

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL JAMMU CANTT CELEBRATES **ID -UL- FITR AND INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY**

There were double celebrations at Army Public School Jammu Cantt as the school celebrated **Id -ul- Fitr and International Earth Day** on April 21, 2023 .A Special Assembly was conducted enthusiastically by the students of Mahavir House with devoutness and love. The celebrations began with an informative presentation by Sakshi Choudhary (Grade XII) , who highlighted the meaning, purpose and significance of Eid. She also talked about the various traditional customs and rituals followed by the Muslim community during the celebration of this festival. This was followed by a soothing recitation of Naads by Saiqa (Grade VII), Aafreen(Grade VI) and Danishta (GradeVI) reaffirming our faith in God. It was treat to watch the little vivians of Grade II celebrating Id with their well synchronized dance moves.

To rekindle the emotive concerns and instigate the youngsters to save, love and respect Mother Nature with all their heart and soul, the students took a pledge to preserve and conserve their self-sustaining planet. Satvya (Grade III) and Jasman Singh(Grade III) recited very thought provoking poems which left everyone pondering over the present state of affairs due to man's unending quest for development at the cost of mother nature's health. Students of Grades VI to VIII presented a skit on "**SAVE EARTH PLANT A SAPLING**" depicting the dire need to protect the Earth and proved to be an eye-opener for all. It was a very apt presentation, considering the present situation. It sent across the message that looking after the Earth is everyone's responsibility if we want a healthy life for our future generations. Then was a soulful dance by the students of Grades IV to V dedicated to our blue planet. Everyone present was rendered speechless as the School choir sang a melodious and enchanting song in perfect sync, as a tribute to Mother Earth.

The Principal, Ms Puneet Kaur, in her address, encouraged children to follow the path of peace and inculcate patience and gratitude for a beautiful world..She reiterated that every day should be an Earth Day. The Earth Day is not just about planting trees but also about saving the resources. She illuminated the young minds about their role in conserving and preserving this unique planet.

Focusing on attaining the **sustainable goals of Peace, Justice And Strong Institutions and Climate Action**, an array of creative activities were organized with a view to sensitize the children about the conservation of natural resources and to motivate them to do their bit towards making their planet even more beautiful. The Principal Ma'am , along with the NCC cadets, planted saplings to show their initiation to help heal the ailing earth. Other intra class activities like Paragraph Writing on 'Importance of Trees'(For Grades III to V) , 'Paper Bag Making'(For Grades VI to VIII) and ' Think and Write '(For Grades IX to XII) gave the students a platform to showcase their artistic and creative skills.

