## VAN MAHOTSAV DAY CELEBRATION

Van Mahotsav, a week-long festival of tree plantation is organized every year in the first week of July across India when millions of trees are planted. In an earnest attempt to lend a green touch to the school environment and sensitize the students about their role in conserving it, the Eco Club of St. Montfort School celebrated Tree Plantation day on 2nd July 2019 in the school campus. The celebration was an ideal opportunity to instil the value of social responsibility in the students towards safeguarding trees and forests. The focus of the celebration was towards forming a personal connect between the students and trees through a process of experience, reflection and creation, carried out through various activities.

Many students of class VI participated in plantation programme wherein different types of medicinal plants like Neem, Aloe Vera, Basil, Giloy, Lavender etc were planted by the school Principal and the members of Scout & Guide Department.

The special assembly dedicated to Van Mahotsav started with the skit dedicated to Chipko Movement and graceful dance which threw light on the importance of trees in our lives and one of the student of V-A recited a poem to give message of preserving the flora. Students took an oath administered by Scout & Guide Department to plant & preserve trees.

Principal, Rev. Bro. Monachan K. K. encouraged students to preserve trees which play a vital role in maintaining the ecological balance. He added that it is the responsibility of each citizen to not only grow but also taking care and protecting them. Concluding the program, he made the students pledge 'Green School, Clean School'.

The event helped to bring awareness about the green cover around us. It also helped in strengthening the bond between plants and humans. Students got to learn a lot and this important occasion was concluded with the National Anthem.