

Teacher Exchange Program

We believe that information and communication technology has changed dramatically. There is much more to it now , it's powerful, it's faster, cheaper and available to everyone. It is Amazing!

A longstanding partnership between St. Joseph's Institute Primary School (Chowgule Education Society) Baina- Vasco, Goa and Swedish school ,Bansalattskolan from Tullinge Sweden commenced in the Academic year 2012-13 through communication technology "Skype".

Initially questions were raised on how this project would benefit students and teachers from either sides.

There were many doubts as Sweden is predominantly a non English speaking country. Would it help us to understand and learn, as we had differences? (geographic, linguistic and cultural)

Would this partnership be restricted to sharing of Knowledge only ?or something more?

Many such questions were in our minds.....However the partnership went way beyond to not only establish professional relationship with each other but also bonding between the teachers and students of both schools.(Example -A swedish child from class 5 was in Goa in the year 2017 for vacation .Incidently her ship anchored in Vasco -The parents contacted us for a visit to the school)

This partnership helped us as schools to incorporate academic and non-academic aspects of the curriculum into learning.

And now here we are, successfully associated with Bansalattskolan, Tullinge Sweden for past 7 years over Skype with students exchanging their ideas, experiment with each others cuisine, exchange views on the landmarks, history and achievements of both countries , songs and culture.

This connect has been an enriching collaborative learning project which helped in understanding and developing 21st century skills and competencies.

The teachers from both the countries have been visiting each others to know and learn more about the education system and techniques. This exposure has helped us as teachers to update our methods and ways of teaching as also understand each other's cultural differences

In year 2016 Priti Shetye, Kakoli Majumdar and Sumangali visited Bansalattsskolan, Tullinge Sweden.



In the picture starting from left Kakoli, Jessica, Sara, Priti, Marie, Brigitta, Sumangali and Louise.

In year 2015 Vasha Joshi and Sunita Tauro visited Banslattsskolan, Tullinge Sweden.



In the picture starting from left, Eva and

picture starting Jessica, Varsha, Sunita.

Objective project:

of the Skype

- Improving awareness and exposure especially . related to culture differences and work habits
- Develop habits for self learning
- Strengthening social skills

- Developing memory recall
- Increasing motivation
- Having fun!

As we have now completed the seven fruitful years of Skype partnership, We would like to thank Mrs. Veena Mutreja and Mrs. Eva Windergren for conceptualizing this project and Mrs. Sara Yoder for the effort put in for implementation and bonding between the teachers of the two schools.

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