

## A Kaleidoscope of Festivities:

### Celebrating the Festival of Lights with Colourful Lanterns and Happy Little Hearts

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Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated all over the world. Diwali or Deepawali means 'rows of lights' symbolises the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and new beginnings. To soak into the spirit of the festivities, the pre-primary and primary section students of S.B. Patil Public school had a pre-Diwali bash on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. To double the celebrations the day was also marked as a bagless day.

The Diwali celebration at school means a festive look with lanterns and other decorative items adorning the classes and corridors. The activities permeate with an atmosphere of togetherness and hope. This was exactly the scene in the school premises. The students were all dressed up in their best traditional outfits. The teachers narrated the stories related to this festival; spoke about the significance of the festival, and also about why and how Diwali is celebrated.



The Nursery kids enjoyed a colour-dabbing activity on the paper cups, which were later transformed into colourful lanterns. To their joy, the tiny tots got their self-painted lanterns as a takeaway Diwali gift.



The Junior KG students immersed themselves into a diya decoration activity with various colours and glitter. The Senior KG students tried their hands at lantern-making using glazed paper. Using their little creative minds and and with the

teachers' assistance, their efforts culminated into colourful lanterns which they proudly displayed later in the school corridors. All these activities help in the development of the students' fine motor skills.



As a part of bagless day, the Junior KG students had a book-reading session wherein they could pick any book from a bunch and go through it, observe the pictures and try to understand what the pictures are depicting. The Senior KG students had a story-telling session wherein students read simple storybooks and narrated the stories to the whole class. All these activities helped in instilling a love for reading at a very young age.



The Junior KG and Senior KG students also made Diwali greetings cards. They gifted these cards along with decorated diyas to the maushis as a token of appreciation - a lesson learnt through humanity - the theme of the month.

Meanwhile, the Red House of the organised a Diwali programme. Students as well as teachers donned colorful attire. The day started with a prayer following which information about Diwali was also shared. A re-enactment through a dane was performed by the students, and was the main attraction of the programme



To celebrate a safe Diwali, a video was shown to students, and based on it quiz questions were asked. Students also showcased their talents in the most stylish way by doing a ramp walk. And finally, the event ended with a dance performed Mr. Ajay Sir Chawaria and Ms. Varsha Kulkarni along with the students Ma'am

Although the festivities ended the students were overjoyed with the celebrations and looked forward to the Diwali vacation that commenced from the next day.