

Orange Your Neighbourhood

"A woman is like a tea bag- you never know how strong she is until she gets in



hot water." said Eleanor Roosevelt. This quote is extremely relevant to today's world where women are constantly put into hot water. Unfortunately, whether she comes out of it unscathed depends on everyone else but her. Discrimination against women is a rising

social crisis and we can see it manifested in so many forms of violence, so often, that it is becoming exceedingly rare to pen a newspaper without a narrative of an incident concerning this problem.

"Orange your neighbourhood" is part of the UN Secretary General's campaign to UNITE and end of the violence against women. The theme was carried through related events during the 16 days of activism against gender based violence,



which runs between 25th November and 10th December which is celebrated as Human rights day. This year's commemoration was marked by a clarion call to



partners to show their support to end this pandemic. This year, the mission of the "Orange your Neighbourhood" campaign at our school was initiated to create awareness and discuss community wide solution on various issues which affect women. Our school has whole-heartedly participated on

the 25th of every month which was observed as the "Orange you Neighbourhood day" during which we had unique and meaningful assemblies to

create awareness on the following issues and also prayed for a change in the status of women.

- Violence against women is a human rights violation
- Violence against women is a consequence of discrimination against women, in law and also in practice
- Violence against women impedes progress in many areas including poverty eradication, combating HIV/AIDS, and peace and security

Interactive sessions on bringing up women in all the areas of social services and activities were also held during the assemblies.

Creative writing to create awareness about child abuse, sexual and domestic violence, child labour, child trafficking which are the most destructive experience afflicting women and children was also held.

Back drops reflecting the continuing emphasis on the elimination of violence against women and portraying the fact that if women are allowed to be enlightened the world will appear in all its glory were displayed.

The campus was awash in a sea of students who smartly pinned up orange badges made by themselves, in order to spread awareness in their homes and neighbourhoods as well.

Students displayed posters to depict women are forced into subordinate position



compared to men and also to highlight the cultural and social basis for violence against women. Students also made collage to depict violence affects women everywhere cutting across the boundaries of wealth, race and culture.

Every 25th, the school looked colourful with teachers draped in fiery orange saris to emphasize the importance of gender equality. In the words of Malala, "***One girl, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world!***"

Every girl is talented and precious. 'Orange your Neighbourhood' protects her and safeguards her rights. It brings to mind that, "***The hand which rocks the cradle, rules the world!***"

