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HAPPY DEEPAVALI

Dear Parents,

We celebrate our Deepavali festive which is an in-house celebration with our lovely children. The day was beautifully enhanced by our teachers and children dressed in stunning Indian traditional costumes.

We began our celebration by sharing the enchanting story behind Deepavali, which celebrates the triumph of good over evil. The children gathered around eagerly as we explained how this Festival of Lights symbolizes the victory of light over darkness.

In a magical moment, we lit candles at our display corner, filling the room with warm, golden light.

The children's eyes sparkled with wonder, helping them truly grasp the beautiful meaning of this special festival.

For our creative activity, we divided the children into four enthusiastic teams to create their own "Rangoli" - a famous Indian traditional art form made with coloured rice that traditionally adorns home entrances. According to ancient belief, all guests, including our tiny friends [the ants], should be welcomed on this auspicious day!

This year was extra special as many of our children remembered creating Rangoli from previous years. They worked together brilliantly, carefully placing the rice to form vibrant patterns on the ground. With bright colours and boundless enthusiasm, the children brought their unique designs to life, showcasing both their creativity and impressive teamwork. Their beautiful Rangoli creations added a festive touch to our celebration and filled everyone with pride!

We're thrilled to share that our children absolutely loved their special Deepavali treats! During snack time, our kindy children were delighted to be served delicious homemade murukus and cookies. Their faces lit up with joy as they savored each crunchy bite, and many eagerly came back for seconds! These special snacks truly made our Deepavali celebration even more memorable.

A week before Deepavali, our talented young artists embarked on a creative journey making paper quilling "rangoli." The teachers prepared colourful paper strips, and with gentle guidance, the children learned to roll these strips and arrange them into beautiful "rangoli" patterns. Each child proudly created their own mini quilling "rangoli," and together, they collaborated on larger group projects that showcased their teamwork.

This engaging hands-on activity was more than just fun – it was a wonderful opportunity for our children to explore their artistic abilities while learning about traditional Deepavali art forms. Watching them experiment with colours and shapes while working together brought such joy to our classroom. Their enthusiasm and creativity truly captured the spirit of Deepavali!

The highlight of our celebration was a magnificent Deepavali feast! We were delighted to welcome back Aunty Anny on that day with her team prepared a delicious Deepavali lunch for everyone, filled with a variety of festive dishes. The children were thrilled to experience dining on banana leaves – a wonderful cultural tradition!

The delicious spread included aromatic tomato-carrot rice, mild and tasty egg curry, stir-fried French beans, refreshing cucumber salad, and everyone's favourite – crispy papadam! The unique dining experience and delightful flavours made our celebration truly unforgettable.

We were honoured to have Teacher Jeanne, our beloved mentor, join our Deepavali festivities! Her warm presence and enthusiastic participation added extra joy to our celebration Her involvement made the day even more special for everyone.

And what's a Deepavali celebration without some exciting finale? Our day ended with gleeful bursts of joy as the children played with small, safe pops! Their laughter and cheers filled the air as tiny crackers created playful sounds on the ground. This carefully supervised activity allowed our children to experience a cherished Deepavali tradition in the safest, most enjoyable way possible. What a wonderful way to conclude our magical celebration!

Upcoming Events

Get ready for our upcoming highlight – Yorkland's Graduation Day! Our soon-to-be graduates are bubbling with excitement as they prepare for their special milestone. Their creative spirits are shining through as they craft their own musical instruments and design beautiful graduation crowns.

It's heart-warming to see their little faces light up with joy and pride as they carefully decorate their crowns and create unique instruments for their big performance. These lovingly handmade items will add an extra special touch to our graduation ceremony, making it truly memorable. Each creation reflects their individual personalities and represents the amazing growth and achievements of our precious graduates throughout their journey at Yorkland.

The parents of graduating children please join us on this special day!