



**AMANORA
SCHOOL**



SCHOOL
Connect **Sept & Oct 2025**
Preprimary

From the Director's Desk

Festivals of Light and Learning

"Give light, and the darkness will disappear of itself."

— Desiderius Erasmus

As we step into this season of celebration, we are reminded that festivals are not merely moments of joy—they are reflections of our culture, values, and collective spirit. At Amanora School, the Festival of Light and Learning is more than a tradition; it is a tribute to the transformative power of education and the guiding lights who make it possible—our teachers.

Light symbolizes knowledge, clarity, and hope. In every classroom, our educators ignite this light, nurturing curiosity and compassion, and shaping young minds to think critically and act with integrity. This festival is a heartfelt acknowledgement of their untiring dedication and the values they instil—empathy, humility, and resilience.

Learning, too, is a celebration. It is the journey of discovery that connects us to our heritage, opens doors to innovation, and builds bridges across cultures. Through vibrant activities, reflective assemblies, and student-led initiatives, we honour the diversity of thought and the richness of our traditions.

Let this festival be a reminder that education is not confined to textbooks—it lives in stories shared, values practiced, and relationships nurtured. As we illuminate our campus with lamps and laughter, may we also rekindle our commitment to holistic development and lifelong learning.

To our teachers, thank you for being the torchbearers. To our students, may your path always be lit with curiosity and courage. And to our community, let us continue to celebrate the light within us all.

**- Ms. Meera Nair,
Director - Principal**

Editorial Committee:

Ms. Swati Biswas - Preprimary Coordinator

Ms. Charu Mohan Srivastava

Ms. Bhawna Sharma



Quote of the month

***“Festivals teach us to
celebrate light; teachers
teach us to become it.”***

Anonymous



ARTICLE FROM HEADMISTRESS



Festivals are more than days of celebration — they are reflections of culture, values, and the timeless quest for knowledge and inner illumination. The theme “Festivals of Light and Learning” beautifully captures how the brightness of festivity and the brilliance of education go hand in hand. Across India, communities celebrate festivals that symbolise hope, wisdom, victory of good over evil, and the joy of shared learning. These occasions inspire children and adults alike to nurture curiosity, compassion, and cultural understanding.

Light, in many Indian traditions, signifies knowledge. Just as a lamp dispels darkness, education dispels ignorance. Festivals such as Diwali, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Eid-e-Milad, Makar Sankranti, and Basant Panchami carry the message of enlightenment and harmony. Diwali celebrates the triumph of truth and righteousness and the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya. Guru Nanak Jayanti teaches equality, humility, and the power of spreading the light of wisdom. Basant Panchami honours Goddess Saraswati, the embodiment of learning, music, and the arts. Makar Sankranti marks a season of transition towards longer, brighter days and symbolises rising aspirations, knowledge, and new beginnings. Each of these festivals encourages us to seek not only external celebration but also inner illumination.

Schools play a powerful role in connecting these celebrations to learning. When children explore festivals, they learn about tradition, history, art, music, values, and our nation’s rich cultural heritage. Through craft activities, storytelling, theatre, dance, research, and community outreach, students discover that learning extends far beyond textbooks. Every festival becomes a classroom — a space for children to ask questions, express creativity, understand diversity, and develop empathy.

The spirit of shared learning is also reflected in the rituals associated with these festivals. Lighting a diya during Diwali, offering prayers at the Gurdwara, flying kites on Makar Sankranti, or participating in Saraswati Puja all represent the idea of spreading joy, wisdom, and positivity. Families pass stories, values, and life lessons from one generation to the next, reinforcing that learning begins at home and continues throughout life. When students participate in these customs at school, they feel a sense of belonging, respect for differences, and pride in their cultural roots.

As we celebrate the **Festivals of Light and Learning**, let us encourage our students to embrace the values these festivals stand for — courage, gratitude, humility, unity, integrity, and compassion. Let this season remind us that education is not just about academic achievement, but about nurturing enlightened minds and compassionate hearts. The brightest light is the one we kindle within ourselves and share with others.

May this festive period inspire us all — teachers, parents, and students — to learn with joy, celebrate with meaning, and spread light wherever we go. When celebration meets learning, knowledge becomes a festival in itself.

- Ms. Sujata Rathaur,
Primary School Headmistress

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Exploring Letters through Play

Nursery students engaged in a fun, hands-on activity to revise uppercase and lowercase letters. Uppercase letters were hidden in a sand tray, while flashcards of lowercase letters were displayed around it. The little learners eagerly dug into the sand to find the hidden uppercase letters, identified each letter aloud, and matched it with its corresponding lowercase flashcard. The activity not only reinforced their letter recognition skills but also made learning an enjoyable and sensory experience.



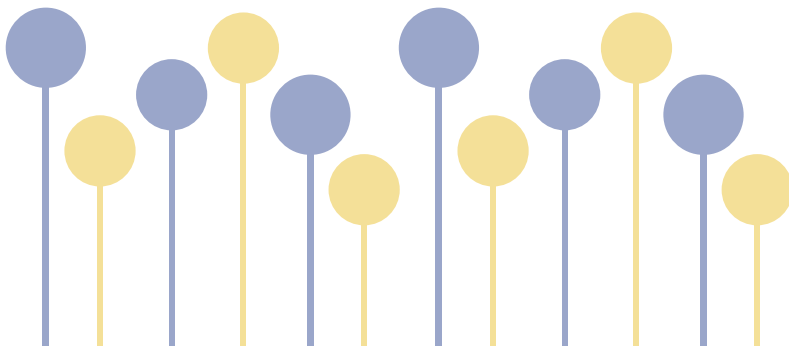
Creativity with Sponge Painting

Nursery students enjoyed a fun sponge painting activity. They used small sponges to fill the outline of a starfish with yellow colour. The children loved dabbing the paint and watching their starfish come to life. This activity helped them improve hand control, explore textures, and enjoy the process of making art.



Aao Swar Milaayein

Prep I students were introduced to Hindi vowels (swars) through a fun matching game using colourful picture and vowel cards. They matched each vowel with a picture beginning with its sound, making learning lively and interactive. The hands-on activity helped them identify, pronounce, and relate swars to familiar objects, turning learning into an enjoyable experience that strengthened their recognition and understanding.



ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The Day Sugar Bug Came to Town

To reinforce the importance of dental hygiene, Prep I students enjoyed an engaging story session titled The Day Sugar Bug Came to Town. The story highlighted the need to keep our teeth clean and healthy. Through interactive activities, children discovered how regular brushing prevents cavities and keeps smiles bright. The session made learning practical and fun, motivating students to care for their teeth every day.



Less Than, Greater Than, Equal To

Prep II students explored the concepts of less than, greater than, and equal to through engaging number comparison activities. Using symbols ($<$, $>$, $=$) and real-life examples, they learned to identify, compare, and explain quantities with confidence. The hands-on exercises made abstract concepts easy and enjoyable, strengthening their reasoning and number sense.



Reading Sentences with CVC Words

Prep II students participated in an enriching reading activity using C-V-C words to build phonetic awareness and reading fluency. They enthusiastically blended sounds, read simple sentences, and took pride in reading aloud independently. The activity strengthened their vocabulary, pronunciation, and comprehension, laying a strong foundation for confident early reading.



ASSEMBLY

Onam

Onam Assembly was conducted on Thursday, 4th September 2025, with great enthusiasm and cultural spirit. The students of Prep II D took centre stage with a graceful dance performance that captured the festive joy of Onam. They also enacted a short skit depicting the legend of King Mahabali and the significance of the harvest festival. Their vibrant expressions, coordinated steps, and confident storytelling brought alive the traditions of Kerala, filling the audience with admiration.

The celebrations continued with the teachers presenting a traditional dance, adding charm and energy to the programme. A beautiful flower rangoli (Pookalam) was also created at the venue, its bright colours symbolising prosperity and togetherness, perfectly setting the mood for the day.



Diwali

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, was joyfully celebrated on Friday, 10th October 2025, with great enthusiasm and fervour.

A special assembly conducted by Prep I students highlighted the significance of Diwali, symbolising the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. The little ones participated in a creative Diwali craft activity, making beautiful decorative items for their celebrations.

The day was filled with joy, laughter, and togetherness, introducing the children to the rich cultural heritage of Diwali in a fun and engaging way.



Events

Hindi Poetry Recitation

A Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition was held on Monday, 8th September 2025, providing young learners with a wonderful platform to showcase their confidence, creativity, and love for language.

The competition featured three categories with unique themes:

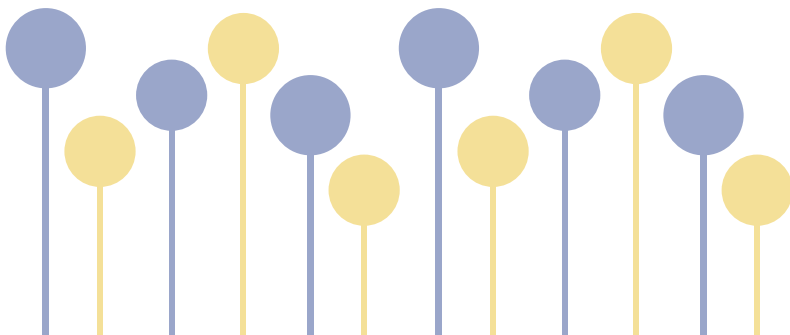
- **Nursery:** मेरा परिवार
- **Prep I:** मेरी प्रिय ऋतु
- **Prep II:** त्यौहार

The children performed with enthusiasm and expression, many using colourful props that made their recitations lively and engaging. It was a joyful celebration of talent and the beauty of the Hindi language.

Green Day

On Friday, 12th September 2025, Green Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm to instil a love for nature and raise awareness about the importance of greenery. The campus looked refreshing as children and teachers dressed in vibrant shades of green, symbolising growth and harmony.

Children learned about the value of trees and plants through engaging discussions and activities. They enjoyed a plantation activity, proudly watering saplings and experiencing the joy of nurturing nature. The celebration concluded with cheerful



Events

Garba Fest 2025

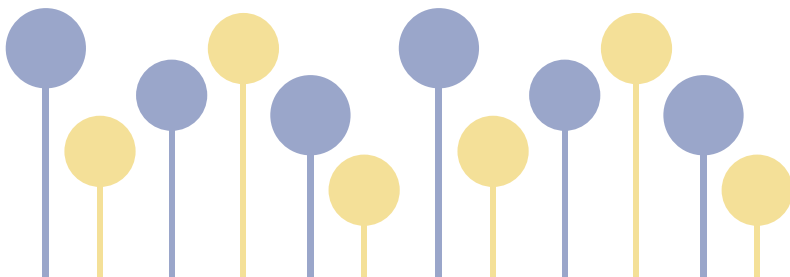
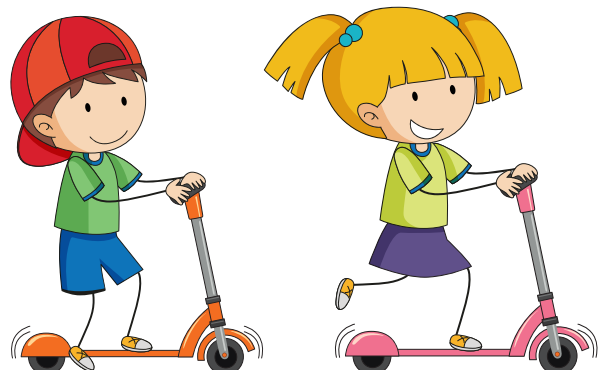
Garba Fest 2025 was celebrated on Friday, 25th September 2025, with joy, tradition, and togetherness. The event began with a graceful lamp-lighting ceremony followed by a lively performance by teachers that set the festive tone.

Parents, children, and staff arrived in colourful traditional attire, filling the turf with music, energy, and cheer. Fun games, spirited dance performances, and a special act by the senior grade teachers added excitement to the evening.

The event concluded with a prize distribution recognising winners in the categories of Best Dressed Family, Best Dressed Child (Male and Female), and Best Dancer (Male and Female). The evening truly captured the spirit of Navratri, celebrating unity, joy, and culture.

Health and Hygiene Assembly

A class assembly was held on Wednesday, 1st October 2025, to mark Gandhi Jayanti and highlight the importance of health and hygiene, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's ideals. Students were encouraged to take responsibility for their surroundings by cleaning their belongings, including files and cubbies. The activity reinforced the value of cleanliness and helped students understand that good health begins with simple, consistent efforts.



Events

English Poetry Recitation Competition

An English Poetry Recitation Competition held on Monday, 6th October 2025, witnessed enthusiastic participation from all grades.

Nursery students recited delightful poems on Shapes, charming everyone with their confidence and innocence. Prep I students presented expressive poems on Animals and Birds, showcasing clear pronunciation and lively actions. Prep II students recited thoughtful verses on Nature, reflecting sincerity and poise.

The event offered a joyful platform for children to build confidence, enhance their speaking skills, and express their creativity through poetry.



Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



Health, Safety and Well-Being Highlights

A series of activities and training sessions were organised during September and October 2025 to strengthen awareness and preparedness among students and staff regarding safety and well-being.

On 23rd September 2025, a First Aid and Fire Safety Awareness session was conducted by Mr. Ramesh Bhagwani, Senior Trainer from NIST, for the school staff. The session aimed to ensure that all members are well-prepared to respond effectively during emergencies, creating a secure environment conducive to learning and well-being. It also highlighted the importance of regular updates and continued training in life-saving skills.

On 3rd October 2025, a Bus Safety Drill was held for students of Grades VI to IX to train them on emergency responses during incidents like fire or accidents while travelling. Under the guidance of HSCP Coordinator, Ms. Seema Garg, students learned to locate and operate the emergency exit lock and practised safe evacuation from the bus. Teachers and Bus Attendants participated actively, ensuring smooth coordination and safety throughout the drill.

Continuing the focus on safety awareness, a Cyber Safety Session was organised on 8th October 2025 for students of Grades VIII and IX by Mr. Gobind Singh from KPMG. The session educated students about responsible online behaviour and the importance of safeguarding personal information. Key takeaways included creating strong passwords, avoiding suspicious links, and maintaining caution while interacting online. The initiative equipped students with essential knowledge to stay safe and responsible in the digital world.



Festivals bring joy and colour into the lives of young children, but they also offer meaningful opportunities for learning. The theme “Festivals of Light and Learning” highlights how moments of celebration naturally connect with the values we nurture in the early years—curiosity, kindness, cooperation, and respect.

For our young learners, light symbolises discovery. We see this each day in the classroom: when a child learns to share, attempts a new task with confidence, or shows care for a friend. These simple acts reflect the essence of early learning and the warmth of growing together.

Festive activities—stories, craft, music, and role play—help children understand traditions in an age-appropriate and joyful way. They learn that every festival carries messages of positivity, unity, and cultural appreciation. Participating in celebrations at home and school also strengthens values such as empathy, gratitude, and responsibility.

This season reminds us that learning extends beyond books. It lives in shared experiences, meaningful interactions, and the values children practise every day. As educators, we



remain committed to nurturing these early sparks of understanding and helping each child shine with confidence.

May this festive period bring brightness, happiness, and enriching learning to all our young students.

**- Ms. Tina Arora Kumar,
Teacher - Preprimary**



Upcoming Events

- Red Day Celebration

