

ONLINE SESSION WITH THE SWANSEA SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM AUSTRALIA

On March 2nd2017, the students from the second to the fifth grades of Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan , T. Nagar interacted online with students from the Swansea School , Australia. Our students highlighted the various festivals that are celebrated in our country with religious fervour and how over the years, the celebrations disregarded Mother Nature. However, thankfully , there has now been an awakening and our age old festivals are still celebrated enthusiastically, but with a conscious responsibility to reduce pollution and conserve our environment.

The Australian students appreciated Diwali, the festival of lights and were amazed to learn that an impressive array of earthen lamps were lit to symbolise the triumph of good over evil. Similar to this festival where the family and friends come together and the house becomes a beacon of light and merriment full of laughter, students of Swansea school described that Christmas and Easter were celebrated in the same way. They squealed with delight when they saw a kite and were astonished to learn that we celebrate a kite festival. When one of our students who had recently celebrated Holi, the festival of colours , spoke about the festival and showed the colours that were smeared on her face, students of Swansea School were pleasantly surprised. One student playfully remarked that as she was asthmatic , she may not be able to splash colour water on another. This shows that students were listening to one another in rapt attention.

In short, it was thirty minutes of fellowship and a feeling of goodwill that the young generation of students globally are making a conscious effort to understand each others cultures and also go green.



Akshath Rao speaks about Vinayagar Chaturthi Arnav explains about Holi



Students proudly display their art work to their friends in Swansea School.



A student from Swansea is explaining about Christmas and the joy they share with their family members.

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