

Over the Ridge

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From the Chairperson

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!!!

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From the Principal

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." – Henry Ford

Dear Parents, The past few months have been a joyous celebration of our school community's vibrant spirit, filled with events that showcased our students' brilliance and unity. From the heartfelt Farewell Ceremony and dazzling Annual Day performances to the inspiring EFL Ceremony and triumphant hosting of Inter-School Events, our students excelled in creativity, leadership, and sportsmanship, earning accolades and fostering connections that enriched us all. These achievements reflect the heart of our school—a dynamic hub where curiosity, creativity, and global responsibility thrive. I eagerly anticipate an even more remarkable year ahead, brimming with opportunities for our students to shine and inspire.

Warm regards.



From the Director

The last few months of the academic year were truly a celebration of participation and vibrant school life. Across academics, the arts, sports, community initiatives, and leadership activities, our students engaged with energy, enthusiasm, and a spirit of exploration. What stood out was not just the number of events, but the wide variety of opportunities that allowed every child to find their space to express, discover, and connect. The campus buzzed with activity, conversations, and creativity, making it a joyful and dynamic close to the year. As we begin the new academic session, we look forward to nurturing this same spirit of engagement and curiosity in all that lies ahead.



Farewell

School life is a treasure chest of memories once the moment passes, it never comes back!

Bidding farewell is never easy, but the students of Grade XI made sure to send off the outgoing Grade XII batch with a celebration they'll never forget! The afternoon was a perfect blend of nostalgia and excitement, filled with heartfelt speeches, lively performances, and laughter-packed activities.

From reliving old memories to creating new ones, the event was a reminder of how precious school days truly are. As the seniors stepped into a new chapter, they carried with them not just best wishes, but a heart full of moments to cherish forever!



ANNUAL DAY

The Annual Day, themed “Gandhi Ke Chinh,” was a spectacular celebration of creativity, talent, and tradition. Bringing Mahatma Gandhi's ideals to life, the event featured a breathtaking handcrafted recreation of the Sabarmati Ashram, meticulously designed by our exceptionally talented team of students and teachers. This immersive setup transported the audience into the world of simplicity and Gandhian philosophy.

The evening unfolded with soul-stirring performances that left the audience spellbound, followed by the prestigious prize distribution ceremony—a moment of immense pride and celebration. We were honored to have Prof. Dinesh Singh, former Vice Chancellor of the University of Delhi and Vice Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education Council, grace our Annual Day and Award Ceremony with his presence. His words of wisdom and encouragement truly enriched the occasion.

Every aspect of the event echoed the timeless values of peace, unity, and excellence, reinforcing the spirit that Ridge Valley School proudly upholds.





GPSC Book Discussion

We proudly hosted the GPSC Interschool Book Discussion on the renowned book 'Independence' by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, moderated by Dr. Nirmalya Samantha from Delhi University. 15 schools participated in this thought-provoking discussion on love, sacrifice, and resilience, reflecting on the novel's relevance today. Dr. Samantha's insights enriched the session, inspiring young minds to explore literature with curiosity and depth.



Gurugram History Festival

We proudly hosted the Gurugram History Festival (GHF) on *"Financial Literacy Through Performing Arts,"* welcoming students and educators from 15 schools. The event blended storytelling, poetry, and music to explore financial concepts creatively. A highlight was an interactive workshop by Ms. Rachna Singh from the Scholastic Programme, where students transformed Hindi stories into poems and songs. The festival culminated in a vibrant student showcase, reinforcing the power of performing arts in making learning engaging and impactful.



EFL CEREMONY



The school corridors buzzed with excitement as students and teachers gathered to celebrate the spirit of Education for Life. Led by our esteemed Senior Mentor, Mr. Nitai, from the Education for Life Centre, California, alongside the EFL India Coordinator, Ms. Gurvinder Kang, the felicitation ceremony was a heartfelt tribute to the qualities that make each child shine.

Stepping onto the stage with pride, students received accolades that recognized their kindness, resilience, leadership, and creativity. Each award was more than just a token of achievement—it was a reflection of their journey and the invaluable life skills they embody.





CITATION CEREMONY

The Grade 12 Citation Ceremony was a heartfelt and memorable occasion, rich in tradition and inspiration. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, a symbolic gesture representing the pursuit of knowledge and enlightenment. A key highlight of the ceremony was the reading of individual citations, each narrating the unique journey, achievements, and contributions of the graduating students. It was a moment of reflection, celebration, and pride as students were recognized for their dedication and growth. The chief guest, Professor Swati Pal, delivered an empowering and insightful address, urging students to remain connected to their alma mater and uphold the values instilled in them.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY (SENIOR)

The Investiture Ceremony was a celebration of trust, responsibility, and leadership. The newly elected Student Council stepped forward, carrying the school community's aspirations. In a symbolic transition, the outgoing council passed on the school and house flags, marking the continuity of leadership and service. With a deep sense of duty, the new leaders took their oath, pledging to lead with integrity, vision, and excellence—reinforcing the spirit of dedication and unity within the school.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY (JUNIOR)

The Investiture Ceremony for Grade IV marked a proud transition of responsibilities to the Junior Student Council. With enthusiasm, the outgoing members passed on their badges, symbolizing leadership and service. The new council took a solemn pledge to uphold the school's values with sincerity and dedication, embracing their roles with confidence and integrity.





A banner for the Student-Led Conference (SLC) at Ridge Valley School. It features a family (mother, father, and child) standing in front of a colorful display of student projects. The display includes a large tree made of paper leaves, a rocket ship, and various other creative works. The background has a checkered pattern with the words 'Weaving Cultures' and 'Building Knowledge'.

SLC

The Student-Led Conference at Ridge Valley School was a vibrant celebration of learning, where students took center stage to present their year-long work to their parents. From writing imaginative stories to conducting experiments and exploring mathematical concepts like cubes, students walked their parents through their projects with enthusiasm and confidence.

Parent Lounge

In an era where social media shapes education and communication, Ridge Valley School hosted an engaging Round Table Discussion on its responsible use. Led by Ms. Irene from 1M1B, the session explored the impact of social media on academics, mental well-being, and online safety. Through insightful discussions, parents and educators collaborated on strategies to guide students toward a balanced digital lifestyle, ensuring social media remains a tool for growth rather than distraction.



SEWA CULMINATION AND EXPRESSIONS



EXPRESSIONS

Ridge Valley School hosted an inspiring *Inter-School Literary Event*, celebrating creativity, critical thinking, and expression. Centered on the theme "*Breaking Stereotypes: Thinking Beyond Boundaries*," the event saw young minds challenge conventions through competitions like *Muhavare Samvad* and *Sahityik Kranti*. The event comprised of four events – two in Hindi and two in English. From *Muhavra Samvad* to *Sahityik Kranti - Nayi Soch Ke Path Par*, and *Reimagining Characters - Tales Beyond Tradition* to the electrifying *Battle of Minds*, every competition challenged conventional thinking and encouraged students to push the limits of imagination and intellect. The event witnessed an overwhelming participation from 100 students from 14 schools across Gurugram and Delhi NCR.

SEWA CULMINATION

The Grade XII students of DLF QEC Innovative School, Ridge Valley, culminated their SEWA (Social Empowerment through Work and Action) project with an inspiring presentation, showcasing their impactful initiatives. Four groups shared their experiences on remedial sessions at V Care, digital literacy, financial literacy, and conversational English, each highlighting their dedication to social responsibility. Adding to the event's significance, students performed a thought-provoking *Nukkad Natak*—"Plastic se Azadi", emphasizing the urgent need to reduce plastic waste. The presentation reflected their commitment to community engagement, leaving a lasting impression on all present.



WINTER STAFF SEMINAR



The one-day seminar in January was a power-packed journey of learning and collaboration. Kicking off with the ceremonial lamp lighting, the event set the stage for insightful discussions on skill-building, IT integration, and innovative teaching strategies. The Principal's warm welcome was followed by an inspiring address from our Chairperson, Dr. Ameeta Mulla Wattal, who shared thought-provoking insights on education and professional growth. The day buzzed with interactive workshops, hands-on sessions, and lively discussions, sparking new ideas and approaches to enhance student engagement. The seminar ended on a high note, with a vibrant musical finale leaving participants energized and inspired.

