



SANTA MARIA INTEGRATED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
4, Green Avenue Lane, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi- 110070

Onam Celebrations 2021

Santa Maria celebrated Onam on Friday 19th August. All prep children came dressed in traditional festive attire from Kerala for their offline session. A day before the celebration king Mahabali's story was narrated in the session for children to understand the significance of the festival.



In school the day started with a circle time on a discussion about the significance and importance of the festival. Children also located the state of Kerala on the map of India. They took baskets and paper bags for the nature walk to collect articles for the pookalam. Everyone took turns to make it in their small groups. It was heartwarming to see the joy with which children engaged in the activity as they giggled and laughed while interacting with each other.



The real fun started with the iconic boat race on the foot tapping song 'Kunttannadan punjyali...'. It was a new experience for all to sit and row the boat along with the rhythm of the song.



Kg and nursery children also enjoyed the celebrations while being at home. Participating in the famous 'Pullikali' dance also known as the tiger dance was most enjoyable activity for our little ones.

Eating the traditional payasam made with lentils and coconut milk gave everyone a taste of new flavors.

There was creativity at its best when children used fruits and vegetables along with flowers and leaves to make pookalam at home. It was truly an eventful day with a rich cultural exchange.



[More Photograph](#)

50 Years of Nurturing the Future