D.A.V.PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE
CYBER SECURITY MONTH- OCTOBER 2020

CYBER AWARENESS - NEED OF THE HOUR

The pandemic has led to a digital revolution and increased use of cyber space in every aspect of life. The school has taken a number of initiatives to create awareness on Social media hygiene and prevention of cyber attacks. The month of October is globally marked as the National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) for educating the public on this issue of Cyber Security and Cyber Awareness. To promote this aim of Education Department in sensitizing students, the school has undertaken various measures and conducted Cyber Safety Week from October 16, to October 22, 2020.

The students of classes III & IV were shown a short film on Cyber Security covering the theme of vulnerability if careless approach is adopted on an online platform. The luring effect of online games, how children become victims of cyber crime and the do's and don'ts while using cyber space were presented through illustrative PPT. The need for unique password, checking the URL before clicking, the need for logging out every time after use, installing a good antivirus and regular updating were emphasized under the do's of cyber safety. The advice given under don'ts include not to click on links or pop ups, alert parents if anything is suspicious, not to accept friend requests from unknown people and not to publicize personal information on social media platforms.

The students of V & VI participated by making posters on the theme of cyber safety, security and awareness. The students were briefed about the need for following the safety protocols while attending online platforms and the vulnerability of personal information being misused if proper safety measures were not adopted. The children brought out the theme with their creative presentations.

For the students of VII -X a quiz was conducted. The students were sensitized on the theme of cyber safety and the link for the quiz was shared expecting an enthusiastic participation. The questions were aimed at effective ways of maintaining digital privacy, awareness on spamming, phishing, hijacking and the need for leaving minimized digital footprints while using internet.

On the whole this initiative witnessed the participation of children in large numbers. The need to protect from cyber bullying and increased cyber safety was repeatedly reiterated among children to create maximum impact on the young minds.