

NEW INITIATIVES

At

Mount Abu Public School

READING PROGRAM

“ Today a reader, Tomorrow a leader”

- Reading is a habit that equips young learners to gain new knowledge, skills and dispositions for learning and ensures personal development that expands the horizon of learning and broadens the vision to overcome challenges and avail the opportunities to the maximum. In today's era of technology , reading has taken a backseat ,thus to allow the young learners to discover the joy of reading ,the school has a complete and comprehensive **Reading Programme** that enhances the reading skills of the students and motivates them to take up reading and make it a fun filled habit that they can enjoy all throughout their life.
- One of the finest and most easily available tool to enhance reading skills is the **Newspaper**. The school offers newspaper subscription which is mandatory for every child to avail .**Specified time** is allotted in the **school timetable** whereby the students leave everything and update themselves with the latest happenings through newspaper reading. **Subject wise activities to integrate the newspaper readings** with the curriculum is conducted regularly.
- The **School's Library** has a collection of vast variety of **books and periodicals of all subjects and interests**. The period for the same is included in the school time table. The enormous collection of books in the library not only assist the students to excel academically but also allows the child's imagination and creativity to blossom.The students maintain the **record of their readings in the school almanac**.
- The school also has a provision of **Class Library** wherein the students are provided with various books in rotation .The number of titles vary from class to class. These books are for **extra readings and compulsory titles to read**.A record for the same is maintained in **Class library Register**. The questions from these extra readings also form a part of their English Assessment from Class VI onwards to ensure the thoughtful attitude for the books. It also

teaches the children to find ideas and understand the characters through the books. **Reader of the Month** Activities that reward the best reader with remarkable performance will be replaced with “**Reading Superstar**” from session 2019-20.

- **Open Library** is a creative venture of the school whereby the **books donated by the students** are stacked neatly in the cupboard kept in the corridor. A log register in which the date of issue and return is mentioned by the students themselves is maintained. The initiative is not only an **opportunity to become independent readers** with the books of their choice but also **promotes integrity and honesty** among the students.
- Initiating reading at an early age is of extreme importance. It is vital that emergent readers get an enriching and enjoyable experiences with books, to ensure the same the school has introduced the concept of a **colourful and well decorated Reading Corner in every classroom** up to Class II, where the students get the platform to **read the book of their choice** in the classroom during their free time and befriend with the best company on this planet-the books.
- Opportunities are provided to the students to visit the **National and World Book Fair** organized in Pragati maiden twice in a year, to choose their titles to be the part of the School Library. It provides an exposure to the world of books and enriches them with the latest collections available in the market.
- The school frequently organizes **exhibition of books** in the school premises especially during Parent Teacher Meetings. The exhibition is visited by the parents and students to allow them to have easy access to the plethora of books, latest editions and celebrated authors.
- The **Book Week** organized in the school is the most sought after event, whereby students indulge themselves **in joyful activities** such as Book Jacket Designing , Change the Ending etc. for their favourite book. These activities promote creative and critical thinking skills and also provide them a wider perspective of the given option. From the session 2019-20 ,the **activities** to be conducted will be **decided by the students** alongwith the details under the supervision of the designated teacher.
- The school also has a “**Language Club**” that aims to inculcate an appreciation for the language and encourages development of reading habit through engaging activities.
- From session 2019- 20, all the **arrangements periods** to be utilised **solely for extra reading** to promote the love for books and to make dedicated effort to create lifelong readers.

We seek wholehearted support of all to make the “Reading Programme” a grand success



Mount Abu Defence Programme



“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country”

To create a sense of pride and honour for the nation among the students and connect them with the virtues of patriotism, the school has designed a **complete and comprehensive programme** for students of classes IX – XII to prepare for the Defence related entrance exams conducted across the country. Career in defence forces promises one of the most prestigious and respected positions in the country. The young learners who aspire to choose a career of excitement, adventure, and challenges can find no better place than defence to meet their professional expectations.

The Defence Programme at MAPS empowers students to strategise, lead and manage their preparations for the array of exams conducted to be the part of the highly revered Indian Defence Service. It offers opportunities to the students to exploit their true potential as a professional - by learning new skills and expertise

- **Compulsory basic training of scouts and guides** will be introduced as an extension of already running programme to inculcate the life skills of courage, discipline, leadership etc. to lead one to achieve the ultimate glory for the nation.
- To provide an opportunity to the students to understand the ethos and the working of the Armed forces, **Compulsory 3-Day Military Camp** will be conducted in the school premises by the trained experts. On completion of the camps, the certificate will be provided to the students.
- The **40 minutes session conducted twice a month (On Saturdays)** will help students to shape their future through unparalleled career potential, and an outstanding platform to

groom themselves. They are updated with the exams conducted for the same along with the institutions that offer them

- The well planned session focus on **profound discussion on Current Affairs** as that It helps not only the students but all people who are aspiring to keep learning new things every day. Keeping yourself up to date not only keeps yourself update but also contributes to knowledge spillovers.
- Logical Reasoning is a result of a person's critical thinking and wisdom. Through **regular practice of analytical and logical skills** the students are able to apply a rational to number of practices and phenomena in everyday experience and thus have sound base for the exam
- **Group and Panel Discussions** included in the Programme provides a medium to the students to have an increased understanding of the topic and also builds the confidence to prove the stance so taken. It polishes the study skills and inspires the participant to learn from others.
- **Mock Assessments** are conducted regularly to prepare the students for the final frontier. It also ensures that the students are able to figure out their areas of strengths and the domains where extra effort needs to be paid .They also become aware of the test pattern and can motivate themselves to improve more and score better every time. As students take more and more mock test, they improve each time and score better. Their speed and accuracy increase with more practice and they do their best. It increases their success rate in the final selection
- The school has stocked up the books at the **specially designed Defence Corner in the school library** to help students get a ready to use reference material to clear their doubts and get more and more information to remove any ambiguity from their mind and the prepare with complete ready to use material.
- The scheduled classes requiring **Online Resources** are conducted frequently in the ICT Labs to provide students an exposure to the relevant material available on internet and thus broadens their vision for the defence services
- **Interaction and Workshops** of students with various Defence Officers provide students an insight of the overall purpose and objective of the exams and acts as an inspiration and motivation for the students to pursue their dream of getting into Defence services with complete heart and soul.
- **Visit to Military Cantt., Camp, Memorials , Museums etc.** gives students a glance of tangible and intangible benefits of joining the Defence.It gives a perception of ultimate service to nation and the opportunities to enrich themselves with the military lifestyle.

EK AAS.....EK PRAYAAS

A Noble Initiative of Mount Abu Public School

To make students kind , caring and compassionate by nature, **Ek Aas, Ek Prayaas** is an another noble initiative of Mount Abu Public School to enable every student of the school to get into the habit of charity and get sensitized with the feelings, emotions and basic requirements of less privileged.



Under this programme the **students donate one item per month** such as handful of grain, a pair of fresh socks, an unused utensil etc. These donations of the necessities help the children realize and rejoice their blessings and make them more understanding and gentle towards others .

The **item of the donation is decided by the lead team** .This gives them a chance to evaluate the basic requirements of an individual and make an effort to remove the inequalities existing in the society in their own way.

The **volunteers then collect** the items from each class. They then **sort them out** on the basis of quality and condition and **packs them to donate it further to the underprivileged and needy ones**. This helps the children to experience the Joy of giving.

The initiative makes our students thoughtful and kind. It gives students a platform to them to be the changemaker and feel blessed and be thankful to the almighty for having the ability to help others and make them lead a respectable and comfortable life in the society.

The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson



PEER TEACHING

“A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle”

Learning, wisdom and success are three things that fit together hand-in-glove. The school's peer teaching is an effort to make everyone in the class feel empowered with knowledge and clear their doubts and uncertainties for a topic from their peer.

Peer teaching is an effective means of **improving student engagement**. It encourages students to come up with their own ideas and then improve upon them through discussions with their classmates.

Each student of the class is allotted a topic and the student under the observation of the teacher has **to take up the revision class** for that topic.

The peer mentor has to **plan comprehensively and get it approved by the subject teacher** before taking up the revision class. This gives the double edged sword advantages the students read the topic thoroughly himself/herself to plan and can deliver the content in the manner that they can make their peer understand in a better way.

The project an effective tool to promote learning and retention of knowledge as by preparing to teach, students are encouraged to construct their own learning program, so that they can explain effectively to fellow learners

It is a method to **move from being independent to mutual learning**. It helps to **develop skills in organizing and planning learning activities, working collaboratively with others, giving and receiving feedback and evaluating their own learning**.

The project also **instills confidence**, develops in them the enhanced **communication skills and leadership qualities** among the students as they face the class completely prepared to take up the topic to be an able 21st century learner.



UN SDGs at Mount Abu Public School

As the school pursues its vision of creating global leaders and providing holistic education, we do realise that there is no problem more important than the challenge of sustaining our planet for future generations. That's why the school **actively supports the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals**. The school is deeply committed to **spread the essence of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in the school premises and the community at large**. The school has an



inclusive agenda to let every member of the school be aware of the UNSDGs and be an active member to contribute his/her bit to achieve the same. Infact spreading the awareness and taking action for achieving the SDGs has become the prime agenda for all stakeholders and is the **focal point of all programmes, projects and activities of the school**. The school's activities are **not only restricted within the school campus** but it also **envisages to involve the community** and ensures that they engage and contribute for the SDGs.

Following are the school's effort to provide platform to the young learners to be aware of the Sustainable Development Goals and to take dedicated actions towards peace, prosperity and sustainability.

- **The 17 SDGs are highlighted at the entrance of the school and at the main stage area** so as to make every visitor and member of the school know about these goals and realize their significance and worth.
- **Interaction with eminent personalities from different agencies of UN in Delhi** to help the students understand the SDGs in its true essence were organised. The same is being compiled in the **school's upcoming sovenir** which is again based on the theme of SDGs
- The **School's Calendar** for the session 2019-20 has Sustainable Development Goals as the theme of the year long activities at all levels to promote an essence of SDG.
- The **School's Almanac/Diary** provided to every student has the theme of UNSDGs for the session 2019-20.
- The School also organized the **Mega event "Metamorphosis - A blend of cultural extravaganza and exposition"** on the theme **Transform our World : The UN**
- **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** to disseminate awareness about 17 sustainable Development Goals and sensitize the youth to work for the implementation of the cause. The event witnessed the presence of distinguished dignitaries along with the Principals of

various reputed school of Delhi. The students enthusiastically participated in **ballad, musical enactment, mime, skits , dance performances and exhibition on SDGs**. The Principal also highlighted the importance of adopting the 2030 Universal Agenda for Sustainable Development .The event had a **massive participation of around 4000 people** from the school and other community members

- The School organized its **Inter School Event :Expressions** on the theme of UNSDGs. The event had a participation of about 40 schools from across the city and a participation of 700 Students
- The **Teachers** of the school **plan their lessons** in a way that the topics are linked to the SDGs to promote deeper understanding of the same. Taking the SDGs at classroom level keeps every child involved and helps them to link their concepts with the situations that exist in real life.
- The **School's initiatives** such as "Roti Bank" (Weekly Donation of Rotis), "Ek Aas ...Ek Prayaas" (Monthly Charity of basic need things),"Literacy Programs" ,"Hamara Swasthya , Hamara Jeevan " campaign etc. are designed to achieve the UNSDGs such as Zero Hunger , No Poverty, Quality Education, Good Health and Well Being etc.
- The school is an **active participant of various programmes organized by renowned and well established organizations** such as "Eat Right Challenge" an initiative by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Ministry of Health and Family. Welfare, Govt. of India, World Earth Day Celebration by Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India and in association with Millennium India Education Foundation etc. that highlight the Goals of Good Health and Well Being , Life on Land etc.
- Celebration of **Various Days** like International Day of Yoga , Earth Day, Health Day Women day, Labour Day etc. are also the school's way to highlight the significance of SDGs.
- The **co-curricular activities** organized in the school also focus on making effort to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The activities such as Panel Discussions on 'Valuable Resources' and other topics, Poster Designing etc. aim to achieve the targets of SDGs
- The school has plethora of clubs that provides students a chance to groom themselves into confident individuals. **Club Activities** are planned and executed in a way that they aim towards the achievement of the SDGs.
- The school has four houses that form the base for team spirit and competitiveness among the students. The various **Inter House Activities** such as Quiz , Debates , Model Making etc. are also directed towards the SDGs.

- The **school's activities with Internationalism** whereby we do skype sessions, collaborative activities and in house activities with international dimension are based on the 17 sustainability goals.
- Time to Time **rallies** were organized on various issues such as Cracker Free Diwali, Save Earth , Say No to Air Pollution etc. were an effort to make the community realize about the dire need to save the planet and promote sustainability.
- **Special assemblies** on various SDGs provided an insight to the students about all the goals and the necessity to achieve the same .It made everyone aware about the each goal and sensitized them to make an effort to achieve them through best of their efforts.
- All the **display boards** of the school (within the classroom and in the corridor) are changed regularly as per the Various SDGs to let everyone feel committed towards them.
- The school has a set up of **Atal Tinkering Lab** to foster creativity and critical thinking , thus striding ahead to accomplish the Goal No. 9 ,Industry ,Innovation and Infrastructure.

The school intends to continue its effort to spread the awareness about the UNSDGs and help everyone take appropriate action for making the planet a peaceful and sustainable for present and future generation.

“What we do today, can improve all our tomorrow.”

