Education and competitions are very closely related as competitions are incorporated in education for the all round development of student. Indeed, without competitions, we cannot imagine education as it enhances the knowledge as well as skills of a student.

# JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION



Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated with sheer enthusiasm at HOCL School. Our tiny tots were dressed up as "Krishna" and "Radha" and they were looking adorable in their costumes. Dressed in the attire of Krishna and gopikas, they spread the message of ancient Puranas and our traditions. This event brought awareness among the children about traditional customs while enjoying the pranks of Lord Krishna. Fun and frolic marked the presentation. The young ones also took part in traditional activity - 'Matki Phod' in order to give tribute to Natkhat Kanha who always loved to eat stolen butter with his group of friends.

#### PATRIOTIC SPEECH & SONG COMPETITION



A variety of competitions like patriotic speech contest & patriotic song contest were held to mark the Independence Day celebrations at the branch. Students took

active part in all the activities. For the contest, our students conceptualized, wrote and delivered a two-to-three minute persuasive speech on one of several topics that were patriotic in nature based on patriotism, also utilizing and interpreting famous quotes as the inspiration and foundation of their speech.

#### ELOCUTION COMPETITION



Elocution competition was conducted for the students of various classes so as to enhance and build up their speaking and listening potentialities. Various pertaining topics were taken up and listening to the students made us realize that even the law and express it in their own words beautifully! Every participant ascended the dais with confidence and a desire to excel. Indeed, the results showed the narrow margin in points obtained by the winners.

#### CLAY MODELING COMPETITION





Clay moulding is one of the ways to develop fine motor skills in children. It not only caters to the needs of pre writing skills but also smoothens wrist and finger muscles preparing them for the formal writing. Keeping this in mind a clay moulding competition was conducted for the school children. The children prepared different models of Lord Ganesha where their inherent talents were out bounded.

#### STORY TELLING COMPETITION





Story telling competition was conducted for the primary students in order to encourage the children to narrate stories in English. It was indeed a challenging competition for them. The pupils told stories from the classical tales that had moral values and tried their best to win the judges' heart.

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY





Gaiety and patriotic fervour marked 68th Independence Day celebration at HOCL School. The programmme commenced with hoisting of the tricolor flag by Dr. Chaterjee, followed by national anthem singing. Students' choir presented a melodious patriotic song on the occasion. Group songs were based on patriotism and group dances were based on the theme of folk dances. The presentation was truly enthralling as our young children displayed their talents. The students spoke about the significance of national anthem which spread a wave of love for our country.

### TAEKWONDO COMPETITION



CBSE curriculum emphasizes on indulging the students in various indigenous team sports and games. Regular Taekwondo coaching is given to all our students by categorizing them in various weight groups. As part of the coaching, a Taekwondo competition was conducted in the school premises in order to demonstrate their martial art skills learnt. All the students participated enthusiastically and displayed their talent and unique styles.

## FANCY DRESS COMPETITION





Role playing is one of the most important tools of learning particularly at the preprimary and primary level. Keeping this in view, we conducted the Fancy Dress competition for the primary section students. The purpose of conducting the competition was not only to blend learning with fun but also to develop confidence in the little ones by giving them an opportunity to get on the stage and speak in front of an audience. The themes were selected according to their relevant agegroup. Children came dressed in their colourful costumes for each theme and spoke a few sentences on the character that they depicted. The amazing number of participants and the hard work of the parents behind each child were highly commendable

#### RED DAY



One of the most interesting and perhaps the hardest concepts to teach a child is "colours". But at the same time they love anything bright and colourful. So Red Day was celebrated by the pre primary kids. Red is the warmest of all colours. It symbolises love, life and vitality. The purpose of this event was to introduce the basic colours to students. All students participated enthusiastically in all activities that took place. The children enjoyed the day by doing fun activities related to this colour. This special event day will ensure that students never forget the basic colours.

#### SOLO DANCE



An inter-class Solo dance competition was conducted for the primary section students. The competition started with great zeal and enthusiasm. Children enthralled the audience with their well-choreographed dance sequences and provided thorough entertainment with their graceful and energetic moves. Children also made use of interesting props. In their shimmering outfits they sizzled and dazzled on the stage. The goal of the program was to create fun and allow them to expand their competitive opportunities.

### GREETING CARD MAKING



As we all know that this is the time for making cards for relatives to invite for Diwali. Homemade Greeting card is a best option for Diwali. It sounds more fun and much more creativity. So a creative greeting card making competition was organised at HOCL School, where children from all the classes participated. Participants were judged on different measures like, relevance to theme, neatness, and presentation, finishing in given time message. Students and enjoved competition and gave their best.

## DIYA DECORATION



Diwali is synonymous with the celebration of life and to make this festival special, Diya Decoration competition was conducted. Children brought diyas and decorative material and decorated it beautifully. They used colourful ribbons, sparkles, beads, stars, mirrors etc very innovatively to decorate their diyas. The pupils decorated the diyas in a stipulated time. The little hands worked with imaginative minds and came out with their masterpieces. They transformed the ordinary earthen diyas into wonderful decorative pieces. The efforts of the students were appreciated.

#### RANGOLI MAKING COMPETITION





The festivities of Diwali were ushered in at HOCL School through rangoli making competition. Students participated with a lot of enthusiasm as they put together their artistic, imaginative and creative skills to make bright and beautiful Rangoli's. The students exhibited their flair in the art by making beautiful Rangoli designs using geometric shapes, deity impressions and floral motifs. Rangoli colours, flower petals and divas were used to decorate the Rangolis. The myriad colours of the intricate rangoli designs created a rainbow of happiness and decorated with the twinkling divas, gave the school fover a festive look.

# LANTERN MAKING COMPETION



As the students eagerly await the Indian festival of lights, "Deepawali", Lantern Making Competition was organised. All the students participated in the competition zealously. Students got their material and crafted beautiful lanterns using various techniques of folding and cutting paper. They later enlivened the lanterns with lights and colourful embellishments. It was a visual treat to see the children giving wings to their imagination.

### DIWALI CELEBRATION





With gleam of divas and echo of chants. happiness was felt all around the air as the school had a sparkling Diwali celebration where in the children came to the school dressed in colourful traditional wears. It was a befitting start to a much loved festival and every one wished the goodness to spread in all corners of the world. They also enjoyed the fun activities, sharing their Diwali plans, bursting crackers, eating sweets and more and the whole school was immersed in the festival spirit. The whole area was decorated with the display of the decorated divas and the rangolis and their efforts were lauded by every one for the sheer spread of beauty all around. It was the children's zeal and vigour that motivates us to merge ourselves in this light and eniov the supreme Diwali.