

Gutsy kids at Gyanodaya Balbatika School

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Bungmati,

On May 14th 2007, the Team consisting of Madhur sir, the 3 volunteers (Krisha Shakya, Prakrit Shrestha and Jacqueline Prasai) and Ramesh sir went to Gyanodaya Balbatika School. No, not the one at Sanepa, the one at Bungmati. No need to apologize, everyone thought it was the one at Sanepa too.



They left SeaGate at 9:20 am. They had absolutely NO IDEA where the school was but luckily enough, a Gyanodaya school bus crossed their path and the Team followed it. Talk about good fortune!

Once the Team arrived at the school, they went directly to the School Auditorium. At the sight of it, they were gobsmacked because the Basketball Arena and the Auditorium were in the SAME place! But the Auditorium was enormous. There were some school administrators who helped the Team with the projector and quipment.



As they were preparing for the Seminar, students of all classes started to show up. It was the biggest crowd till now.



And so the presentation started with the Principal giving a small introduction about the school. After that, Jacqueline Prasai gave a brief introduction about what was in store for the presentation. Later Madhur sir gave the introduction of the Team and MS. Then the mike was given to Prakit Shrestha who told the crowd about Madhur sir and his great achievements.



Later with help from Ramesh sir with the slideshow, Madhur sir gave the students information about Scratch Day and SeaGate, SM Foundation, Y. Hayasaka like usual. But when he asked the students if anyone knew about SeaGate, only a few hands were raised. This was kind of disappointing to see.

Questions were asked in between and the students answered gleefully. They were even happier when they received the gifts. By this Question & Answer Round, the Team could make out that the students of Gyanodaya are indeed very smart and gutsy. Cheers to that!



Then the video on Squeak was shown but sadly due to the low quality of the projector, most students had difficulties watching it. And later turned to do what all students are best at - side talking.

Later Krisha Shakya took the stage and donated her knowledge concerning Squeak and Scratch.



Jacqueline Prasai and Pratik Shrestha were naturalists with the camera.



A girl won the final gift of the Question & Answer Round. And boy was she elated!



After that, the Principal was given many gifts but the best of all was a frame as a Token of Appreciation.



Later, the Team took a group picture with the students who won the prizes and teachers.



After that the Principal and School Administrator spoke words of thanks.



Then after the closing of the presentation, the Team was invited to the Principal's Office where they talked about various things regarding the school. They were also given tasty cookies (HURRAY!), Samosas and Tea. Madhur sir liked the Tea so much that he asked where the thermos was.



Later the Principal took us to a tour of the school. This was the very first time where the teachers were more interactive than students. The school was really nice and green (just like the school uniforms!).



After that, the Principal thanked the Team for visiting the school and giving a lively performance. Then the Team headed back to SeaGate.

The Team reached Sea Gate at around 1:15 am.

"I had a fabulous time! My mother's sister has done a marvelous job by sending her child to this school." Said Pratik Shrestha.

"The students here are very intelligent. Even the primary ones." Said Jacqueline Prasai.