



## NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, KENGARI, BENGALURU

### *Report on Onam Celebration*

*The spirit of Onam came alive at National Public School, Kengeri, Bengaluru, as the Grade 9 students came together to celebrate one of Kerala's most cherished festival, "Onam" in the last week of August, 2026. Onam is not merely a festival of flowers, feasts and festivities; it is a celebration of unity, equality, prosperity, gratitude and the spirit of togetherness. The Onam celebration, organised by the students under the theme "The Spirit of Onam," beautifully highlighted the true essence of the festival. The programme reminded us that the spirit of Onam lies in creating a society where everyone is welcomed, respected and treated equally.*

*The programme began with a warm welcome speech, followed by the auspicious Lighting of the Traditional Lamp, symbolising the removal of darkness and the spreading of knowledge, hope and positivity. The significance of the day was then shared with the gathering, highlighting the cultural and moral values associated with Onam. The students spoke about the legendary King Mahabali, whose reign is remembered as a golden era of prosperity, justice and equality. The celebration continued with a captivating mythological skit depicting the story of Mahabali and the origin of Onam. Through drama and storytelling, the students brought alive the timeless legend of King Mahabali and Lord Vamana, making the story engaging and meaningful for the audience. A vibrant dance performance by the girls added colour and grace to the celebration. Their energetic and elegant presentation beautifully showcased the cultural richness and festive spirit of Kerala. This was followed by an entertaining yet meaningful comedy skit, "Unmasked Mahabali." Through humour and creativity, the students explored the relevance of Mahabali's values in today's modern society. The skit conveyed a powerful message that the true spirit of Onam is not limited to appearances, decorations or celebrations, but is reflected in kindness, equality, honesty, compassion and caring for one another. The celebrations continued with an energetic dance performance by the boys, which added enthusiasm and excitement to the programme. Their performance filled the atmosphere with joy and festive energy. The programme then moved towards an inspiring address by the Principal, who shared valuable thoughts with the students and emphasised the importance of carrying the values of Onam beyond the celebration and incorporating them into everyday life.*

*The Onam celebration was a meaningful expression of unity, creativity and togetherness. Above all, it reminded everyone that the Spirit of Onam lives within us whenever we share, care, welcome and stand together as one community.*