

Earth Month at Santa Maria

At Santa Maria, we dedicated an entire month to our planet earth to promote environmental awareness and highlighting the need to protect it. Every year we celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd April, aiming to have discussions on issues like pollution, plastic waste, deforestation, and global warming. This year, our Earth Day celebrations spanned from April 22 to May 17, 2024, offering nearly a month for reflection and action on how we can contribute to preserving our planet.



On 22nd April 2024, Earth Month was announced with a news presentation. Children discussed important things like what all Earth has given us? Which was followed by a video named 'The beauty of Earth' Children were excited to watch beautiful animals, birds, volcanoes, waterfall, mountains, and other gifts of nature.

Throughout the month, young Santa Marians actively engaged in discussions and deliberations on how they could contribute and be a part of the Earth month.



Sowing seeds



Helping hands – cleaning the garden and putting it in the compost pit

Engaging in activities such as sowing seeds, campaigning for resource conservation including water, electricity etc, participating in nature walks, and crafting useful articles from recycled materials significantly raised awareness among the children.

At all levels—Nursery, Kg, and Prep—every class actively engaged in the following activities throughout the month, enhancing their knowledge about Earth Day.

Stories about planet Earth were narrated through various mediums.



Shadow puppetry of the story 'Happy Earth'

Story role play – 'Happy Earth'

We discussed about recycling waste paper, cartons, and boxes, creating useful items such as paper bags and gift-wrapping paper. This process integrated various skills like folding, sticking, printing, and painting.

To enhance awareness about our planet, children illustrated the Earth, its landforms, the phenomena of day and night, and shared their thoughts on Earth Day.



landforms of the earth

Recall of different landforms



Prep students coloured world maps using crayons, with a key indicating blue for water and green for land, to understand the composition of our planet.

Children went on nature walks to observe the environment to understand the various elements in nature.



Campaigning by the children - Save trees and save water

Circle time discussions on water conservation, saving electricity and the importance of trees helped children reflect on and discuss various ways to care for "Earth." Their insightful contributions were recorded and displayed on the "Speaking Tree," crafted from waste materials.



Children collaborated on group activities like discussing and thinking what would make Earth sad or happy.

Children of Santa Maria undertook the task of cleaning the surroundings by picking up fallen leaves, flowers, and twigs, and disposing of them in the compost pit. This activity helped them understand the recycling of biodegradable waste.

Nursery children did an experiment to observe the changes that happen to an apple and a plastic bag when buried in the soil. This helped them to understand what is beneficial and harmful for the soil.

Special Assembly by Prep B: On April 26, 2024, the children of Prep B performed a play to show the beauty of our planet, how our actions are destroying its beauty and what can we do to restore its glory and make it a happier place to live.

Prep B children performed a skit to raise awareness about environmental issues and suggested solutions:

Avoid plastics - Use cloth or paper bags

Reduce air pollution - Plant more trees

Conserve water - Recycle, reuse, and save water

All the children pledged to care for our Earth. The celebration concluded with everyone singing "Earth is home for you and me...", and sending a message that Earth is our bigger home and every little action can help.



Green Warriors of Santa Maria



Skit on Earth Day by Prep B – Future of earth is in our hand... Every action counts



Children singing the song – Earth is home to you and me...

We discussed important concepts related to our planet like how day and night occur, how seasons change, and what are the different land forms found on Earth. This helped children to relate these concepts to real life experiences.



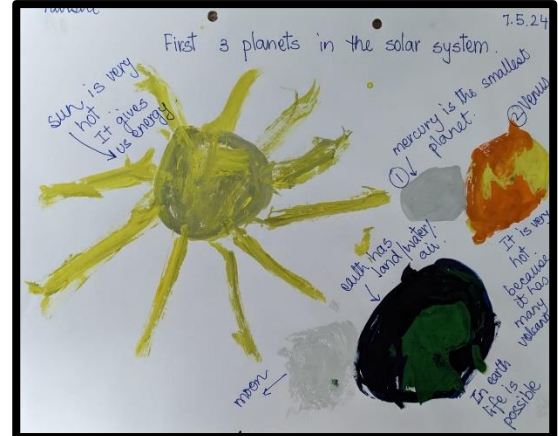
Understanding how day and night occurs



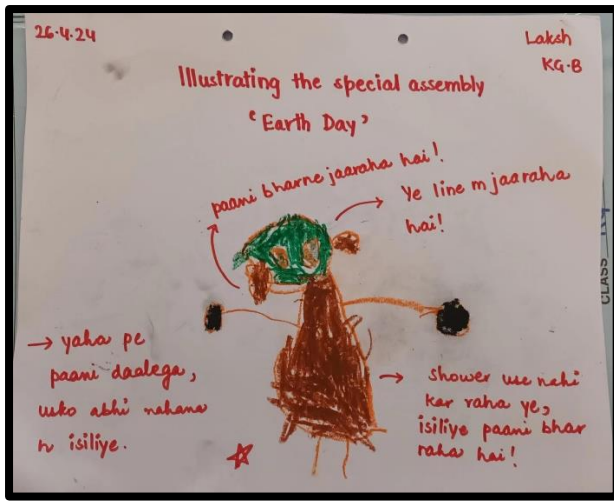
Recall – Day and night



Presentation on the solar system



Recall -Sun and the first three planets



My Understanding – Recall of Earth Day

At Santa Maria, we believe that every small action counts in the grand effort to protect and preserve our planet. By spreading awareness and educating ourselves about the impact of our choices, we understand that our everyday actions, such as recycling and reducing waste, conserving energy, or supporting sustainable practices, can create a positive change for our planet.

This initiative will continue throughout the year, hoping that our children emerge as responsible and conscientious citizens of the Earth.

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