

# *St. Cecilia's Public School*

## **OBSERVANCE OF 'SWACHH BHARAT PAKHWADA' (SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019)**

In pursuance of the Circular No. Acad-40/2019 dated August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 of Central Board of Secondary Education. The Swachh Bharat Pakhwada– A cleanliness drive was inaugurated on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2019 in the premises of St. Cecilia's Public School, F- Block, Vikas Puri, New Delhi, under the guidelines issued by the Directorate of Education.

For organising and observing the Cleanliness Drive in a proper manner, an effective day wise action plan was devised by the Eco Club of the school with active involvement of the teachers from primary, middle and the senior wing, all staff members and school management.

Following the guidelines as given by the authority, the school started off with observing and celebrating the 'Swachhta Shapath Day' on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. All the students took active part in taking up the oath of keeping the environment around them clean. They took an oath of not only keeping the school clean but also their home, locality and areas nearby with full rigour and enthusiasm. The students also pledged to support the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi and their motivating Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi with utmost sincerity. They also pledged to spread the message of cleanliness in the community and enlighten people about the need for cleanliness.



The next task which was taken up was to celebrate the Swachhta Awareness Day in all the classes from VII to XII through a power point presentation which highlighted the growing reasons to support cleanliness around us and the importance of community outreach. The students actively came up with their ideas to spread the message of maintaining the cleanliness. It is rightly said "Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world".

Continuing with the Swachh Bharat Pakhwada, a rally in the neighbourhood as a part of community outreach was organised by the eco club. Students of classes VII to XII took an active initiative with going around the school to spread the message of cleanliness. This was all supplemented by slogans raised by the students and various banners prepared by them to attract the attention of the people to this noble message of keeping the environment clean and saving our planet Earth. All of this was done under the guidance of Principal of the school as well as the Eco Club In charges and the school authorities.





On September 6, 2019, a Green School Drive was done which involved members of the eco club to get themselves involved into manuring and watering the plants in the school. This was done under the guidance of the principal of the school as well as the club in charges. The principal highlighted the importance planting more trees which provides us with clean environment and clean air that we breathe in.

On September 7, 2019, a very important step towards making the environment clean in the school was done which involved all the students from classes I- XII in cleaning their classes and promoting cleanliness in school with the help of school authorities and teachers.





Another important initiative that was carried on in the school was the observance of hand wash day on September 8, 2019. This activity was specially done in the primary wing of the school covering classes from I- V. "It is often said cleanliness is next to godliness", the same message was taken up as a guiding force in helping the students understand the importance of washing one's hands before eating and doing the same after, so that we maintain our hygiene.





Following this effort of keeping up the spirit of maintaining cleanliness, a small workshop was taken up by the eco club in charges to spread the awareness Personal Hygiene amongst girls. The students were made aware about the need to maintain personal hygiene and cleanliness.



On Swachhta Hi Sewa Day, a talk was delivered by the coordinator of the primary wing on how cleanliness can become a service towards the mother Earth. The students were encouraged to take up the task of cleaning the environment.

Another task that was done was the letter writing that was done enthusiastically by the students. The task or the activity planned for them was to write a letter to the Prime Minister regarding the Cleanliness initiative that he has taken up and the zeal that he is trying to generate amongst his citizens on the need to keep our surroundings clean and upholding the flagship of his Swachh Bharat Abhiyan which he started in the year 2014.

Cleanliness means keeping ourselves neat and clean by avoiding dirt. It is the best practice to keep everything clean. According to the type of things, we can divide cleanliness into various types such as cleaning of clothes, cleaning of streets, cleaning of surroundings, cleaning of houses, cleaning of person, personal cleanliness, etc. In order to maintain our personal cleanliness, we need to practice cleanliness very carefully and make it a most important habit. It

is very necessary to maintain the cleanliness of surrounding together with our personal cleanliness. We should understand the importance of cleanliness and do practice of cleaning ourselves and surrounding areas.

Thus as citizens of our country it becomes a priority for all of us to keep it clean as well as promote in preserving the planet earth by contributing a little to start with.

**NOTE: As per the circular no: Acad-40/2019**

The following activities have not been observed which will be done in the upcoming week.

- Swachhata School Exhibition Day
- Prize Distribution Day