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NURTURING EXCELLENCE

## From the Chairperson..



**Dr. Ameeta Mulla Wattal**  
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The festive season brings in celebrations. The illumination, merry-making and excitement will bring us joy. It is time for a reunion of families and friends.

As we light up our lives, let us also kindle the flame of generosity. Let our hearts overflow with warmth and concern for those less fortunate and reflect on our responsibilities towards others and our environment. In the spirit of Diwali, which symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, let us

strive to conquer the negative forces within us and spirit of sharing and caring. Education plays a significant role in our celebrations. It enlightens and empowers our children, guiding them to become conscientious and responsible citizens. As we celebrate this joyous time, let us also commit to educating our minds and heart, ensuring that the light of knowledge continues to guide the paths of our children.

Keep the Faith

## From the Principal ..

Dear Parents,

As we close another remarkable year, I am immensely proud of our school community's vibrant journey. Our students have shone brightly, embodying empathy and collaboration through Carpe Diem Culminations, showcasing creative projects born of deep exploration. Teachers' Day was a heartfelt celebration of our dedicated educators, strengthening our community ties.

Our outreach initiatives, like the literacy drive for underprivileged children, reflected our students' generosity, proving small acts can spark big change. Sports events buzzed with teamwork and spirit, fostering resilience and unity. The Christmas Assembly united us in a joyful celebration of love and festivity.

Your unwavering support has cultivated a nurturing space for exploration, creativity, and global awareness to flourish. Here's to a joyful holiday season and a New Year with inspiration and shared successes!

Warm regards,



**Ms. Nidhi Tewari**  
Principal, Ridge Valley School

## From the Director ..



**Ms. Madhur Usgaonkar**  
Director, Ridge Valley School

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.

The past term was filled with lively participation, meaningful initiatives, and a wonderful sense of community spirit. Across a wide variety of events — from assemblies and club activities to outreach efforts and sports — our students remained engaged, enthusiastic, and connected.

It has been heartening to see the school community come together so vibrantly. As we move into the next phase of the academic year, we look forward to carrying this spirit of energy, collaboration, and shared purpose even further.





# CPD CULMINATIONS

The culmination of the School Carpe Diem was a lively extravaganza of dance, theatre, and artwork! The students dazzled us with their creativity and collaboration bringing months of effort to life in the most colorful and captivating way.





# SHATRANJ



*“Chess is the gymnasium of the mind”*

Ridge Valley School turned into an arena of brilliance during its recent Inter School chess Tournament. With 124 talented players from 22 schools competing in five nail-biting rounds, the event showcased sharp strategies in the Under-17, Under-14, and Under-11 categories. The excitement was intense as young minds battled it out, all under the watchful eyes of arbiters ensuring fair play. Amity International emerged victorious, clinching the championship with a masterful performance!





# TEACHER'S DAY

Have you ever imagined a day when students take charge of the classroom? On September 5th, this playful role reversal brought excitement, laughter, and a burst of creativity! The day was filled with fun as students took charge, engaging their teachers with lively rap, dynamic performances, and interactive games. The grand finale? A thrilling game of tombola that had everyone laughing and cheering!

After all, what are teachers without their students? They are the spark, the energy, and the reason behind every lesson we teach!



## CHILDREN'S DAY

This Children's Day, we celebrated the essence of childhood – joy, innocence, and creativity! The day was packed with fun surprises as teachers did a ramp walk, performed a delightful skit, showed off their dance moves, a soulful choir performance, and engaged in playful games like "Tell the Hook Step." It was a heartwarming day, reminding us all of the importance of nurturing young minds and celebrating their endless potential.







# SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES





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This year, our special assemblies were a kaleidoscope of celebrations, celebrating the joy of Janmashtami, the spirit of patriotism on Independence Day, the triumph of good over evil on Dussehra, the glow of Diwali, and the values of peace and truth on Gandhi Jayanti. Students collaborated beautifully, showcasing vibrant performances through dance, drama, artwork, and more. Each assembly radiated creativity, joy, and the essence of these festivals, leaving everyone inspired and spellbound.





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*  
– Mahatma Gandhi



As part of Ridge Valley School's Community Outreach initiative, students of Grades IX and XI embarked on a meaningful journey to Vrindavan, where they engaged in a service project with the Paramhansa Yogananda Charitable Trust, connecting with widow mothers by sharing sweets, listening to their life stories, and spreading joy. Additionally, students participated in a Swachh Bharat Abhiyan activity, reinforcing their commitment to cleanliness and environmental care. They also visited Bagya School in Sector 51, where they conducted a literacy drive, teaching conversational English, Hindi, and craft work to underprivileged students in grades 6-8. These efforts reflect Ridge Valley School's dedication to nurturing socially responsible individuals and fostering a compassionate, cleaner community for all.

## Exploring the Splendor of Abhaneri 🔍

Students of Grades 3 to 5 embarked on an unforgettable trip to the historic village of Abhaneri, where they marveled at the architectural brilliance of the Chand Baori stepwell and the ancient Harshat Mata Temple. The day was filled with curiosity and excitement as the young explorers learned about the rich heritage, intricate carvings, and ingenious water conservation techniques of ancient India.

The trip was not just educational but also brimming with fun, laughter, and memorable moments. It was a perfect blend of history and adventure, leaving our students enriched and inspired!





# FRIENDS FROM JAPAN



Promoting service, leadership, and global goodwill, the Rotary Interact Club was officially installed at Ridge Valley School on 21st November 2024. The grand ceremony saw esteemed guests from OISCA International, the Japanese Non-Profit Organization, Rotary International, and BNI. With a soulful choir performance and a school tour, the event marked a world!







# SPORTS DAY

## 2024







The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in determination. Sports Day 2024, held on 26th October, was a thrilling showcase of spirit, strength, and sportsmanship. The Chairperson's inspiring address set the tone for the day, followed by the vibrant parade of houses. Highlights included action-packed races, a tug-of-war showdown, dazzling gymnastics, and mesmerizing drills. Teachers, dressed in sporty attire, brought extra energy to the event, while our Chief Guest Mr. Ajeet Bajaj left everyone inspired with his words. It was a day of pure adrenaline and unity!





# INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS



The school buzzed with excitement as students battled it out in a series of Inter-House Competitions to earn glory for their houses! From showcasing their creativity in Art and Photography to flexing their literary muscles in Spell Bee, Writing Marathon, and Storytelling, the events were a true test of talent. Adding rhythm to the mix were Rhyme Recitation and Carol Singing, while sports enthusiasts displayed their skills in the Table Tennis Tournament. Each competition fueled the spirit of teamwork, determination, and the thrill of friendly rivalry!



# WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Ridge Valley School organized a series of Wellness Workshops covering Menstrual Awareness, Mental Health, and Laughter Yoga. Students explored important topics like hygiene, emotional health, and stress management. The laughter yoga session uplifted everyone, promoting joy and wellness. These activities emphasized the importance of mind-body balance and self-care.

