

# The Buddhist Flag



**Shanthi Vihara Dhamma School**

Dhamma School Lessons for KS1



# Buddhist Flag



Dear Children, Today we are going to learn about a special symbol in Buddhism. It is our Buddhist flag. It is one of the most colorful flag in the world.

The Buddhist flag was designed 136 years ago in 1885 in Sri Lanka.

It was publicly hoisted on Vesak Poya day on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1885.



# Buddhist flag Colors

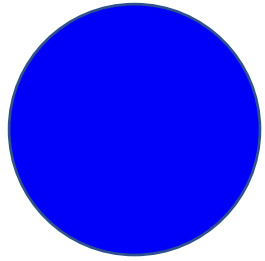


There are altogether 5 bands of color. We believe that these colors emanated from the body of the Buddha. This happened when the Buddha attained enlightenment.



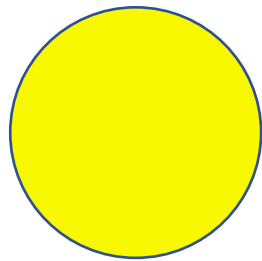
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The 5 Colors are:



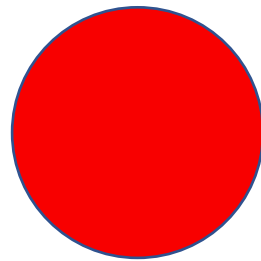
Blue

***Nila***



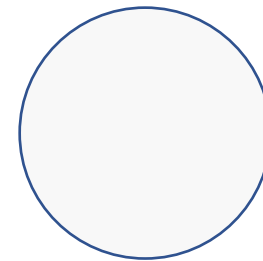
Yellow

***Pita***



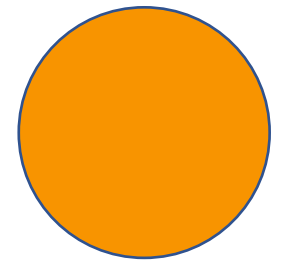
Red

***Lohitha***



White

***Odatha***



Orange

***Manjetta***

# Buddha's Aura



Buddha emanated aura (Budures) when attending Buddhahood. Many colors radiated from Buddha's body parts.

- ❖ The Blue light radiated from the Buddha's hair.
- ❖ The Yellow light radiated from the Buddha's skin.
- ❖ The Red light radiated from the Buddha's flesh.
- ❖ The White light radiated from the Buddha's bones and teeth.
- ❖ The Orange light radiated from the Buddha's palms, heels and lips.

# What do the colors mean?

Different colors in the flag has different meanings.

**Blue which is Nila in Pali represents peace and compassion.**



**White which is Odatha in Pali represents the purity of Buddhas teachings.**



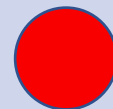
**Yellow which is Pita in Pali represents the middle path.**



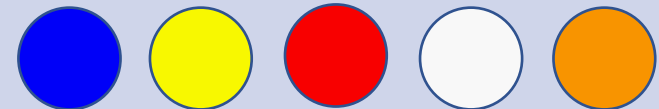
**Orange which is Manjetta in Pali represents the wisdom which comes from Buddhas teachings.**



**Red which is Lohitha in Pali represents the blessings which come from Buddhas teachings.**



**The combination of all these colors represents the truth of the Buddhas teaching.**



I am proud to be  
a Buddhist.



# Tasks 1

Match the words.

Red
Blue
Yellow
Orange
White

1	Peace and compassion
2	Middle Path
3	Blessings of teachings
4	Truth
5	Wisdom

# Tasks 2

Drawing:

