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Newsletter

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Today is Ashtami and in these days of Navratri, we have seen the city draped in a different colour each day. Just this afternoon, on my return from school, I had a lady in a bright rani pink satin sari, sit pillion on a scooter in front of my car. You know I was really tired then after a long day of driving, one because of the roads and two because people really do not follow any rules on the road. And that pink shocked my heart back to life!

These weeks have been endlessly gloomy with the sky somewhat not relenting and all of us endlessly whining about the showers and the cold. But it doesn't matter if the sky has been grey or black, we have painted the world blue, yellow, green and rani pink these last few days!

We always have a choice. Let's work really hard so that all children everywhere in the world always have a choice, a good choice.

Reeves

We asked our team what does it mean to be a teacher at Poveda?

Here are their responses:

The best part of being a teacher in the school project is the great privilege to be a part of children's lives and to share their hopes and dreams. I try to make learning fun and interesting. It is extremely satisfactory to teach in low income rural areas. Being a teacher is just not a profession, it is a life long journey of education.

- Dipali Jagtap

The best part of being a teacher at Poveda Kids is the opportunity to create a strong education foundation for children from low income communities.

- Manasi Pise

Everyday I learn a new lesson in the methods of teaching. I've realized that no single or stereotyped method of teaching can truly work for all. The biggest joy for me is that even the naughtiest children, once unsettled, have now become the closest to me. They try their best to make me happy, often grabbing every little chance to speak in English.

At one school, I feel less like a teacher and more like a mother returning home after many days, welcomed with eager smiles and endless stories of the entire week. I truly feel blessed at times because I receive the purest form of love as the moment I enter school, I'm greeted with innocent smiles, most of the times, a flower or even a morning wish.

- Sholy Reji

The best part of being a teacher at Poveda Kids is watching my children learn, explore and gain confidence every day.

- Pramila Shetty

The best part of being a teacher at the school project is that it feels like a shared journey of learning and growing together. Every time I walk into the classroom, I am greeted with curiosity, laughter, and a spark that reminds me why this work is so meaningful. The children may come looking for lessons, but more often than not, they end up teaching me — about resilience, about finding joy in small things, and about looking at the world with wonder. Each smile, each question, each little breakthrough is a reminder that education is not just about books, it's about opening doors to possibilities. And while I may help them with words, numbers, and lessons, they are the ones shaping me into a more patient, compassionate, and grounded person. Working with Poveda feels like being part of a family where every child's progress is a collective celebration. The best reward isn't in what I give, but in what I receive — hope, love, and the beautiful realization that in teaching them, I am also becoming a better version of myself

- Sakshi Sonigara

Child Development Centre

With great joy and gratitude we celebrated our team at the kindergarten- Manasi, Pramila and Shobha on the eve of Teachers' Day.

We also celebrated Eid the same morning.





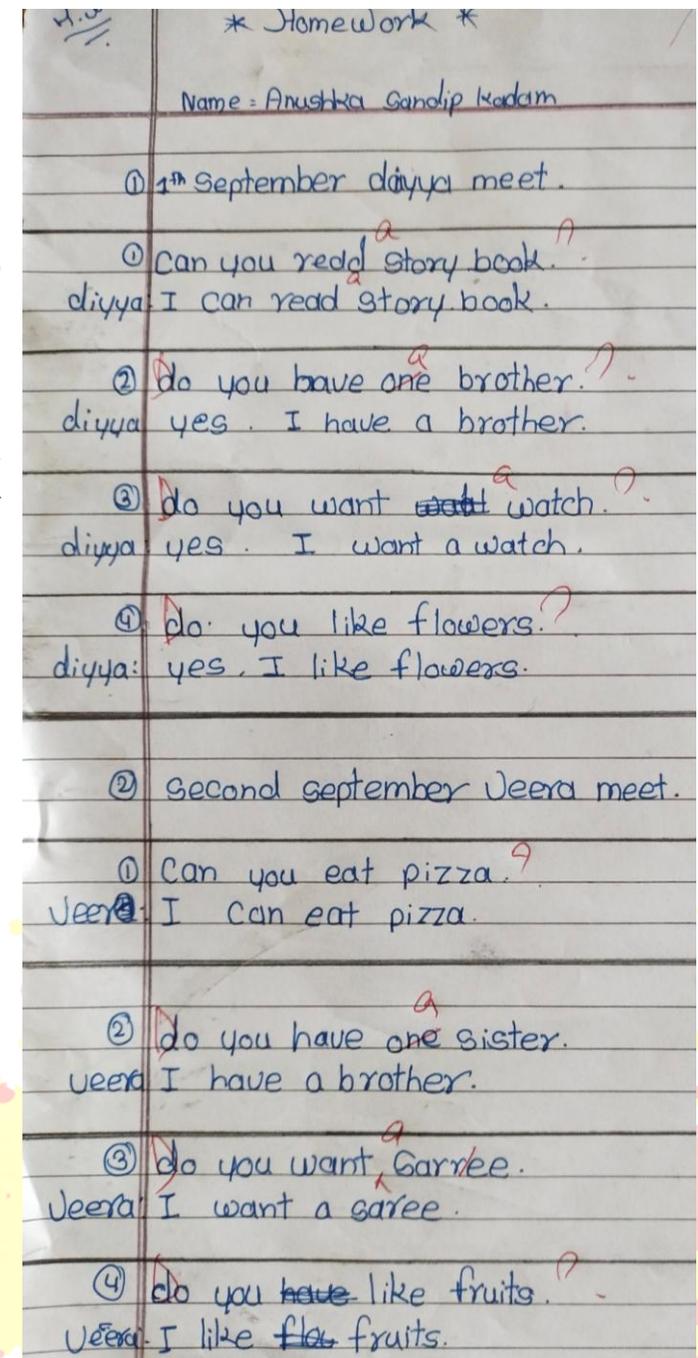
One more visit from the students of Rabindranath Tagore School of Excellence who interacted with our students on their monthly themes of domestic animals, months of the year, use of prepositions, flowers, wild animals and birds.



Spoken English Project in Schools

In our fourth year of working with the schools, we found great joy in the home assignment of Anoushka from Kondhanpur. She took time to chat with her schoolmates during lunch break and made notes of these conversations.

Language cannot be learnt in isolation. Language can only be learnt through practice in conversation.



The first term comes to a close early this year with school exams starting as early as October 4.

We at Poveda, are completing our first semester assessments across schools.

- 1] I want become an IAS officer.
- 2] IAS officer's paper is English Subject.
- 3] I speak in English with my team.
- 5] IAS officer become's very important in English Subject.
- 6] I have very good speak English.

- 1] I will become a Doctor.
- 2] I want job in good hospital.
- 3] I want go to go to USA for my job.
- 4] I want good marks in MBBS exam.
- 5] I want my own hospital

* Then my English is to much good for do this.

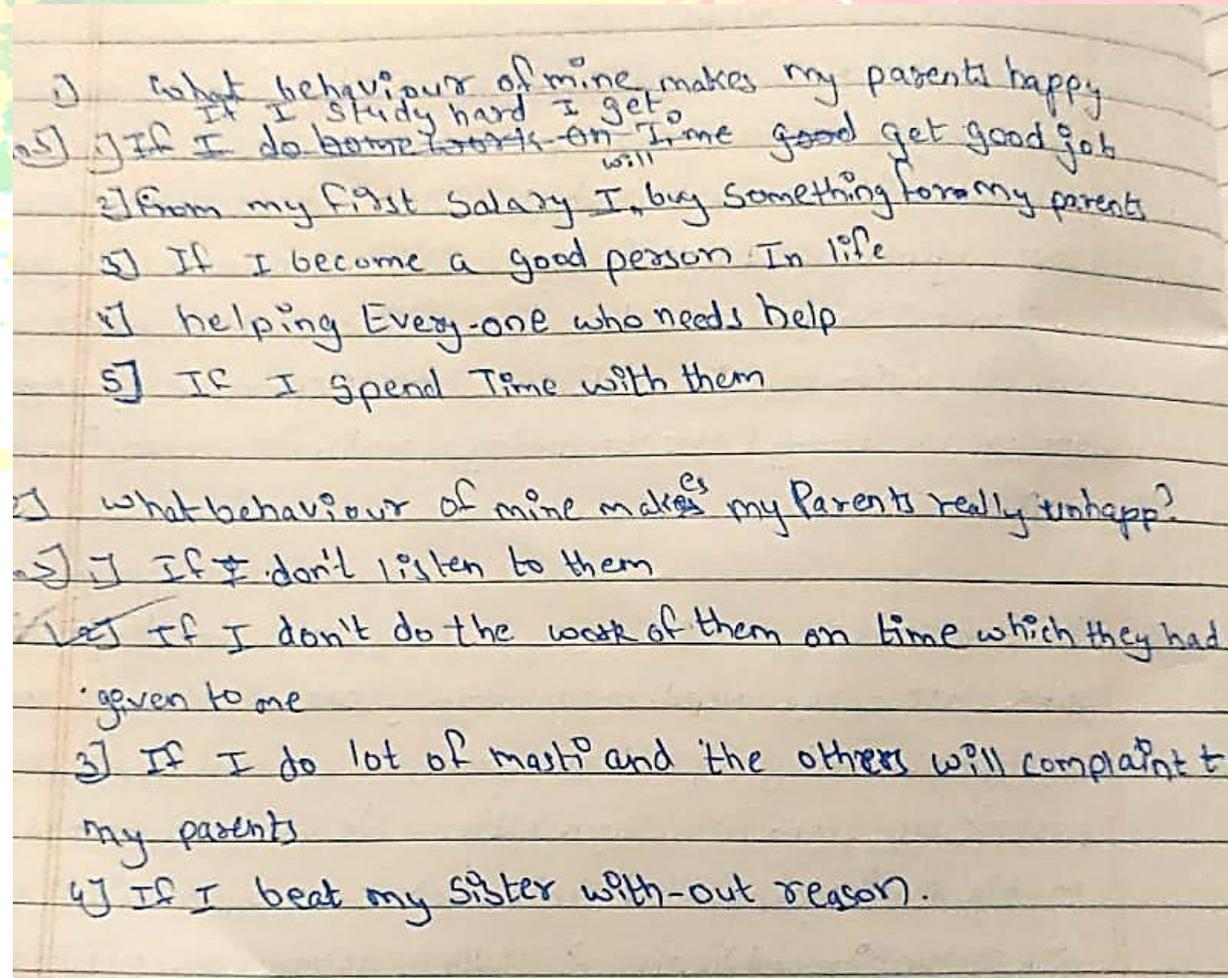
Changemakers

The focus of one of our sessions were these 3 questions:

What attitudes and behaviours of yours make your parents happy?

What attitudes and behaviours of yours disappoint your parents?

What are you willing to do more of or less of, for one week, to make your parents happy?

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- Q) What behaviour of mine makes my parents happy
- 1] If I study hard I get good marks on time good get good job
- 2] From my first salary I will buy something for my parents
- 3] If I become a good person in life
- 4] helping Every-one who needs help
- 5] If I spend Time with them
- Q) What behaviour of mine makes my Parents really unhapp?
- 1] If I don't listen to them
- 2] If I don't do the work of them on time which they had given to me
- 3] If I do lot of mess^o and the others will complaint to my parents
- 4] If I beat my sister with-out reason.

In our last session before the term end break we engaged in a discussion around the following question:

What will my Diwali for this year be like for me-

1. Personally
2. Socially
3. Physically
4. Financially
5. Academically

* How is your Diwali going to be

• Physically

- ✓ This Diwali vacation I would be doing a bit cycling
- ✓ I will also accompany my grandfather for morning walk.

• Socially

- ✓ I will enjoy a few days with my school friends, we will have some parties of sweets and we will enjoy.
- ✓ I will visit some of my relatives
- ✓ like every year I will donate some clothes and food.

• Economically

- ✓ I will not at all waste any money of firecrackers, plastics or any other hazardous things.
- ✓ I will get some gifts for me and my sister as well.

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