

VAN MAHOTSAV CELEBRATION 2023

“Nature is a tool to get children to experience not just the wider world, but themselves.”

-Stephen Moss

Van Mahotsav is an annual tree-planting festival celebrated throughout India in the first week of July to honor and pay respect to the mighty creators and the lungs of Mother Earth- TREES. To make this day memorable, JKPS celebrated the tree festival on 6 July 2023 with great enthusiasm and zeal. A special assembly was prepared by the students of class VC, focusing on the importance and history of this festival. The day began with a ‘Shabad’ recital, followed by the news headlines and thought of the day. Students briefly explained the importance of this day and the need to celebrate it. Through a mesmerizing dance performance, students have given a beautiful message to stop cutting trees and plant new saplings.



Ms. Sonia Vohra, associated with the ‘**Give Me Trees**’ trust, founded by Swami Prem Parivartan, popularly known as ‘**Peepal Baba**’ led a workshop that took place after the assembly. The topic for the workshop was the ‘**Importance of Native Trees and Soil Restoration**’. Ms. Sonia interacted with the students and explained to them the importance of native trees. She also discussed the need for soil restoration as for growing plants, we need good soil rich in minerals. With the help of an activity, she demonstrated how students could make **bio-fertilizer** at their homes with organic waste.



The event was concluded by a sapling plantation drive on the school campus under the guidance of respected Principal Ma'am, **Ms. Asha Saran Srivastava** along with the resource person, Ms. Sonia Vohra, students and, eco club teachers. The main purpose of celebrating such events is to remind us of the fineness and superiority of trees, without which our existence won't be possible. It also helped in strengthening the bond between plants and humans.

