

Gurupurab

Guru Nanak Jayanti is celebrated as Gurpurab festival across India and the world. It is one of the many celebrations in Sikhism observed to commemorate and remember the birth and philosophy of Guru Nanak, first Sikh Guru and founder of Sikhism.

This year, ***Gurpurab was celebrated on November 4, 2022*** in Santa Maria.

A special assembly was presented by **Prep B** to mark this auspicious occasion. Santa Marian's were dressed in traditional clothes - Kurta pyjama and turban and salwar suit to celebrate the occasion.

A small skit was put up by the children which showed an inquisitive child's visit to a Gurudwara to find why and how Gurupurab is celebrated.



The celebrations began with 'Prabhat Pheris' or early morning processions.

Children walked in a procession in which The Granth Sahib was carried along with the Panj Pyare who reminded us about the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.



The significance of the Gururpurab lies in the teachings we received from Guru Nanak ji.

Prep children came forward to tell us the five most important teachings of Guru Nanak ji, namely:

- 'Naan Jao' - There is only one God.
- 'Sewa' - Treat everyone as equal.
- 'Kirat Karo' - Always speak the truth.
- 'Vand Chhako' - Help people in need.
- 'Sarbat daa Bhalaa' - Love everyone.

The presentation was followed by the recitation of Japji Saheb by the Prep B Children.



Children also showed that in Gurudwara everyone is treated equally whether rich or poor. A Langar scene was recreated where everyone sat together, ate together, and cleaned their plates after eating, hence following the teaching of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.



Children also danced to the song – ‘Chare paase sukh ho baba Nanka’



In the end ' Kada Prasad ' was relished by everyone.

We are grateful to all parents who arranged for the Prasad at a short notice. It was a kind and thoughtful gesture.

Warm Regards

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