St. Cecilia's Public School
Fire Safety & Evacuation Mock Drill
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A Fire and Safety Mock Drill was successfully conducted at St. Cecilia's Public School with the objective of creating awareness and enhancing preparedness among students and staff to deal with fire-related emergencies and other unforeseen situations.

The primary objective of the exercise was to educate students and staff about fire prevention measures, emergency evacuation procedures, the correct use of fire extinguishers, and the importance of remaining calm and alert during an emergency.

As soon as the fire alarm/hooter sounded, students immediately began evacuating their respective classrooms and moving towards the designated assembly area through the prescribed exit routes. The evacuation was carried out in a calm, disciplined, and orderly manner. Students were instructed not to

run, push, or create panic and to follow the directions given by teachers. The entire school building was evacuated within the stipulated time, demonstrating effective coordination, discipline, and preparedness.

The programme commenced with an informative awareness session in which students were sensitized to the common causes of fire, such as electrical short circuits, gas leakage, inflammable materials, and careless handling of fire-producing substances.

A practical demonstration on the proper use of different types of fire extinguishers was conducted. Students and staff were made familiar with the PASS technique – Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep – to understand the correct procedure for operating a fire extinguisher. The importance of using the appropriate extinguisher for different types of fires was also highlighted.

Special emphasis was laid on important fire safety precautions, such as:

- Raising an alarm immediately upon noticing fire or smoke.
- Using staircases instead of lifts or elevators during evacuation.
- Keeping corridors, staircases, and emergency exits free from obstructions.
- Staying low and crawling under smoke-filled areas, if necessary.
- Not attempting to collect personal belongings during an emergency.
- Helping younger students and persons requiring assistance.
- Assembling at the designated safe assembly point and remaining there until further instructions.

Students were also informed about basic first-aid measures, emergency response procedures, and the importance of contacting the fire brigade and other emergency services.

The entire exercise was conducted under the supervision of the School Disaster Management Committee, with the active involvement and cooperation of the staff members.

The mock drill was closely monitored by Madam Principal whose able guidance and constant supervision ensured the smooth and effective execution of the programme.

The students also actively participated in the demonstrations and displayed various fire safety techniques, highlighting the importance of alertness, presence of mind, teamwork, and timely action during emergency situations.

The Fire and Safety Mock Drill proved to be a highly informative and beneficial exercise. It provided everyone with practical knowledge of responding effectively to fire emergencies. It reinforced the message that prevention, preparedness, and prompt action are essential to saving lives and minimizing damage.

Overall, it was a valuable learning experience for the entire school community. Such initiatives play a significant role in fostering a culture of safety, responsibility, and preparedness and in making the school premises a safer place for everyone.