

Prep Open House 2024 - 2025

The Prep children of Santa Maria were delighted to present their activities to parents through the Open House event on 6th, 7th and 8th August.

The event is an outcome of a process that goes through phases. In the first phase we invited parents to join us for a workshop that were conducted in the month of May. The objective of the workshop was to come together and find ways to engage our children meaningfully at home.



The second phase started with the summer break when parents and children engaged meaningfully. As the school reopened after the break the classrooms started to flood with beautiful creations. In the third phase children started presenting their work during '**Show and Tell**'. This continued till all the children got a chance.



Simultaneously children and teachers discussed about the presentation in the Open house. Almost a month went by preparing for it. Children discussed with their teachers to decide which group they would like to join. The excitement levels went up as the day of the Open house came closer. All groups were ready. Classrooms looked absolutely stunning. It was an enriching experience for both children and parents to interact with each other.

Preps were divided in following five groups:

- Naturalists
- Story tellers
- Budding scientists
- Numerates
- Astronomers

Each group was seated in the area allotted to them for the Open house. This helped all of us to prepare the assigned corners according to their theme.

Naturalists

Naturalists presented engagements centred on building a connection with the natural world through the practice of observing and documenting these observations of...

- ❖ birds
- ❖ insects
- ❖ animals
- ❖ trees
- ❖ plants



Story Tellers

Story tellers presented stories using

- ❖ story books
- ❖ puppets and puppet theatre
- ❖ moveable puppet theatre



Budding Scientists

Budding scientists presented simple science experiments on

- ❖ Water
- ❖ Air
- ❖ Light
- ❖ Friction
- ❖ Sound



Numerates

The activities in 'Numerates' helped children in comprehending and understanding numbers and related concepts through variety of enjoyable games and exercises. These activities encompassed concepts like symmetry, number-based games, etc.



Astronomers

Participating as budding astronomers enabled the children to enhance their inquisitiveness and acquire knowledge about the planets and stars.



It was a very proud moment for everyone at SMILE to see our little ones talk to adults with such confidence and clarity. Most of our parents spent lot of time listening to other children in different groups.

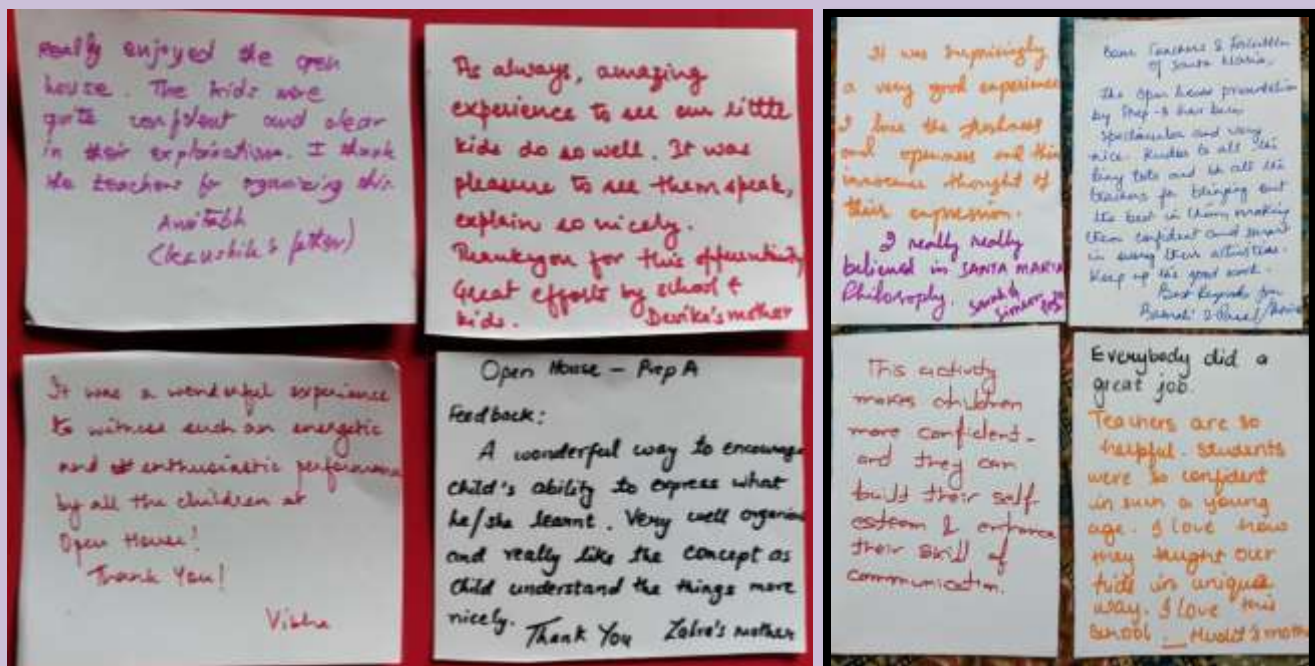
Children also made beautiful bookmarks with recycled material, and gave them to parents as a souvenir.

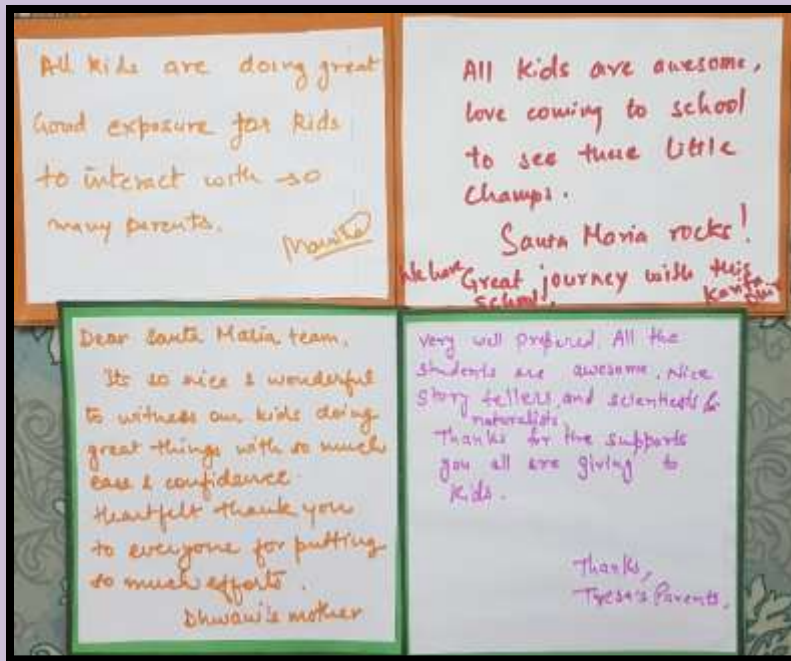


Open house was a great opportunity for our children to present their work and interact with parents. It has not only boosted their confidence but also made them aware of their strengths. From here our children will take a flight as we will continue to see their level of readiness going up with time.

We are grateful to all our parents for extending their valuable support and time to children and to make this event such a big success.

Feedback from parents





Self-assessment by children



Token of appreciation for children



Warm regards,

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