

## PRINCIPAL DESK

## **VOL VIII**

Dear Staff members, Parents and Students,

Díwalí remínds us of festívals of Líght and Líght remínds us the presence of Almíghty God.

Díwalí symbolízes the spírítual víctory of líght over darkness, good over evíl and knowledge over ígnorance.

Let God be the Centre of our life to give us peace and happiness in our Families, Society and Nation.

We hope your Díwalí celebratíon will be a bright and wonderful. May your lífe be as colourful, shimmering and magical as the lights of Díwalí. May the gleam of *díyas* enlighten your spírit and vanquish darkness from your lífe.

Wishing you all a very Happy Diwali and prosperous New Year!

## DIWALI - FESTIVAL OF LIGHT"

Light the Lamp of Wisdom, Dispel the darkness of ignorance...."

Diwali is a festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated all over the world. The festival usually lasts five days and is celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar month Kartika (between mid-October and mid-November). Diwali symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". The festival gets its name from the row (*avali*) of clay lamps (*deepa*) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness.

Diwali signifies the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya, after his 14 years of exile and victory over Ravana. Ram, on this day, was welcomed to the kingdom of Ayodhya with rows of *diyas*, lightened throughout the kingdom. Thus, the tradition of lighting oil lamps on Diwali symbolizes the victory of good over evil and freedom from spiritual darkness.

The Festival of Deepavali has its own inner significance than mere lighting diyas, wearing new clothes, exchanging sweets and bursting crackers. It's a five-day celebration.

DAY ONE: Dhantrayodashi.

DAY TWO: Narak Chaturdashi.

DAY THREE: *Laxmi Pujan* and Diwali *Paadva*. On this day of the festival, families gather together for Lakshmi puja, a prayer to Goddess Lakshmi.

DAY FOUR: Gowardhan Pooja.

DAY FIVE: *Bhaubheej*. It is a festival to celebrate this pious relationship of siblings.

The festival of Deepavali has a deep spiritual meaning, it essentially means the Awareness of the Inner Light. In a way it is the celebration of the awakening and awareness of the Inner Light which has the power to outshine darkness and clear all obstacles in life.

Diwali's essence lies in the sloka, *'Tamaso ma jyotirgamaya'* which means "Lead me from darkness to light." Similarly, we have to light the lamp of happiness, the lamp of prosperity and the lamp of knowledge to dispel sorrow, poverty as well as disease.

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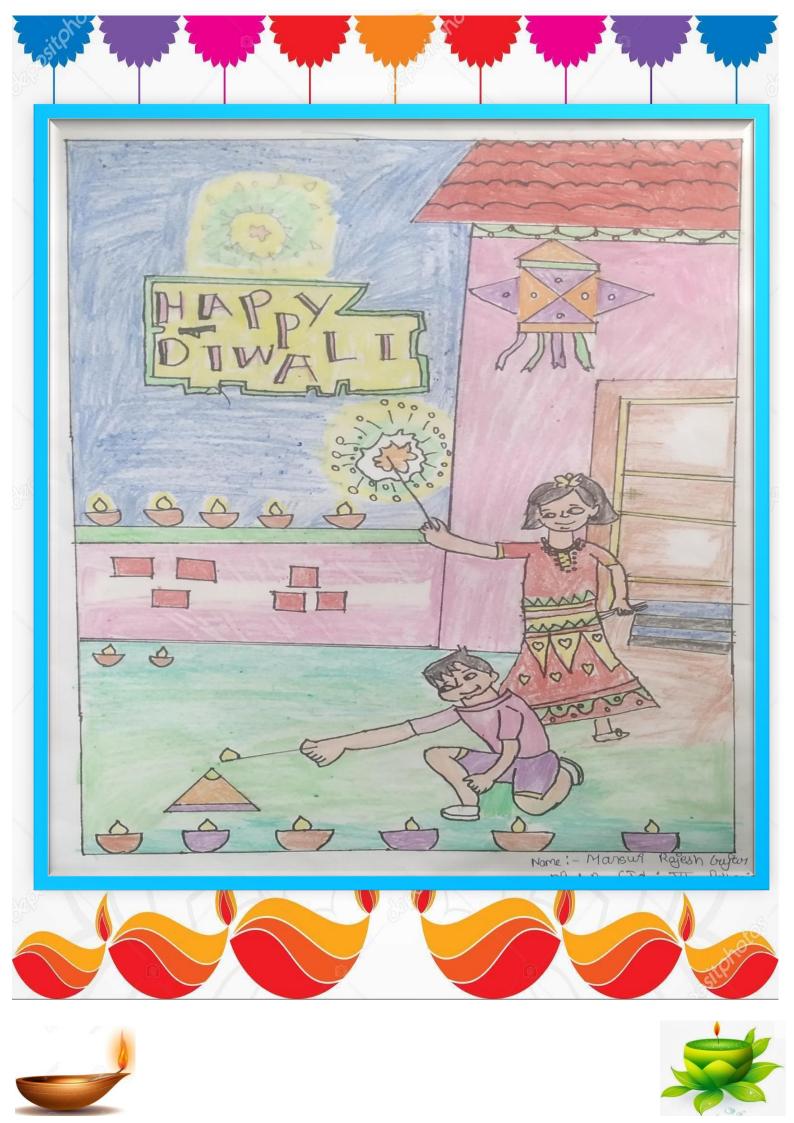
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Besides India, Diwali is celebrated in many countries likes Nepal, Malaysia, Myanmar drilanka, Mauritive, Singapare etc.
In Malaysia Diwali is known as Hari Diwali.

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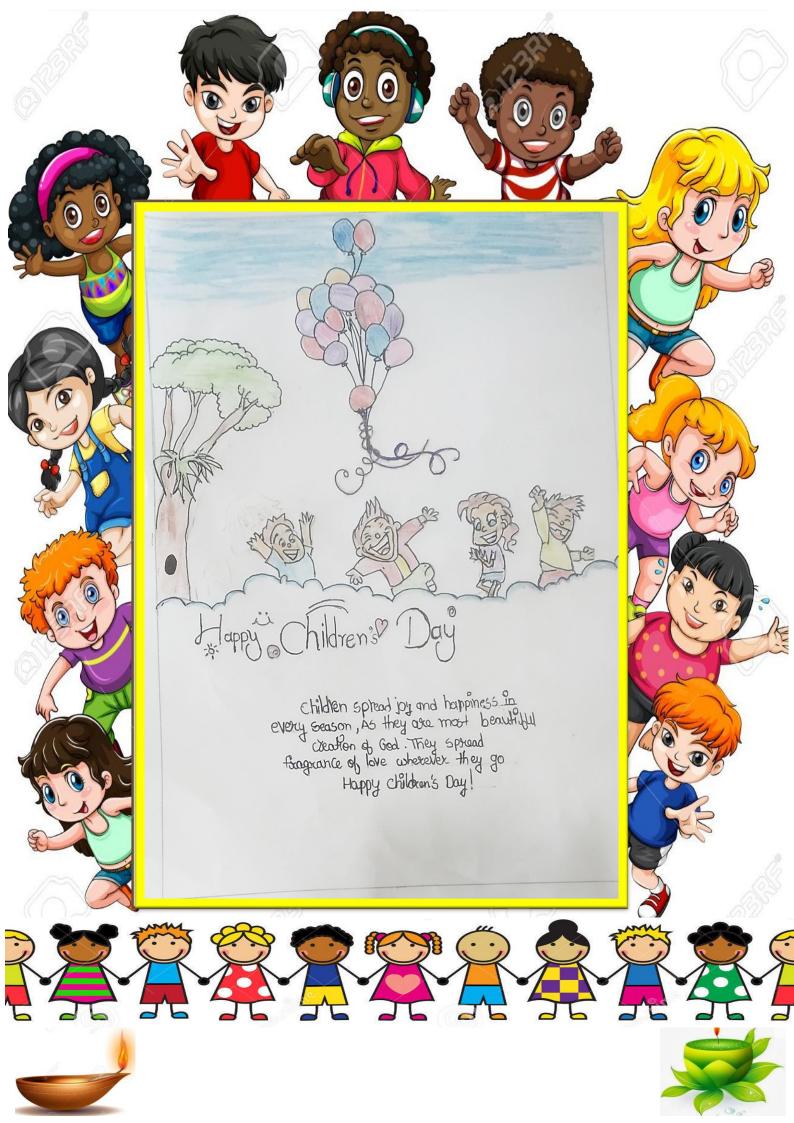




## HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY

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> Enjoy the Spirit of Children's Day











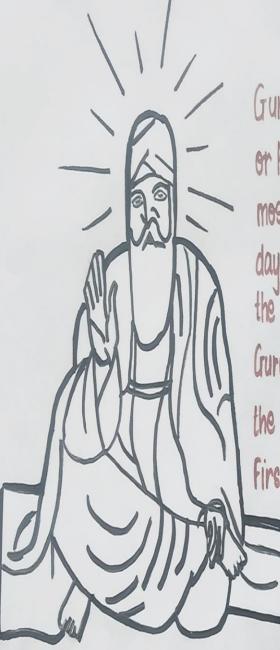
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Gurpurab, Guru Nonak Jayanti or Prakash Utsav is one of the most auspicious and significant day in Sikhism The day marks the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the Founder of the religion of Sikhism and the First of Sikh Gurus.







