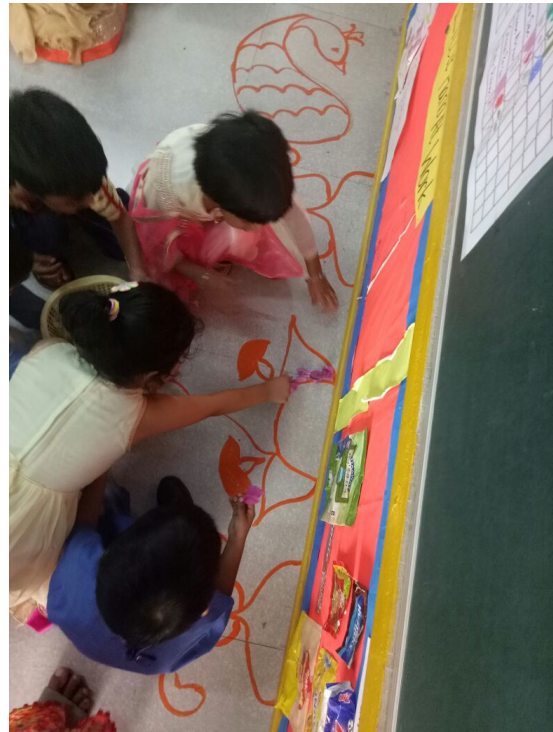


Diwali Celebration

This year too Diwali brought an opportunity for a great cultural exchange. Children crafted Lanterns, made beautiful Diyas and wonderful Rangoli in their class. But these were no ordinary rangolis as children made them with the fallen leaves, flowers, twigs and feathers they collected during the nature walk.



On 13th of October Nursery A presented a special role play to help Santa Marians understand the true meaning of Diwali. The play depicted that Diwali is a festival of lights and not crackers. Children also presented the environmental and health issues that arise due to burning crackers and how do they affect infants, animals and old people particularly.



Important discussions on “how should we celebrate diwali?”, “Green and clean Diwali” and “the effects of burning crackers on the environment and on human beings” were conducted during the Circle Time. Where children promised “ Main Vaada karta hu ke pathake nahi jalaunga kyonki mere ghar mein ek pet dog hai,

woh darr jayega”, “ Main pathake nahi phodunga , mere ghar mein chota baby hai” .

Many days before Diwali, children were given news updates on noise and air pollution. We also understood how Diwali can also be a festival of sharing and caring for people in need. All Santa Marians pledged to keep crackers away from Diwali and light beautiful lamps and diyas instead.

On the day of celebration children looked very happy, wearing the traditional attire and sharing sweets with teachers, friends, didis and bhaiyas, making the occasion more joyous, bright and colorful.

Finally I think nursery succeeded in delivering the message of Diwali that it is a festival of Lights, sweets, caring, sharing the **H a p p i n e s s . . .**



