

A Visit to St. Alphonsa's Church 2023



"I took a walk in the woods and came out, taller than the trees."

- Henry David Thoreau

The new session in Santa Maria has got many new experiences for Prep children in order to help them understand the world around. This month we started with exploring the vicinity. On 11th April 2023 all Preps visited a place of worship i.e. St. Alphonsa Church in our neighbourhood.

As a regular practice a 'Circle Time' was done to help children understand the objective of the visit as well as recall some of the good practices to be observed during the visit.







It was an experience in its own to walk down to the Church. Children followed traffic rules. The school guard and other helpers ensured safety of our children while they were walking.



On reaching the church the children were quick to spot the statue of Jesus on the roof. Fr. Mario Susai was waiting to welcome children and got the church door opened for them. Teachers brought their attention to the details of the building and architecture.



They were reiterated the need for silence and recollection, to be together with their own classes. They were made to sit on the pew. Children found the hymn book very interesting and they were flipping through. The children sang the prayers 'Dil ka Darwaza...', next Ruby led a beautiful song, ' My God is so good and big and kind...'

Peter asked, "What happened to Jesus? Why blood is coming?" Teacher gave a gentle answer to pacify a young minds query for the depth of the passion of the cross. They were shown how to make sign of cross, were shown Holy Bible. Children were given opportunity to do personal prayer.





Finally they were taken around the church, and were shown alter, choir area, Baptismal font, holy water at the entrance and were explained their significance. They saw statue of Mother Mary and St. Alphonsa who was introduced as best friend of Jesus.

We left the Church with our hearts filled with peace. Our children will be visiting other places of worship also during the year.

After coming back to school, children recalled their experience of the visiting a place of worship with beautiful illustrations.

In the months to come they will be visiting other places of worship.

Warm Regards,

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