

Report on the Special Assembly by Myna A and C

The story of 'Dusshera'

The festival of *Dusshera* brought with it an opportunity for children to reflect and think on the story of Dussehra. The story highlighted important situations and how they were handled by various characters.

The story unfolded with Lord Ram, Sita, and Lakshman taking blessings from King Dashrath and leaving Ayodhya for exile. They reach Panchvati forest, where they build a simple house. While living in the forest they share food and joy with animals living there, spreading the message of harmony with nature.



The play then depicted the entry of Swaroopnakha, Ravan's sister, who was offended when Ram and Lakshman refused to be friends with her. In her rage, she attacked Sita but was stopped by Lakshman. Swaroopnakha was injured. She went to her brother Ravan and told him about the incident.





Ravan, disguised as a saint, reached Panchvati and forcefully took Sita with him. Jatayu heard Sita and tried to save her from Ravan, but ended up in a fight with him. Injured Jatayu told Ram about the incident after they returned to their hut. Deeply pained, Ram began his search for Sita.



The next scene portrayed the arrival of Hanuman, who reassured Ram of his support. With the help of Hanuman, his vanar sena, and other animals, a bridge (setu) was built across the sea to reach Lanka.



Finally, the story showcased the battle between Lord Ram and Ravan. After a fierce fight, Ram and Sita reunited and returned to Ayodhya.



There was a round of discussion after the story and children were asked to reflect on what they really liked about the story and what they didn't.

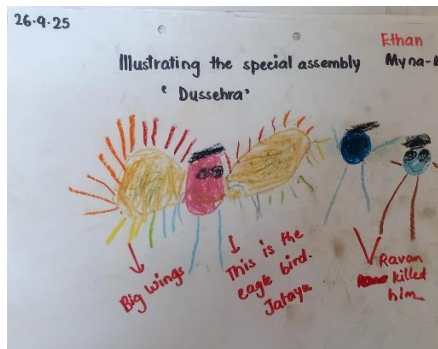
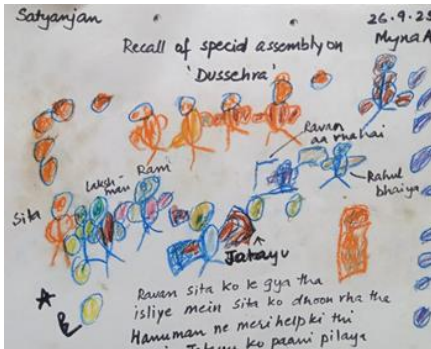
A child said, "I like the way everyone got together to build the bridge".

Another child reflected upon what she didn't like and said, "I didn't like that Ravan did not care for Sita. He took her away even when she did not like it.

A child also said, "In a war one has to win and one has to lose".

The beautifully enacted skit by the little Mynas, accompanied by music and dance, not only entertained the audience but also reminded everyone of the timeless values of courage, devotion, and righteousness that Dusshera stands for.

Recall of the assembly – The story of 'Dussehra'



Warm Regards

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