

On Friday 10th November, Wylde Green Primary enjoyed its first Diwali celebration day. The school came alive with the colours and sounds of this special celebration, which is observed by followers of Hinduism and Sikhism around the world. Our school was bejewelled with beautiful, colourful decorations, many created by pupils themselves and others kindly provided by Sutton Coldfield Hindu Association. Prizes were awarded to the classrooms with the best decorated doors and windows. Some of our pupils who celebrate Diwali gave an assembly to the rest of the school, sharing their experiences as well as pictures and items linked to the festival. Children came to school dressed in clothes for a celebration, which included some stunning examples of traditional dress.



On Friday afternoon, each year group took part in an exciting creative activity linked to Diwali. Reception made and decorated clay diya lamps, whilst Year 1 produced some intricate rangoli patterns. Year 2 were exploring Indian dance with some authentic Bollywood moves and music. In Year 3, children made paper lanterns, Year 4 pupils decorated some hand-shaped biscuits in intricate mehndi patterns and Year 5 acted out the story of Rama and Sita. Our Year 6 pupils created and performed their own shadow-puppet show, retelling the story of Diwali.



Finally, the day ended with a playground stall run by Sutton Coldfield Hindu Association, selling samosas and gifts, and offering tastings of traditional Indian sweet treats. Everyone enjoyed the day and it was a brilliant opportunity to celebrate and to reflect some of the vibrant cultures represented at our wonderful school.

