

COLOURS OF COLLABORATION – CELEBRATING HOLI WITH OLD CLEEVE FIRST SCHOOL, SOMERSET, UNITED KINGDOM

Effective teaching is rooted in a dedication to lifelong learning, a principle embraced wholeheartedly by our pre-primary teachers. Recently, they facilitated an engaging educational experience for the young students at Old Cleeve First School in Somerset, United Kingdom. This collaborative initiative aimed to immerse children aged 3 to 7 in the rich and colourful culture of India.

The lesson began with a captivating storytelling session, where Ms. Arpita Chatterjee and Ms. Ranjana Chauhan narrated the timeless tale of the demon king, Hiranyakashipu and his brave son, Prahlad. The children sat in rapt attention, their wide eyes reflecting the intrigue of the story as they learned about themes of bravery and devotion.

Following the storytelling, the atmosphere transformed into a vibrant celebration during the 'Rainbow Riot' activity. Ms. Natasha and Ms. Preeti Sethi introduced the children to a variety of colourful Indian foods and drinks traditionally associated with festivals, allowing the students to explore the diverse flavours and significance of each item. The lively presentation sparked curiosity and excitement among the young learners.

To further enhance their understanding of safe, natural colours, Ms. Gurpreet K. Verma and Ms. Sukhmani Kaur performed a delightful skit. Through their engaging performance, they shared the importance of using environmentally friendly colours, making it both educational and entertaining. The students were captivated, eager to learn about sustainability in a fun way.

The creativity continued as students participated in a hands-on activity, crafting their own hand puppets under the guidance of the talented Ms. Gunjan Shandilya and Ms. Sakshi Malik. The buzzing energy in the virtual classroom was palpable as the children joyfully transformed simple materials into imaginative puppets, expressing their newfound creativity.

Throughout the lesson, the students displayed an infectious enthusiasm, eagerly participating in every activity with smiles and laughter. The online interaction was filled with cheerful applause and encouragement, creating an inviting and interactive learning environment.

This enriching event took place online on February 26, 2026, marking another successful milestone for the teachers of G.D. Goenka Public School Dwarka as they showcased their commitment to innovation in education. The meticulous planning and coordination led by Ms. Richa Sharda Bhardwaj, alongside Ms. Abigail Needs, the Senior Teacher at Old Cleeve First School, ensured that this cultural exchange was not only educational but also a memorable experience for all involved.

