



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



From the
Chairman's
Desk



May the spirit of learning always enlighten the lives of our children.

This issue reflects their creativity and belief in change.

Let us continue to bring energy into form by creating a vision that is coherent and sincere, which our children will encounter. All of us as teachers and parents share a collective destiny which will help our children become artists in their chosen field and facilitate the process of achieving it.

Seasons Greetings and a

Happy
New
Year

Keep the faith !!

Dr. Ameeta Mulla Wattal
Chairperson and Executive Director
DLF Foundation Schools and
Scholarship Programmes.

From the
Director's
Desk

Our school is not merely a brick-and-mortar establishment; it is a vibrant tapestry woven with the threads of countless stories, dreams, and aspirations. Each student, teacher, and staff member contributes to the unique mosaic that defines our educational community. It is this diversity of experiences, perspectives, and talents that makes Ridge Valley truly special.

Together, let us continue to create a vibrant and nurturing environment that empowers our students to thrive academically and personally.

Let's continue to build on our successes, learn from challenges, and make the new term equally enriching.

Let us foster a sense of belonging that transcends the classroom, creating a community where every individual feels valued and heard.

Here's to a successful and fulfilling academic session for each member of the Ridge Valley family.

Warm regards,

Madhur Usgaonkar
Director



From the
Principal's
Desk

In the dynamic landscape of modern schooling, we've transcended the confines of traditional books and classrooms. Education now stands as a powerful force, shaping not just minds, but forging a pathway to a future driven by innovative thinking and practical skills integration. The evolving significance of innovation has spurred a transformation in teaching methodologies within contemporary schools.

In this empowering educational journey, we go beyond the realm of intellectual growth. Today's learning places a premium on emotional intelligence, encouraging students to navigate the complexities of human interactions with finesse. It instills a profound presence of mind, equipping learners to not only absorb knowledge but to apply it with a keen awareness in real-life situations.

Our new curriculum 'Education for Life' is a student-centric holistic, life skills program, which is designed to encompass social-emotional learning, community service, and scientific temper.

RVS is a school that empowers future leaders with confidence, creativity, and character.

Nidhi Tewari
Principal



JUNIOR SCHOOL Activities



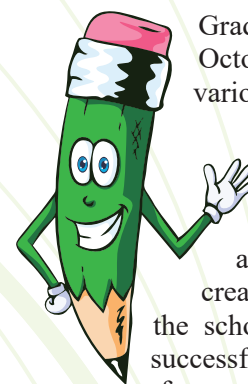
The school ensures the holistic development of every young Ridgean through various activities and sessions taking place every month, where they grow and nurture in every way possible. As an excellent way to start the session, there was a Community Outreach session conducted for grades Pre-Nursery in April on the significance of healthy friendships. "A happy body is defined by a happy mind", keeping in mind the same, the school regularly conducts well-being workshops for the junior grades, where they are taught valuable life lessons of discipline, time management, consistency and more.

Carpe Diem is a Latin phrase standing for "Seize the Day," and this is what the school aims at achieving by fostering children's physical as well as social skills. The students can pursue their interests and passions by joining various clubs such as Eureka, Digital Media, Robotics and Linguistics. The members of Eco Warriors Club from grade III-V were sensitised towards the importance of Bird Feeders, especially during summers. To Raise awareness about such sensitive issues, a session was conducted for Grade IV-V on Menstrual Health and Hygiene Management. In accordance with the theme, "International Millets Year" or IYM23 as recognised by the United Nations, the culmination of the Social Science week was held with a competition, "Millet-Mazza : Sharing the Recipe", where the participants presented various dishes made from ingredients such as Bajra, Ragi and Jowar and shared it with their friends and teachers.

The English week was filled with a plethora of activities, such as Show & Tell, dress-ups, rhyme recitation, roleplays



and more, enhancing their listening, storytelling, and public speaking skills. The Chief Guest of the event, Ms. Vinita Pandey, an author, and entrepreneur, gave the perfect start to the week with a wonderful interactive session with the Early Years students. In October this year, RVS in collaboration with BMW India Foundation and ASSOCHAM conducted a Road Safety Programme, "Be Safe, Be Smart" for the young minds of



Grades I-III on 18th and 19th October. The sessions covered various aspects of road safety, followed by "Experiential Learning" where students got to practically apply the learnt techniques in a simulated environment created in the premises of the school. The programme was successful in propagating a sense of responsibility on the road among young minds.

Ayush Negi XIA



INDEPENDENCE DAY



It is no secret that in today's day and age our nation has advanced far beyond its adversaries. Our 'bird of gold' soars high and free in the sky of prosperity, spreading its wings and flying towards a brighter tomorrow. But it remains impossible to acknowledge India's brilliance without paying tribute to the countless sacrifices of our Soldiers who have dedicated their life safeguarding our freedom. To the soldiers who stand tall, unwavering in their commitment to our nation. Keeping this notion in mind, Ridge Valley School established the theme of its enthralling Independence Day Celebration- 'Nation First, Always First.' An exceptional presentation of dance, drama, oration, and narration, leaving the audience gripping at the edges of their seats. The event served as a platform to celebrate India's remarkable achievement in space exploration, focusing on the success of Chandrayaan-II. The gathering was graced by the presence of our honorable Chief Guest, Col. Sukumar Sudhakar, and our beloved Chairperson, Dr. Ameeta Mulla Wattal. The most memorable part of the event was, without a doubt, the flag hoisting, and the playing of the national anthem, that unites us all in the name of our nation, in the name of India.

Ritika Chopra XI A



TEACHER'S DAY 2023



Teachers' Day, observed on September 5th every year, commemorates the birth of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a renowned scholar and statesperson of India. The students of grade 12 organized a special assembly to appreciate their teachers' pivotal role in shaping their lives. The assembly began with a heartfelt speech acknowledging the immense impact the teachers have had on our lives. We were privileged to have Dr. Nirmala Samantha

who shared his deep respect for teachers and shared of his own experiences. Grade 12 students unveiled their talents with many energetic dance performances, to tunes such as "Dola Re" and "Aunty Ji", leaving the audience cheering for an encore. To add to the fun, each teacher received a unique title and participated in the ramp walk. The festivities continued with an engaging game of charades, involving the audience with dramatic antics on stage. While the teachers had a well-deserved break, it placed a responsibility on the senior school students to uphold discipline in the school. Students of grades 11 and 12 took on the role of teachers, conducted regular classes, and maintained discipline throughout. Teachers' Day 2023 was a memorable occasion that celebrated teachers' dedication and hard work, fostering joy and unity within the school community.

Pragya Bairwa XIIA



INTER SCHOOL DECLAVERSE



Ridge Valley School hosted an Inter-School Declaration competition, 'Declaverse', for the first time this year, that brought together a myriad of talents from schools across the region. The air buzzed with excitement as more than 20 schools from Gurugram participated in the competition, providing them a platform to engage in thought-provoking discussions on variety of topics from Gender Rights to Artificial Intelligence. The students spoke with confidence, rigour and conviction throughout the event. The event concluded with an awards ceremony that recognised the outstanding performances and contributions of participants. Viraj Bhatnagar of our school won the best speaker prize and the students of the Suncity School bagged the overall school trophy.

Celestina Dsouza XIA



INTER SCHOOL SHATRANJ

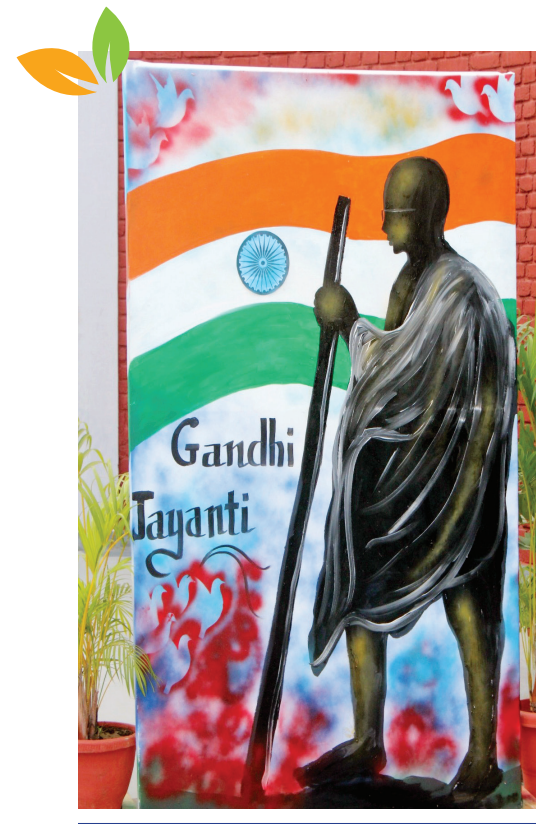


Ridge Valley had the opportunity to host the GPSC Inter-School Chess Tournament, 'Shatranj,' for the 5th year in a row. The event was a phenomenal success with over 125 participants present in three categories- U-9, U-13, U-17 from 20+ schools across Gurugram. The first position was bagged by Amity International School, Gurugram. The second position was clinched by Delhi Public School, Gurugram while the third position was awarded to DLF QEC Innovative School, Ridge Valley. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Govind Joshi who shared his invaluable thoughts with the participants and gave away the awards.

Diya Singh XIA

Special Assemblies

In a dynamic approach to nurturing leadership skills and fostering a sense of responsibility, the students get the opportunity to conduct special assemblies on value based themes, crucial for building strong interpersonal relationships and instilling positive attitudes in the children. The session of 2023-24 began with a special assembly on World Health Day, conducted on April 7, where the students were sensitized about the importance of physical health, mental wellbeing and nutrition, through various events, concluded with an exhilarating badgemaking competition. Dance is truly the joy of movement and the heart of life, and every young Ridgeans resonates with this thought. Ridge Valley School celebrated International Dance Day with some exhilarating performances by the teachers and students, conveying the message of joy in small moments in life. To express gratitude to the support staff of school, the early year students gave them beautiful handmade cards with craftwork. The Junior Wing of RVS presented a wonderful



combination of dance, drama and music - "An Ode To India: Celebrating Its Milestone Achievements", on the symbolic occasion of Independence Day. The Chief Guest, Brig. Ashok Kumar Pathak (retd.) appreciated the efforts of young Ridgeans and encouraged the young leaders to keep striving to achieve their goals. In sync with this year's theme, 'Actions for Peace: Our ambition for the #GlobalGoals', the students of Grade I presented a wonderful presentation of the International Peace Day on September 21, emphasizing on the key message of Peace and Empathy. The key highlight was a mesmerizing dance performance by students to Michael Jackson's 'Heal the World'. The Young Ridgeans also conducted assemblies on special festive occasions such as Baisakhi, Gandhi Jayanti, Eid, Hindi Diwas, Janmashtami, Raksha Bandhan, Christmas, and many more, to respect our traditional culture, rich heritage and diversity.

Ayush, Negi XIA

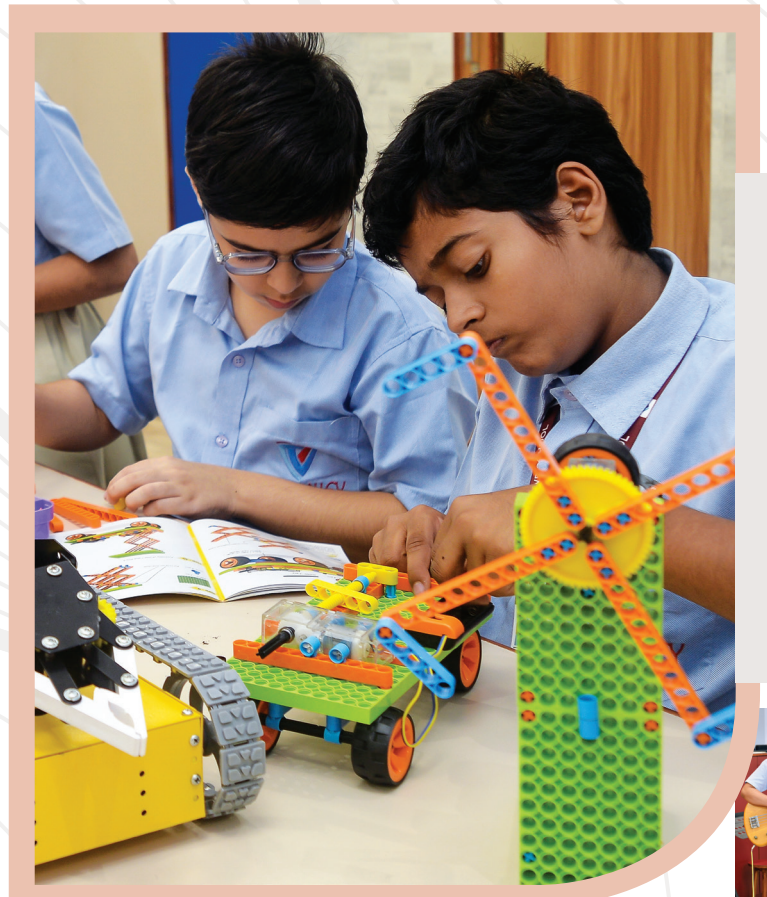


Experiential Learning



In addition, we were given insights with a 45-minute presentation introducing the hotel and most importantly the reason for them to be the pioneer of sustainability. We learned about hotels eco-friendly practices like 'Shunya Water', which is processed and not stored in plastic containers. We enjoyed appetising sandwiches along with cakes that catered to every sweet tooth. We strolled through the corridors, spa and kitchen. The hands on experience helped us to get a better understanding of our chapters in Home Science. We are thankful to our teacher Rachna Joneja ma'am for working so hard and planning such a wonderful visit.

Vanya Aggarwal XII A



In an exciting venture beyond classroom, we had a unique experience stepping into the world of hospitality during our visit to ITC Grand Bharat on 19 October with our Home Science teacher and fellow peers. The architectural splendor and lush landscapes together were a combined luxury with an appreciation for Indian heritage. We were welcomed by a very hospitable staff in a true 5-star tradition.





Skilling Days

'Skilling days' is a concept adopted by RVS, which is held every month for the Junior grades. It ensures the overall development of children with various activities throughout the day integrated with their academics. It is surely one of the most exciting days of the month, which all early years look forward to eagerly. It is filled with fun and engaging activities which are focused on developing creative, speaking, listening and fine motor skills of the young kids.

On 27th September, the students were involved in a lot of skill-based activities, aimed towards enhancing their thinking ability and gross-motor skills. The students of Grade III-V watched a well-informed documentary "Into Nature's Wild" followed by an interesting quiz on nature and science. The students were also constructively involved in making artefacts to create the basic structure of an installation for their upcoming inter-disciplinary presentation "Confluence", by reusing waste material and newspaper. In keeping with the tradition, the Junior Grade students celebrated the joyous occasion of "Dussehra" on 19th September. They participated in many competitions as a part of their Skilling Day on the moral theme "Victory of Good over Evil". The Young Ridgeans participated in a variety of events such as character portrayal, show & tell and story narration, displaying their incredible talents. The activities aimed at fostering creativity, communication and narration skills among the young learners. The expressions and enthusiasm of the Early Years students were heart-warming, and their spirited participation made the entire event an extremely captivating and delightful learning experience.

Ayush Negi XII A



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The students of our school have been participating in various MUNs conducted by different schools in Delhi and Gurugram. The MUN Club was formally introduced this year under which there are two batches: one for the juniors (6-8) and one for the seniors (9-12). This club works under the guidance of teachers, Sanchita Mahapatra and Archana Jain. In order to prepare for the intense competition with experienced delegates, our school conducts several training sessions and mock MUNs as part of the club. On 7th July, a mock MUN was conducted on the agenda 'Good health and Well-Being'. The second mock MUN was conducted for Grades 6 to 8 on the agenda 'Russia-Ukraine war'. This agenda was chosen to increase awareness about the ongoing war and to observe the views of different 'countries' on this topic. All these training sessions for Grades 6-8 proved fruitful when they attended the CCA MUN on 5th and 6th August and our school won the best school award. As for Grades 9-12, after proper training they attended Lotus MUN conducted in Lotus Valley International School on 28th and 30th April. The students of our school participated enthusiastically and won many awards including five Special Mentions, Five High Commendations and one Best Delegate. Another successful MUN was the SHIS MUN held in Scottish High International School where our students won two Best Delegates, One High Commendation, Five Special Mentions, and Two Verbal Mentions. Alongwith these endeavours, a matter of great pride is that two of our students from grade 9 were chosen as Executive Board members in the Shalom MUN. These opportunities provided students to express their opinions on an open platform and to deliberate on solutions to real-life problems. Students thoroughly enjoyed these experiences, learned many new things, made a lot of new friends and most importantly, got insights on the pressing issues in our world today.

Ananya Bahl XII A
Saina Sarin IX A





GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS



ARC, Educational Social Impact Start-up, in collaboration with TERI, Earth Day Network, Council of Royal Roots, and The Jai Hind Project for Schools, presented The Global Sustainability Awards 2023, on 16th October 2023, at India International Center, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The objective of these awards are to recognize and reward the efforts of schools, students and, teachers towards sustainability and making this world a better place. Over 450 Applications were received in various categories from over 15 countries across 5 continents. Schools from UAE, Turkey, Poland and Rwanda were among the participating schools. The chief guests for the event were Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey Ji, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Dr. Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI. Saina Sarin of Grade IX was awarded runner up for her “Project Kamakhya” under SDG 5. Raghav Khanna of Grade XI was the winner for his Project “Pure Power” under SDG 7. Ms. Neelu Singh was also the winner under SDG 11 for collaborating with students for “Hydroelectricity generation through wastewater” project and also ideating its implementation in school.

Neelu Ma'am



SALAAAM BALAK

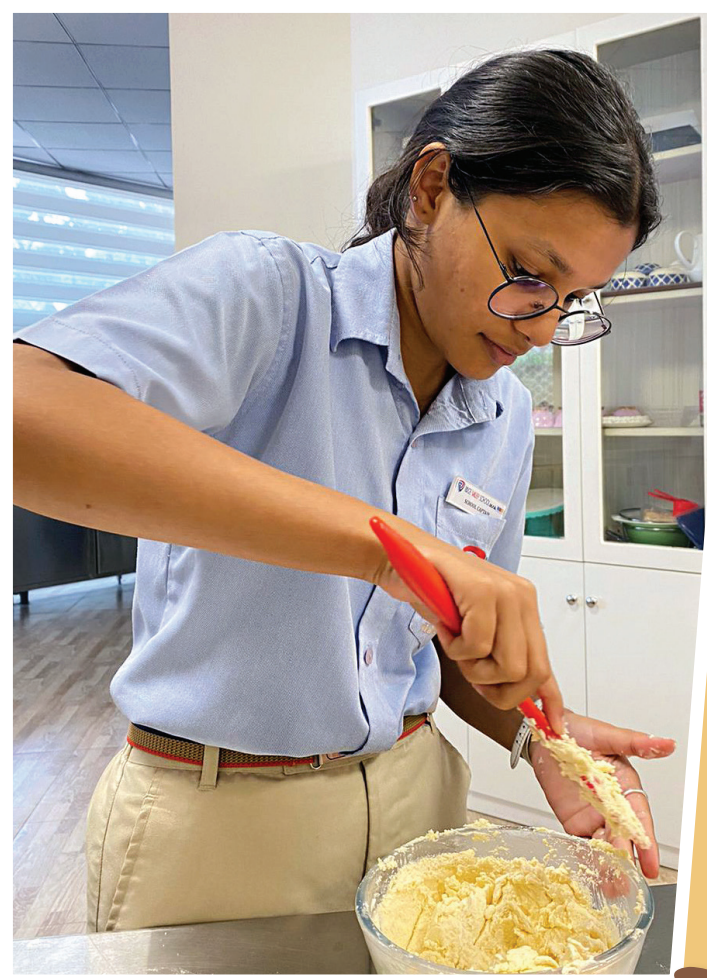


In an inspiring act of kindness and generosity, a group of students in the month of March visited Salaam Baalak Trust, an Orphanage bringing along donation of essential food items to brighten the lives of the children in need. The visit served as a valuable experience, teaching students the importance of empathy and compassion. The visit allowed the students to witness the resilience and strength of these children that defined their daily lives. The visit was not only an expression of benevolence but also a transformative experience for our students. Keeping in mind the privacy of the children present at the orphanage we have been advised not to mention the names and stories of the children or take pictures of them.

Vivaan Bhardwaj



SEWA MONTH



took it upon themselves to support the school's unsung heroes – the helping staff. Through a vibrant display of nukkad natak or street play, the students passionately conveyed crucial social messages about the significance of a girl child in our society. Students' dedication to environmental consciousness and action was evident through their active involvement in initiatives that aimed at proper waste management and remediation projects fostering a sustainable environment. The impact of SEWA Month extended far beyond the school gates, leaving an impression not only on the students but on the broader community. Ridge Valley School has set an exemplary model, illustrating how when a community comes together to serve, it can pave the way for substantial positive changes. This celebration of selfless service will undoubtedly continue to inspire and resonate in the hearts of all those who were a part of this wonderful initiative.

The essence of SEWA Month at Ridge Valley School was deeply rooted in its name – 'SEWA,' meaning selfless service. Throughout this remarkable month, students wholeheartedly engaged in countless impactful activities that aimed at giving back to the community. One of the standout initiatives was the creation of a beautiful bird park within the school premises. The bird park added a touch of natural beauty and served as a safe spot for local bird species, fostering biodiversity within the school grounds. In an amazing display of compassion and inclusivity, the students

Community Outreach Overview



As a part of the education for the life initiative undertaken by our school, students of Grade VIII and IX participated in the In-person Seva program at Paramhansa Yogananda Charitable Trust, Vridavan on 28th Oct. The students had the privilege to interact with the widow mothers and provide them with physical and emotional assistance. This heartwarming initiative bridged the gap between generations and provided companionship to those who felt isolated and lonely. In return, the mothers showered the students with boundless love, blessings of prosperity, and the strength to overcome all challenges in their lives.








Visit to the Earth Saviours Foundation

As part of the Community Outreach Program, we visited an NGO, 'The Earth Saviors Foundation.' The organization has been running an old age home and a rescue center for the destitute and abandoned senior citizens. During the visit we got the opportunity to volunteer and help serve the residents there, with biscuits and juice. This gave us an opportunity to interact with them and learn about their lives and struggles. They also shared heartfelt stories of how some of them had been abandoned by their own families and children. This trip really taught us to appreciate the value of family and the unconditional love and support we get in our lives. We also learnt to appreciate the privileged life we lead and the facilities we enjoy. We made a promise to ourselves that we must not take any of this for granted. Overall, this was a heart-warming, humbling, and a very fulfilling experience which showed us the importance of empathy and compassion towards those in need and has left a lasting impact on us.

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