



Special Days Celebrated For Junior Primary Students

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Abstract

This study aims at delineating the importance of conducting and observing special days in a school in Saudi Arabia. Three days of special importance have been singled out from a list of days observed in our school. First day of school (new academic year 2022-2023).A day commemorating Rabindranath Tagore, a nobel laurate and a day on the importance for safety. Each day observed has its own importance. If one was to familiarise children with a great poet, the other day was to make them understand why we need to follow certain rules to be safe. These days inculcate a feeling of togetherness and children learn through fun. These days develop skills of life from learning outside the boundaries set by the textbooks and classrooms. The children were benefitted and the response to these days were observed in classrooms.

Introduction

Every day is special , a gift, but some days are marked with all its colours and fervour. The importance of celebrating special days other than the common national festivals is a thought provoking topic. Children get know each other better during a special event in school. National fetivals through light into the unity in diversity concept India upholds. At an early age students get to know about the customs from different parts of the country on these days. On a different note some special occassions, remembering national heroes and legends marks days of importance in a calendar. This study aims at analysing the importance of observing three special days in an International school in Saudi Arabia.

Every new academic year is unique representative of both Possibility and progress for students.The first day of class is the one day in the entire year when students will

come home and actually share their impressions of classes and teachers with their families.

Rabindranath Tagore was a famous author during the days of Indian freedom struggle. He was the first non-european writer to be awarded nobel prize in the year 1913. His poems , plays, novels and short stories are marked by fresh and beautiful verses which exhibits his poetic thought written in applaudable language adding to the literature of the west. Each year in a students life in literature will not pass without a part of his literary work. Young minds are always inspired by his words. It develops in them a feeling of self respect and they are truly motivated in service to motherland. At a young age it is important to know such legends that their values and ethics are passed on to the next generation. This day was celebrated in our school with children reciting his poems in class and getting congratulated and awarded certificates. Special assembly was conducted in the school to pay respect to this great author. For carving out great humans like him children should get to know them more.

Safety is as important as ABC. Observing a week educating the children with importance of being safe and staying safe and marking a day with special assembly being held is another day to mark. Textbooks for sure carry lot of information about the how careful life is a carefree life. But some times teaching has to go beyond the textbooks and has to have the words of the textbooks enacted before them. Children imitate their elders a lot, so being an example is very important in shaping a child's future. Actions about how to be safe at home and at school, on the road etc before the children in the morning assembly it gets imprinted in their minds. A week was observed creating an awareness on safety in our school. Children came to know about things to remember to be safe at home, school and outdoors. Observing different days are of utmost importance in schools as children understand better.

Such days give them opportunity to exhibit their involvement in the observance of important events.

Importance

When we commemorate a special occasion, we are essentially placing a mental bookmark on an experience, thereby making it easier to remember it in the future. The photos, videos and other forms of memorabilia from those occasions serve as triggers that we can use to re-live those pleasant experiences in the future.

Case Study

We have celebrated three very important days in Primary school (Junior Primary Section) Al Jubail KSA.

- 1) First day of school 3rd April 2022
- 2) RabindraNath Tagore birth anniversary on 9th May &
- 3) Safety week Assembly for our Jumping Jacks & Jills.

First day of school 3rd April 2022 : Junior Primary section of an International Indian school holds first day of school on Sunday 3rd April 2022 officially. At Junior Primary Section though the first day of school represents much more than a return to the class. For students across the school the start of every New Year is uniquely meaningful.

We planned to do Something that makes each student feel welcomed and invited.

We design two selfie frame one for boys and for girls and celebrate first day with those selfie frame we took pictures of all students in frames with the help of teachers and non teaching staff.



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RabindraNath Tagore birth anniversary on 9th May &

We have celebrated RabindraNath Tagore birth anniversary on 9th May. In this we did special assembly and put special activities too like:

Class 1 COLORING WORKSHEET which was provided from school

Class 2 POEM RECIATION

We selected best 4 students from each class (37 sections comprising 17 sections of class 1 & 20 sections of class2)



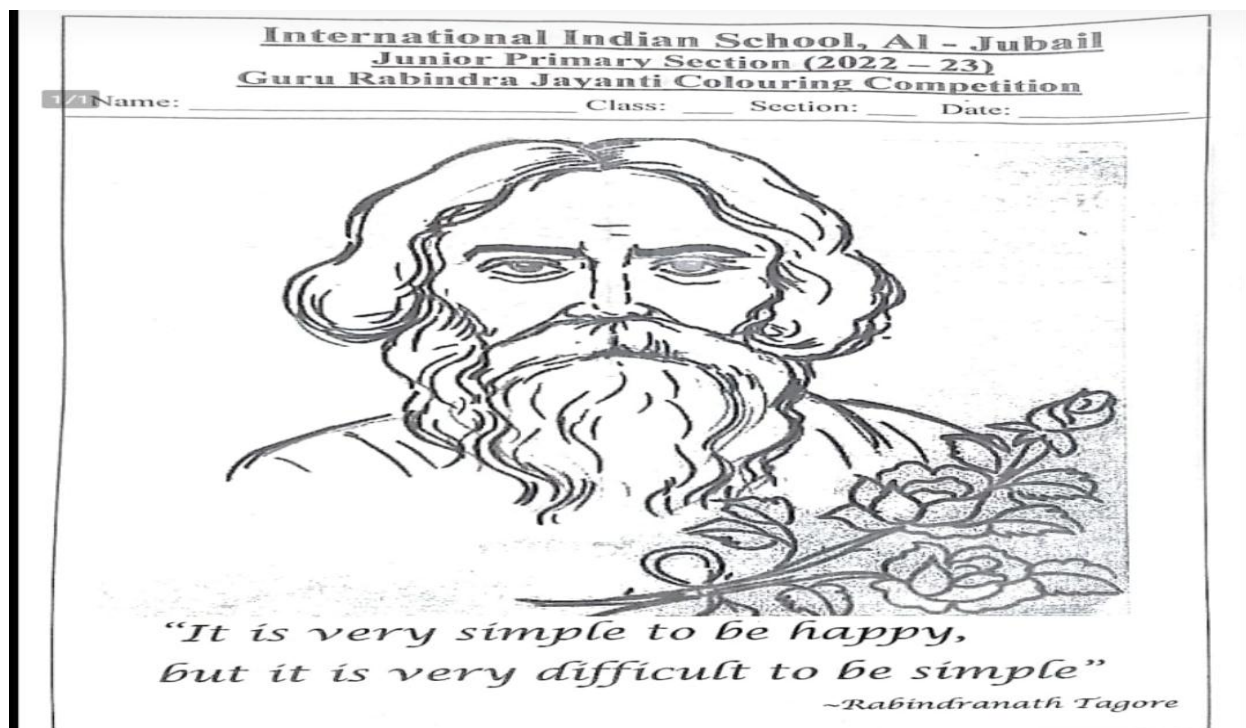
Class 2 student dressed up as RABINDRA NATH TAGORE



Supervisor JPS addressed her students on the occasion of birth anniversary of RabindraNath Tagore



Quotes of R.N. Tagore were delivered by the student of Class 2



Coloring Worksheet were distributed to the students of class 1 for coloring competition



Certificates provided to 4 students from each class of class 1 & class 2 respectively

Safety week Assembly for our Jumping Jacks & Jills.

We conducted Safety week assembly for our Jumping Jacks & Jills. In this we have elaborated them to be safe and secure inside and outside of classroom, and take the precautions always.

We made JPS SAFETY COMMITTEE, as per our past practice in this we have given orientation to the teachers that we need to be very careful and if anything happened in the school premises , there are the members whom you have to immediately inform, including JPS Supervisor.

The members consisting, myself, Dr. Shanti Rekha,(counselor) Physical Instructor(Ms Sameera) ,class1 senior teacher ,class2 senior teacher ,Discipline In charge:Ms Rojin Joseph & 1 Parent Doctor.





Safety week assembly students with their teacher, CCA INCHARGE & JPS SUPERVISOR

What Do Children Learn From Special Days celebration :

If incorporated in a sensitive and respectful manner, celebrations can provide an opportunity for children to develop respect for diverse values and beliefs as they learn about practices which are different to their own. 'Children belong first to a family, a cultural group, a neighborhood and a wider community.

Celebration of each special day brings a great sense of hope and energy to make changes in students' lives, to engage them, learn from them and be teaching them all at the same time.

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