

# NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, WHITEFIELD

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Dear Readers,

David Binder has rightly said, “Festivals promote diversity, they bring neighbours into dialogue, they increase creativity, they offer opportunities for civic pride, they improve our general psychological well-being.

Festivals are the vibrant colours of life. All of us so longingly wait for their arrival. When the burden of the monotonous studies and routine becomes annoying, festivals come as welcome rejuvenation breaks. There was a time when there used to be a festival every day of the year – 365 festivals in a year – because a festival is a tool to bring life to a state of exuberance and enthusiasm. That was the significance and importance of festivals. The whole culture was in a state of celebration. If today was ploughing day, it was a kind of celebration. Tomorrow was planting day, another kind of celebration. Day after tomorrow was weeding, that was a celebration.

Nowadays, unfortunately, a festival means they give you a holiday, and you wake up only at twelve noon. Then you eat a lot and go for a movie or watch television at home. It wasn't like that earlier. All these aspects were brought into Indian culture just to keep a man active and enthusiastic in so many ways. The idea behind this was to make our whole life into a celebration.

Festivals bring happiness, cheer, hope, optimism, celebrations, lights, joy, cooperation and many more pleasant things in our life. During Diwali, Christmas, Holi, Eid, Gurupurab, Passover, or any other festival the world appears to be a heaven. Each festival teaches some deeper lesson of life also. Each festival represents some very essential moral value, in celebrating we are reminded of the great personages who were the embodiment of those moral values. Festivals make our moral fibre strong.

The most wonderful thing about festivals is they bring nations, neighbours and different communities together. They bind the entire humankind with the joyous thread of happiness and celebrations. They not only promote national integration, but world peace as well. As Keats has said, “A thing of beauty is a joy forever.” So the festivals of the world are the beauty and soul of the world!

Wishing you every blessing and prosperity of this Festive Season.