## D.A.V PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE SECONDARY SECTION 2021-2022

## TODAY'S READER, TOMORROW'S LEADER

Reading improves memory, stimulates concentration, strengthens vocabulary, reduces stress, ignites new ideas, develops focus and concentration. The more a person reads, the thought process gets widened. D.A.V. Public School, Thane, always strives to encourage reading habits among students, keeping in mind the holistic development of children. The institute observed "National Reading Day" on 19 June by urging students to undertake reading pledge recognizing the efforts of "Puthuvayil Naarayana Panicker", who was the man behind library movement in our country.

The school also initiated a plethora of activities to inculcate reading habits by offering E books from the school library, introducing constructive word games to strengthen vocabulary during library period, involving parents into reading and inculcating family reading and also assigned book reviews to make reading a regular habit. Apart from this E news papers are shared among students, with an aim of inculcating reading habits as well as to make them aware of the current trend in the field of education, policy changes, burning issues, news on sports and entertainment, so that the students can also reflect in the form of articles and reports.

The DEAR or 'Drop Everything and Read' is an initiative undertaken to hone reading skills and kindle the thought process of children. The school also announced "Reader's Award" to felicitate those who read as many books as they wish during the current academic year from **01 June 2021 to 01 March 2022**. In the previous academic year 108 students participated enthusiastically and the school felicitated the winners with gifts, a medallion, books, a trophy and a certificate containing a citation. This year too, the school is anticipating a surge in the number of participants.

Apart from these the institution urges parent community to develop reading as a regular habit, so that children can also imbibe the habit. The task of reading and reviewing a book is assigned to children so that they know the content of the book, sharpen their research and writing skills, evaluate author's style and

approach, and continue to read more. Reading not only has tremendous power when it comes to fuelling the development of all aspects of language ability, but also leads to the development in entirety of a human life. These initiatives witnessed whole hearted participation of students.

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