

## JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON MAKARA SANKRANTI

Makara Sankranti, a festival celebrated all across India, marks the first day of the sun's transit into the Makara (Capricorn), marking the end of the month with the winter solstice and start of longer days.

The theme of the first assembly of the New Year was Makara Sankranti. The assembly was conducted by class 2 students.

The assembly started with meditation and prayer followed by news and thought for the day.

Class 2 teachers initiated the topic with kite flying and then the students took over. The students were dressed up in traditional clothes of different states in India-Karnataka, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Assam & Punjab. Each child spoke about what Makara Sankranti was called in that state, how it was celebrated as well as the significance of the food during the festival. Interestingly, til (sesame), seemed to be a common ingredient across.

The students were well informed about the festival and confident in speaking about it.

