



Vasant Valley Celebrates a Green Diwali

For the last 25 years, since its inception, Vasant Valley School has promoted the celebration of an eco-friendly Diwali.

We are all aware that bursting firecrackers causes both noise and air pollution, and year after year we promise to burst less crackers. However, we realized merely preventive action was not enough. Therefore the school took the initiative of distributing saplings for Diwali.

The Environment and Outreach Council spoke to all classes and made the students and the teachers aware of the magnitude of environmental degradation and thus the significance of our role in protecting it against further harm. We made them conscious of the fact that although a person may feel that their one sapling may not contribute to environmental change, the effort of every individual taken collectively will have a positive impact and together we can make a huge difference.

Over the years, the tradition of distributing saplings has evoked much enthusiasm among students and the faculty. It is heartening to see everyone – young and old – explore the variety of flora and pick a sapling of their choice. The sense of community, joy, prosperity and celebration that this practice encourages blends in seamlessly with the festive spirit of Diwali. Many students go on to share their experience of nurturing their saplings years down the line.

Speaking to the students, we have also realized that although a large number of members of the school have nurtured their saplings from previous years, they still burst a considerable amount of crackers. Therefore, we informed them about eco-friendly crackers which are made of recycled materials, are smokeless, noiseless and do not contribute to child labor.

We hope that every student makes an effort to nurture their sapling to watch it grow into a beautiful tree. We wish you all a joyous, safe and green Diwali!

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