

Dear Parents,
Greeting from SAN Academy!

We at SAN Academy, believe that holistic growth in education is not achieved through classroom training alone. Its achieved by instilling confidence to the student through various mediums. When they have confidence, they can have a lot of fun in learning, which makes them accomplish amazing things. The various focus areas needed for personal development in a child is the crux behind the choice of various clubs that the school has to offer.

To share the initiatives that our school has taken in planning on school clubs, we bring to you this newsletter, "Mish Mash" which aims to keep you updated on all the activities planned for the months ahead.

As parents, if you have any feedbacks or queries, do feel free to drop in your suggestions at sankam@sanacademy.edu.in. Listening to your feedbacks makes us feel more involved as a part of the value addition process.

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DRAMA CLUB

SPOTLIGHT



DRAMATICS

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION.

"Drama" is a form of artistic expression and storytelling that has existed and been celebrated for centuries. It entertains, teaches, shocks, and delights—both for those onstage, backstage, and in an audience. Drama, music and movement develop confidence, creativity and communication skills. Children learn to work as a team and when they create and perform drama together they gain valuable insights into the world, whilst improving concentration, memory, clarity of speech and emotional understanding.

1st August 2019

- 1. Introduction about Drama club & its importance will be discussed by the teachers.
- 2. Children will watch videos of Akbar & Birbal stories according to their house and characters will be finalized for skit by the students.
- 3. Stories are given in the following pages for reference.

Agni house - Birbal's kichadi Akash house - The pot of wit Prithvi house - Who is the king? Vayu house - The foolish thief



8th & 22nd August 2019

According to the assigned story, students will practice the skit during club period.

29th August 2019

Intra competition - **Dramatics** (Group activity)

Students of Agni house - Birbal's kichadi Students of Akash house - The pot of wit Students of Prithvi house - Who is the king? Students of Vayu house - The foolish thief

Judgement criteria

Dialogue delivery Presentation Team work Usage of props



BIRBAL'S KHICHADI

Once on a cold winter day, Akbar and Birbal were passing across a lake. Akbar stopped and put his finger into the freezing water and immediately took it out saying, "I don't think anyone can sustain a night in this cold water". Birbal took that as a challenge and said that he would find someone who can do so. Akbar promised a sum of 1000 gold coins to whoever could spend a night standing in the cold water of the lake. Soon, Birbal found a poor man who agreed to undertake the challenge for the 1000 gold coins. Guarded by two royal guards, the poor man spent the entire night standing in the freezing water. In the morning, the poor man was taken to court for the reward. On being asked by the king how he could stand in freezing water, the man replied, "My lord, I kept looking at a lamp that was burning at a distance, and spent my entire night looking at it". On learning this, the emperor said, "This man is not worthy of the reward as he could manage to stand in the lake because he was getting warmth from the lamp". The poor man felt doomed and heart-broken, and he reached Birbal for help. Birbal didn't go to the court the next day. Akbar visited Birbal to find the reason. To his amusement, the king found Birbal sitting beside the fire with a pot hanging almost 6 feet above it. On being enquired, Birbal said, "I am cooking khichadi, my lord". Akbar started laughing and said that was impossible. Birbal said, "It is possible my king- if a poor man can stay warm by simply looking at the lamp burning at a distance, I can cook this khichadi the same way." Akbar understood Birbal's point, and rewarded the poor man for the challenge.

Moral: Hope can inspire people to work hard.



THE POT OF WIT

Once upon a time, king Akbar got so mad at mad at Birbal that he told Birbal to leave the kingdom and go away. Heartbroken, Birbal left the kingdom and took refuge at a farmer's house in a nearby village. Birbal spent his days working at the farm. As time passed, king Akbar started missing his favourite courtier. One day, Akbar decided to send across his royal guards to find Birbal. The guards looked for Birbal in all directions, but all their efforts went to waste. Akbar thought of a trick to find Birbal – he made an announcement that whoever got him a pot full of wit would be given a pot filled with diamonds. The news reached all the nearby villages, and to Birbal as well. The villagers held a meeting to decide how to solve the king's mystery. Birbal offered to help, stating that he needs a month's time. Birbal took a pot and put a small watermelon in it without cutting it from its vines. After a month, the watermelon grew up to the size of the pot. This pot was sent to the king, and he was told that the wit could be removed from the pot without breaking it. Akbar knew that it could be no one else but Birbal. Akbar came to take Birbal back to his court.

Moral Haste makes waste, think hard because there is a solution to every problem.



WHO IS THE KING?

Once Birbal was sent as an ambassador to another kingdom. The king of that kingdom had also heard stories about Birbal's sharp intellect and wanted to test the same. The king made all his ministers dress up like him, and they all sat in a line to test Birbal. When Birbal entered the courtroom, he was amazed to see everyone dressed in same clothes and sitting on a similar kind of throne. Perplexed and confused, Birbal took few moments to observe everyone and then went up to one of them and bowed in front of him. It was the king himself, and he was surprised beyond words. He stood up and hugged Birbal and also asked him how he could guess so. Birbal smiled and answered, "My lord, the kind of confidence you exuded, no one else did, and they also kept looking at you for approval". The king felt amused and praised Birbal for his unmatched intellect and presence of mind.

Moral Intelligent people can comprehend a great deal through observation.



THE FOOLISH THIEF

Once upon a time, a rich merchant was robbed in king Akbar's kingdom. The grief-stricken merchant went to the court and asked for help. Akbar asked Birbal to help the merchant find the robber. The merchant told Birbal that he suspected one of his servants. On getting the hint from the merchant, Birbal summoned all the servants and told them to stand in a straight line. When asked about the robbery, everyone denied doing it, as expected. Birbal then handed over one stick of the same length, to each one of them. While dispersing, Birbal said, "By tomorrow, the robber's stick will increase by two inches". The next day when Birbal summoned everyone and inspected their sticks, one servant's stick was shorter by two inches. On being asked by the merchant about the mystery of finding the real thief, Birbal said, "It was simple: the thief had cut his stick by two inches, fearing that it would increase in size".

Moral: Truth always prevails