

# ROMASHA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

2023-2024

Romasha International School aims at providing Education for Knowledge, Education for Performance and Education for Excellence.

I, Meera Amit Kamat, Principal take immense pleasure and pride to present the Annual Report of our activities and achievements for the year 2023-24.

#### **Vision**

To make every student independent in action and thought, creative, complete, capable to face future challenges without compromising on values and be a good citizen of India.

# **Mission**

We balance excellence in traditional subjects with a quest to provide our students with interesting curriculum to meet the dynamism of the world. We provide nurturing learning environment that encourages children to build confidence, discipline, values, discover their talent and love for learning. We are inculcating hands on problem solving which equips children with exceptional knowledge and versatile skills.

# **Philosophy**

We have achieved significant accomplishments in academic year 2023-24 under the dynamic, motivating and proactive leadership of our Officiating Principal and our dear Teachers.

The school focuses on providing an authentic learning environment where students apply knowledge and skills from multiple disciplines so as to widen their knowledge. We provide Holistic and Integral Education on both curricular and co-curricular activities where students are trained to have within them responsibility, loyalty, team spirit and healthy competition.

### **Introduction**

The academic year 2023-24 at Romasha International School has been marked by significant achievements and milestones in various spheres. As we reflect upon the year gone by, we take pride in our commitment to academic excellence, holistic development, and fostering a nurturing environment for our students. This annual report encapsulates the key highlights and accomplishments of the school during this period.

#### **Staff (RIS Faculty)**

The faculty comprises of well qualified, learned and empathetic teachers with a desire to share the love of their subject with the students. We are fortunate to have with us a faculty of teachers which is ever eager to improvise and adapt to new challenges and demands so as to bring out the best in their students. Our dedicated staff faculty continued to uphold the highest standards of education and mentorship, fostering an environment conducive to learning and growth.

Creativity and innovation are the benchmarks in the field of Pedagogy and we continuously strive to incorporate it. We really appreciate the amazing efforts of all teachers and salute their courage, efforts, spirit, concern and sacrifice.

#### **Infrastructure Upgradation**

The school was established in 2014 and is running through its ninth successful year. The School building has well developed spacious 14 Classrooms, including an auditorium and play ground to accommodate the students along with Laboratories and Library for providing a positive and supportive learning environment.

To encourage reading habit among children, a splendid existing Library has been enriched with a rich collection of almost 3000 books pertaining to academics as well as competitive preparations, journals, Subject Magazines and Reference materials which are maintained on a regular basis.

To enhance practical knowledge of the students, the existing lab was upgraded and dedicated as Composite Lab with separate sections for Physics, Chemistry and Biology, a Mathematics Lab purely dedicated to Mathematics and Computer Laboratories are developed in the campus wherein students gain hands on experience on the subjects taught in the classrooms.

The state of the art, Sports Infrastructure of the campus is maintained providing exciting possibilities to the students to develop their sportive skills.

For safe and hassle free commutation, the school have school vans to collect students from their homes. The buses are under CCTV surveillance and are GPS enabled.

Children learn the most while playing. An outdoor play zone, is an initiative of the school housing a sand pit with slides, rocking toys etc., developed for the kindergarteners. It helps build their motor skills, team spirit and muscle coordination.

In our relentless pursuit of inclusivity, an elevator was installed for the convenience of CWSN students, ensuring that every student has equal access to facilities within the school premises.

#### **CBSE Affiliation**

Romasha International School obtained CBSE Affiliation on 30th May 2023, further validating our commitment to quality education aligned with national standards.

### **Teacher Induction Program**

On 2nd May 2023, newly appointed teachers were warmly welcomed through an induction program, where they were introduced to the ethos of the school and shared the institutional rules and regulations.

#### **Capacity Building Program**

Each academic year trainings, seminars and orientation programs are conducted for teachers with a dual focus to improve and effectively implement innovative ideas in teaching-learning practices. The Capacity Building Program "PRAGNYA" for teachers was held from 13th to 20th May 2023 by collaborating both Atreya Vidyaniketan and Romasha International School, featuring enlightening talks by distinguished Resource Persons including Smt.Ramani Thyagarajan, Smt. Padma Prabhu, and Dr. Dakshayini Kanna.

It was an extensive teacher training workshop on crucial topics that would make our teachers well prepared to help our students reach new heights such as —

Topic 1: Development of Positive Thinking

Topic 2 : Self and Personality Orientation

Topic 3: Understanding and Implementation of Discipline Policy

Topic 4 : Lesson Plan

Topic 5 : NEP 2020

Topic 6: Professional Development for Teachers

Topic 7: Playway Method

Topic 8 : Understanding the Concept of Assessment and Evaluation

#### **Parent Teacher Orientation**

The Parent Orientation Program was arranged on 27th May to 6th June 2023. The aims and objectives of the association are: To facilitate constructive dialogue and collaboration between parents and educators across LKG to IX grades, provide a platform for parents, guardians, and teachers of Romasha International School, to meet, exchange, deeply analyze issues, make recommendations and effectively pursue the implementation of decisions on matters affecting education and learning. To foster mutual understanding, harmonious relationship and cooperation among parents, guardians, and teachers in the fulfillment of their common aim, the welfare of the school and the pupils therein, for a healthy understanding of the education policies and programs of the school.

#### **CBSE Capacity Building Program for Teachers**

Our teachers underwent extensive offline CBP sessions encompassing various topics including Adolescent Education, Learning Outcomes and Pedagogy, Inclusive Education, Experiential Learning, Strengthening Assessment and Evaluation Practices, NEP 2020, and Induction Training Program (Guru Dakshta), totalling 25 hours of training.

#### **Academic Year Classes**

The new session 2023-24 of RIS began on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023, heralding a new chapter of learning, exploration, and growth for our students. The students were welcomed by teachers and it was great to see all students with a happy face. The academic year started with the Bridge Course wherein innovative ideas were designed by the teachers to revise the lessons learnt previously so that students can utilise their time by improving their academic skills.

# **School Assembly**

School assembly is one of the most important aspects of a school's curriculum. Its potential is to nurture a positive school ethos that stresses care for the self, others and the pursuit of all forms of excellence should not be underestimated. It powerfully nurtures the development of intrapersonal intelligence.

We perform the following activities per day which are allotted to teachers and students. The importance and aims of these activities are as follows –

**National Anthem** – To practice the democratic principles and to promote a sense of citizenship and loyalty of India the National Anthem is sung.

**Pledge** – The primary purpose and objective of the pledge is to inculcate into school children of feelings of patriotism and other ethical precepts, such as honesty and dignity of hard work.

**Prayer** – Every day the choir group starts the day with the recitation of school prayer.

**News** – The news bulletins are given by the student in English/Kannada/Hindi to give access to current events and up-to-date information of the modern world and the constantly changing nature of the world.

**Thought for the Day** – They provide students with an opportunity to reflect on their own values and beliefs, and to learn about new and important ideas.

**Word of the Week** – It serves as an opportunity for students to reflect on the meaning and usage of the chosen word. It encourages curiosity, promotes cross-cultural exchange, and strengthens our collective appreciation for the diverse linguistic tapestry of Ladakh.

**Story Telling / Poem Recitation / Quiz –** It promotes a sense of community and belonging, enables relationship networking, allows participants to engage in sense-making, helps develop empathy and self-confidence, and facilitates learning

**Thanking Prayer** – We're to pray with thanksgiving as an act of our will and obedience. We are to thank God for the good, for the difficult, for the unknown, for the big decisions that we are facing.

**Skit** – The significant events of each day is shared by teachers and students convey these messages through drama. As it improves communication skills and helps to learn teamwork, dialogue, negotiations, and socialization.

National Song / Naada Geethe / Group Song – To instil national pride and respect, these songs are sung by the choir group in the assembly.

**Club Talk** – Club activities assist students to cultivate a sense of unity and working with others in reaching the same goals. Students develop social skills.

**Physical Exercise** – The warm up exercise strengthens the body and mind of students and teachers.

**Birthday Wishes** – The birthdays of students are celebrated by wishing them and singing the birthday song in Sanskrit.

**Shloka** – Shlokas help create a positive environment by calming us down and releasing stress and anxiety.

**Asynchronous Assembly** – RIS conducts asynchronous assembly on Sundays and during special occasions. Videos prepared by students or teaches are sent in Telegram to all parents and students to convey the importance of that particular day and also to enhance the communication skills of students.

**Meditation** – Everyday from 12:45 pm to 12:55 pm, all students and teachers participate actively in meditation. As it helps students to improve their 'Positive Mental Health' and 'Concentration', strengthen their self-regulation and their focus on coursework. It also boosts their overall health, reduces negative feelings, and fosters compassion.

#### **Club and House Activities**

From the academic year 2023-24 the clubs and houses were introduced to the students. The various club sessions arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade were – Band, Eco, Heritage, Theatre and Cyber Security.

Students of 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade were uniformly distributed into four houses namely – ODIN, ZEUS, INDRA and AHURA. All competitions were conducted according to house-wise.

#### **Karate**

Karate classes conducted by Aryan Martial Arts, have commenced at our school with enthusiastic student participation. These sessions provide students with opportunities to develop discipline, self-defence skills and physical fitness.

### **Introduction of Robotics Program**

The Robotics program at RIS, developed in partnership with QTPi, offers an immersive learning experience that combines theory with hands-on practical applications. Students will explore various aspects of robotics, including - Basic Concepts, Learning coding languages such as Scratch & Python, design and customizing robots, and Problem-Solving.

The curriculum is tailored to suit the age and skill levels of students from 2nd to 9th grade, ensuring a progressive and enriching learning journey.

By embracing robotics and STEM education, RIS empowers students to become lifelong learners, problem solvers, and innovators in an increasingly technology-driven world.

### **School Events and Celebration**

Throughout the academic year, Romasha International School organized a myriad of events and celebrations, fostering a vibrant and inclusive school culture. Some notable events include:

# • National Reading Month

During the National Reading Month from 19<sup>th</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023, we organized a series of engaging activities to foster a reading culture among students. The month-long event coincided with the birth anniversary of P N Panicker, the father of the library movement in India, serving as a tribute to his contributions.

### • International Yoga Day

The International Yoga day celebration at RIS on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023, commenced with the chanting of shlokas celebrating the importance of consonance between the mind and body.

Students and staff enthusiastically participated in a mass yoga session, showcasing various asanas and breathing exercises. The event emphasized the significance of incorporating yoga into daily routines to alleviate stress, enhance concentration, and foster overall health.

#### • Vanamahotsava Week

We at RIS celebrated the Vanamahotsava Week from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 where each day of the week unique activities were displayed by teachers and students. We also encouraged our students of 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade to participate in the "Vanamahotsava Awareness Rally". Various activities like Inter house Poster making competition, Slogan Recitation, and Essay Writing were conducted throughout the week to engage students and foster a deeper understanding of environmental conservation.

#### • Guru Poornima

On the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023, students, teachers, and parents at RIS came together to honor and pay tribute to the divine knowledge bestowed upon them by their gurus. The tiny tots of LKG and UKG had a special event known as Aksharabhyasa, which holds immense significance in the Indian tradition. Accompanied by their parents, this event not only marked the beginning of their educational journey but also highlighted the partnership between parents and the school in nurturing their child's academic growth

#### • Kargil Vijay Diwas

We at Romasha International School commemorated Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26th July 2023 with great fervor and patriotism. The event aimed to instill a sense of national pride and pay homage to the brave soldiers who valiantly fought during the Kargil war. A video showcasing the heroic tales of the soldiers' sacrifices, the poignant "Kargil Song," and its significance was then eloquently explained, emphasizing the importance of respecting and honoring our country and its protectors.

# • 2<sup>nd</sup> CBSE Expression Series

On August 10, 2023, the 2nd CBSE Expression Series with the theme "G:20 India's Vision for a Harmonious World" aimed to foster creativity and critical thinking among students from grades III to IX through Essay Writing and Media Presentation Competitions.

# • Independence Day

It was a proud moment for everyone as we celebrated "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", the 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023. This annual observance has a great significance and this special day is celebrated for commemorating our brave leaders and fighters of history who won us the freedom we are enjoying today. On this great occasion, the day started with the hoisting of our National Flag followed by National Anthem, Marchpast and Drill. The chief guest for the occasion was Dr. P. J. Rahul, a distinguished MBBS MD, F Diab, a Physician and Diabetologist.

The day was filled with patriotism and various cultural performances were exhibited by the students.

#### • Onam Festival

From August 21 to 29, 2023, Romasha International School celebrated Onam with great enthusiasm and participation from students of LKG to IX grade. The festivities included various activities and events such as Dance, Skit, Information on Dishes of Onam and a sumptuous lunch on plantain leaf that highlighted the rich cultural heritage of Kerala.

#### • One Plant One Campaign

The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from students who brought various plants to the school on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023. Under the guidance of teachers, the students planted these saplings in the school garden with care and dedication. The event fostered a sense of responsibility towards the environment and encouraged sustainable practices among the students.

#### • Raksha Bandhan

On August 30<sup>th</sup> 2023, we celebrated Raksha Bandhan with a series of engaging activities. The festivities began with class-wise competitions. The youngest participants from LKG to 2nd grade expressed their affection by crafting heartwarming greeting cards.

Moving up the grade ladder, students from 3rd to 5th grade demonstrated their artistic flair by creating vibrant and informative charts that adorned the notice board. Meanwhile, students from 6th to 9th grade showcased their dexterity by fashioning exquisite Rakhi Thalis.

A particularly heart-warming gesture was the students' creation of handmade rakhis. These beautiful tokens of appreciation were tied to Teachers, Office personnel, and Housekeeping staff, symbolizing the strong bond and sense of protection that the school community shared. This act of gratitude resonated deeply, fostering an environment of respect and unity.

# • World Sanskrit Day

On August 31<sup>st</sup> 2023, Sanskrit Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The school hosted 9th-grade students from Shubham Karoti Maitreyee Gurukula, who presented a captivating skit that revolved around a scene from the epic Ramayana.

Furthermore, the Gurukula students took the lead in teaching Sanskrit shlokas to their peers. Students of RIS also presented with handmade greeting cards to the students of Shubham Karoti Maitreyee Gurukula and established a bond for lifetime.

# • Krishna Janmashtami

Krishna Janmashtami is the birthday of Lord Krishna which is celebrated with great fervour and zeal in India during the monsoon month. RIS celebrated Janmashtami on 7<sup>th</sup> September, with lots of devotion where teachers and staff performed Puja for Lord Krishna and all students took the blessings and were filled with joy and ebullience.

#### • Hindi Diwas

Hindi Diwas was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 by the students under the guidance of Ms. Geetha Hiremath. The program highlighted the importance of Hindi and encouraged children to learn and speak Hindi with a sense of pride. The special assembly included Hindi speech from students of 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. On this day all our teachers, staff and students communicated with each other in Hindi.

#### • Gowri Ganesha Festival

On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023, children celebrated Ganesha Chathurthi in a creative manner by skilfully making biodegradable and eco-friendly idols of Ganesha using clay and decorated it with accessories.

#### Micchami Dukkadam

This is a beautiful tradition in Jain Culture, where on the last day of the auspicious Paryushan, "Forgiveness Day" is practiced. On 20<sup>th</sup> September, we at RIS made our children to practice and say "Micchami Dukkadam" as it is a wonderful concept that makes a person reflect on his/her wrong doings and ask for forgiveness. This practice makes a person humble and also sensitize them about others feelings.

## • Creative Competition

On the 28th and 30th of September, the Creative Competition aimed to foster creativity, language skills, and confidence from LKG to II grade students. It provided a platform for them to showcase their talents in various forms of expression, in a series of engaging competitions.

# • Gandhi Jayanthi

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October, RIS came alive with reverence and celebration as the students and staff commemorated the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. The school's House Captains and Vice Captains led the way by paying a heartfelt tribute to Gandhi by beautifully decorating his photograph with flowers, a gesture that symbolized the purity and simplicity that defined his life's principles.

The ceremony continued with the rendition of the bhajan "Vaishnav Jan To," which resonated through the school, reminding everyone of the ideals that Gandhiji stood for.

### • Karnataka Rajyotsava

We celebrated the 67<sup>th</sup> Karnataka Rajyotsava on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The festivities began with the hoisting of the Karnataka Flag by Vice Principal Ms. Aditi Cherian. All teachers and students felt patriotic on this auspicious occasion, and students of 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade participated in various cultural programs to showcase their talents and created a patriotic atmosphere. On this day all our teachers, staff and students communicated with each other in Kannada.

#### • Diwali Celebrations

On 10 November 2023, the school premises were adorned with vibrant colors and lively spirits as students gathered to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Diwali. One of the highlights of the event was the Diwali Rangoli with Diya decoration competition, where students showcased their artistic talents by creating intricate designs using colored powders and traditional lamps.

#### • Children's Day

The 14<sup>th</sup> of November is celebrated as children's day. The school campus was filled with ethnicity as students from LKG to 9th grade adorned themselves in traditional wear, adding a touch of cultural diversity to the event. The event commenced with a special assembly dedicated to the children, where teachers and staff members expressed their appreciation for the students' unique qualities and contributions to the school community. Additionally, various activities were organized throughout the day to engage and entertain the children.

#### • Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav

On the occasion of Mahakavi Subramania Bharati's birth anniversary celebrated as Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav on December 11, 2023, students from LKG to 5th grade showcased the rich cultural diversity of India through a Regional Fancy Dress Show, and eloquently introduced themselves in the respective regional languages.

The cultural celebration continued with students from 6th to 9th grade, with a soulful rendition of the Kannada folk song.

Adding a gastronomic touch, students also brought regional dishes of Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan and passionately shared insights about them in their respective regional languages. The event not only honored the legacy of Mahakavi Subramania Bharati but also promoted cultural understanding and appreciation among the students.

# • National Mathematics Day

National Mathematics Day is observed annually on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to mark the anniversary of the eminent mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan's birth.

Following the tribute to Ramanujan, an engaging house-wise quiz on various mathematical concepts was conducted. The quiz was designed to test students' knowledge, problemsolving skills, and teamwork. Each house enthusiastically participated, showcasing their mathematical prowess and competitive spirit.

#### • Assembly by Tiny Tots

A special assembly by the students from LKG and UKG were organized from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December. Students recited beautiful Rhymes and Stories that were displayed with actions. This opportunity made students to overcome their stage fear and recite rhymes and songs with tune and melody.

#### • New Year Celebration

On the 1<sup>st</sup> working day of New Year 2024, teachers took center stage, engaging students in various fun-filled events that left a lasting impression. The day kicked off with a spirited assembly, setting the festive tone for the celebration.

#### • National Youth Day

National Youth Day, also known as Vivekananda Jayanti, is celebrated on  $12^{th}$  January. The assembly began with a heartfelt talk on Swami Vivekananda, delving into his life, teachings, and philosophies. A captivating video narrating the inspiring story of Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Swami Vivekananda was presented.

The celebration then seamlessly transitioned into a session of yoga and meditation led by both students and teachers.

Students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade participated in the Online Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) competition in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024.

#### • Road Safety Week

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways observes the Road Safety Week from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January, under "Swachhata Pakhwada", to propagate the cause of safer roads for all. Students from 5th to 9th grade attended the Traffic Police Awareness event at Kanteerava Stadium organized by the Karnataka Traffic Police. The event was presided over by the Karnataka Chief Minister - Mr. Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister - Mr. D K Shivakumar.

Certificates of participation were distributed to acknowledge the students' commitment to road safety.

# • Pran Pratishta Ceremony

On the auspicious day of January 22, 2024, RIS commemorated the Pran Pratishta of Ramlala at Ayodhya with a series of vibrant and spiritual events. The atmosphere echoed with the recitation of Hanuman Chalisa, the intellectual prowess of the students was showcased through an Inter House Shloka Competition, where participants from grades 3 to 9 eloquently recited verses from the sacred Ramayan.

The school connected with the divine proceedings in Ayodhya through a live telecast, uniting the school community in the celebration of this significant event.

The day reached its pinnacle with a mesmerizing skit performed by the dedicated teachers of RIS, portraying the poignant episode of Rama's exile.

### • Pariksha Pe Charcha

The 7th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha, a unique interactive session between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and students at Bharatmandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, took place amidst great anticipation and excitement.

The live telecast of this event on 29th January was particularly insightful for students ranging from 6th to 9th grade of RIS, providing them with valuable guidance on managing stress, handling societal pressure, and coping with peer competition.

#### • National Science Day

National Science Day is celebrated on February 28<sup>th</sup> every year as it marks the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by our country's most renowned physicist Shri. C. V. Raman. We at RIS celebrated this day by inspiring and encouraging our brilliant students to passionately demonstrate several unique scientific experiments under the able guidance of Ms. Sandhya G S and Mr. Nikil Gowda. The young scientists unleashed their creativity through hands-on experiments, elucidating various scientific principles and phenomena.

#### **SPORTS**

Our sports program continues to flourish, with students participating and excelling in various inter-class competitions. The emphasis on sports not only promotes physical fitness but also instils values of teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. The main sports events held in 2023-24 are:

#### • Romasha Premier League (RPL)

Our school annually organizes RPL, to allow students to participate in various events like Cricket, Football and Kabaddi. When students are physically fit, they will achieve more academically. Games and sports develop a sense of friendliness among the children and also build their team spirit. It helps children to develop mental and physical toughness. Bearing this in mind the school provided ample opportunities for students to perform regular exercise and yoga, and to play and prove their mettle in various sports and games.

The matches were scheduled on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 30<sup>th</sup> December and 6<sup>th</sup> January. These matches developed team skills, social skills such as cooperation, communication and learning how to cope with winning and losing. Playing games benefits a student's mental state because it improves focus and attention span greatly. These traits help the brain to remain active and agile, which in turn, boosts positivity and well-being.

Zeus House claimed the Overall Championship Trophy by emerging victorious in all three matches of Football, Cricket and Kabaddi.

### • Kids Venture Sports Day

On February 24, 2024, Kids Venture under the guidance of Mr. Vamshi, hosted a vibrant Sports Day for students of LKG to IV grade, infused with enthusiasm and fervor. Mr. Deepak Srinivas, the esteemed CEO of Kids Venture, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The Sports Competition for each class ensued with participants showcasing their skills and determination across various disciplines, fostering healthy competition and teamwork. Not limited to the children, engaging games awaited parents and teachers, fostering a sense of inclusivity and community involvement. The food court offered refreshments and delights, replenishing energies amid the spirited activities.

In recognition of their efforts and achievements, the ceremony of certificate distribution celebrated the accomplishments of the participants, fostering a sense of pride.

#### **Extracurricular Integration**

We emphasize the integration of extracurricular activities with academics to foster well-rounded individuals capable of critical thinking, creativity, and leadership.

#### • Yoga Classes

Yoga classes at RIS are conducted on a regular basis, providing students with the opportunity to practice various yoga asanas (postures), pranayama (breathing exercises), and meditation techniques.

Led by experienced instructors, these sessions focus on enhancing flexibility, strength, and mental clarity among students. Through yoga, students learn the importance of physical fitness and stress management, fostering a balanced approach to life.

#### • Shloka Classes

Shloka classes form an integral part of the spiritual development curriculum at RIS. Students are introduced to Sanskrit verses and hymns from ancient texts such as the Bhagavad Gita, Upanishads, and Vedas. These classes aim to instill values of compassion, gratitude, and reverence for life. By reciting shlokas and understanding their meanings, students cultivate a deeper connection with their cultural heritage and develop a sense of inner peace and harmony.

#### • School Annual Exhibition - DRAVYA

On 2 December 2023, RIS hosted its much-anticipated annual exhibition, DRAVYA. The event was a culmination of months of hard work, dedication, and creative exploration by both students and faculty.

Each classroom was transformed into a thematic haven, representing subjects like Art and Craft, English, Hindi, Kannada, Information Technology, Mathematics, Games, Social Science and Science. From intricate paintings to innovative science projects, every corner of the school was alive with the vibrant energy of creativity and learning.

Students enthusiastically presented their projects, explaining the concepts and methodologies behind their creations to curious visitors.

Dance, Mime, Zumba and Skit by students from Shubham Karoti Maitreyi Gurukula and captivated the audience. Adding a culinary delight to the event, students took charge of a Food Fest, showcasing their culinary skills and entrepreneurial spirit.

DRAVYA not only celebrated academic achievements but also highlighted the holistic development of students.

### • RIS Master Chef

RIS Master Chef is a biannual event conducted in our school to promote and develop cooking habits and techniques among students. By introducing cooking at school levels, students shall get the appropriate motivation and guidance to plan and prepare meals by mastering basic kitchen skills.

With the exposure to cooking and baking at a younger age, there is a possibility and potential for students to uncover a hidden culinary talent or to pursue a career in the ever booming global hospitality and catering industry.

To improve and enhance students' skills in Cooking, a varied list of dishes were prepared by each classes like – Fruit Salad, Sandwich, Peanut Ladoo, Strawberry Milkshake, Peanut Masala, Corn Chaat, Boti Masala, Kosambari, Sprout Salad, Milk Bread Cake, Canapé, Nippat Masala.

#### • Study Trip

The purpose of conducting study trips in school is to enhance students learning experience by providing them with practical exposure to real-world scenarios related to their academic subjects.

RIS organized a study trip for grades II to V with an immersive learning experience at the Jawahar Lal Planetarium on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023. This excursion aimed to complement the curriculum by fostering an understanding of astronomy and space exploration.

On 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023, a study trip was provided for students from grades VI to IX with an educational and enriching experience at the HAL Heritage Centre and Museum. The trip aimed to supplement classroom learning with hands-on exposure to aerospace technology and Indian aviation history.

An experiential learning opportunity for students from LKG to I grade was achieved on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023, as they were taken to Cubbon Park. The trip aimed to connect classroom learning with real-world experiences, fostering curiosity, observation skills, and an appreciation for nature.

### • Education Expo

On February 3rd, 2024, students from the 9th grade of RIS, accompanied by their counterparts from the 10th grade of Atreya Vidyaniketan, embarked on an enlightening journey to the Education Expo at Presidency School, Bangalore North.

The Education Expo showcased a diverse array of offerings, with participation from over 20 American and top Indian universities. Students had the opportunity to interact with representatives from different universities, who provided detailed information about their academic offerings, scholarship, admission requirements, campus facilities, and extracurricular activities. The expo also featured presentations and discussions on career paths in different fields, including STEM, humanities, business, and the arts.

### **Other Celebrations**

The school gives due recognition to significant global events and celebrate such days during the morning assembly. Some of these events are — Maha Shivrathri, Friendship Day, International Women's Day, International Day against Illicit Trafficking and Drug Abuse,

Holi, Global Tigers Day, National Sports Day, World Tourism Day, World Water Day, Environment Day, Global Bicycle Day etc.

#### **Empowerment Program**

The empowerment program for students at RIS aims to equip them with essential skills and knowledge to thrive in various aspects of life. The key components are :

#### Guest Sessions

RIS had scheduled Guest Sessions by Mr. Purushottam Agraja from Bellary, focusing on Science and Mathematics for students of 8th and 9th grade. These sessions were organised on July 24th and December 21st, aimed to enhance students' understanding and proficiency in these subjects.

Additionally, regular interactions with teachers provided valuable insights into teaching methodologies, fostering professional development and instructional excellence.

#### • Adolescence Education

On 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023, Founder and President of Yuva Sanchalana Mr. Chidanandha Murthy Aradhya and Representative of "MITU FOUNDATION" educated our male students on the topic – Health and Hygiene. Ms. Kusuma G N sensitively addressed the challenges and changes associated with adolescence, focusing on the unique experiences of girls.

Both the session discussed topics such as puberty, menstrual hygiene, emotional well-being, and self-care were discussed in an open and supportive environment.

# • Career Guidance

On 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023, Ms. Poornima a Career Counselor emphasized the significance of aligning one's interests, skills, and values with their career choices for long-term satisfaction and success.

She also introduced them to a wide range of career options across different fields, including science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), as well as humanities and social sciences.

# • Public Speaking Skills

On 1<sup>st</sup> September, Mr. Amit Pramod Kamat, Secretary of RIS, commenced the session by emphasizing the importance of public speaking in various facets of life, including academic presentations, group discussions, and future professional endeavors.

The session aimed to enhance the public speaking skills of students in grades VII to IX and sought to instil confidence, effective communication techniques, and presentation skills necessary for their academic and personal development.

#### • Financial Security and Transactions

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September, the Students of 7th, 8th, and 9th grades gathered for a comprehensive session on the Financial Security and Transaction, led by Mrs. Mala and Mrs. Suchitra, members of the school's account section staff. The session aimed to introduce the young minds to the world of accounting, emphasizing its educational significance and the numerous career opportunities it offers.

### • Understanding Salary, Payment and Benefits of ESI and PF

The purpose of the session led by Mrs. Thavamani and Mrs. Bharathi on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 was to educate students about the importance of understanding salary structures, payment methods, and benefits, specifically focusing on the Employee State Insurance (ESI) scheme. By imparting this knowledge, the aim was to equip students with essential financial literacy skills that will benefit them in their future careers.

#### • Basics of Accountancy

The purpose of the accounting session on 30<sup>th</sup> September led by Mrs. Shobha and Mrs. Nagamma was to introduce students from grades VII to IX to the fundamentals of accounting, including basic concepts, principles, and practices.

The session aimed to enhance their understanding of financial literacy and its importance in personal and professional life.

#### • Purchase and Negotiation Skills

On 5<sup>th</sup> October, students of grades 7th, 8th, and 9th were privileged to attend an enlightening session conducted by Mrs. Pushpa and Mrs. Vani.

The main focus of the session was to equip the young minds with the knowledge and skills required for purchasing and encompassing valuable lessons on negotiation skills. They also presented practical insights on the art of bargaining, shedding light on the strategies and techniques that can be employed to secure favorable deals while ensuring fairness and respect in transactions.

### • Conservation of Resources

The purpose of the session by Mrs. Maria on 8<sup>th</sup> November was to raise awareness among students of 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, about the importance of conserving resources, with a focus on water and electricity. It aimed to instil a sense of responsibility towards sustainable living practices and to empower students to take action in their daily lives to conserve these vital resources.

### • Reiki

We at RIS are proud and happy that from the commencement of our school, we have been teaching the basics of Reiki and Meditation to our school children. Our children have been extremely lucky and fortunate to learn under the guidance of highly accomplished Reiki Grand Master and Spiritual Healer Smt. Chandrika. Children have experienced profound peace and concentration.

#### • Self Defence Training

Mr. Rakesh, an experienced Karate Master of Aryan Martial Arts, conducted an interactive and engaging self-defense for girls to be prepared to defend themselves in various situations. A range of self-defense techniques tailored to the age group that included basic strikes, blocks, and evasion maneuvers designed to neutralize threats and create opportunities for escape.

#### • Counselling Sessions

The School Counselling Program at RIS is comprehensive in scope, developmental in nature, proactive in design, and differentiated in order to address individual and societal needs.

The school counsellor, Ms. Jyoti Hebbar applies her professional training in order to support student academic success. Through comprehensive school counselling programs of developmental, preventive, remedial, and responsive services, school counsellor address academic development, career development, and personal/social development of students.

### • Special Educator

At RIS, Ms. Kavitha R, the Special Educator, diligently conducts one-to-one sessions with students encountering academic challenges. These sessions are tailored to address the individualized needs of each student, aiming to provide targeted support and assistance. She employs a variety of specialized teaching techniques and strategies to help these students overcome their academic difficulties and enhance their learning outcomes.

# **Community Service**

Students actively engage in community service initiatives, demonstrating empathy, compassion, and social responsibility.

# Medical Checkup

On July 16, 2023, a comprehensive health checkup was conducted at RIS premises in collaboration with Megha Free Health Camp, Lions Club of Bangalore Milan, and MS Marudhar Pharma Halsuru.

This initiative offered a range of medical services and screenings to all participants, aimed at promoting health awareness and well-being within the community.

# • Fire Safety System and Mock Fire Drill

For the safety of all children, teachers and staff, an advanced fire safety system was installed. Multiple fire extinguishers, fire alarm system and smoke sensors were installed in every floor along with appropriate training for all Teachers and staff. On 8<sup>th</sup> August and 19<sup>th</sup> February, mock fire drills were conducted in school to train children on the evacuation process in case of an emergency. Awareness on handling themselves in the event of a fire break-out, using fire extinguishers was demonstrated.

#### **Environment Awareness Program**

RIS is dedicated to fostering environmental consciousness and sustainable practices among its students, staff, and the wider community. The Environment Awareness Program encompasses a range of initiatives aimed at promoting responsible stewardship of natural resources and cultivating a culture of environmental conservation.

Program Components includes - Regular Sessions on Water Conservation, Installation and Implementing rainwater harvesting structures on campus, Tree Plantation Drives, Eco Clubs, Awareness Sessions on personal hygiene practices and proper handwashing techniques, Awareness Campaigns on Pollution Control, Implementing policies to reduce single-use plastics on campus, educating students and staff about the importance of waste segregation and Promoting Eco-Friendly Products

By integrating these initiatives we strive to create a greener, healthier, and more sustainable future for all.

### **Competitions**

Students were also given opportunity to participate in various competitions throughout the academic year like – Essay Writing, Drawing, Colouring, Painting, Fancy Dress, Slow Bicycle Race and Quiz.

### **All India Talent Examination**

Students from Romasha International School actively participated in the "16th All India Maths Science Talent Examination" on 31st January 2024, organized by the Centre for Excellence in Delhi, demonstrating their enthusiasm and commitment to academic excellence. The school's representation across different grade levels underscores its dedication to nurturing talent and fostering a culture of learning.

# **Student Achievements**

- 1. Abhay B M (UKG) achieved Consolation Prize for on-the-spot drawing competition organized at Sri Sai Vidhyalaya.
- 2. Sakshi Agrawal (3rd grade) secured the 3rd place in the 9-year-old age category at South India Karate Cup Championship
- 3. Diya S (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) achieved the 4<sup>th</sup> All India Rank in 16th All India Maths Science Talent Examination.
- 4. Darshith S (4th grade) showcased his proficiency by securing the 1st place in an Inter-School Abacus Competition.

5. Varsha (7th grade) secured the 2nd place in the 12-year-old age category at South India Karate Cup Championship.

These achievements highlight the diverse talents and exceptional abilities of RIS students, reflecting their dedication, hard work, and the supportive environment provided by the school. RIS takes pride in nurturing holistic development and congratulates all students for their outstanding accomplishments.

#### **Recreation Activities for Teachers**

As part of our commitment to staff well-being and morale, we at RIS organized regular recreation activities that provide opportunities for relaxation, camaraderie, and fun. These activities, included games and potluck lunches, which served as valuable outlets for stress relief, team building and work life balance among our dedicated educators.

The regular recreation activities for teachers initiated and enhanced teacher satisfaction, also contributed to a positive school culture that benefits students and staff alike.

#### **Assessment and Evaluation Practices**

At RIS assessment and evaluation are conducted rigorously in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The school employs a comprehensive approach that encompasses various methods to gauge students' learning and progress effectively.

- 1. Periodic Tests and Term Exams
- 2. Subject Enrichment Activities
- 3. Multiple Assessments: utilizes a variety of assessment tools, including Worksheets, Unit Tests, Oral Tests, Role Play, Project and Presentation.
- 4. Portfolio Assessment

By employing a variety of assessment methods, RIS equips students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for success in the 21st century.

# **Holistic Progress Card Implementation**

RIS adheres to the guidelines set forth by the CBSE by implementing a Holistic Progress Card (HPC) system for students in grades I to IX. This approach aims to provide a comprehensive evaluation of students' progress, encompassing academic performance, as well as co-curricular and extra-curricular achievements that includes Sports and Physical Education, Arts and Cultural Activities, Clubs and Community Work, Life Skills and Values.

The adoption of a Holistic Progress Card reflects its commitment to providing a well-rounded education that nurtures students' intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development.

### **Academic Results**

The Parent-Teacher Meetings were conducted at regular intervals throughout the academic year on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> April to discuss the academic performance and behavioural patterns of each child.

#### **School Committee Meetings**

The primary function of a committee is to contribute to the efficient operation of an organization. Likewise, in RIS we have different committees to check the overall development and to provide effective guidance and assistance for the smooth functioning of the school. Each committee comprises of a coordinator, who conduct regular meetings with the committee members, parent members and student members under the authority of Secretary and Principal.

### • School Managing Committee

The School Management Committee (SMC) convened on August 20th and February 20th, during which several significant decisions were made. These included the completion of SARAS, HPE, SQAA, and Kala Setu portals of CBSE, as well as finalizing the LOC (List of Candidates) of 9th grade students. Additionally, plans for the school annual exhibition, DRAVYA, were discussed, along with arrangements for facilities catering to Children with Special Needs (CWSN). The committee also deliberated on the appointment of new teachers, selection of notebooks, the commencement of the new academic year, and proposed the Calendar of Events for the academic year 2024-25.

List of members –

Mr. Pramod Ramdas Kamat, Chairman

Mr. Venkatrao Kantak, Managing Committee Member

Mr. Hetal Shah, Chartered Accountant

Mr. Amit Pramod Kamat, Secretary

Ms. Meera Amit Kamat, Principal

Ms. Aditi Cherian, Vice Principal

Ms. Komala M V, Committee Coordinator

Ms. Sandhya G S, Committee Member

Ms. Deepthi G, Committee Member

Ms. Gayathri M, Parent Member

Ms. Rajeshwari H, Parent Member

#### • Child Safety Committee

The Child Protection Committee convened on July 25th, November 7th, and February 5th discussed the committee's objectives, its benefits, and the range of safety protocols recommended for school premises. These included guidelines on attire, the issuance of child safety cards, ensuring safety in classrooms, playgrounds, and laboratories, as well as prohibiting elevator usage. Additionally, the committee addressed measures for first aid, promoting hygiene habits, and educating teachers on ensuring the safety of children in school, aligning with recommendations from the NCF.

List of members –

Ms. Meera Amit Kamat, Principal

Ms. Aditi Cherian, Vice Principal

Ms. Glady Ravikumar, Committee Coordinator

Ms. Jyothi Hebbar, Counselor

Ms. Shamala Devi, Committee Member

Ms. Spoorthi K S, Committee Member

Ms. Deepthi G, Committee Member

Mr. Sampath Kumar M, Committee Member

# POCSO Committee

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Committee convened on July 26th, November 11th, and February 13th to delve into the significance and objectives of POCSO, emphasizing the necessity of self-defence strategies and techniques for both boys and girls. Discussions also encompassed identifying indicators of various forms of abuse, dissemination of helpline numbers, establishing a complaint mechanism, and outlining disciplinary actions.

List of members –

Ms. Meera Amit Kamat, Principal

Ms. Aditi Cherian, Vice Principal

Ms. Geetha Hiremath, Committee Coordinator

Ms. Jyothi Hebbar, Counsellor

Ms. Deepthi G, Committee Member

Ms. Ashwini D S, Committee Member

Ms. Manjula G, Committee Member

Mr. Akhil Raj, Committee Member

Master. R Sanjay, Student Member

Kumari. Sudeeptha U, Student Member

#### Anti-bullying Committee

The Anti-bullying Committee convened on July 27th, November 8th, and February 15th to delve into the importance of its role within the school community. Discussions centered on the responsibilities of both teachers and students in raising awareness about bullying, the integration of values education to prevent instances of racism and mockery, and the promotion of human rights as a means to foster self-esteem and self-confidence among students.

List of members -

Ms. Meera Amit Kamat, Principal

Ms. Aditi Cherian, Vice Principal

Ms. Shamala Devi, Committee Coordinator

Ms. Jyothi Hebbar, Counsellor

Ms. Glady Ravikumar, Committee Member

Ms. Ashwini D S, Committee Member

Mr. Sampath Kumar M, Committee Member

Ms. Padma Kulkarni, Committee Member

Ms. Manjula G, Committee Member

Master. Likith Rajan, Student Member

Kumari. Supriya B, Student Member

### • <u>Disaster Management Committee</u>

The Disaster and Fire Management Committee conducted meetings on July 29th, November 16th, and February 16th to address various aspects of disaster management within the school setting. Topics included defining disasters, outlining procedures to be followed during emergencies, stressing the significance of survival skills, evaluating Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) programs in schools, and exploring alternative communication methods during disasters.

List of members –

Ms. Meera Amit Kamat, Principal

Ms. Aditi Cherian, Vice Principal

Mr. Akhil Raj, Committee Coordinator

Ms. Sandhya G S, Committee Member

Ms. Deepa G, Committee Member

Mr. Sampath Kumar M, Committee Member

Ms. Manjula G, Committee Member

Mr. Dinesh Kumar M, Committee Member

Ms. Gayathri M, Parent Member

Master. Vinod Kumar, Student Member

Kumari. Sancia. Student Member

#### • **Nutrition Committee**

The Nutrition Committee convened on July 24th, November 9th, and February 14th to outline its objectives, deliberate on the Nutrition Policy, analyze the detrimental effects of junk food, propose a Nutrition Chart, emphasize the importance of consuming healthy foods to reduce the risk of depression, and advocate for the strict implementation of the Nutrition Chart for the upcoming academic year 2024-25.

List of members –

Ms. Meera Amit Kamat, Principal

Ms. Aditi Cherian, Vice Principal

Ms. Merlina Y, Committee Coordinator

Ms. Gayathri M, Committee Member

Ms. Geetha Hiremath, Committee Member

Ms. Kusuma G N, Committee Member

Ms. Spoorthi K S, Committee Member

Mr. Akhil Raj, Committee Member

Mr. Nikhil Gowda, Committee Member

Ms. Padma G Kulkarni, Committee Member

### • School Inclusion Committee

The School Inclusion Committee convened on 13<sup>th</sup> October and 25<sup>th</sup> March to deliberate on the significance and objectives of inclusion within the school community. Discussions encompassed the roles of committee members, the process of identifying and addressing various forms of difficulties faced by students, including both general and academic challenges. Plans were made for the observation and implementation of strategies to support these students, as well as the organization of remedial classes for the upcoming academic year 2024-25, with consideration given to appropriate planning and segregation.

List of members –

Ms. Meera Amit Kamat, Principal

Ms. Aditi Cherian, Vice Principal

Ms. Sandhya G S, Committee Coordinator

Ms. Jyothi Hebbar, Counsellor

Mrs. Kavitha R, Special Educator

Mr. Akhil Raj, Committee Member

Ms. Rosy, Parent Member

#### • Parent Teacher Association

On August 7th, 2023, our school facilitated the Parent-Teacher Association meeting, which was chaired by the Principal, Vice Principal, and various class in-charges. Discussions revolved around informing parents about updates in assessment methodologies and the introduction of the Holistic Progress Card in accordance with CBSE guidelines. Additionally, details regarding the School Annual Exhibition and information from the school Almanac were shared during the meeting.

List of members –

Mr. Amit Kamat, Secretary

Ms. Meera Amit Kamat, Principal

Ms. Aditi Cherian, Vice Principal

Ms. Deepa G, Committee Co-ordinator

Ms. Maya Kunwar, Parent Member

Ms. Meenu Dubey, Parent Member

Ms. Rupini, Parent Member

Ms. Revati K, Parent Member

Ms. Radhika K, Parent Member

Ms. Jalaja, Parent Member

Ms. R Mariammal, Parent Member

Ms. Deepa, Parent Member

Ms. S Sushma, Parent Member

Ms. Indumati, Parent Member

Ms. Jyothi, Parent Member

### Conclusion

The academic year 2023-24 stands as a testament to the collective efforts and unwavering dedication of the entire Romasha International School community. As we eagerly anticipate the future, our commitment to nurturing young minds, fostering holistic development, and preparing students to become responsible global citizens remains steadfast.

Throughout the year, our students actively engaged in a myriad of curricular and cocurricular life skill activities, enriching their educational journey and shaping their overall growth.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the School Management, Secretary, Vice Principal, Teaching Staff, Office Personnel, Housekeeping Staff, Parents, and Students for their unwavering support and cooperation. It is through their collective efforts that we have achieved success and progress.

With this, I conclude the report, expressing my sincerest thanks to all involved.

Thank you.