

# Janamashtmi Celebrations at S.M.I.L.E

Once again it was time for celebrations at S.M.I.L.E. After Rakhi the children geared up to celebrate Janamashtmi.



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# All Dressed Up

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



# Janamashtmi Play By Prep-A

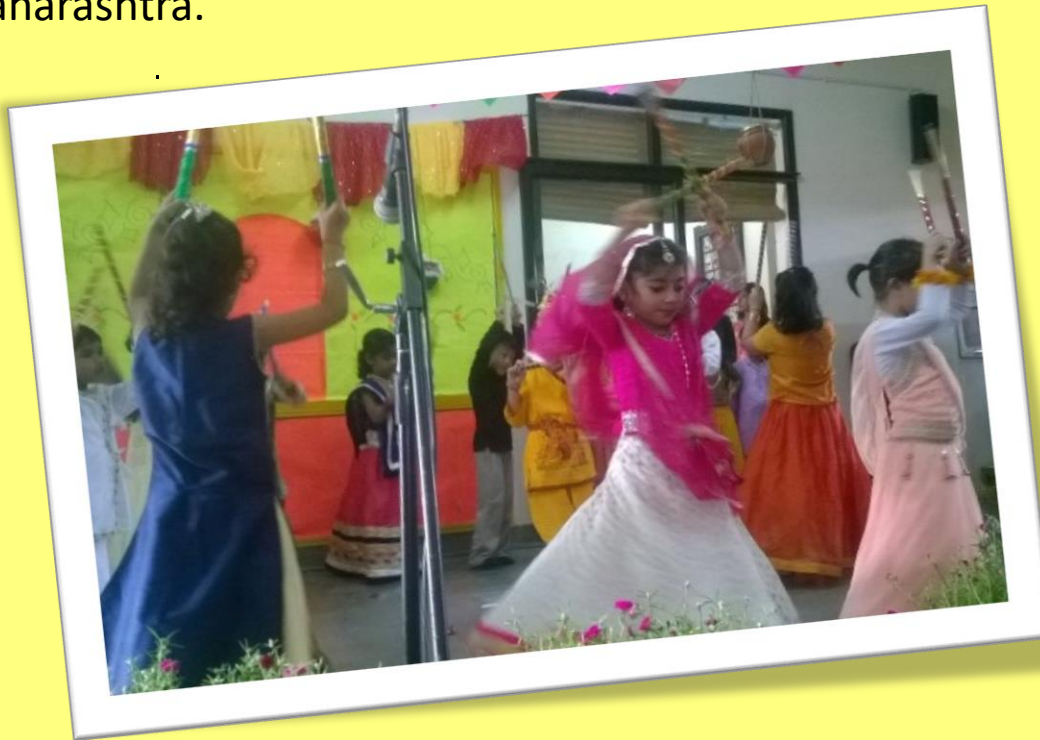
The role play emphasized the importance of family and friends and being the best one can towards them. Through the play children learnt about Krishna's family members and his group of friends. Krishna spoke about what he likes to eat and play. He also showed how he helped his parents at home by taking the cows for grazing every day. Our children were able to relate to the story instantly as it is connected to the Theme of 'My family and friends'.





# Krishna Dandiya Dance

The children got a glimpse of how diversely Janamashtmi is celebrated in different parts of India through a Gujarati dandiya dance and the energetic depiction of Dahi Handi festival celebrated in Maharashtra.



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# Festival Of Dahi Handi



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 and merrymaking of the festival.



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# Janamashtmi Tableau

A live tableau was set up to take children back in time and narrate to them the story of Krishna's birth.

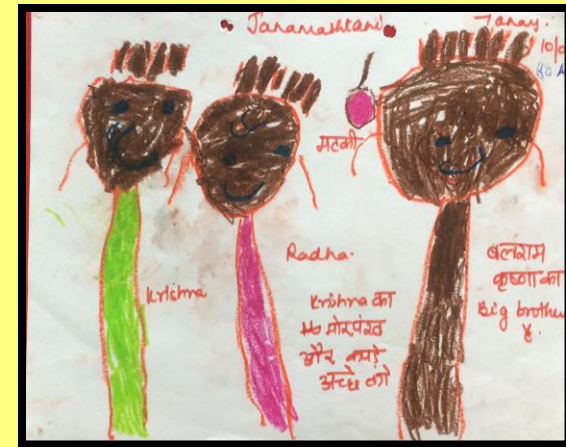


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# Recall of Janamashtmi

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



# Anecdotes

It became a wholesome experience as all children spoke about their strengths as they saw in little Krishna.

In circle time discussions children spoke about what characteristics they liked about Krishna.  
John Prep A- “I liked that Krishna could make beautiful music with his flute. I wish I could play the flute.”

Tripti Prep-C - “Krishna helps his mummy and papa. I also help my mummy by filling the water bottles in the fridge.”

Rachit KG-A- “Mujhe toh Krishna ki Radha sabse achi lagi “

Subhranshu NUR A- “Mujhe Krishna ban ne ka bahut maan kar raha hai. Main bhi Krishna banker dance karunga”





# Janamashtmi Craft

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



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# Thank You



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



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