

Mural paintings are not just drawings on a wall, they are an expression of our liveliness and learning. The DP 2 students planned and coordinated the mural painting project in Naagireddygudda Primary School, along with volunteers from MYP 5 and DP 1 who helped with executing the paintings, and were all able to make a change for the students learning environment of the school. If in doubt about how the project is beneficial, one could think about how it would be like to study in a plain white box, compared to studying surrounded by colours and thematic information all around. As the mural paintings were for the students of the school, in hope to ensure that they would love their learning environment, the students contributed to the paintings along with us based on our suggestions and their preferences. While mural painting, our students were able to inspire and even enlighten the students with their learning environment, made to be suitable for each grade level. For first grade, the paintings were of a pictograph of baseballs to facilitate learning the numbers. For the 3rd graders, they understood the limit to understanding the appearances of animals by the teacher drawing on the blackboard, and hence thought of painting animals on the walls. Our students also thought the same for the parts of the human body, the water cycle, the solar system, the seasons and fruits and vegetables. However, we did not limit or restrict the murals to the learning in the classroom. The team went out of the box and painted aesthetic figures such as a polka dotted sun, the phases of the moon and a tree with leaves made from the children's hand prints. They further shone light by adding motivational paintings to encourage the students such as insisting happy learning, promoting the 3 R's: Reuse, Reduce and Recycle, and a food pyramid promoting a balanced diet. The murals did not only facilitate learning, but also facilitated personal growth and development. They give the children one more reason to smile when they go to school and one more reason to love learning. At this moment I must say that, this is a great learning experience for us Sreenidhi international School students!

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