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From the Director's Desk

Collaborate and Conquer

"Collaboration is the bridge where individual strengths unite to create extraordinary possibilities."

In today's interconnected world, collaboration has emerged as a cornerstone of success, shaping outcomes in personal, academic, and professional spheres. Collaboration transcends mere teamwork; it is the art of uniting diverse perspectives, skills, and ideas to achieve a common goal. It is through collaboration that innovation flourishes, challenges are overcome, and productivity soars.

Collaboration is not just a buzzword; it is a vital component of successful teamwork and organizational success. It is a dynamic process of active engagement, shared responsibility, and mutual respect. It requires open communication and a willingness to listen, compromise, and value each participant's contribution. In this synergy lies the power to create solutions and outcomes that no individual could achieve alone.

The benefits of collaboration are profound. By bringing together varied experiences and perspectives, collaboration fosters creativity and innovation, enabling the generation of unique ideas and groundbreaking solutions. It enhances problem-solving by leveraging collective intelligence and strengthens relationships through shared efforts, building trust and morale.

In our community, collaboration is a value we must cherish and nurture. Whether it is group projects, co-curricular activities, or partnerships with the broader community, working together teaches us the importance of empathy, cooperation, and collective success. The rise of digital technology has further amplified the scope of collaboration, enabling us to connect and contribute across geographical boundaries.

As we embrace collaboration, let us remember that our strength lies in unity. By fostering a culture of cooperation, we empower ourselves to conquer challenges and seize opportunities together. Let us make

collaboration a hallmark of our school ethos, ensuring that every individual feels valued and every effort contributes to a greater good.

- Ms. Meera Nair,
Director-Principal



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Quote of the month

Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

While individual efforts can achieve only limited success, working together with others can lead to far greater accomplishments. Whether in personal life, workplace, or any group activity, joining forces and supporting each other can lead to conquering challenges and achieving remarkable goals.

Article from Head Mistress



Collaborate and Conquer

It is impossible for one person to succeed on their own in the fast-paced, more complex world of today. In order to overcome obstacles, spur innovation, and realize our collective potential, collaboration has become essential. Together, we can do considerably more than we could on our own, as the term "Collaborate and Conquer" embodies.

People with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and specialties come together through collaboration, which results in a deeper comprehension of issues and more creative solutions. The collective knowledge base grows when team members share their expertise, which makes it possible for the group to more successfully handle challenging tasks. Collaboration creates a creative atmosphere where concepts are exchanged, expanded upon, and improved upon, resulting in discoveries and breakthroughs. Because a variety of viewpoints and abilities are applied to the task, collaborative teams are better able to solve complicated challenges.

Collaborate and Conquer is an attitude that acknowledges the importance of teamwork in attaining success, not merely a catchphrase. We can unleash our combined potential, promote creativity, and conquer even the most difficult obstacles if we embrace teamwork.

Collaboration has real power. Together, we can overcome obstacles, accomplish the seemingly impossible, and build a better future for everybody.

**- Ms. Amrita Gangwal,
Head Mistress - Secondary Section**

Academic Activities



Active Learning in Action

Active learning, such as through hands-on activities, has been proven to be effective in the teaching-learning process. Students of Grade VII engaged themselves in performing experiments using a yardstick kit- Reactions Around Us during the Science period. They performed experiments to observe physical and chemical reactions occurring around us. This activity helped to strengthen the theoretical concepts and develop critical thinking skills within the learners.



Nurturing Expression Through Letter Writing

Encouraging children to write letters from an early age will improve their communication, social, and handwriting skills, and teach them what they need to know about writing and structuring letters. Students of Grade VIII were engaged in a letter-writing activity during their Hindi period. They were guided to write an informal letter. Students were able to clarify their ideas and emotions, as well as logically organize their thoughts. The activity was able to accomplish the objective of developing students' vocabulary, grammar, and style while honing their spelling and punctuation.



Hands On Learning with Electroscope

Yardstick offers an outstanding, highly interactive, hands-on curriculum that enables all minds to master core concepts and skills. During their science period, the Yardstick activity 'Electroscope' was conducted for the Grade VIII students based on the chapter 'Some Natural Phenomena', which provided them with hands-on experience. Learning by doing is considered an effective way to learn and retain information. Students made a model electroscope, which helped them understand the electrostatic charges. Students enjoyed the activity.



Events



Annual Day

Odyssey: A Life-Changing Expedition – Annual Concert 2024-25

Amanora School came alive with grandeur and celebration as it launched its Annual Concert, Odyssey: A Life-Changing Expedition. Held over four exciting days, the event was a spectacular blend of creativity, learning, and celebration, showcasing the talents of students from Nursery to Grade XII.

Day 1: Magical Voyage

The youngest members of the school, from Nursery to Grade II, enchanted the audience with their Magical Voyage, a captivating display of creativity and imagination. Their performances brought boundless energy and joy, setting the perfect tone for the event.

Day 2: Cruise with Folklores

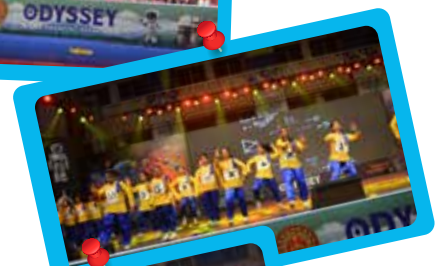
Students from Grades III to V mesmerised the audience with Cruise with Folklores. This vibrant production celebrated storytelling through dance and drama, bringing cherished tales to life and leaving the audience inspired by the creativity and enthusiasm of 826 young performers.

Day 3: The Quest for Knowledge

Middle school students presented an innovative drama set in the year 2155, where curious learners travelled back in time to explore the evolution of education. Blending futuristic themes with vibrant dance performances, this unique production highlighted the importance of holistic learning and critical thinking.

Day 4: Sojourn in Incredible India

The senior students (Grades IX–XII) brought the grand finale to life with Sojourn in Incredible India. Through drama, music, and dance, they took the audience on a colourful journey across India's diverse culture, festivals, and heritage, leaving everyone spellbound.



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Each day of Odyssey reflected Amanora School's commitment to nurturing talent, creativity, and cultural understanding. The concert celebrated not just academic achievements but also the holistic growth of students, making it an unforgettable experience for all!

Assemblies

International Day of People with Disabilities

The Students of Grade VI presented an assembly on the topic 'International Day of People with Disabilities'. This theme urges us to reflect on the barriers faced by individuals with disabilities and to take action to break them down. It also aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development. Students presented an insight that disability is not a limitation but a part of human diversity through an enthralling skit. The skit emphasized treating everyone with respect and dignity. Students participated in the assembly with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Armed Forces Flag Day

Since 1949, 7th December has been observed as the Armed Forces Flag Day throughout the country to honour the martyrs and the men in uniform who valiantly fought & continue to fight on our borders to safeguard the country's honour. Students of Grade VI proudly hosted a class assembly highlighting the invaluable role played by the Indian Armed Forces in protecting the nation. The assembly was dedicated to honouring our Armed Forces and remembering the countless sacrifices made by those who fight to protect our country. The students danced to a patriotic song, which was met with applause and appreciation from the audience. The class teacher took the opportunity to remind the students of their roles and responsibilities towards the nation, encouraging them to contribute positively to society. The students participated with great zeal and exuberance.



Assemblies



Human Rights Day

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World Computer Literacy Day

Grade VII students presented an engaging assembly to mark 'World Computer Literacy Day' focusing on the impact of computers in shaping the world we live in today. The highlight of the assembly was a skit that beautifully portrayed life before computers. It showed how tasks in banks, post offices, and offices were done manually, often leading to long hours and inefficiencies. The skit then transitioned to the introduction of computers and how they transformed these processes, making life easier and more efficient. Through this performance, students explored how computers have revolutionized the way we work, communicate, and solve problems. They also reflected on the importance of computer literacy in today's world and how it equips us to adapt to the ever-changing technological landscape. The assembly left everyone with a powerful message while computers have made life easier, it's our responsibility to use them wisely and to continue learning and

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growing with technology. It was a meaningful experience for both the performers and the audience, inspiring all to appreciate the role of computers in our lives.

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Indian Navy Day

India observes Navy Day on 4th December every year with great pride to recognize the role and achievements of the Indian Navy. This special day is observed to celebrate 'Operation Trident' launched by the Indian Navy against the Karachi Harbour during the war between India and Pakistan in 1971. To commemorate this historic day, an assembly was conducted by the students of Grade VIII. Students participated with great enthusiasm and zeal. This year, the theme "Strength and Power through Innovation and Indigenization," reflects the Navy's ongoing focus on enhancing its defense capabilities through cutting-edge technology and self-reliance. Students highlighted the significance of the day through a

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mesmerizing skit performance. The assembly was filled with pure exhilaration and honor of being an Indian citizen.

Armed Forces Flag Day

"No love is greater than the love for our country"

Students of Grade IX conducted an assembly on the topic "Armed Forces Flag Day".

Armed Forces Flag Day is a day to honour the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the Indian Armed Forces, and to raise funds for their welfare.

The assembly commenced with the school prayer, word and thought of the day, news update followed by an entertaining street play to raise patriotism in the young minds.

The class teacher then highlighted the importance of this day and emphasized on the fact that it is important to give back to our country for what the country does for you.

Indian Navy Day

The students of Grade X presented a thought-provoking assembly to commemorate Indian Nav

The program included a briefing on the significance of Navy Day and highlighted the remarkable achievements of the Indian Navy.

As part of the celebration, the students choreographed and performed a captivating dance to the Indian Navy Song, which was well-received by the audience.

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The class teacher, Shivani Kulkarni, took the opportunity to share a practical and impactful idea to reduce pollution at home.

She suggested that while cutting grocery wrappers, instead of detaching the opening completely, one can keep it partially attached to the bag. This simple practice ensures the wrapper stays intact for easier recycling, preventing it from polluting the environment.

The assembly concluded with valuable guidance from the coordinator, Geetha Ma'am, who motivated the students to stay focused and work diligently for their upcoming board exams.





Teacher's Corner

“Collaborate and Conquer” is not just a phrase—it’s a mindset. It reminds us that united, we can achieve far more than we ever could alone. It’s a call to combine strengths, foster creativity, and overcome challenges that seem insurmountable in isolation.

In today’s ever-evolving world, collaboration stands as one of the most essential skills for success. As educators, we witness daily how working together transforms not just tasks but perspectives. Collaboration isn’t simply about sharing responsibilities; it’s about building connections, sparking innovation, and unlocking the collective potential of individuals.

Effective collaboration is built on a foundation of communication, trust, and respect for diverse perspectives. When students work together, they gain far more than academic achievements—they develop empathy, problem-solving skills, and an appreciation for shared effort. Whether through group projects, classroom activities, or inter-school competitions, the mantra of “collaborate and conquer” instills in them the values of teamwork and resilience. These are the skills they’ll carry onto the real world, where success is often synonymous with one’s ability to work in harmony.

As teachers, we lead by example. We show how collaboration enriches every endeavor by fostering an environment of openness and inclusivity. By encouraging students to bring their unique ideas to the table, we create a culture where every voice is valued. Together, we celebrate achievements and reflect on lessons learned from challenges.

Together, we grow. Together, we succeed. Together, we conquer!

**- Ms. Vishnupriya K,
Middle School Teacher**

Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



School Safety and Security Audit

“School Safety” has been defined as creating safe environment for children, starting from their homes to their schools and backs. The school has an active Health Safety & Child Protection policy to keep school environment safe and secure for the learners. We at Amanora school carries out safety inspections, trainings for the students and staff members on a regular basis. To test our policies and implementation on ground level, we had gone under HSCP audit by the renowned external agency **Bureauveritas Health Safety Management** System certification by Mr. Ulhas Joshi (Sr. Executive). The **PLATINUM Category** rating with 98.9 percent is achieved by the school is reflective of the commitment of the Senior Leadership of the school and relentless hard work by the team.



Trivia Questions

Question: Which famous tech company was started in a garage by two collaborators and is now one of the largest companies in the world?

Answer: Apple Inc., founded by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

Question: What is the name of the collaborative process used by software developers to manage and optimize teamwork in projects?

Answer: Agile methodology.

Question: Which historical figure is known for saying, "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself"?

Answer: Henry Ford.

Question: What term is used to describe the psychological phenomenon where groups make poorer decisions because of the desire for harmony or conformity?

Answer: Groupthink.

Question: In which sport is collaboration crucial, and where teams of four work together to slide stones on ice towards a target area, often with the help of sweeping?

Answer: Curling.

Students Speak



“Collaborate and conquer” is more than just a saying; it’s a guiding principle. It symbolizes the fact that alone, a person could achieve success but with other like-minded individuals, could accomplish so much more. Collaboration is a vital value that should be nurtured from an early age, as it remains essential throughout life.

Teamwork and collaboration are important as they help people work together to achieve shared goals. They can help people develop skills and learn from others. In student life, for example, teamwork plays a crucial role in group projects or group presentations.

Students work together and with each one's contribution, they feel a sense of accomplishment about themselves as a team. They learn to better appreciate one another and how together their shared efforts result in an exceptional outcome. In addition, no matter the occupation, adult life also requires cooperation and teamwork in a workplace.

By working in unison, people can combine their diverse perspectives and individual skills to attain their desired result. In conclusion, aims can truly be conquered through collaboration and teamwork. As it is said, "The path to greatness is along with others."

**- Raga Arya,
Grade VIII 'J'**



Parent Speak



The importance of collaboration cannot be overstated. "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Collaboration benefits individuals at every stage of life, from childhood to adulthood. We get to see collaboration in school while working on school projects, if we develop this skill it helps a lot by fostering personal growth, improving problem-solving skills, enhancing creativity, building stronger relationships, increasing job satisfaction, and promoting a sense of community by allowing individuals to learn from each other, share ideas, and work together towards common goals, ultimately leading to better outcomes in various aspects of life, both professionally and personally.

If you notice, we collaborate on a daily basis with different people and a common goal. With a fast pace of life and both working parents, collaboration becomes critical. We need to share household responsibilities and support each other to maintain a harmonious home environment, resolve conflicts, and strengthen relationships. If we increase the perimeter, this applies to society where we live. The people from society work towards a common goal.

Collaboration is an integral part of our daily lives, as we often work with others toward shared goals. In today's fast-paced world, with both parents often working, collaboration becomes even more essential. Sharing household responsibilities and supporting one another is crucial for maintaining a harmonious home, resolving conflicts, and building stronger relationships. Expanding this perspective to a broader level, the same principle applies to our communities, where people come together to achieve common objectives.

Collaborating on complex problems enables individuals to consider various viewpoints, leading to more informed and well-rounded decisions.

Sharing workloads and leveraging individual strengths within a team can lead to more efficient project completion and improved results.

Working collaboratively fosters trust, communication, and positive interpersonal connections with colleagues. Collaboration also brings together a variety of strengths. It means we can leave the things we struggle with in more gifted hands, leaving us free to do what we excel at doing.

**- Ms. Manoj Arya,
Parent of Raga Arya - Grade VIII 'J'**

Upcoming Events

- Republic Day

