



PD WORKSHOP

Even as we approach the Annual Sports Week, Mr. Fox put the teachers on the mark. 31/10/2011 was back to school for teachers and time for a Professional Development Workshop with Mr. Mark Fox. The session started with teachers from all the three sections assembling in groups of four. Initially Mr. Mark Fox had a task defined, for which each group responded with three sensible questions. He could almost get through every individual speaking out his/her question. The next task was different for each group, and it consisted of a teaching technique to be presented .

The handout of instructions underlined the need for teachers to use smart questioning techniques, which would increase student participation in the class and get qualitative responses, thus enhancing the learning experience. Studies have always shown that learning is enhanced when students become actively involved in the learning process. Each group worked on the product and presented the same with examples.

Some of the techniques discussed were - No Opt Out, Right Is Right, Stretch It, Format Matters, Cold Call, Call And Response, Pepper, Wait Time and Vegas. Instructional strategies that engage students in the learning process stimulate critical thinking and a greater awareness of other perspectives. He said, "helping students learn is our goal as teachers. Identifying effective teaching strategies, therefore, is our challenge as we assess the effectiveness of our current teaching style and consider innovative ways to improve our teaching to match our students' learning styles".



These techniques when applied at different levels would take the student beyond the knowledge level to higher levels of thinking. Since P.D is an ongoing process and implementation is more important .Mr. Mark will observe the teachers' lessons and give them a feed back of their performance.

We are sure our staff will show an upward trend in their growth. Surely the teachers are on the mark to get set and go.

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Halloween.....

After the fun and fiesta of the Diwali break, the week started off with a Squeak and a Scream...for it was Halloween.

The pre school classrooms were decorated with spooky pictures of witches, pumpkins, cats, bats and ghosts coloured by the little hands. A surprise awaited them as they got to play some exciting games- pumpkin plucking, dark room and so on... they shouted, jumped and giggled with glee. The children also engaged themselves in making pumpkins made out of candy sticks in the scrap books. They went home with smiling pumpkin face on their cheeks. The grade 4 children came in dressed as ghosts, vampires, witches, spiders, bats and all kinds of fearful creatures. The entire primary school dressed in hues of orange and black. And the accessories? Well lesser said the better.....fangs, hats, broomsticks, creepy crawlies, Whew, enough to give you the chills! The 4th Grade classrooms were ...uumm.....decorated to enhance the Halloween mood - ghosts, bats, spiders, cobwebs, eerie music and what not were part of the décor and setting.

Children put up various counters for spooky tattoos, ghostly games, tricks and treats, magic potions, cookies, witch hats, breezy bracelets, spin a yarn and various other frightening things. All the visitors were greeted by the Jack o' lantern, a real pumpkin carved out with candles inside, right at the entrance. Children had a great time not just joining in the celebrations but also hosting it. Way to go, Grade 4! Yet another great show. Well Done!

Workout in preschool

Sticky kids- a weekly workout session where songs and rhymes are all aimed at getting children moving. It is extremely popular with our little ones, as the songs are catchy and energizes our students at the start of the day. While they boogie and bop, their physical fitness improves tapping their imagination and raising their level of confidence. At the end of this session, they R-E-L-A-X.... A glorious, enriched beginning, with more excitement to follow.....



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Tuck shop

The students of grade 2 were introduced to the topic Money. The teachers decided to give them hands on experience, by organizing a tuck shop in the school. A **tuck shop** is a small, food-selling retailer, where useful and decorative items are sold. When the tuck shop is in a school, it is frequently the only place where monetary transactions can be made. This helps children understand the mathematical concepts of buying and selling better and they learn to handle money. A tuck shop was organized on 21st October. By the end of the event our children understood buying - selling, barter system, lending - borrowing and experienced the joy of serving their friends and teachers. What a wonderful way of realizing the value and use of money !!! Some of our children made excellent chef, they prepared mouth watering.... spicy chat, tasty canapé, scrumptious and yummy cold coffee. Our creative geniuses painted some amazing tattoos, for just Rs.5/- Greeting cards and painted lamps were sold for the same cost as well. We were amazed by their creativity, organizing and co-operative skills which indeed was the key to our success. It was not just a learning engagement but an extremely enjoyable experience for all of us.



ROOTS & SHOOTS WITH FRUITS:

The Roots & Shoots club has been hard at work this term too and they are definitely seeing the fruits of their labour.

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PICTURE GALLERY

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Forth coming events
9th Nov2011
Inter house dramatics
competition
(grades 8 and 9)
11th Nov 2011 (world
Science Day)
Students of IGCSE to visit
Nehru Science centre for
Sky watching (1800 hrs to
1900hrs)
12th Nov 2011
School Picnic to UK's
Resort at Khopoli