

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL, LONI
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
CLASS- V
THEME: ONAM

Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala, was celebrated at St. Thomas School, Loni on Friday, 1st September, 2023 by the students of class 5. Onam is dedicated to the king Mahabali who sacrificed himself in order to stand true to his words. This festival unites everyone from all communities in Kerala irrespective of their religion and cast. The activities such as Vallamkali (boat race) and Sadhya (i.e., traditional food) which take place during this festival season are very popular all over the country.

The day was marked by the 'Onam special assembly of class 5'. The stage was decorated with Pookalam and lighted lamp. A traditional model of a snake boat which added value to the culture was also an integral part of the celebration. Children brightened the campus with their colorful ethnic wear of Kerala. The programme was commenced with seeking the Lord Almighty's blessings through prayer sung by the school choir, followed by the pledge, thought of the day, word of the day, news headlines, Importance of this festival was also shared to mark the significance of the day. A graceful 'Thiruvathira' dance was performed by the girls of class 5 followed by the dance drama which depicts all the festivities of Onam. Everyone was mesmerized by the performance of the students.

Amidst cheers of happiness & excitement, children learned the importance of this very special day. The feeling of pride, cultural oneness and a sense of belonging that we are one big family was embedded in them. The students were encouraged with an appreciation and motivational message by Ma'am Principal, Mr Ms. Shali Nair, s. Shali Nair. The programme culminated by National Anthem. It was a wonderful programme to witness.

