



The Multi Purpose Hall was transformed last Friday into a celebration of colour & dance when the Hindu children gave a grand performance during the annual Diwali assembly.

The children enlightened parents, teachers and fellow students on why Diwali is celebrated and showed what they have been learning during their religion classes.

Class two, started off with a prayer, the Gayatri Mantra, which is the mightiest of all prayers and then told us all about Lord Ganesh. Diwali is colourful occasion. And one of the loveliest things about Diwali is the Rangoli. Each Class 1 child had to make their own beautiful rangolis and had to explain their significance. What budding artists we have... watch out Mr. Ronnie, they will keep you busy during the art lessons!



All Hindus know that Diwali is celebrated to mark the return of Lord Rama from exile. But did you know in some parts of India Diwali is also about Lord Krishna. We had wonderful cultural dance performances by both Karishma and Saumya with two dances dedicated to Lord Krishna. Drone looked great in his Krishna costume.



We have many rituals in Hinduism. Often, we just perform them without even thinking about it. Class 4 explained the religious significance of a few rituals. Diwali literally means deep valli – millions of diwas, thus the festival of lights. Payal, Soloni, Janvi and Shivali explained the significance of the Diva and demonstrated how to perform the aarti.



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We have the PYP syllabus here at Aga Khan Junior Academy. Class 5 portrayed our PYP profiles through various inspirational sayings that apply to everyday life. During Diwali, prayers are offered by businessmen during the Laxmi Puja. These are performed using the accounts books. We continued with this inspirational theme with Class 3 showing us a different type of accounting by telling us all about the BALANCE SHEET OF LIFE. This was especially for all the accountants in the audience.

Diwali, the festival of lights, is the most important Hindu festival and will be celebrated by Hindus all over the world this week. We learnt, from class 6 that that Diwali is actually celebrated over 5 days and each of these days has its own religious significance. The Hindus will start the year 2065 this Wednesday! Mr. Wilkins certainly got worried as he calculated that he would be 103 this week!



One of the longest, most powerful prayers is the Hanuman Chalisa. For the finale we had all the Hindu kids on stage rocking the hall with the modern version of the prayer.



The whole performance was entirely done by the children, including the 2 MC's. Their natural stage talent shone through as they all spoke with poise and clarity. Thanks to our Hindu teachers for preparing this event!
 Class 1 and 2 – Meeta Kanji
 Class 3 and 4 - Shilpa Shah
 Class 5 and 6 – Pam Chandi
 Delicious Indians sweets were distributed to all as Prashad.



Thank you to the parents who came to support.

**Wishing all Hindus a very Happy Diwali
 and a joyous New Year 2065**