

Lessons that Durga teaches

The victory of good over evil and how to curb the demon inside us - these are some of the lessons that the junior students of Sri Sri Academy learn as they usher in the festive season with vibrant performances. **Young Metro** reports...



Durga Puja is celebrated throughout Bengal with zeal. Every year we hold celebrations and performances

In our school with grandeur. This year too students from different classes took part in folk dances, expressing how this occasion is celebrated in different parts of India. Others sang songs and recited poems. But what I liked the most was the skit showing that Durga Puja is not only about pandal hopping or buying new clothes but also to recognise the hard work of those who make the pandals and idols

Krishav Choudhary
Class IV



I was happy to be a part of the Durga Puja Assembly. My scene was to be the hands of Durga. Like Durga's hands,

I too will use mine to help everyone

Kavya Agarwal
Class II



One activity that deserves a special mention is making creative expressions on Mahishasur. Not only did it catch everyone's attention but initiated discussions about facing the demon within us and finding out ways to transform it

Sharmistha Dutta
acting headmistress

The junior school students, comprising Lower Nursery to Class V, of Sri Sri Academy organised a special assembly and other colourful presentations over three days to usher in the festive seasons and to soak in the joyful vibes.

The assembly and other performances taught the students the history behind the festival and the victory of good over evil.

The festive fervour set in with Agomoni *gaan*. The students put together a medley of songs and dance performances related to Durga Puja, its spirit and enacted the story of *Mahishasur Mardini* and how the fight between good and

evil finally ended. The children were also taught through different activities to face their demon within and fight it. They also took part in art, craft and creative writing on the festival and its essence.

Children and teachers also performed the *dhunuchi naach*, an integral part of the puja, to celebrate and make happy memories together. The enthusiasm reached sky high.

The focus of this year's Durga Puja celebration was to involve students from Lower Nursery to Class V in various activities to help them understand that real power and strength comes from helping each other, said acting headmistress Sharmistha Dutta.



A festive-themed artwork by Krishav Choudhary of Class IV



Children ring in the festive flavour at Sri Sri Academy auditorium



Children at Sri Sri Academy tell the Durga story



The junior school of Sri Sri Academy presents a dance on Durga's victory over Mahisashur



Sri Sri Academy children present a dance to celebrate Durga Puja