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An Appeal -by the Environment Club (Junior School)

We the student council of Junior School are writing this letter as we are very concerned about the impact our Diwali celebrations will have on the environment.

Diwali is the festival that brings good luck to all. Celebrations, lights, sweets, gifts, family and friends – these are the things that should define Diwali. Unfortunately, the festival is becoming a problem for the environment all over India due to the carelessness of the general people around. The day after Diwali sees an astounding 30 times rise in the pollution levels.

Firecrackers are loud, dangerous. To produce vibrant colours when ignited, many harmful chemicals like sulphur, copper, barium etc are added. When ignited, they release harmful gases into the atmosphere which are hazardous not only to the environment, but also to humans and animals. Studies show that the pollution caused by these crackers even affect the health of children yet- to- be born. The noise pollution caused by them disturb the patients, infants, animals and birds.

We have some suggestions on how we can reduce the ill impact of Diwali:

- We should all pledge to not burn any crackers at all.
- Since Diwali is the festival of lights we children can also get together and decorate our houses and the neighbourhood with lights, diyas and colourful rangolis.
- We should all celebrate the traditional way by doing Pooja and meeting friends and family. Attending Diwali Melas is also a non polluting way in which families can get together and have fun.
- Instead of burning and spending money on crackers this Diwali we can stop pollution and use our money to share with those who are less privileged than us.

Even During your de-cluttering activities at home, make sure you spread happiness by donating things to those who are not as privileged as you. Making the underprivileged happy is one of the best ways to celebrate Diwali.

- Make diwali decorations at home. Search the internet for interesting and creative DIY ideas.
- ❖ *In addition, here is something we can pledge to change this Diwali for not just this month but the years to come---*

Let us pledge to use more public transport and school buses.

Diwali is a delight
No dark nights ,things are bright
Bliss and peace we should invite,
H ave a sweet bite, Let all around be light,
On this Diwali night , let the glow be bright
Let not the crackers show their might
Let not the pollution bite
Do what **YOU** can in this fight
To make Diwali a delight.

Let us all pledge to have a clean and green Diwali. Let each one of us help to save this BIG EARTH , our only home, with our SMALL contribution. Let us celebrate this Diwali as a festival of light not a festival of crackers.

Wishing you a wonderful Diwali full of lights, laughter and happiness with your family.

Thank You