

# Prim Buddies

Primrose Schools [ICSE]

*It is not for our family, it is not to secure a good position, it is not to earn money, it is not to obtain a diploma, that we study. We study to learn, to know, to understand the world, and for the sake of the joy that it gives us.*

## Prim Bulletin

Hello friends, Welcome to the January issue of Prim Buddies!

*"You have to grow from the inside out. None can teach you, none can make you spiritual. There is no other teacher but your own soul.*

*We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far.*

*The world is the great gymnasium where we come to make ourselves strong.*

*--Swami Vivekananda*



January was a very busy month indeed. We are sure all of us are still high with the Jallikattu fever. The youth have yet again proved that they can move the immovable! Kudos to each and every young Indian who participated in the Jallikattu against PETA movement.

In this month's issue, you will read about Jallikattu and also get to see pictures of the events that took place in January. Hope you enjoy it!

*With Love and Hope, Editorial Team*



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# Pongal Celebrations



Have you guys had a Pongal Celebration in your school? Well Yes. I have had one. So, here is a short description about Pongal before I start with my celebration.

Pongal is a harvest festival, celebrated by the people belonging to Hindu faith. On this occasion people thanks the Sun God for abundant agriculture crops. The festival is most popular in the state of Tamilnadu. The harvest festival corresponds to the celebration of Makar Sankranthi. Pongal is a Tamil word means 'Overflowing'. This festival signifies good wishes, wealth, abundance and prosperity. Pongal festival is celebrated for four days of the Pongal festival are known as Bhogi, Surya, Mattu and Kaanum.

Now we know what is Pongal. So, let me tell you how the celebration was. First we had the class three perform, they did a wonderful job and they were all dressed up very beautiful in traditional dress.

Next we had the class four dance. They too were all very nicely dressed up and did a wonderful job. All of us enjoyed it a lot.



Then we had class six dance that is my class dance. We were all in traditional dress including the boys. We all, both girls and boys did a wonderful performance that all the students and teachers asked us to dance for the second time. We were all very happy.

Next we had class seven dance, which was also very nice. The girls were all so beautifully dressed and did a very very good performance. All of us enjoyed it.

Meanwhile we had our class ten girls making Pongal for the whole school. The Pongal was so delicious that we kept asking for more and more. Then we had a bullock cart ride in our school, which was very interesting and we simply enjoyed it just like that. We also so much of sugarcane which was nice very sweet and delicious.

So everyone of us present there enjoyed the day like anything. We had so much of fun. We can never forget that special day.

# Jallikkattu against PETA



If you had heard the term 'jallikkattu' more than once this year, you probably would've heard 'Peta' too. So, what exactly was all that controversy about?

Let me explain.

In India, jallikkattu is a traditional game played by the common people, using bulls bred by the farmers. There are different types of jallikkattu, but all of them have a similar aim, which is taming the animal.

For the past few years, there have been a lot of accusations to the game, saying that the players were abusing the bulls by biting their tails, or scratching its body. But this year, everything took a turn for the worse.

PETA, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, had requested the Indian Government to ban Jallikkattu, which is why a humongous crowd had gathered at Marina Beach to protest against the idea. This led to a chain of events, like a fire at a police station.



Children were given holidays, due to the violent actions of a few jallikkattu-lovers, whom the police had to ward off. Shops were closed, and colleges were shut down.

But even then, Indians stood together as one, to fight for their beloved tradition that had existed for decades.

Everything went viral and massive numbers of humans had grouped together to form a 'Jallikkattu against PETA' Organization. In the end, the Indians had won, and Jallikkattu was allowed to be restored to its former glory.

This occurrence, was a way to prove to people, that if Indians get together for a purpose, they can achieve anything, and everything.

----Zaafirah, IX

# *The Best Republic Day ever!!!*



Most of the times I have seen Republic Day celebrations in my school. We do a march past, my Principal hoists the flag, we participate in skits, we dance and talk about Republic Day. Finally, we sing the National Anthem.

But this year I got a chance to go to New Delhi. From where I was sitting I saw the President's car slowly moving towards the stage and then he was waving to people sitting on both sides of Rajpath. The weather was foggy and very cold. We were wearing warm clothes. Suddenly I heard a slow sound. Looking up I saw helicopters fly past with our National Flag fluttering under it and rose petals falling from it.

Then I saw the march past of Army, Navy and Air Force. Then I saw a lot of very colourfully decorated vehicles driving slowly on the road. On some there were people dancing, posing and sometimes talking. I have never seen anything so colourfully decorated.



The best part was the black cat commandoes jogging. Every one gathered there started clapping. Some commandoes on huge jeeps and trucks. They did not move so I don't know if they were real or just toys. My dad later said they were real people and not statues. They were dressed fully in black. We could only see their eyes. My mom said the black cat commandoes were "killing machines" and they killed the baddies.

Then I saw beautifully dressed children dance to music. I wished to be a part of them.

Then after all had marched everyone stood up and sang the National Anthem.

I am so proud of our country and would love to go back to Delhi and see the Republic Day Parade all over again.

---Luckshana Haridas, III