

Salutations to Teachers – Acharya Vandanam Samskaram

Our Indian tradition equates teachers to God. Realization of God is possible only through a Guru. Acharyavandanam – this thematic Samskaram, to show reverence to teachers is one of the themes conceived by IMCTF – Initiative for Moral and Cultural Training Foundation. It is based on the concept of viewing education as a cultural, spiritual and man- making endeavor. As PSBB also strongly believes in these virtues, it has collaborated with IMCTF in perpetuating them.



Lighting of the Traditional Kuthuvillaku



Prayer by school choir



Tableau of Great Gurus and Shishyas

The students of PSBB T. Nagar performed the Acharya Vandanam Samskaram on Thursday, 14th September, 2017, in the school auditorium. Mrs. K. S. Vijayalakshmi, Academic Administrator and Coordinator, PSBB Schools, graced the occasion with her presence.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp amidst the Vedic chanting of “AsatomaSadgamaya”. It was followed by the prayer song MaitreemBhajata (adopted by IMCTF).

Guru Parampara – a tableau on famous Gurus and their Sishyas was presented by the students of classes II and III. The children dressed up as Dronacharya and Arjuna, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vivekananda, Sri Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer and Smt. M. S. Subbulakshmi, Smt. Rukmini Devi Arundale and Shri Dhananjayan and Smt. Shanta Dhananjayan, Oja Ibomcha and Mary Kom, While each guru/shishya was on stage, the audience

was informed of the most important message given by the Guru which made the Sishya succeed in his or her life. The Tamil poet Bharathiyar's poem on Sister Nivedita was recited by a student.



Skit on Burmese folk tale



Rendition of Bhajan with reverence



Acharya Vandanam being performed by the students



Shanti Mantram

A Power Point presentation by the students of class VIII, depicted the greatness of Guru – Sishya relationship. This was followed by a skit based on a Burmese folktale which stressed the importance of listening to and following teachers' words. Bhajans on various gurus were sung. This was followed by the Guru Vandanam Samskaram. The Student Council Members performed Padhapuja with fervour to the teachers and sought their blessings. The school choir sang the Guru Stothram as the Padhapuja was being performed.



Mrs. K.S. Vijayalakshmi addressing the students

Mrs. K. S. Vijayalakshmi, in her speech, commended the students and teachers for their efforts. She also spoke on the significance of Guru- Sishya relationship, quoting extensively from Vedas and Upanishads. Mrs. Durga Chandrasekar, Vice Principal, in her speech, reiterated that not only humans but nature is also a good teacher.

The students took the IMCTF oath, pledging themselves to safeguard our culture and tradition and chanted the Shanti Mantra. The programme came to an end with the Vote of Thanks.

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