

Teaching, the modern way!

Let us take a look at how our instructors are constantly looking at newer ways to inculcate knowledge, and make it an insightful and enjoyable experience

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From the time we were barely three to four-years-old, till the time we turned 22 and became adults, if there has been someone in our lives to guide us through each step of the way, apart from our parents, then it'd definitely be our teachers. From teaching us how to hold a pencil when we were in kindergarten to giving us lessons on life and how to handle it outside our classrooms, they've been there, guiding us all through, without complaining about how difficult it is for them. All through the year, they do everything they can to teach us and all they get in return is ungratefulness. Let us take a look at how they have moved with time to create great and fun learning experiences for us kids!

Today, a lot of college kids spend their time with their mobile phones, constantly connected to the internet, either searching for something or passing their time on social media. Taking cue from this, there have been mobile applications designed in a way to teach children in their own convenient mode. There are apps today where teachers record their lectures and put them up online so that students can view them in case they missed them or just wanted a revision. However, using the online platform isn't enough. Achala Joshi, a school principal, says, "Today, teachers also take



efforts to go to the level of children's understanding and teach. Along with technology, they take into consideration every child's understanding level and frame a coursework around that."

Apart from video lectures online, teachers also take the field trip route when it comes to imparting education to college kids. This is because, at this age, there are several specialised subjects, the teaching of which is better if done practically than in theory. Aashish Parekh, the chief executive officer of a well-known educational institute, says, "Today, teachers are adopting technology in a



huge way. They are also using models and case studies as methods for teaching. These days, several children also get the opportunity to interact with industry experts. I

feel that these newer methods are very effective, but they must be used judiciously.

Technology should be blended with the teacher's expertise. Change is the name of the game, and one should always move according to times, but with using new methods, teachers should also explain simultaneously." Take for example, a course like journalism. Students can be taught all about ethics, how to write articles, and create run-downs, but unless they see and experience it in real time, they won't be prepared for it fully. Thus, in such cases, informative trips to the newsroom or

a newspaper office would add immense knowledge and give students a slice of how it works.

Ajit Hukerikar, another school principal, shares, "Experiential learning is

one new method that teachers are using today. In this method, students learn through experience and situations. They are put in a situation and it is up to them to find a solution. Modern methods like these are very effective.

We need to adopt them because times are changing and we can't stick to just the traditional methods. In my opinion, students today know a lot more than teachers, and we educators need to cope with them."

For small children who study in primary school, teaching has greatly changed, again thanks to the newer technologies and methods adopted by

teachers. No longer is classroom teaching sleep-inducing. To make learning interactive and engaging, teachers are often introducing the concept of group presentations and

possible!

Apart from project-based learning, teachers also use audio visual aids for school children. They have always been doing so, but today, with improved technology, they have far more options than they did earlier. The variety of visual aids popular these days are models, actual objects, charts, flannel board, flash cards, overhead projector, etc. The usage of visual aids in classrooms makes the learning process easier and interesting. Research states that 83 per cent of what children learn is through sight, thus it has been proven that visual aids are the best tool for making teaching effective.

Studies also state that children generally remember 10 per cent of what they read, 20 per cent of what they hear, but 30 per cent of what they see. This is why, teachers, these days, are using more and more visual aids in the classroom for efficient dissemination of knowledge.

Shanhti Ramesh, a principal, says, "Technology toys, like interactive whiteboards, tablets, etc. are some of the newer methods widely adopted by teachers in modern classrooms to engage students and to build their skills. These new digital learning tools make students smarter. They enable students to develop effective self-directed grasping skills."

For children studying in kindergarten, visual aids are more effective. What's more effective is teaching them things in different and unique ways rather than just making them rote learn. This is why, puzzles, games and toys are used more for children of this age group. While looking at what's written on the board and repeating after the teacher are usual methods, the usage of colourful toys to teach concepts, and puzzles and games to grasp their understanding are more effective in the sense that they learn it faster this way and retain that knowledge.

However, no matter how modern the method, there's one thing that's irreplaceable in a child's learning process—a teacher!

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