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## News

## An Indian Celebration

To celebrate the Hindu festival of Holi, Year Two and Three girls from St Ives School in Haslemere joined forces with children from Camelsdale School for a fun-filled a day of Bollywood dance and Hindu art and craft.

The day began with an introduction to Bollywood, the world's biggest film industry. The children met their highly inspiring Bollywood dance instructor, Kalpesh, of K'z Dance Entertainment, a London-based dance company specialising in Bollywood dance and fitness entertainment. In the space of just 90 minutes Kalpesh had produced a stunning piece of dance that saw all 28 children involved performing a fully choreographed and synchronised dance routine to Oscar-winning Slumdog Millionaire's 'Jai Ho' theme song. It was an exhausting but thrilling session for all involved.



In the afternoon the children learned about India, Hinduism and the Hindu festival of Holi, celebrated this year on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. They produced bonfire pictures, made Hindu lucky charms, and drew around their teachers before splattering their pictures with paint – a cheeky nod to the paint throwing festivities enjoyed by Hindus during Holi.

It was a wonderful joining together of two schools to learn about new cultures and religions, and tremendous fun was had by all.



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