

REPORT ON ACROSS BORDERS JAPAN

Japan is an island country in East Asia located in the Pacific Ocean. Japan's name means "sun origin", and it is often called the "Land of the Rising Sun". This land has a very rich heritage of its own. Japan is renowned for its historical and extensive cinema, influential music industry, anime, video gaming, rich cuisine and its major contributions to science and modern-day technology.

The Smithies put up a show with speeches, a Japanese song and an amazing dragon dance which actually took us to Japan. The fan dance was so well done by the little girls of Smith Cottage. The Karate display was one to be noted as they made us feel the art with their sound effects and actions.

The students of classes VII and VIII took us to the Land of The Rising Sun without a flight. All the boys were dressed like Japanese in their traditional Kimonos Dress, a few of them like the Samurais and some of them like Ninjas. Aharan of STD VII A learnt a few sentences in Japanese and he welcomed us to visit Japan in Japanese. We heard the children sing the hymn 10,000 reasons in Japanese which was melodious and brought the hands of the Almighty amidst us.

The girls were brilliantly dressed in the traditional costumes of the Japanese with all of them wearing orange and yellow flowers on their heads and fans in their hands. Following the song was the umbrella dance. In Japan, the period of transition from Spring to Summer is known as "Tsuyu" which means "rainy season". Thus the umbrellas mark the sign of this season.

The culture of Japan was explained using a power point presentation by Aharan where children came up and displayed the things as he explained.

Then there was the dance by the boys of STD VIII. The boys danced to display the Samurai dance, the martial art of the Japanese.

The rise of Japan after the Nuclear Disaster and its hardships to become a developed country was explained by the students of STD VIII.

The village of Japan with the terrace farming, the temples and the models of houses was displayed. Ikebana displays, origami, Cuisine of Japan were all displayed explaining the culture of Japan.

Thus we enjoyed by learning the culture of one country which is one of the leading countries in the world.