



## Critical Thinking

Educationists in the new generation have introduced several new concepts and learning methodologies. One of the important approaches is critical thinking.

Critical thinking means making reasoned judgements that are logical and well-thought out. Critical thinking is the ability to think clearly and

### Critical Thinking Skills

Critical thinking can be nurtured in young learners. The following form the core of critical thinking skills:

**Concept oriented:** When learning is more well-rounded rather than mere understanding of definitions. Learners understand the background of an issue and also how the solution can be developed.

**Analytical:** The most important question in learning is "Why". True learning is fearless questioning of things. Why should one follow the rules? Why is the value of  $g$  taken as  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ . Why does the hour have 60 minutes? Children should be encouraged to seek answers and not take things in passive submission.

**Creative:** Critical thinking involves taking practical learning into out-of-the-box limits. It could be insane. Creativity involves putting familiar concepts in unthinkable situations. It has happened in the past. Man sent an animal into outer space first.

**Open minded:** Critical thinking is scientific temper at its best. Never hold any kind of bias or follow something or someone blindly.

**Application oriented:** The real benefit of critical thinking can be seen if a child is applying what he learnt in a practical situation. Problem solving should be a way of life.

Critical thinking involves hard work and a mindset that knowledge is useless unless it is applied. Tomorrow's achievers will be critical thinkers first.

Become more curious about what you learn. That is the first step to improve your critical thinking skills.



rationally about what to do or what to believe. It includes the ability to engage in reflective and independent thinking.

What does it mean for a young learner? Why is this term important?

As we progress in the knowledge era, newer ideas and products based on advances in science and technology are taking centre stage. Going forward, we need people with deeper understanding and sharper analytical methods. This is because we come across several complex situations that demand solutions through critical thinking.

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## Principal's Desk

Education is not just a process of giving knowledge for a future job but a lifelong process which creates an understanding of moral and ethical values to guide one's life in a right path. As a parent, you want the best for your child and we are proud to be working with you to ensure that they are given the right knowledge to face the future challenges. Parents, students and the school authorities are a team and we have to complement each other's efforts.

"Sound body has a sound mind." Let us allow our children to develop physically and mentally. Children learn about values when they are involved in sports and games. Some of these life skills and values cannot be taught in the classroom or at home.

"If a plant is carefully nurtured by the gardener, it will become good and produce better fruits." Therefore, children must be given good training from their earliest childhood. We are here for just that. I am sure that our students will carry forward the motto of love and unity entrusted in their hands.

"Do the work with intention not because of compulsion." With all my love, best wishes and blessings.

Anuradha K, Principal

## Orientation for Teachers

MEC Public School organised a workshop for all of its staff during 13-17 May 2019. It is called Snehavardhini, a Teacher Fraternity Programme for the academic year 2019-20. The Secretary, Dr. Vidya C addressed all the teachers in the programme and gave clear instructions on the motto of the institution.



Dr. H S Ganesha Bhatta, the Academic Director said that the learning may occur consciously or unconsciously but it should be the act of acquiring new or modifying knowledge.



Mrs Deepa, Principal of MEC (CBSE) gave a brief introduction on Experiential Learning.



Mrs. Maryan Vaisoha, author of English Channel Course Book and the trainer of British Council gave a brief introduction on language training. Our educational partner, Chrysalis stressed on co-operative learning in the classroom. The guidelines were given to teacher to follow in the classroom and stressed on routines which they should follow regularly and consistently for better results.

The programme ended with an inspirational quote:

Discover your own strength.  
How to rather than what to.

## Welcoming Children to School

First impressions matter, especially on the first day of school. Students arrive with a mix of emotions - most however are nervous. The reasons vary from child to child, but kids tend to feel anxious about starting school. Some anxiety is normal, even healthy.



Teachers decorated the class room with attractive colourful charts, toys and welcomed all kids with smiling face and affection. Students were





encouraged for informal talk to feel free with teachers and their new friends. Students enjoyed colouring, reciting rhymes, indoor and outdoor play. Students were given smilies as takeaways. All children were happy to show smilies to their parents and share their first day's experience.

## Environment Day Celebration

World Environment Day is a great opportunity to help our children understand the importance of clean drinking water, uses of water, save water, pollution, trees and plants.

Vrushank of UKG explained importance of trees, and how to save trees. Samruddhi of UKG explained about water - how to save water, and not waste water.

Pre-Nursery and LKG students spoke about things we get from plants, like fruits and vegetables.

All kindergarten students had activities like planting the saplings and watering the plants.



## Election for School Leader

Students of Classes III to X cast their votes during elections held to elect student representatives in MEC Public School.

Casting of vote in our school was on ballot paper. It turned out to be new experience for primary school students to be part of the election process.

MEC Public School recently held elections to select the students for the Special Boy, Special Girl, Cultural Secretary, Sports Captain and other posts in the school.



Being the first exposure to voting system, students of Class IV were given instructions on the whole process starting from placing of 'ink' on the left forefinger to the way of casting their votes. Contestants were from Classes VI to X and were given the option to choose the symbols they want on the ballot paper. The school library turned into a polling booth. It started at 10.00 a.m. and ended at 12.30 p.m.

## Famous Personality



**Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam** (15 October 1931 – 27 July 2015) was an aerospace scientist who served as the 11<sup>th</sup> President of India from 2002 to 2007. He was born and raised in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu and studied Physics and Aerospace Engineering. He spent the next four decades as a scientist and science administrator, mainly at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and was intimately involved in India's civilian space programme and military missile development efforts. He thus came to be known as the Missile Man of India for his work on the development of ballistic missile and launch vehicle technology. He also played a pivotal organisational, technical, and political role in India's Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998, the first since the original nuclear test by India in 1974.

## Yoga Day

International Yoga day was celebrated on 21 June 2019 in MEC Public School Campus. The chief guest was Dr. Vimala.



## Club Inauguration

The inauguration of school clubs for the academic year 2019-20 was held on Friday, 21 June 2019 in the school premises.

The ceremony started with invocation song by school students followed by lighting the lamp by the dignitaries. Devika Sai N of 9<sup>th</sup> Std welcomed the gathering.

The school clubs were inaugurated by Secretary of MEC Institutions, Dr. Vidya C and Dr. Ganesh Bhatta, Academic Director of MEC Institutions. Students of each club introduced their clubs and each club performed one or two activities.

The Academic Director addressed the gathering with valuable words and appreciated the activities of the students. In the end, vote of thanks was given by Sneha Babu of 10<sup>th</sup> Std. Overall anchoring was done by Nethravathi of 9<sup>th</sup> Std.

