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Satya Bharti Elementary School, Mohie - A Model School



There is one private and four government schools in Mohie village, in addition to the Satya Bharti School. Spoilt for choice, Sarpanch and Panchayat of the village observed all the six schools for about an year without schools' knowledge. They regularly visited and inspected the schools on parameters such as moral values, learning levels and students' participation in different activities, as well as dedication of teachers. After an year, in March 2018, the Sarpanch declared Satya Bharti Elementary school, Mohie (Ludhiana West, Punjab) as the best school in the village. All the teachers were appreciated and awarded. A retired government school Principal from the village gave trophies to three student toppers in each class. Also, the Sarpanch admitted his daughter in the school, who earlier studied in an English medium private school.

Kudos to Head Teacher Mrs. Sukhvir Kaur and the team of teachers - Ms. Parminder Kaur, Mr. Rajwinder Singh, Mrs. Ravinder Kaur, Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Mrs. Manpreet Kaur, Mrs. Indu Jain, Mrs. Jaspreet Kaur and Ms. Lakhwinder Kaur

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Way to connect with students



Shyamal's inability to maintain discipline in the pre-primary class initially disappointed him. However, he did not give up. With his persistence and love for children, he proved that if we treat children like friends and care for them, they will happily follow instructions. He narrated moral stories and role-played to teach lessons on model behavior. His class is now among the best disciplined classes in Murshidabad. Even in his absence, students sit quietly and do their work. Same level of discipline has been achieved at Mid Day Meals. This practice is now being replicated in the other Satya Bharti Schools in the district.

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Teaching-Learning Materials (TLMs)



Creative use of waste material

Parwinderjeet prepared handmade story books and reading cards in English and Punjabi languages by using scrap books and used work books (Learning Steps). These books contain interesting stories that are hand written in simple language and have lots of pictures. Many of these pictures are also hand drawn and some have been colored by students. Due to this, students feel very good about reading these books. These TLMs turned out to be very helpful for improving their reading skills. Class I students practiced reading from these books for over an year. As a result, most of the students, who are now in Class II, can read both the languages well.

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Innovation through natural resources



Surtej has taken several initiatives in enhancing the school environment, like starting convocation for pre-primary class, effective use of school boards and ensuring that the school events are well executed. He involved class III and IV students in creating Punjabi letters with soil/clay. These letters were pasted on a tree trunk with the help of cow-dung, and coated with POP for water proofing and decoration. The tree, which is located outside the school was weakening because it was abused as a pillar for fencing the wires around the farms. The farmers immediately stopped this malpractice, once the tree was ornamented with letters. Students now feel proud to bring their parents to attend the PTMs and show them their creation. Above all, pre-primary students love to read and learn the alphabets pasted on the tree trunk. Padma Shri awardee, Dr. Surjit Patar greatly appreciated the TLMs in a recent school visit. Students' enrolment in the school has also gone up.

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"Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas": Albert Einstein



Primary class students in the school often struggle when they are introduced to three and four digit numbers. Due to lack of conceptual understanding, they make repetitive errors. Sawai was spot-on in realizing this and developed a very useful TLM to make the concept of Face and Place Value of Ones, Tens and Hundreds absolutely clear in an interesting way. The TLM made with paper and thermocol has movable parts and digits can be changed with simple rotation, which leaves a lasting impression of the importance of their place in a number. As a result, students not only understood but started enjoying studying mathematics. Sawai believes that learning comes naturally, if a child is explained well. He is certain that a firm foundation in mathematics can go a long way in securing good career opportunities.

Mr. Sawai Singh is a Head Teacher at Satya Bharti School, Shergarh, Jodhpur, Rajasthan