

# Janamashatmi Celebration at S.M.I.L.E

Once again it was time for celebrations at S.M.I.L.E. After Eid and Onam the children geared up to celebrate Janamashatmi.



The little ones came in colourful attires posing as Radha, Krishna, Gopis, Yashodha, Nand and Sudama. The festival was observed as a cultural exchange. Children of Prep- B presented a play, a dance on Krishna's flute, and the vibrant Dahi Handi festival of Maharashtra.





The role play emphasized the importance of family and friends and being the best one can towards them. Krishna and his brother Balram sang the song 'Yeh hamara ghar, hai payra ghar.....'. Through the play children learnt about Krishna's family and his friends. He also showed how he helped his parents at home by taking the cows for grazing every day. Krishna's friends celebrate his birthday in the forest, sing 'Happy Birthday' song and talk about what they like in Krishna. Gopis and animals dance on the tunes of Krishna's flute. Our children were able to relate to the story instantly as it is connected to the Theme of 'My family and friends'.







Through an energetic depiction of Dahi Handi festival celebrated in Maharashtra children got a glimpse of how diversely Janamashtmi is celebrated in different parts of India.



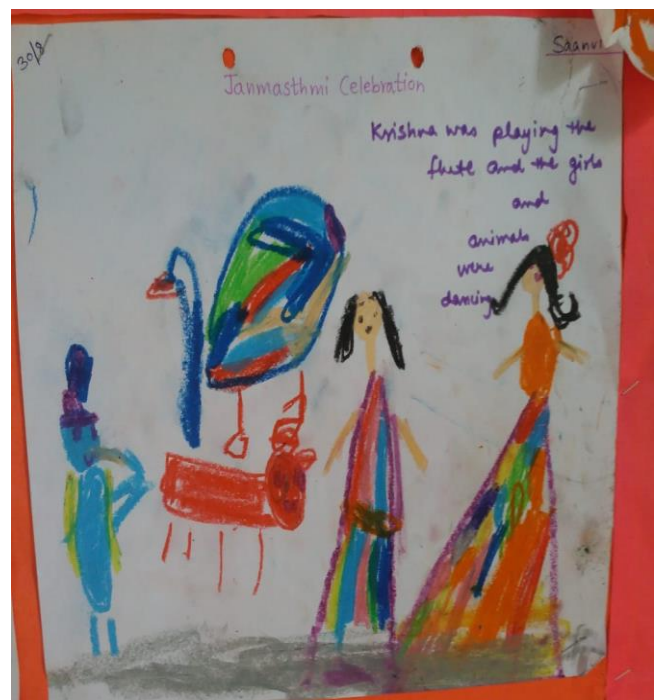
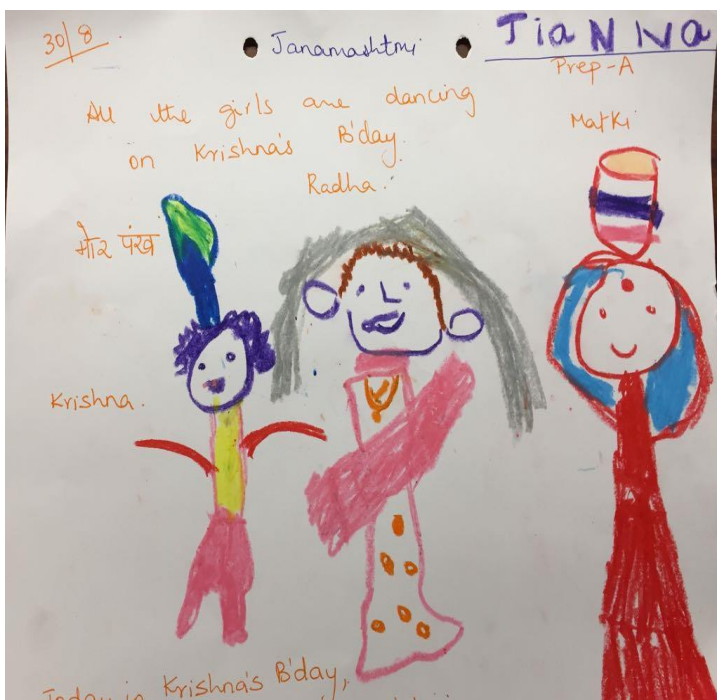
Children dressed as little 'Gwala's of Gokul and made a grand entry. They created a simple human pyramid to reach the Dahi handi hanging above. The parents and the children



watching this scene joined in the chanting 'Go- go- go Govinda' and merry making of the festival.



As always the children enjoyed watching the show and recalled the event in great detail through their vibrant illustrations.



It became a wholesome experience as all children spoke about the strengths they saw in little Krishna and also identified their own.



In circle time discussions children spoke about what they liked about Krishna.

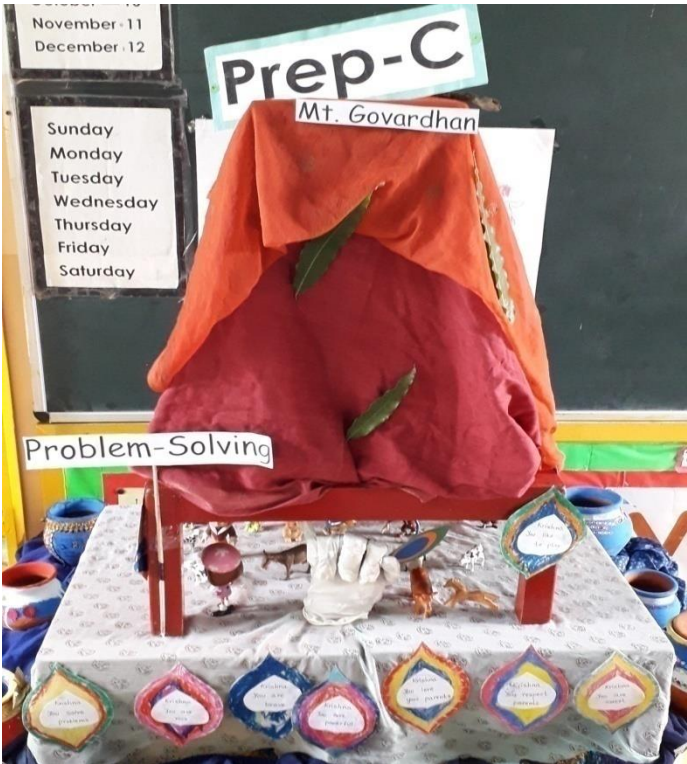
The children enjoyed making colorful flutes with paper and painting matkis.



Next day every class made a Jhanki depicting various thoughts. Each Jhanki represented an aspect of Krishna's life. Children enthusiastically participated in making the Jhanki.

Krishna - problem Solving

Krishna – Unique strength playing flute.





**Krishna – A great friend**



**Krishna being helpful**



**Welcome to Krishna's birthday celebration.**



**Unity is Strength**



**Krishna- the greatest friend and so are the trees –**

**Tree of life**



**friends of human kind**



## Bonding with Nature



The little ones were both excellent participants and enthusiastic spectators and enjoyed every moment of the celebrations.

Warm Regards

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