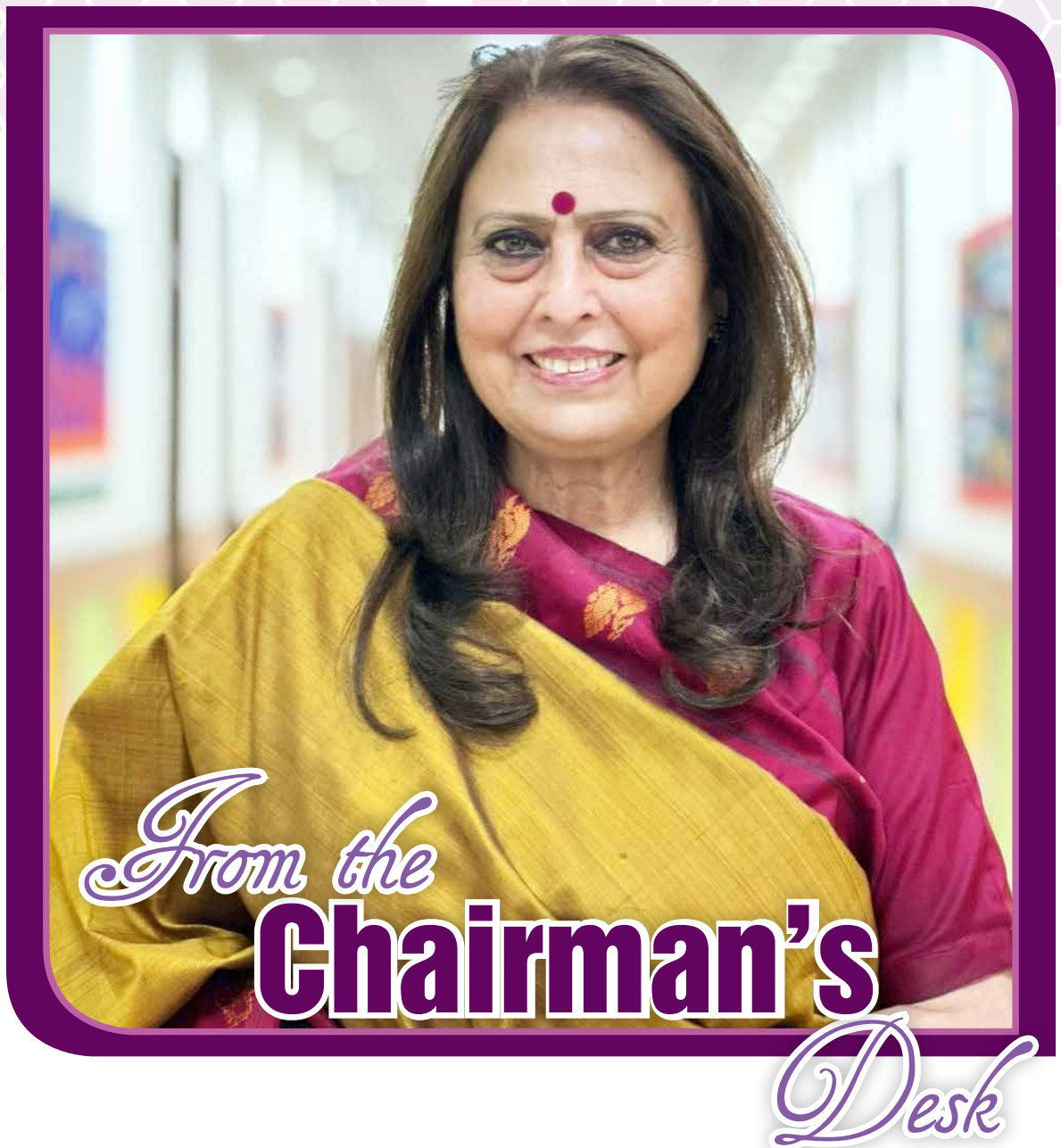




**Nurturing Lives
Empowering Learners**
Transforming Our
Children into World Citizens.





I begin with a deep feeling of appreciation for my exceptional staff and students for their energy, creativity, generosity, compassion, music and colour. Working with the young makes time elastic, space a spinning wheel. Our school world becomes limitless, yet always within reach, a world of love, of nurturing the identity of being oneself and being connected to the other.

At Ridge Valley we continuously 'strive to be the change'. Our involvement with social causes, the environment, teaching training initiatives, child centred learning, all aspects of the structured and life world will go a long way in improving the school system from within.

The key to reform lies not in meeting goals established by outside 'experts', but in changing relationships in school. May the voices continue to grow louder and stronger. True change lies when everyone's voice is heard; this continues to be our endeavour.

Keep the faith !!!

Dr. Ameeta Mulla Wattal

Chairperson and Executive Director
DLF Foundation Schools and
Scholarship Programmes.



From the **Director's** *Desk*

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

Welcome to our termly newsletter! As we step into a new phase of the academic year, I'm filled with a profound sense of appreciation for the journey we've embarked upon together.

Our path is marked by milestones of growth, resilience, and collective achievement. Each success, whether big or small, is a testament to the unwavering commitment and dedication of our school community.

We are deeply proud of the accomplishments of our students and the remarkable strides we continue to make in nurturing a culture of excellence and lifelong learning at RVS.

As we navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, let us not forget the power of collaboration, empathy, and perseverance. It is through our shared values and aspirations that we create a vibrant tapestry of learning and growth. Together, let us embrace the journey with open hearts and curious minds, knowing that every experience, triumph, and setback serves as a stepping stone towards realizing our fullest potential.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our shared vision. Here's to another term filled with exploration, discovery, and transformative growth.

Warm regards,

Madhur Usgaonkar
Director

From the **Principal's** *Desk*

Dear Parents and Students,

As we bid adieu to the last session, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering support, enthusiasm, and participation. It has been a remarkable journey filled with countless memories, learning experiences, and achievements that have enriched our school community.

From the spectacular Annual Day celebrations to the exhilarating Sports Fiesta, from the heartfelt Farewell Citation to the empowering Teachers Training sessions, and not to forget, the impactful Walkathon aimed at sensitizing our children for community outreach – each event has been a testament to our collective spirit and dedication.

The energy, talent, and passion displayed by our students have been truly inspiring. Your active involvement and commitment have played a pivotal role in making each activity a grand success.

As we look forward to embarking on another exciting and fruitful session, we are filled with anticipation and optimism. We are confident that together, we will continue to foster a nurturing environment that promotes holistic development, innovation, and excellence.

Let us carry forward the momentum and spirit of the last session into the new academic year, embracing new challenges, exploring new opportunities, and creating more cherished memories.

Thank you once again for your invaluable contribution and support. Here's to a promising and successful new session ahead!

Warm regards,

Nidhi Tewari
Principal



Citation Ceremony

To celebrate our graduating students' academic excellence, dedication, and achievements, a citation ceremony was organized for Grade XII to honor their remarkable performance and demonstrate outstanding commitment to their studies and personal growth. The esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Renu Malaviya, took the stage to offer heartfelt congratulations to the graduating students.



FAREWELL

Our school believes in embracing diversity and fostering a sense of unity among students. To celebrate the richness of our school community and promote inclusivity, the session began with special events organized by the school. The aim was to highlight diversity, promote mutual respect, and instill positive attitude in children. The session 2024-25 began with a touching farewell, organized by Grade XI students for their seniors, emphasizing the lasting impact of shared experiences. The event, marked by nostalgia and celebration, reflected the deep bonds formed.



Investiture

CEREMONY

The Investiture Ceremony marked a significant moment in the life of our school community, as the incoming Student Council 2024-25 took on their new roles with a great sense of pride and responsibility. Chief Guest Mr. L.V Sehgal, reiterated that resilience and empathy are key elements to being a good leader and a good role model.



Special ASSEMBLIES

Martyr's Day

Ridge Valley School students presented a heartfelt Martyr's Day assembly, centering around the profound quote, "They gave their tomorrow for our today". The assembly began with a prayer aligned with the school's values and traditions, and the students and teachers observed a moment of silence to reflect on the significance of the day. The assembly by Thames House focussed on remembering and honoring the martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation.



REPUBLIC Day



To honor the founding principles and values that unite us as a nation, our school conducted an assembly on Republic Day. To commemorate the spirit of our nation, the students showcased captivating performances of theatre, dance, and choir, exemplifying the values of unity, diversity, and patriotism that define our great nation. Our talented students took us on a journey through the annals of history, showcasing the struggles and triumphs that have shaped our nation's identity.



FIT FIESTA

The school ensures to emphasize on promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and overall well-being of every young Ridgeman through various activities and events. As an excellent way to end the year, our school organized 'Fit Fiesta', the Junior School Sports Day, on 9th December 2023. It was a day filled with fervor and excitement experienced amid thrills, shrills, and cheers. The Chief Guest, Brigadier Ashok Abbey's attendance added a sense of honor and prestige to the occasion., highlighting the significance of sports in fostering discipline, leadership, and resilience. Various sports activities, march past, peppy dance drills, and races were conducted with mirth, verve, and camaraderie. The pleasant weather and joie-de-vivre of the students catalyzed the fun-filled Sports Day.



ANNUAL DAY



The annual day at the Ridge Valley school is not just the most awaited event of the year, but a cultural extravaganza that celebrates the sheer talent, dedication, and collective spirit of our institution. The Ridgeans delivered an outstanding annual show on 2nd December 2023, instilling values of creativity and hard work within them.

This year, the theme was "We the People". As the words, the theme revolved around the fundamentals of unity and togetherness.

The event started with the welcoming of special guests. It was graced with the presence of Dr. Ameeta Mulla Wattal, Chairperson, of Ridge Valley School. The Director, Principal, and Student Council presented the annual school report showcasing our school's progress.

Firstly, the orchestra's electrifying performance captivated the audience with its exquisite blend of melody and harmony. This was followed by a blissfully synchronized act of ring dance which further moved onto Natraj dance. These dances demonstrated the strong capabilities of willpower, passion, adaptability, and the importance of finding balance. The drama mainly revolved around the ideology that unity is important for survival.

A key highlight of the event was honoring the didi's and bhaiya's of the school, without whose relentless support, the show would not have been pulled off so well!

With this, we look forward to the next annual show!



In the exciting flow of events at our junior school, every day is filled with opportunities for learning, discovery, and fun for our young Ridgeans. RVS opened doors to the exceptionally talented students of various prestigious schools of Gurugram inviting them to Euphoria 2023, the Junior School Ridgean Fest. Various fictional characters came alive that transported the school into an enchanting world of books. The unbridled enthusiasm and abounding creativity of the students were on display in events ranging from Yuletide Character Carnival to Hat-A-Tale.



Graduation DAY

The Grade V Graduation Day ceremony was a memorable and heart-warming event, filled with laughter, tears of joy, and fond memories. The ceremony began with lamp-lighting followed by an invocation to bless the occasion. The most awaited moment of the ceremony arrived as each student was called to the stage to receive the badge, stole, and scroll. It was a day filled with pride, accomplishment, and celebration.





Our little adventurers from Pre-Nursery to Kindergarten embarked on a thrilling journey to the Zoo, discovering the magic of nature's creators. With wide eyes and curious minds, our students were excited to explore nature's enchanting animals. Their hearts danced with excitement as they encountered colorful birds. Their journey took them next to the realm of the gentle giants - the elephants and the king of the jungle, the Bengal Tigers. In the magical world of the zoo, the day was filled with joy and discovery.



INTER-HOUSE GOLF TOURNAMENT



In March, this year, RVS organized an Inter-House Golf Tournament for the primary school students under the guidance of experienced instructors, our young golfers honed their chipping and putting techniques, demonstrating remarkable dedication to mastering the fundamentals of the game. The students cheered each other, celebrated success, and offered encouragement, truly embodying the spirit of fair play and teamwork.



FUN AT ABHANERI

The school organized an unforgettable adventure that took students of Grades X to XII on a journey of exploration, discovery, and fun! The students embarked on their first overnight trip to the historic village of Abhaneri in the heart of Rajasthan. Embarking on an adrenaline-fueled day adventure, students conquered the challenges of the Burma Bridge and soared through the air with exhilarating zip lining and rock climbing. The highlight of the trip was Chand Baori, an architectural marvel. The trip deepened their understanding of history and culture and left an indelible mark on their hearts.



Adventure CAMP in Ranthambore



In the spirit of excitement, the school organized a three-day adventure trip for the students of Grades VI to VIII to Ranthambore, Rajasthan. The students explored nature, and experienced safari where they got a chance to spot Bengal Tigers and other wildlife. The bus ride was filled with laughter, chatter, and anticipation as everyone eagerly anticipated the adventures that awaited them. With a sense of gratitude and awe, the students bid farewell to Ranthambore, knowing that they had not only witnessed the untamed beauty of nature but had also played a part in its preservation.



Workshops at RVS



Workshops provide teachers and students with opportunities to enhance their teaching skills, pedagogical knowledge, and classroom management techniques. We at RVS, believe in enhancing the teachers' new teaching methods, educational technologies, and instructional strategies that improve student engagement and learning outcomes.

On 'Safer Internet Day', at Ridge Valley, a vibrant array of activities unfolded, echoing the theme of cyber awareness and safety. The students took the lead and expressed their perspectives on digital safety with a captivating nukkad natak. The students and support staff delved into discussions on online safety measures fostering a culture of informed digital citizenship.

Our school organized an Adobe workshop for classes VI to VIII that aimed at igniting the spark of creativity among students. This hands-on workshop was designed to empower students with essential digital design skills using the software. Through engaging tutorials and interactive sessions, students unlocked the potential of Adobe's creative tools, including Photoshop and Illustrator.



A fire safety workshop was conducted for the teachers to raise awareness about fire prevention, evacuation procedures, and proper response techniques in case of a fire emergency.



On 27th February, Ridge Valley hosted a dynamic workshop led by Mr. Shiv Chandra, offering hands-on experience to create AI models. An informative workshop on 'Profile Building' was conducted by Ms. Shilpa, an IELTS trainer for our senior school students. The workshop emphasized the importance of creating a well-rounded profile for college admissions

Winter Staff Seminar



A two-day seminar conducted in January began with ceremonial lamp lighting, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and wisdom. The welcome address was delivered by the school's Principal, who extended a warm greeting to all participants, including teachers, educators, and special guests. Following the welcome address, our chairperson Dr. Ameeta Mulla Wattal imparted words of wisdom, sharing insights and reflections on the importance of education, lifelong learning, and professional development. Throughout the seminar, the teachers engaged in a series of informative sessions, interactive workshops, and thought-provoking discussions focused on various aspects of education, pedagogy, and instructional practices. The seminar provided a platform for educators to exchange ideas, share best practices, and collaborate on strategies to enhance teaching effectiveness and student outcomes. As the two-day seminar drew to a close, participants were treated to a delightful finale filled with music and melody.



Cancer Walkathon

Our school held a Cancer Awareness Walkathon in collaboration with the Tanisa Foundation on the 16th of March 2024, Saturday. With over 300 walkers, we all successfully took steps against cancer. The Chief Guest, Ms. Usha Solanki, a dedicated social worker from the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) inaugurated this event, which started from school and ended at City Centre, MG Road. Students from Grade XII performed a nukkad natak titled "Cancer Ek Abhishap" as well as the Galleria Market, DLF Phase IV.

Ms. Meenakshi Dhingra, founder of the Tanisa Foundation, addressed the public, highlighting common causes and prevention methods to prevent this dreaded disease.

Dr. Indu from Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Hospital offered valuable insights, followed by an inspiring message from a cancer warrior, Ms. Indra. High-energy Zumba sessions were also conducted to keep the spirits high.

The event successfully raised awareness about this critical health issue and showcased the power of community-driven initiatives.








Education for Life Awards

The school corridors were buzzed with excitement and smiling faces as our students and teachers were awarded for that one inherent quality that sets them apart from others. The Education for Life felicitation ceremony, led by Senior Mentor, Mr. Aryavan McSweeney served as a beacon, illuminating the importance of life skills in navigating the world's complexities. The students and teachers were called on the stage to receive their well-deserved accolades, each recognition symbolizing a unique facet of their character and resilience. Whether it was empathy, leadership, resilience, or creativity, every award served as a testament to the indomitable spirit and innate potential residing within each member. With hearts brimming with pride and hope, they embarked on their journey forward, armed with the invaluable life skills that would serve as their compass in navigating the uncharted waters of life



Education for Life Awards



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