पुन International School
Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul, Zundal

Report on Guru Purnima celebrated in" Puna International school "

on 20ᵗʰ July 2024

<u>Objective of Guru Purnima as a Group Cultural Activity</u>

- **Fostering Respect and Gratitude**

Guru Purnima is celebrated to honor and express gratitude to teachers and mentors. As a group cultural activity, it aims to instill respect and appreciation in students for their teachers, recognizing the significant role they play in their personal and academic growth.

- **Promoting Cultural Awareness**

The celebration of Guru Purnima helps students understand and appreciate the cultural and historical significance of this tradition. It connects them to the ancient Indian values and practices, enriching their cultural knowledge and fostering a sense of heritage.

- **Encouraging Unity and Collaboration**

Organizing Guru Purnima as a group activity promotes teamwork and collaboration among students. Preparing for performances, skits, and other activities requires them to work together, enhancing their cooperation and group dynamics.

- **Enhancing Public Speaking and Performance Skills**

Participating in various activities such as skits, speeches, and dances provides students with an opportunity to develop their public speaking and performance skills. It boosts their confidence and helps them learn to express themselves effectively in front of an audience.

- **Instilling Values and Ethics**

Guru Purnima celebrations emphasize the values of humility, respect, dedication, and the pursuit of knowledge. These values are crucial for the holistic development of students and are reinforced through the various activities conducted during the celebration.

- **Building a Sense of Community**

The celebration fosters a sense of community within the school. It brings together students, teachers, and parents, creating a shared experience that strengthens the bond among them. It helps in creating a supportive and respectful school environment.

- **Encouraging Reflection and Personal Growth**

Guru Purnima provides an opportunity for students to reflect on their own learning journeys and the impact their teachers have had on their lives. This reflection encourages personal growth and motivates them to strive for excellence in their studies and personal development.

On 20th July 2024, Pune International School celebrated Guru Purnima with great enthusiasm and reverence. The event was a remarkable tribute to the teachers and

mentors who play a pivotal role in shaping the lives of students. The celebration commenced at 8:30 AM in the school's Green Medows which was beautifully decorated with flowers and display boards

- **Arrival of Swamiji and Inauguration**

The event began with the arrival of the esteemed Swamiji, who was escorted to the stage with great honour. As he took his seat, the atmosphere was filled with a sense of spirituality and reverence. The lighting of the lamp ceremony was conducted by Swamiji, along with the school principal Mr.Modi.

- **Charan Vandana by Shlok Chanting**

The ceremony started with Charan Vandana, performed by the students of grade 3. They respectfully washed the feet of Swamiji, symbolizing their reverence and gratitude. This was followed by the chanting of shlokas by one student, who recited ancient verses with devotion and clarity, setting a serene tone for the event.

- **Aarti and Cultural Programs**
- The students of class 10 performed an aarti, a devotional song and ritual, in honour of Swamiji. The cultural programs continued with a Hindi skit based on the story of Guru Dronacharya and Eklavya, enacted by the students. The performance highlighted the themes of dedication and sacrifice in the relationship between a guru and a disciple.

Following this, another skit depicting **Krishna as a guru** was performed, showcasing the divine guidance of Lord Krishna to his disciples. **The class 8 Sapphire girls** then performed a captivating folk dance, celebrating the cultural heritage and the joy of learning from a guru.

Speech by the Chief Guest and the Principal

Swamiji, the chief guest, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the role of teachers in the holistic development of students. He shared anecdotes He also emphasised the cleanliness in daily routines guided path to the students . His speech was inspiring and motivating, encouraging both students and teachers to strive for excellence.

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