

SEPTEMBER –2019 NEWSLETTER



Trip to "The National Dental College and Hospital"

The students of grade 4 and 5 of ATS Valley School went for an trip to "The National Dental College and Hospital" in Derabassi recently. The students recently studied a chapter-'Teeth and Microbes' in Science, so the trip enhanced their knowledge and curiosity level. They were told about the different layers of the tooth along with the different branches of Dental study. They were made aware of the various terms such as caries, bruxism, prosthodontics and orthodontics. They also visited the department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry where they learnt the correct method of brushing the teeth and how to maintain oral hygiene. The students were advised to use the mouth guards at the time of playing to prevent any tooth injury. Overall, it was a great learning along with some fun. The children were quite inquisitive and asked a lot of questions.



Washing a shirt

Confidence is knowing what you are good at. Once you are confident, you look good, you feel good. The students of grade 5 performed a life skill activity, 'Washing a Shirt' on 20th Aug, 2019. Fine-motor development and water play come together in this activity. The students of grade 5 had a great time washing their shirts, squeezing the water out and hanging them up to dry. The students were excited and enjoyed practicing the real-life task. The purpose behind the activity was to help the children become more independent in the taking care of their environment.



Intra School 'Picture Describing' competition - Grade 2

The 'Picture Describing' competition was held among the students of grade 2. They were shown the different pictures on projector and they had to describe them. Each child was given a minute for the same. They were judged on the basis of parameters like clarity, confidence, voice modulation and content.



Story Telling by Teachers

“If History were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten.”

Rudyard Kipling One thing has not changed much in thousands of years....there is still no better way to stir emotions than to tell a story. However, these days with technology invading our lives like never before, nuclear families and working parents overpowering the social set up, the art of story-telling has become rare. We at ATS Valley, believe that our children should not only hear but also see, feel, imagine and believe everything. This is why we give a lot of importance to Role-Plays/Story-Telling. In our Pre-Primary wing(Grades-Foundation to 1), it is a part of our curriculum. However, we do not want Grades 2 to 5 to remain deprived of it, we do it for them as well every alternate week. It is done on the day of weekly assembly. Every time, we pick up a story based on the ongoing Character Trait(True North Programme) and enact it for the children of Grades 2 to 5.

Story-Telling puts a better impact on their minds than any other thing. It encourages development of emotions and feelings in the children. Moreover, it enhances their thinking capacity and of course, listening skills. Story-telling is one of the best mediums to teach as the children always remember what they see rather than what they just read or hear.

Story-Telling is also believed to make children very interactive. Our purpose does not just end here, there is an interactive session between the teachers and the children wherein they ask and answer questions. Most importantly, a story helps to arise curiosity among the children. And, we can definitely see our children becoming more curious day by day.

Parents are also encouraged to do story-telling for their child every day. And remember, “A story is better told and best remembered when it is enacted.”

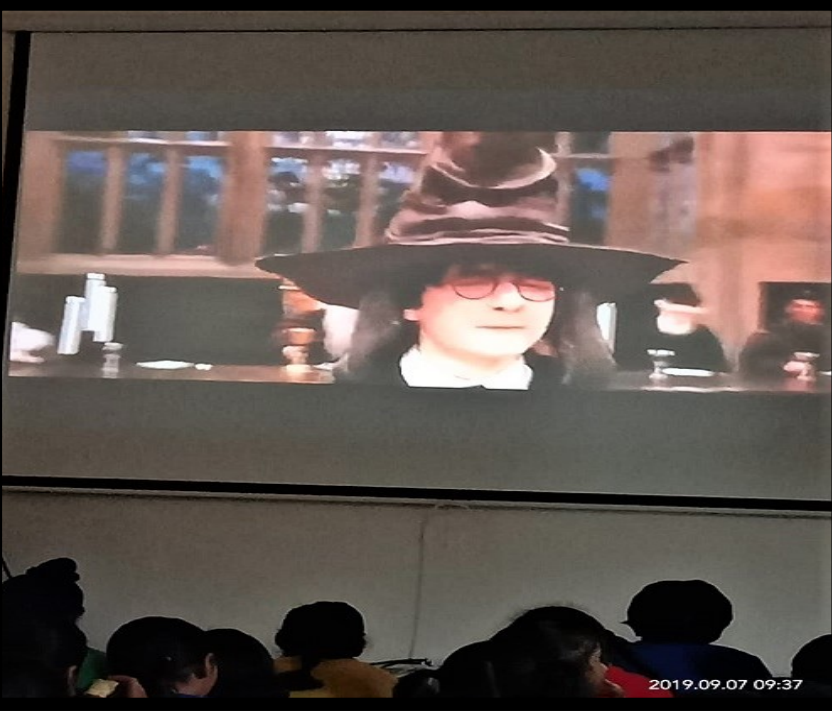
Fun while you learn

As the Half Yearly exams are approaching the students remain in constant stress of studying, so to reduce their stress level the students of grade 4-6 were shown a movie, "Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone" in the newly built A-V room. The students along with their respective teachers had a good time in watching the movie.



Teacher's Day celebration

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, a combined assembly was conducted for the students of grades 1 to 10. The students enlightened the day of the teachers with a dance performance by the students of grade 2. A speech on the same was delivered by a grade 10 student. A mime was presented by the theatre students and a small play was enacted by the students of grade 6B to show gratitude towards their teachers.



Plantation Drive – Grade 1 & 2

“We owe a lot to mother nature.” To imbibe this value, we are constantly encouraging our children to help in plantation drive. Students of Grade 1 & 2 of ATS Valley School, Dera Bassi planted carrot and spinach in the kitchen garden of the school. They also learned identifying the types of plants (carrot & spinach) are underground plants), right soil for right plants, giving manures and fertilizer and how to water them.

