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Author Interaction Session at JKPS - An Inspiring Gathering of Minds

The Author's Meet 2024, held on October 29 at Jaspal Kaur Public School, Shalimar Bagh, brought students into the magical world of picture books, led by the acclaimed author Ms. Mamta Nainy. Organized as a preview event of the second edition of the HT PACE Litfest, this session allowed students from Classes VI to XII to engage with a luminary of children's literature in an environment rich with learning and creativity.

The event was graced by the presence of the School Principal, Mrs. Asha Saran Srivastava, and the headmistress, Mrs. Shikha Dhameja. In her heartfelt address, Mrs. Srivastava encouraged students to embrace reading and express themselves authentically through writing. As a gesture of appreciation, a planter was presented to the guest author, symbolizing the school's gratitude and warmth.

Ms. Nainy, known for her captivating picture books, brought warmth and wit to the gathering, instantly connecting with her audience. She opened the session by sharing her journey as an author, revealing the joys and challenges she encountered in creating memorable stories for young readers. With infectious enthusiasm, she delved into the art of pictorial storytelling, explaining how elements like character voices, narrative style, and vibrant imagery make children's literature come to life. Her anecdotes, especially those surrounding her popular book 'Why Are My Words Tangled?' gave students a rare glimpse into her creative process, showing them how stories evolve from mere ideas to a vivid narrative that resonates with readers.

The highlight of the event was the interactive session, where students eagerly asked questions, expressing curiosity and fresh perspectives on the storytelling craft. Ms. Nainy's responses were insightful and engaging, encouraging the young participants to think creatively and confidently about their own ideas. This exchange culminated in a story idea contest, where students presented their original concepts. The contest was not only a test of their storytelling abilities but a platform to showcase their imaginations.

This event, made possible by the collaboration between Jaspal Kaur Public School and the Hindustan Times team, was a true celebration of literature. It left students inspired, opening doors to the rich, imaginative world of books and sparking a newfound enthusiasm for storytelling. The Author's Meet was a memorable experience.





