

D.A.V.PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE
MENTAL HEALTH WEEK - 4th - 10th OCTOBER 2020

Sound Mental Health - Real Wealth

The current pandemic has led to imbalance in emotional, psychological and social well-being of humanity. To counter the effect, Ministry Of Education has undertaken "MANODARPAN" initiative covering a wide range of activities to provide psychosocial support to students, teachers and their families for Mental Health and Well-being during the covid-19 pandemic. The unprecedented circumstances following the outbreak has led to closure of schools, new system of online classes, restrictions on outdoor activities and the new system has led to stress and anxiety which require empathetic handling through psychosocial support. From 4 -10th October the school observed "Mental Health Week" to bring awareness on the importance of mental well-being.

In the first phase, Principal ,Ms. Simmi Juneja, sent a strong, positive, verbal message for a combined effort to move ahead in life with confidence. School counsellor Ms. Satya Iyer connected with students and teachers with a message through You tube, focussing on the need to make healthy choices, the need for self care, prioritizing mental health, importance of positivity, resilience and the need to evolve into one's higher self to live a contented life.

In the second phase, teachers narrated short stories during the online assembly sessions on the theme of Self Acceptance, Personal Growth, Purpose in life, Positive Relation with others, Coping with stresses of life, Contentment, Healthy life style and the need to realize one's own potential.

In the third phase students made creative posters in the form of caricatures, sketches, drawings and paintings to point out the need for a healthy state of mind to succeed in the long run and face the competitive world with a renewed vigour. On the whole the initiative succeeded in giving a strong message among students, teachers and parents community to strive for contentment in life and acceptance of shortcomings as a part of life.



