

St. Cecilia's Public School BASANT PANCHAMI PRIMARY WING



Basant Panchami, also known as Vasant Panchami, is an important Hindu festival in India that marks the arrival of spring. The day also signifies the arrival of one of the most important festivals -Holi, which is celebrated some 40 days later, sometime in March.

The day is dedicated to the Goddess Saraswati-the goddess of learning, music, wisdom, arts, and knowledge. It is said that the goddess, who symbolises creativity, was born on this day. People hold *pujas*, wear the colour yellow to mark flowering mustard fields. They also consume yellow sweets or dishes. It is believed that yellow is Goddess Saraswati's favourite colour, for it speaks of nature's bounty and celebrates agricultural fields.

Our school also celebrated this festival online. The celebration started with the soul-stirring prayer- Saraswati Vandana to invoke the blessings of the Goddess. The teacher also briefed the students about the festival. The activities comprised of 'express yourself- that is speaking a few lines on the festival, powerpoint presentations, poems, shlokas, pictures and sketches related to the festival.

Most of the students were dressed in yellow which was a wonderful sight. This clearly showed their keen interest to participate in the celebration. They participated in the activity with zeal and enthusiasm.