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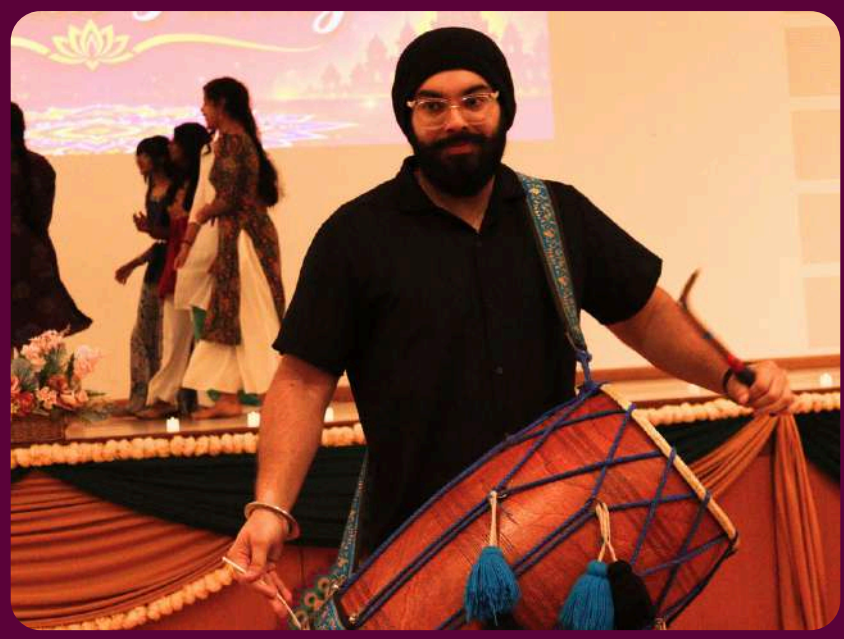
The Festival of Lights – A Celebration of Unity



Lamps were lit and hearts took flight,

On Friday, 13 November 2026, our school glowed with colour, music and light as we celebrated Deepavali, the Festival of Lights, through a vibrant cultural celebration centred on the theme "Different Traditions, One Light." The event brought students, teachers and parents together to appreciate the rich heritage, traditions and values of this significant festival, and to celebrate the unity that makes our school community special.

The celebration opened with a lively dhol performance, as students in colourful Indian traditional attire welcomed guests into the hall. Four interactive stations followed. Students sampled snacks such as Murukku, Kacang Putih and White Palkova, created kolam designs, and painted lamps for the "Sea of Lights," learning that light symbolises hope and the triumph of good over evil. A final quiz and traditional game tested their knowledge of Indian customs.









The Deepavali Fashion Parade was another highlight, as students proudly represented their houses in a vibrant display of colour and school spirit: Topaz Tigers (Yellow), Emerald Eagles (Green), Ruby Rhinos (Red) and Sapphire Sharks (Blue).







Ultimately, the celebration brought our school community closer together, reminding us to respect different cultures and embrace the diversity that defines us. As this year's theme shows, our differences are something to celebrate, and our unity is our greatest strength.

"Light is meant to be shared, and it shines brightest when we stand together."

Photography by: Dahlia (Y8)

Written by: Princeton (Y9)

Home for Deepavali

Fireworks, Family and a Feast to Remember

On Friday at 11 p.m., I was happily getting ready to sleep because the next day, I would be travelling to my hometown. ‘This is going to be exciting!’ I told myself.

The following morning, I woke up, took a shower, packed my bags and said goodbye to my house. Soon, I was in the car, ready to travel to Teluk Intan.

When I arrived, I greeted my grandparents and hugged them tight to show just how much I missed them. I helped my mother decorate the house. Meanwhile, my grandparents were busy preparing a feast for Deepavali.

Later in the day, my family and I visited the graves of our late elders to offer them food – this is our tradition every year. Just because our forefathers have gone before us doesn’t mean we don’t keep them in our memories.

At 11:59 p.m., there was only one minute left until Deepavali! I was getting more and more excited! I just couldn’t wait for the clock to strike 12!

At midnight, we lit the fireworks and wished each other a Happy Deepavali. Exhausted but happy, we went to sleep.

The next morning, we woke up cheerful – I mean, it’s Deepavali! Why wouldn’t you wake up with a smile on your face? I was full of energy that morning, and lately it’s been a while since I felt that way. My family and I took an oil bath and visited the temple together, seeking divine blessings. Then we visited our relatives, wished them a Happy Deepavali and exchanged money envelopes.

Finally, we returned home and enjoyed the delicious feast with my grandparents. We shared laughter, happiness and precious moments that come only once a year – and you know, it’s always one of the most memorable parts of the year.

Written by: Veghna (Y8)

The Morning of Deepavali

Our students asked their Indian friends how they celebrate Deepavali. It shows some of the customs many families follow on Deepavali morning, and we are proud of their effort to learn about and appreciate a culture beyond their own.



When we asked our friends how they spend Deepavali, their faces lit up. “The day begins early,” they said, “with excitement in the air.”

First comes the oil bath. A parent or grandparent gently rubs warm sesame oil into the child’s head, a way of washing away the old and starting fresh. Our friends laughed as they told us nobody gets to skip it!

Afterwards, everyone puts on new clothes, wishes one another “Happy Deepavali” and prays together at home, lighting a lamp and asking for health and happiness. Outside, oil lamps glow and colourful kolam decorate the doorway. The family then visits the temple to give thanks for the year’s blessings, where bells ring and the air smells of flowers.

Back home, a feast awaits. Some families cook treasured recipes from scratch, while others buy their sweets, but the table always fills with murukku, laddu and Mysore pak. Guests are asked, “Have you eaten?” We learned this is really an invitation to eat more!

Listening to them, we learned that Deepavali is about family, gratitude and new beginnings. It was a special experience to explore a tradition different from our own.

Written by: Ayman (Y9) & Shah (Y10)

Every Step Counts When We Run Together















Our school came alive with energy, cheers and the sound of running shoes on Saturday morning, 14 November 2026, as we held our Cross Country Run. Students, teachers, parents and members of the public all took part, making it a true community event.

The sports houses competed to earn valuable house points, and the spirit of friendly rivalry was evident throughout. Runners pushed themselves towards the finish line, cheered on by friends and supporters along the way. Yet it was clear that points were not the only reason everyone ran.

For many participants, the real reward was how good it felt to be active and outdoors. Friends ran side by side, encouraged one another and shared plenty of laughter, turning every step into a happy memory.



The Cross Country Run reminded us that sport is about more than winning. It is about health, friendship and the joy of taking part together. Well done to everyone who ran, and thank you to all who cheered, helped and supported the event.









It is not the pace that matters, but the people beside you.

Written by: Shah (Y10)

CROSS COUNTRY RUN TESTIMONIES!

Irina, Moscow, Russia

"What stood out most for me was running alongside other parents and families. When parents take part in the race with their children, it sets a wonderful example and is an incredible source of support for them. Everything was perfectly organised. The only thing I would change is the layout of the finish area."

Venese, Ipoh

"Crossing the finish line was the highlight for us. It was tiring, but we were happy to finish the run. Everything was well organised. Thank you for the lovely event!"

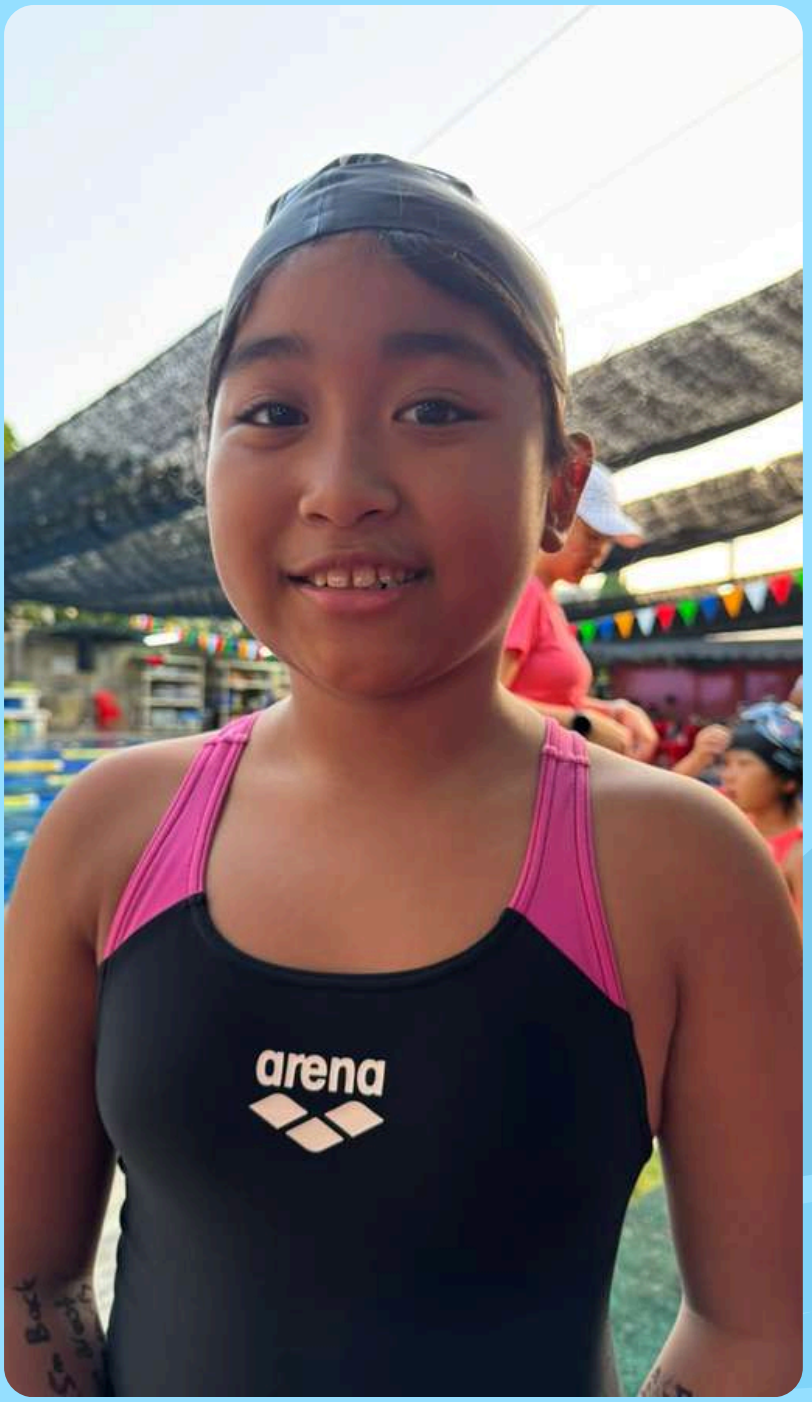
Together, Better, Bigger & Further!, South Africa

"The run was so much family fun! My kids have already asked when we can do another 5km fun run. Thank you to Imperial School management for creating such a family-friendly event that brought us all together. Please organise more activities that bring students, teachers and parents together. With a stronger foundation, Imperial School can overcome any challenge and grow beyond its limits! For next time, we would love to see more participants from other schools, and the children sharing their fun experiences on stage."

Thank you for your reviews!

We ran together, we cheered together, we finished together.

Celebrating Student Achievement



Dive in with courage and pride!

Bhavaanii took to the water at the 3rd MSA Swimming Gala and made a splash. She entered 10 events and came home with five medals.

Her highlight was gold in the 25 metres Freestyle Interclub Relay for Girls 8 - 9 Years Old. She also won four bronze medals: the 100 metres Freestyle, 25 metres Freestyle and 50 metres Backstroke for Girls 9 Years Old, and the 25 metres Freestyle Relay for Girls 9 Years Old & Under.

Swimming ten events takes stamina, focus and determination, and Bhavaanii showed all three. We are very proud of her. Her success shows our students what hard work and commitment can achieve.

Congratulations, Bhavaanii! We look forward to your next gala.







"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."