

Happy Schools Seminar

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Bhutan**



Over View of the Presentation



Brief History of Education System in Bhutan



National Policies promoting the concept of Happy Schools, and its influence



Schools Vision, Mission and Objectives



Leadership And Management Practice



Best Practices of the School- Happy Schools Concept

Brief History of the Education System of Bhutan

- ✓ The Bhutanese education system is 108 years old this Wood female Sheep Year. It began to take shape when destiny gave to Bhutan her own son at the start of the last century.
- ✓ On the fateful morning of December 17, 1907, Bhutan celebrated not only the crowning of Gongsar Ugyen Wangchuck as the first hereditary monarch, but also the birth of modern education system.
- ✓ The third Druk Gyalpo, His Majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuck started modern, western-style, English-medium schools in the 1950s.
- ✓ It marked the beginning of a new era in Bhutan's modern education history. English was adopted as the medium of instruction in schools with the drafting of an education policy in 1975.

(Source: Bhutan Travels)

As per the Policy (MOE), every individual teacher should attend 80 Hours of PD Programme in a Year:

- ✓ ***Consistent Professional Development programmes are coordinated through out the academic year:***
 - ***Professional Development based on need as per the Education Blue Print, 2014 (Eg. 21st Century teaching Pedagogy, Educating on GNH, Instructional Leadership...) – Every Saturday***



■ *Department wise Professional Development Program – Every Day*



Vision

Productive Students for Productive Citizens

Mission

Provide Wholesome Quality Education

Motto

Striving Towards Excellence



In order to achieve the School Mission “Provide Wholesome Quality Education” the school creates the forum through the lens of Holistic Approach as:

- *Games and Sports activities*
 - ✓ *Indoor Games*
 - ✓ *Outdoor Games*
 - ✓ *Traditional Games*
 - ✓ *Athletic Events*
 - ✓ *Marathon*
- *Cultural Activities*
 - ✓ *Dance*
 - ✓ *Prayers*
 - ✓ *Traditional etiquette*
- *Literary*
 - ✓ *Morning Speech*
 - ✓ *Observation of Important days*
 - ✓ *Literary Activities*
 - ✓ *Reading Programmmes*
- *Clubs Activities*
- *SAP*
- *Social Welfare Activities*
 - ✓ *Y-VIA*
 - ✓ *Health Campaign*
 - ✓ *Cleaning Campaign*
 - ✓ *Helping Farmers*



The School Administration Ensures:

- *Use of ICT in teaching Learning Process (Use of Audiovisual teaching material, Presentation done using LCD Projector)*
- *Providing uninterrupted internet facility to the teachers*
- *Weekly test conducted (Every Thursdays)*
- *Home Work Policies*
- *Timely and yet consistent monitoring by the Principal*
 - *Lesson Planning*
 - *Assessment Procedure*
 - *Feedback*
- ***Performance compact Signing Between the Management and the Teachers***



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Parent/Community



Process

Good Relationship between Students and Teachers.

A good relation between teachers and students is very important where students respect, listen and value their teachers and teachers care, model and guide the students towards right path.

❖ *Students takes initiative and organize Teacher's Day to show their gratitude...*



Movie Clips from the day...

✓ *Singing the Teachers Day Title Song*

✓ *Teachers also contribute to perform cultural item which keeps students awake...*

❖ *The school receives the PP Students with White Scarf (Khadhar) to mark the beginning of their School life.*



A moment that captured all the attention of Parents and Teachers...

❖ *School Picnic is yet another time where all Come and Enjoy together!*



Taking Care of the Special Needs Students

❖ Students with Special Needs are identified towards the beginning of the session and the school ensures to provide the necessary support like:

- ✓ Arrangement.....comfortable accommodation*
- ✓ Remedial Classes*
- ✓ Coaching Classes*
- ✓ Counseling Programmes*

❖ The School plans and provides all the necessary support for the Economically Disadvantaged Students through:

- ✓ School Rules and Regulation*
- ✓ School Tarayana Club*
- ✓ Adoption*



Helping the Beneficiaries with Basic Need items

❖ The School Organize the Award night and Farewell for the Graduating Students

Certificates along with medals and Prizes are awarded for:

- ✓ *Academic Excellence – Prizes are Sponsored by the Subject Teachers.*
- ✓ *Taking up the Responsibilities as Captains*
- ✓ *Best Athlete (Boy and Girl)*
- ✓ *Best Student (Boy and Girls)*



Recipients of Best Student Award 2014 with Principal



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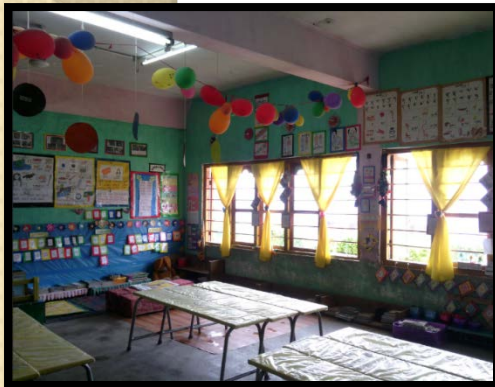
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Positive School Environment

- ❖ *Classrooms are filled with Relevant Teaching Learning Material making it very attractive and friendly atmosphere for the students to learn...*

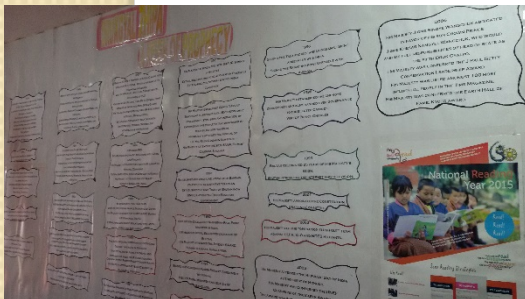


Conducive Learning Environment

- ❖ *Many initiatives are taken to beautify and make the school campus a Positive and a Friendly Learning Environment:*



New Cozy and Attractive Reading Café for the Students to come and read during Leisure times.



Click to View the Clips on Opening of the Reading Café...

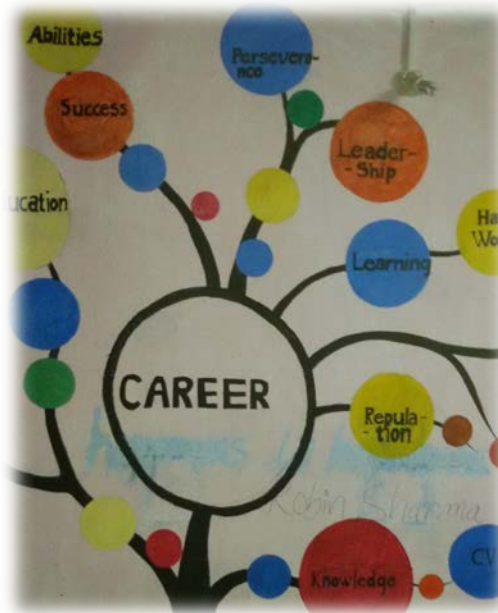
❖ *Conducive school environment to support in children's learning*



❖ *The School also has Fulltime Counselor who further ensures a safe and*



School Counselor with the Best Peer Helper



- ❖ *The School has a quality play grounds where students make their leisure time effectively...*



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Support from Parents and Community.

Parents actively take part in the Parent Teacher Meeting (Twice a Year)

Among many..... the following key points are deliberated during the meeting as Parents/community are equally important:

- ✓ *Orientation and endorsement of the School Policies*
- ✓ *School's major achievements*
- ✓ *School Programmes*
- ✓ *Result analysis*
- ✓ *Students Support Services*
- ✓ *Parents feedback and suggestion*

Clips from the Parents Teachers Meeting

Suggestions from the Teachers

Parents feedback and suggestion

Parents sponsors Prizes (Books) for the toppers during the examinations:



Principal Awarding the Prizes



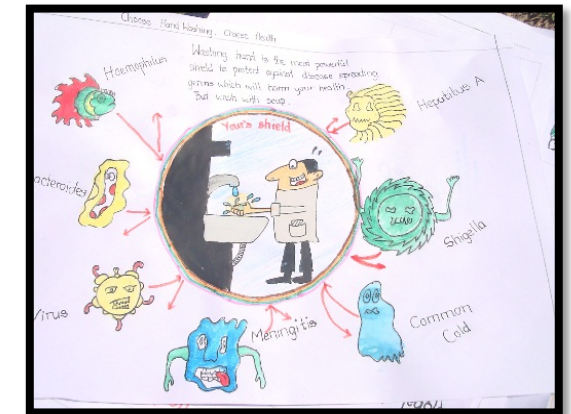
Toppers with Parents and Teachers



Proud Parents!!!

Students actively take part in various Social Services like:

- ❖ *Creating Awareness in the Society on Earth Hour [\(Click to View the video clip\)](#)*
- ❖ *Creating Awareness on Importance of Hand Washing during the Hand washing Day*



(Cont...) Students actively take part in various Social Services like:

❖ *Students take part in Cleaning in the Society, hence creating awareness on How important it is to Keep our Environment CLEAN!*



Y-VIA, of Pemagatshel MSS truly believes in the saying...

“ We cannot help everyone, but everyone can help someone”

(Click to watch the Y-VIA clip)



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Following are some of the Best Practices which ensure the School as a better place for Teaching Learning Processes:

✓ *Mind Training:*

Meditation is an effective method for mind development by enhancing concentration. Meditation is integral to the continuous development of Mindfulness . We need to practice it consistently. For these reasons we practice it every day.

✓ *Two Minutes meditation before the beginning of 1st period, 5th period and at end of the 7th period.*

✓ *Every Monday, the Assembly Starts with a Guided Meditation during English Week and Oath Taking during Dzongkha Week.*

✓ *Students practicing the Mindfulness during club hours.*



✓ *Preservation and Promoting Culture:*

Several activities are coordinated so as to Promote and Preserve our unique Tradition and Culture...

▪ *Enhancing Academic through School rituals like :*

- *Annual Ritual aiming for the well being of King, Country, People and particularly the students of the school. [\(Click to view the clip\)](#)*



- *Religious Discourse (Choesay Larim)*



▪ *Every Monday during the morning assembly all Teachers and Students wear Kabney and Rachu:*



✓ *Interesting and Engaging Learning Activities :*

- *Click to view the clip on Infusing Creativity - Class I Students*

- *Learning is fun if we have a few outdoor activities, and hence teachers are encouraged to have field trips*



- *Reading being the important skill to nurture overall development of individuals the school has the following activities in place:*

- ✓ *Ensure the facility of school library to all stake holders*
- ✓ *30 Minutes of reading on every Tuesday*
- ✓ *Institution of reading corner*
- ✓ *Reading during assembly by Lower classes [\(Click to view the clip\)](#)*
- ✓ *Speeches by Higher classes*
- ✓ *News Reporting on every Saturday*

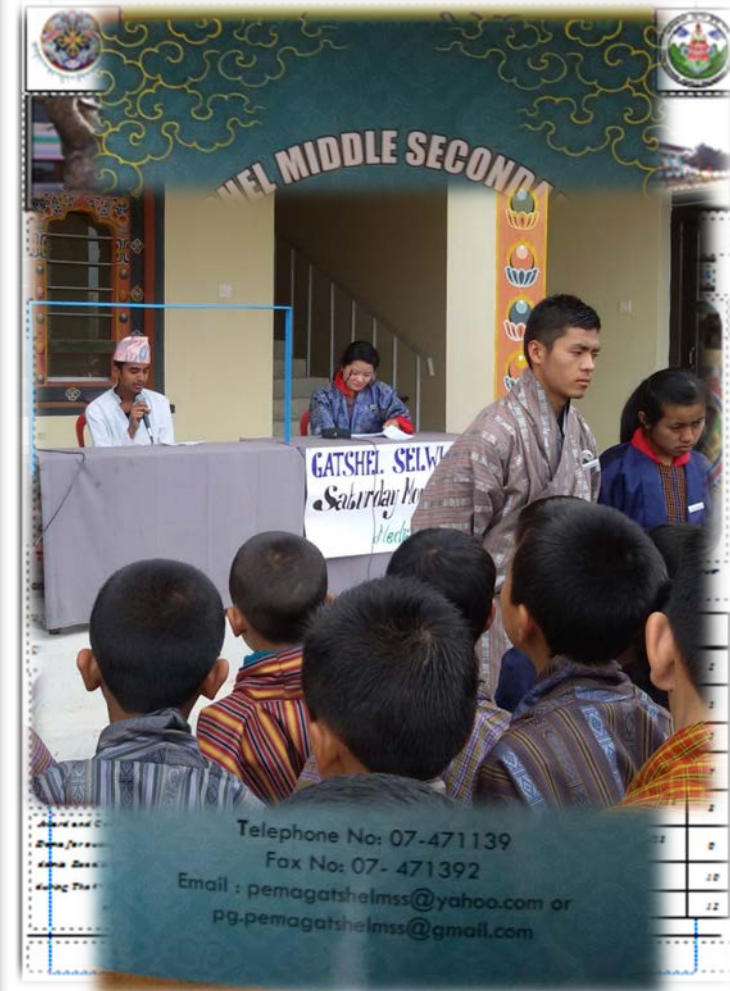
Students Safety

- *Student Support Services*
 - *Religious Rituals*
 - *Health Programmes*
 - *Awareness Talk / Programmes*
 - *Counseling Programme*
 - *Good Nutritious Food for the Boarder Students*
 - *Health Captain/ Sanitation Captains*
 - *Use of walkie-talkies for effective communications*
 - *Preparing students for Disaster (Earthquake)*
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✓ *Types of Media in the School*

- *Gatshel Selwi Melong – School News Letter*
- *School Brochure*
- *Student Handbook*
- *Saturday Morning News ([Click to view the clip](#))*
- *Radio Show*



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