

## My Experience in Sapna Shikshalaya

I joined Sapna Shikshalaya on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. I came looking for an internship and instead I found a beautiful family. Everybody was cheerful and welcoming to me. Principal ma'am and teachers were very understanding. They kept me motivated throughout the month.

The best thing about Sapna Shikshalaya for me is the environment there. Everyday is so challenging for the teachers, students, and parents, yet their dedication is so high. Children have a lustrous garden for morning prayer and for playing freely in their games period. Children are very respectful towards teachers. The campus is dog friendly. There are smart classrooms for enriching childrens' knowledge. Activities and events are organized for children to develop their personalities.

I took games classes in the first week of my internship. They were free while playing which helped me make a deeper connection with them. Then I took English classes in the next week and motivated students to speak in English. I tried different English-speaking activities with them and they seemed to enjoy them. In one of my classes with 5<sup>th</sup>, I did an activity with them where they had to write one sad memory and one happy memory. All the students shared their memories with me. I felt really happy. Although I wanted to bond with every class, however I stayed for very little duration. I think 7<sup>th</sup> class really bonded well with me. They were always gleaming when I entered their classroom.

I learnt many things during my experience as a teacher. One of them is sincerity. A teacher has to be sincere and hardworking because students learn from them a lot. They listen to your words and try to follow your values. Teachers are not perfect but they can be kind, helpful, loving, and empathetic.

One thing I felt was that these children want to be heard. There are stories which they cannot share with anyone. There are things that can only be shared with someone they trust.

At the end, I would just like to say that I am really thankful to you sir for giving me this amazing opportunity to learn and grow. I promise to keep coming to Sapna Shikshalaya in my holidays.

Thank you Sapna Shikshalaya!

Regards

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