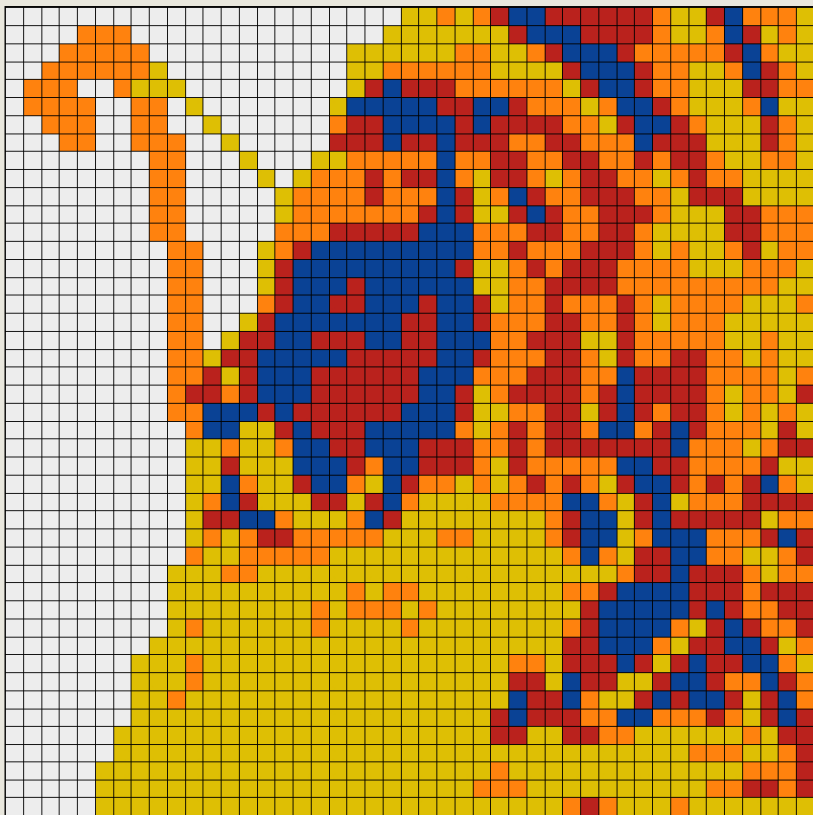


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GURU PURNIMA






 Rakhi Verma

 Raj Verma

 Durgesh Sahu

 Abhishek Yadav

Akriti Verma 

Shivam Kumar 

Chandni Verma 

Vivek Pandit 

Children: 8

Time: 35 mins

Date: 3rd July 2023

"Guru Purnima is a day to honor spiritual and academic gurus. As per Hindu mythology, Shri Dronacharya was the teacher of the Pandavas and renowned throughout the land for his exceptional skills in warfare and archery. The photo I chose for the mural reflects his strong demeanor and showcases his expertise with a bow." — *Usha*

"Though Guru Purnima is an important day in Hindu culture, I wasn't sure what kind of mural we should make. I finally decided on making one of Guru Dronacharya. Since there are no photos of him, we had to select a graphic of a Hindu sage, with a beard and shoulder length hair and add a weapon (bow in this case).

The idea was to introduce the children to Guru Dronacharya and the part he played in the story of Mahabharat, one of the two important epics of our religion.

Unfortunately, this didn't pan out the way I had thought it would. Children just didn't like the final mural. On critical analyses, I realised my folly. Firstly, the mural itself had too many things - a profile of a sage with a bow. Once completed, it was just too complicated for the children to decipher and discern the features and objects. Secondly, the graphic we took was too large for the 45x45 pixel mural. And thirdly, the color separation wasn't clear because of which the mural just looked like a big mess.

I should have gotten a mural of Harshit or Vishal made - they being the teachers, Gurus - of the school. The children would have had an immediate association and would have loved that! Always keep your mind open for learning. And always strive for perfection." — *Manish*

"कठिन परिश्रम और बड़ी लगन के साथ गुरु शिष्य को एक नन्हे पौधे की भांति सींचता है। गुरु, बच्चों को अच्छे विचार और आदर्श जीवन जीने का तरीका सीखते हैं। आज गुरु पूर्णिमा के खास अवसर पर उनके प्रति सम्मान व्यक्त करते हुए हम लोगों ने गुरु द्रोणाचार्य जी का म्यूरल बनाया।" – *अभिषेक*