

LOHRI CELEBRATION

**"Around the fire, hearts unite,
Lohri's glow, a festival bright."**

The vibrant festival of Lohri was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervor in Army Public School Jammu Cantt on 13th January, 2025. The school premises were adorned with colourful decorations, including kites, banners, and traditional Punjabi motifs, creating a festive ambiance. The celebration began with a special assembly by the students of Ashoka House. The blend of cultural performances, storytelling, and the bonfire created an atmosphere of warmth and togetherness. The kite-making activity was designed to encourage students to reuse materials, such as old newspapers, an

d highlight the importance of sustainability and to promote creativity, environmental awareness, and the joy of traditional kite-flying.

The cultural program was the highlight of the day. Tiny Toddlers showcased their talent through a lively performance of dance drama which set the stage ablaze with energy and cheer. The tale of *Dulla Bhatti*, a local hero of Punjab, was shared with the audience by Tejas Singh. Tejasvi Sharma beautifully captured the spirit of Lohri through her poem 'Lohri Aayi'. It was followed by the teacher talk by Ms Jagmeet Kour, which focused on the importance of respecting cultural traditions and learning from them.

The Principal, Ms Puneet Kaur began by explaining the significance of Lohri as a harvest festival, rooted in gratitude for nature's bounty. The address focused on the values of hard work, unity, and hope, comparing the efforts of farmers to the determination needed in achieving personal and collective goals. She extended warm wishes to all and wished for the collective success and well-being of the school community.

A beautifully decorated bonfire was the centrepiece of the celebration. The event took place in the school courtyard, beautifully decorated, creating an atmosphere of warmth and festivity. As the Principal approached the bonfire, the crowd erupted in applause. With a radiant smile, the Principal ignited the flames, symbolizing prosperity, hope, and unity. The blazing bonfire illuminated the day, bringing everyone together in a circle of joy and celebration. Students and teachers gathered around it, throwing sesame seeds, jaggery, and peanuts into the flames as a ritual of thanksgiving.

The event concluded with the distribution of traditional snacks, including popcorn, peanuts, and rewari, which were relished by all. Students expressed their joy and gratitude for the opportunity to celebrate this festival and learn about its rich heritage.



