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From the Director's Desk

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

— Dr. Seuss

In a world that moves at a relentless pace, reading offers us a quiet pause—a space to think, to question, and to grow. When we read, we do more than decode words; we absorb ideas, cultures, experiences, and wisdom shaped across time. Literacy is the foundation upon which confident thinking and meaningful communication are built.

Reflection transforms reading into learning. As we reflect, we connect what we read to our own lives, values, and aspirations. A single paragraph can spark curiosity, a poem can awaken empathy, and a story can gently guide us toward better choices. Reflection helps learners move beyond memorisation to understanding, nurturing critical and creative thinking.

To rise is to apply this learning with purpose. Clear learning goals give direction to curiosity and discipline to effort. When students read with intention and reflect with honesty, they begin to rise—not only academically, but as thoughtful, responsible individuals. They learn to question, to articulate, and to act with wisdom.

Beyond classrooms and textbooks, reading shapes character and conscience. It teaches patience in a hurried world and empathy in a divided one. When learners reflect on what they read, they begin to recognise their strengths, address their weaknesses, and set purposeful goals for the future. Reading nurtures resilience by showing that challenges can be overcome and dreams can be realised through perseverance. As reflection deepens understanding, learners gain the confidence to express ideas, collaborate with others, and lead with integrity. In this way, reading becomes not just an academic habit but a lifelong companion—guiding individuals to rise with wisdom, responsibility, and hope.

“Read, Reflect and Rise” is not merely a motto; it is a lifelong journey. By fostering strong literacy skills, encouraging mindful reflection, and setting meaningful learning goals, we empower learners to rise with confidence, compassion, and clarity—ready to face the world and shape it for the better.

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



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Quote of the month

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one.”

— George R. R. Martin



This quote highlights how reading enriches life by expanding our experiences, imagination, and understanding. Through books, we learn from different cultures, struggles, and successes without having to live them ourselves. Reading builds empathy, wisdom, and perspective—qualities that help us rise above limitations and make informed choices. A reader grows mentally and emotionally, gaining the depth needed to succeed and lead with insight in life.

Headmistress Speaks



In an ever-evolving world, education must inspire students to think deeply, act wisely, and grow continuously. Read, Reflect and Rise captures this essence by guiding learners through a meaningful journey of knowledge, understanding, and personal development.

Reading is the foundation of learning. It opens young minds to new ideas, cultures, and perspectives while strengthening language skills and imagination. Through regular reading, students develop curiosity, confidence, and the ability to express themselves effectively.

Reflection transforms reading into understanding. By reflecting on what they read and experience, students learn to analyze, question, and connect knowledge with real life. Reflection nurtures critical thinking, self-awareness, and empathy, helping learners develop a balanced and thoughtful outlook.

Rising is the application of learning. It empowers students to use knowledge and reflection to make responsible choices, overcome challenges, and strive for excellence. Rising encourages resilience, leadership, and a positive mind set, enabling learners to grow academically and personally.

Read, Reflect and Rise promotes a holistic approach to education that nurtures the mind, heart, and character. It inspires students to become lifelong learners, confident individuals, and responsible citizens, ready to face the future with purpose and integrity.

**- Ms. Amrita Gangwal,
Middle and Senior School Headmistress**

Academic Activities

Math Meets Indian Art

As part of the Mathematics Subject Enrichment Activity, students explored the integration of mathematical concepts with Indian art and culture. They created masks inspired by the traditional art of Sikkim and designed Warli paintings reflecting the culture of Maharashtra on cushion covers. Through these hands-on activities, students applied concepts such as geometry, symmetry, patterns, and measurement in a creative and practical way. In addition, they prepared a project file documenting the activity, the mathematical concepts involved, and a cultural study of Maharashtra and Sikkim. This enriching experience fostered creativity, cultural appreciation, and a deeper practical understanding of Mathematics.



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JOSH 2025-26: A Three-Day Celebration of Spirit, Skill, and Sportsmanship

“Where young feet march with purpose and young hearts rise with courage, the spirit of true victory is born.”

These inspiring words came alive at Amanora School's three-day Annual Sports Event, JOSH 2025-26, held at the Legends Sports Club. The event, themed “JOSH - Fuelling the Spirit of Triumph,” brought together students, parents, teachers, and dignitaries in a vibrant showcase of energy, discipline, and teamwork.

The opening day was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Parag More, former Ranji Trophy player, who applauded the students for their enthusiasm, discipline, and spirited participation.



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Day 2 welcomed Chief Guest Dr. Sandeep Bhajibhakare, Deputy Commissioner of Police, who encouraged children to embrace sports not only for physical fitness but also for mental strength and emotional balance. He highlighted how sports cultivate discipline, focus, humility, and true sportsmanship—teaching children to celebrate success joyfully and to accept setbacks with grace. He spoke of the vital role parents play in nurturing their children's interests, investing in their overall well-being, and supporting them through every triumph and challenge. Sharing that this was his first school event in Pune, he expressed admiration for the exceptional organisation, the impressive March Past, the lively drills, the thrilling races, and the dedication displayed across the field.

The final day was honoured by National Hockey Player Mr. Ranvir Singh Bhatti, whose uplifting words inspired young learners to pursue excellence with determination, resilience, and passion.

Across all three days, the ceremonies were led by Director Principal Ms. Meera Nair, Primary Grades Head Mistress Ms. Sujata Rathaur, and Secondary Grades Head Mistress Ms. Amrita Gangwal, who collectively marked the formal commencement of the Sports Meet. The unified Torch Relay, disciplined March Past, and reaffirmation of sportsmanship set the tone for the grand celebrations that followed.

Students captivated the audience with a series of meticulously curated displays—Yoga, Ribbon Drill, Umbrella Drill, Lezim, Sports Equipment Display, Flag Drill, and an eye-catching Pyramid Formation. Each performance highlighted balance, coordination, creativity, teamwork, and cultural vibrance. The track and field events further elevated the excitement as young athletes competed with zeal, showcasing resilience, confidence, and the true spirit of healthy competition.

As the Sports Meet concluded with the



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National Anthem, the atmosphere resonated with pride and applause. JOSH 2025-26 stood as a powerful testament to unity, courage, and the unstoppable spirit of Amanorites—an enduring flame that will continue to inspire long after the cheers have faded.

Annual Celebrations 2025-2026

“When talent, culture, values and guided effort come together, they create a symphony that shapes a brighter future.”

Amanora School celebrated its Annual Day and Annual Concert 2025-26 through a magnificent three-day cultural extravaganza, showcasing creativity, values and unity across all sections of the school.

The celebrations commenced with the Middle School Annual Day, “Colours of Life - The Symphony of Nature,” featuring nearly 1,000 students from Grades VI to VIII. The event reflected harmony, resilience and unity through synchronised dances, musical performances and meaningful enactments. The programme was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Himanshu Shekhar, Transformative Coach and Motivational Speaker, and Guest of Honour Ms. Bobby Karnani, Social Entrepreneur and Philanthropist, along with Ms. Ruchi Mashi, Principal, Ryan International Academy, Bavdhan, and Mr. Nazim Shaikh, Think Tank. The dignitaries were welcomed by Director-Principal Ms. Meera Nair, followed by the presentation of the Annual Report highlighting the school’s academic and co-curricular milestones.

The celebrations continued with Annual Concert Day 2 for Grade I & II, themed “Mélange: Together We Shine.” The production “Toon World Showdown: East Meets West - The Final Face-Off” creatively brought together beloved cartoon characters to convey messages of unity, teamwork and friendship.



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The evening was graced by Chief Guest Ms. Bhavna Narsingoju, Principal, Symbiosis Junior College, and Guest of Honour Ms Samyukta Nair, renowned Bharatanatyam dancer. Vibrant performances, engaging storytelling and a powerful finale celebrated harmony over division.

The three-day celebration concluded, with the Preprimary Annual Concert, "Whistles of Joy - The Quest for Happiness." The heart-warming presentation by the youngest learners unfolded a magical journey filled with innocence, kindness and joy. The event was graced by Chief Guest Ms. Anjali Kukreja, choreographer and dance educator, and Guest of Honour Mrs. Shrungeri Abhijeet Bhavsar, vocalist and national-level swimmer, in the presence of Director-Principal Ms. Meera Nair, Primary Headmistress Ms. Sujata Rathaur, and Secondary Headmistress Ms. Amrita Gangwal.

Together, the three days stood as a powerful celebration of talent, perseverance and holistic education, reaffirming Amanora School's belief in nurturing confident, compassionate and creative individuals.

Celebrating the Spirit of the 77th Republic Day

Amanora School celebrated the 77th Republic Day with pride and patriotic fervour, marked by enthusiastic student participation. The programme began with the unfurling of the National Flag by the Director-Principal, Ms. Meera Nair, in the presence of the core team, followed by the school choir's melodious rendition of the National Anthem and Flag Song, setting a dignified tone.

The Director-Principal read the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, highlighting the values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity, which the students echoed, reaffirming their duties as responsible



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citizens. The Primary Section, led by the Junior School Cabinet, presented a disciplined March Past, reflecting unity, teamwork, and respect for the nation. A Hindi speech by a Grade V student eloquently conveyed the significance of Republic Day and inspired young minds.

The cultural segment featured a patriotic musical medley by the choir and an engaging dance-and-drama presentation on duty, discipline, and dreams. The celebration concluded with the stirring rendition of Vande Mataram, leaving a lasting sense of national pride and unity among all present.

Kothari International School- MUN

Model United Nations (MUN) is an academic simulation of the United Nations that provides students with the opportunity to step into the shoes of delegates representing different countries. Through researching their assigned nations, debating pressing global issues, and proposing well-thought-out resolutions, students gain first-hand experience in diplomacy, critical thinking, negotiation, and effective communication. By engaging with diverse perspectives, MUN nurtures global awareness and responsible citizenship.

One such enriching experience was offered by Kothari International School, which organised a Junior Model United Nations (MUN) conference. Students from Amanora School participated enthusiastically across various committees, including UNEP, UNESCO, WHO, FAO, and several others. The conference served as a valuable learning platform, enabling students to deepen their understanding of international issues while honing skills in research, collaboration, and articulate expression.

In addition to thoroughly enjoying the MUN process, Amanora students delivered a



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meritorious performance by securing an impressive total of 20 awards such as Excellent Researcher, Champion Collaborator, Superb Speaker, Best Delegate, Diligent Diplomat, Brilliant Ideator and Best Dress.

This remarkable achievement is a true reflection of their hard work, dedication, and eagerness to learn beyond the classroom. Congratulations to our young leaders for making Amanora School proud and for shining on such a prestigious platform!

Assemblies

Vijay Diwas

The students of Grade IX performed a special assembly on the occasion of Vijay Diwas. This day marks India's historic victory in the Indo-Pak War of 1971. Vijay Diwas reminded us to respect our armed forces and to remain united and patriotic. We salute our real heroes who protect our nation in all conditions. Students acted in a skit 'Bravery beyond heights, Victory beyond fear'. Students dressed up as soldiers appeared on the stage, portraying the brave heroes of the 1971 Indo-Pak War, and paid tribute to their courage, sacrifice, and patriotism. The assembly concluded with an overwhelming line recited by the class teacher. Further, the coordinator appreciated the students and motivated them to learn the value of patriotism, discipline, and hard work.





The first thing that comes to one's mind when someone mentions the 3 Rs is 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.' The importance of these 3 words is hard to neglect in today's world. However, there is another set of 3 Rs which has become far more important than anything else to survive in this world. It is the magical phrase of 'Read, Reflect and Rise.'

In today's day and age, reading has become one of the most essential skills that one needs to possess. It is not only a critical aid to build one's personality, but it is also an aspect that makes one stand out from the rest of the crowd. It is a necessity that children need to possess, but it is a value that even the adults need to have. Reading is not a hobby anymore; it has become a life-skill. It can help one overcome tough situations because reading gives one the insight and wisdom to handle any crisis in life. Reading is shared knowledge, and any knowledge that comes from learning is always beneficial.

While one cannot disregard the benefits of reading, there is another aspect that plays a more significant role in developing learning and achieving the desired learning outcomes. It is the art of reflecting on what one has already read. There are so many things that one reads on a daily basis. However, to get the essence of what is read, one needs to contemplate on it. It is often said that, 'any thought that is not reflected upon is a lost opportunity.' A simple act of introspection on the reading can help one understand the true depth of the matter. This is true for students and also for any person who reads. Reading does only half the work, the rest half is done by reflection. Only when a person can articulate the thought that is read, can it be deemed to be internalized.

Reading and reflection are the core ingredients of bringing out the wisdom in a person. A combination of both these aspects is necessary to build a good life. It is only when people read and reflect that they will be able to rise - in knowledge, in insight and in life.

**- Ms. Divya Poduval,
PGT English**

Health, Safety and Child Protection (HSCP) Practices



Drivers' Safety Training Session

A Drivers' Training Session was conducted in collaboration with Force Motors, led by Mr. Vaibhav Pawar and Mr. Rahul Patole. The session stressed the importance of valid documentation (PUC, insurance, registration, and driving licences), legal compliance, preventive safety measures, and responsible driving practices. Real-life case studies reinforced a strict adherence to traffic regulations to ensure safe student transportation.



Fact File

- 1. Just 20 minutes of reading a day** exposes you to nearly **1.8 million words per year!** That's serious brain power.
- Reading regularly can **improve memory and concentration**, almost like a workout for your brain .
- Students who read for pleasure often show **better vocabulary and stronger writing skills.**
- Reading fiction helps build **empathy**, because you experience life through different characters' perspectives.
- Even **6 minutes of reading** can help reduce stress and calm the mind.
- People who read frequently tend to develop **better critical thinking and problem-solving skills.**
- Reading before bedtime can improve **sleep quality** (as long as it's not on a bright screen!).
- Every book you read strengthens your **imagination** — you literally create movies in your mind.
- Reflecting on what you read helps you **connect ideas to real life**, making learning more meaningful.
- Leaders, innovators and successful individuals across the world share one common habit — **they read consistently.**



Student Speaks



At the heart of every great school lies a simple truth: learning begins with reading. Books, articles, and poems are more than words on a page. They are bridges to new worlds, ideas, and perspectives. Consider how J. K. Rowling's 'Harry Potter' series has captivated millions, teaching lessons about courage, friendship, and resilience. Articles like 'The New York Times' editorial pieces encourage us to think critically about current events, while Shel Silverstein's playful and poignant poems open doors to creativity and emotion. Literacy empowers us to understand, question, and create. It forms the foundation upon which wisdom is built.

But reading alone is not enough. To truly grow, we must reflect on our past. Reflection allows us to pause, connect lessons to our own lives, and discover meaning beyond the text. Consider engaging in simple reflection activities such as keeping a journal where you can jot down your thoughts and insights daily, or participating in group discussions to share and expand your ideas. It is in those quiet moments of thought that values are shaped, empathy is nurtured, and wisdom takes root.

When we read and reflect, we rise. We rise as learners who set meaningful goals—not just for exams but for life. We rise as thinkers who embrace curiosity, creativity, and compassion. Our school community values knowledge, inclusivity, and the joy of discovery.

Let us commit to the journey of Read, Reflect, and Rise. Pick up a book that challenges your imagination. Reflect on its message—ask what it teaches about choices, growth, and resilience. Then rise: share your insights with classmates, apply your learning in projects, and inspire others to do the same.

Together, through literacy and reflection, we rise as a school that celebrates wisdom, nurtures goals, and builds a brighter future.

**- Aarna Shukla,
Assistant Literary Secretary**

The Story Corner



“A Not So Quiet Vacation”

There was nothing better than enjoying yourself at the beach; your feet sinking in the damp beach sand, diving in the crystal-clear sea and relaxing with not a care in the world. Tara really couldn't imagine a better way to relax after her final exams. People say school life was the best and that there is nothing like the freedom they had. Well then, they were lying to others and to themselves.

Every day you wake up early, brush and bathe, study, walk to school, climb five flights of stairs, study for seven hours, walk back home, go to class, and study, and you still hear things like “you waste so much time”.

Where are we supposed to waste time if we have none in the first place?

These thoughts usually swarmed in Tara's mind, unwilling to leave. However, today was an exception; nothing was going to stop Tara from enjoying today. She deserved it. As her legs stretched in front of her, digging into the dry sand below her, she watched the sun setting on the horizon. The sky burst into hues, spreading across the sea; one might even say that it looked as if the sun was swallowed whole by the sea itself. The sand glowed almost phantomly underneath the rays of the setting sun.

“You might be the most boring person I've met in my life,” her older brother said as he sat beside her, his eyes trained on Tara.

“You wanna have some fun?” he asked.

“No,” she replied.

“Are you sure? You'll regret it, you know”

“Doubt it!”

“Now you'll definitely regret it,” he said as he grabbed Tara's hand and pulled her up from the sand.

“Cheese touch!” he said as he sprinted across the beach towards the rocks with Tara right behind him. There went her quiet vacation plans.

It was quite some time until Tara's brother stopped, and it was soon clear why. In front of him was probably one of the biggest rocks on the beach; so large, really, that you could mistake it for a mountain.

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"Oh, no, you don't," Tara said.

"Says who?"

"Me"

"And since when do I listen to you?"

"You don't listen to anyone!"

"Fair point," he replied as he grinned his awfully crooked grin.

It was no surprise that Tara's persistence was no match for her brother's stubborn nature. At times, it was not clear who was the elder amongst them.

"I'm coming," Tara said matter-of-factly.

"Don't get hurt," he said, and for once his face was serious and his voice soft. Tara replied to that with one of her 'you know me' grins and began climbing behind him. They climbed in silence, carefully placing their feet and pulling their body up. As they reached the top, Tara's brother wiped the sweat out of eyes and grinned an accomplished smile.

"Need any help?" he asked Tara tauntingly as he pulled her up.

"I didn't need any help," Tara said harshly while patting down the dust that had gathered on her shirt. "Look," Tara's brother said, flattening his palm against Tara's mouth. For a while, she struggled to speak underneath his flat palm before giving in and looking at the view in front of her. The sun had nearly set, and the sky turned into a lavish shade of purple. "Do you still regret coming after me?" Tara's brother asked.

"What do you think?" she replied half-heartedly before they both climbed down. Maybe Tara wasn't meant for quiet vacations, but nothing would make her want to erase the last few hours.

**- Maitree Bhosale,
Grade VII 'B'**





PARENT'S CORNER

Reading is one of the most powerful habits a student can develop. When we read books, in addition to learning new words, we also discover new dreams and new ideas. Reading books helps build curiosity and clear thinking. Reading regularly helps us ask better questions, connect ideas, and remember what we learn for a longer time. When curiosity and reading come together, learning becomes more meaningful and helps us grow in how we think.

Read

As a young boy, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam loved reading books about science and flight. This inspired his dream of working with rockets and space. For writer Ruskin Bond, books were close friends that inspired him to write stories loved by children even today.

Reflect

When we read books, we begin to understand ourselves and the world better. Reading encourages us to ask questions, spark curiosity, imagine new possibilities, and learn from other experiences. Reflection helps turn stories into lessons and helps us grow wiser.

Rise

Reading and reflection help students grow in confidence and courage. Abhilash Tomy, the first Indian to sail alone around the world without stopping, has shared how reading adventure stories nurtured his love for the sea and helped him stay strong during his journey. Reading regularly can one day lead to great achievements.

**- Ms. Venkatasubramanian Ramanathan,
Parent of Srinidhi - Grade V & Srilaxmi V - Grade X 'H'**