



# Jaspal Kaur Public School

*“Inclusive, good quality education is a foundation for dynamic and equitable societies.”*

*- Desmond Tutu*

Keeping this thought in our minds, we at JKPS celebrated Autism Awareness Month from 3.04.23 – 30.04.23.

The celebrations included an awareness session on **Autism Spectrum Disorder** on 10 April 2023, Monday. The session was organized for teachers of classes PS – VIII. The talk was conducted by the school's Special Educator Ms. Shruti Sethi and the school Counselor Ms. Sheetal Diwan.



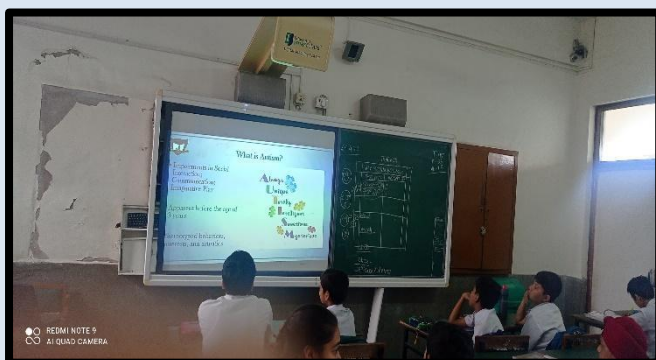
To celebrate the spirit of inclusion and diversity and on account of World Autism Awareness Day, the session focused on understanding and accepting neuro-diverse learners. Ms. Sethi immaculately laid emphasis on the various conditions that come under the spectrum, and the characteristics for early diagnosis. She also discussed in detail the strengths of Autistic children and how we can use them for creating an inclusive environment in the school.



She also laid emphasis on the various ways and strategies for teachers in order to create the least restrictive environment (LRE) for all learners. She told how we can create an equitable and inclusive atmosphere for children falling on the spectrum. Numerous ways of addressing and supporting individuals' needs and abilities were also discussed. The session was followed up by a Q & A round where all the queries and doubts were taken into account.



To take the celebrations forward, an awareness session for the students on understanding **Autism and Being “That Friend”** was taken up by the teachers for classes VI–VIII. The session was conducted in the third week of April from (17.04.23 – 22.04.23). The session focused on providing insight to students about Autism and how they can contribute to developing an environment that is inclusive and accepts each other as the person.



A lot of insightful strategies were shared with the students on how they can be a good friend to a student with Autism, thereby promoting the spirit of inclusion. The session was followed by a quiz which was conducted in the fourth week of April (24.04.23 – 29.04.23) to assess the knowledge and learning of students from the session.

