

LIGHTHOUSE



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FOREWORD

Diwali or 'Deepawali' as we all know is a festival of lights. It portrays the victory of light over darkness, evil over good and knowledge over ignorance. With the same principle the BCG lighthouse works on enlightening all the readers and brings them from darkness to the light of knowledge.

Diwali is one of the major festivals of the Indian subcontinent. The beautiful and colourful rangolis are made to welcome goddess Lakshmi and others to your house. During Diwali, people dress up in their best clothes, decorate their homes and hold religious rites.

On account of this festival people burn fire crackers, rockets, and use several lighting wares in order to celebrate it. But whilst we do that, we must keep in mind our environment. Even though it is a moment that occurs once in a year and the excitement level is at peak, it is high time that we educate ourselves and others who diminish the environment. But as it's said, 'Where there is a will, there is a way', there are several alternatives for crackers that we can use which do not cause harm to the environment. So as Diwali depicts knowledge over ignorance, let us not be ignorant and make this Diwali a best one by not polluting the environment.

By the Editorial team

CELEBRATING A FUN AND PEACEFUL DIWALI

Diwali can be celebrated peacefully and in a fun manner. There is a lot more to this holiday than fire crackers which are a source of air and noise pollution. Furthermore, it causes suffocation for animals and makes them terrified. To prevent this, you can use the green crackers developed by the Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) which include flower pots, pencils, sparkles, and chakkar. We can decorate our homes with lights and diyas, making the place look beautiful. This signifies purity, goodness, good luck and power. Let's celebrate an eco-friendly Diwali with spreading happiness and positivity. Thank You.

Submitted by Abhimanyu Gunaseelan
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LET'S CHERISH TOGETHER!



Diwali is surely one of the most scintillating festivals - with lamps, lighting and many festive gatherings. However, the pollution caused by the bursting of firecrackers is also immeasurable. As a part of my resolution, I will say no to celebrate Diwali with firecrackers. Instead, I will try to do simple but effective things like the painting and illuminating of diyas, decoration of the house with rangolis and lighting! Everyone deserves to be joyous and so I will also try to spread happiness and make someone's day by distributing sweets and giving them the heartiest wishes for a prosperous Diwali! Even you can make simple resolutions for this Diwali and share it with others.

Submitted by Jiya Choksi
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BE A DIYA - SHINE, SPREAD LIGHT AND ZEAL AROUND !!!

Deepawali or Diwali is celebrated with great enthusiasm in India. But amidst these challenging times of the pandemic, it is difficult to meet your friends and relatives to celebrate this festival of lights. As we cannot have family gatherings, people can resort to celebrating Diwali online.

In this festival of Diwali, let's spread positivity in the form of wishes, gifts and hugs. Spreading compassion is equally important. Let us be benevolent and kind in this face of adversity. This Diwali let us buy things from the local groups and brighten up someone else's life with love. A diya can light other lamps and make them gleam. Similarly in life, we should be like a diya – glitter, spread light and positivity and radiance around us.

Let's celebrate this Diwali by spreading warmth and being grateful to the people around us.

Submitted by Nishaad Bhat
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CRACKERS AFFECTING ANIMALS



The festival of Diwali is around the corner. There is lots of happiness and enjoyment everywhere. Everything sounds so exciting for humans but what about our speechless animals? All are aware of the ill effects of air pollution caused by the bursting of firecrackers. It has a major impact on the life of living beings as well as the environment.

Animals are petrified during festivals or events when crackers burst. We observe them sitting in a corner, shivering, gasping for air, cowering in fear, unable to stand the din of crackers.

Vets say a sudden, bright burst of light results in partial or even permanent blindness in these animals. Birds can also be seen flying aimlessly around in panic. So, if we burst crackers this Diwali it will show that we do not care for any living creatures as well as our planet Earth. Just say 'NO TO CRACKERS' and see how it feels deep within. Let us anticipate a better tomorrow, away from those carcinogenic fumes. It is easier than we think!!

Submitted by Aditri Menon
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QUIZ

1: Which city has the biggest Diwali celebrations in UK?

- A: London
- B: Leicester

- C: Liverpool
- D: Llandudno



2: Thalai Deepavali is celebrated in which state?

- A: Madhya Pradesh
- B: Karnataka

- C: Uttar Pradesh
- D: Tamil Nadu



3: What is the festival of Diwali known as in the state of West Bengal?

- A: Bhai Phonta
- B: Bhai Teeka

- C: Bhau Beej
- D: None of these



4: In which country is Diwali celebrated as Hari Diwali?

- A: Manipur
- B: Malaysia

- C: Shri Lanka
- D: Bhutan



Answer - 1:B, 2:D, 3:A, 4:B

LANTERN MAKING



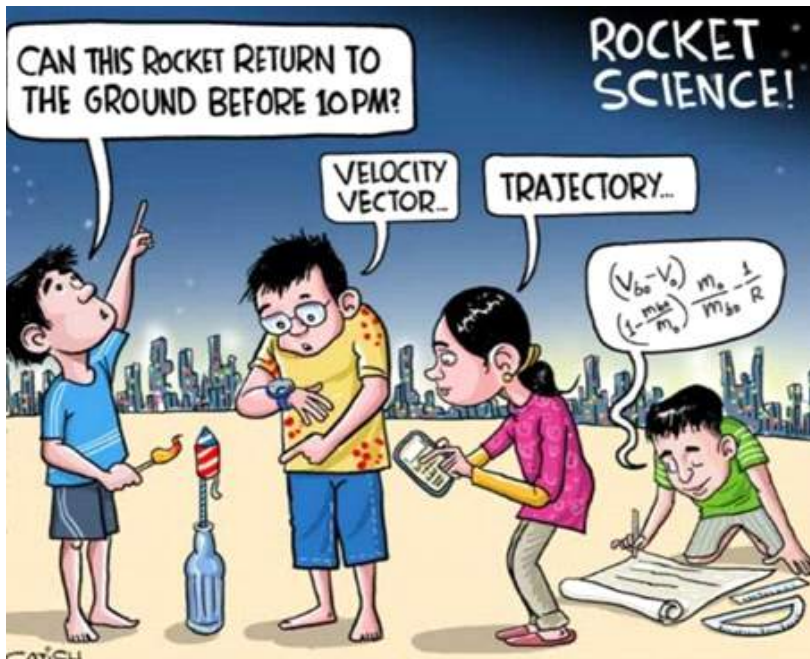
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Step 2: Mark Lines and Cut

Step 3: Tape

Step 4: Add Handle and Hang





SCHOOL CORNER

Teachers –“Virtually Yours”

“We are the leaders and we are the learners forever thus we grow.” On the 19th of March 2019, we waved a goodbye to our tiny tots not knowing that we would not meet them in person for a Hi-Fi or a mere hug. The experience of initial shock and of being thrown into disarray when the Covid-19 pandemic suddenly and unforeseeably affected our lives as teachers.

Planning is an essential part of any teaching process. We mastered the art of teaching offline, but now to switch on to the online classroom was not only new but challenging too. No sooner did the school announce E-learning, we started sharpening our computer skills. When the new academic year started, we wanted the children to have the same experience as they would have had in offline school.

Quality was not compromised on any subject of learning. Activities like music, singing, dancing, field trips and food activities were all a part of our virtual classroom. A sense of feeling that teachers are a part of their family was bestowed upon the tiny tots and they welcomed us with virtual hugs. We personalized our role of teaching to that extent where the child felt, we were friends and thus they could communicate with ease. They were always eager to share their day-to-day affairs.

As teachers, we went to the grass root level of our children. Tears of joy oozed out from our hearts, when at times we heard our tiny tots express their point of view zealously and passionately. The teacher is a human tool who connects the tiny tots from offline to online school.

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