

# **PRANJAL PANDEY**

## **About The School**

**Shree Shivapur High School**

**Tilottama 11, Rupandehi, Nepal**

**From nursery to class 12**

**Number of students: 350+**

**Principal Name: Gyan Prasad Bhattarai**

**Contact person: Buddhisagar Bhattarai (Chairperson)**

Shivapur High School has a computer science program from grade 6 to grade 8 as a compulsory course. It is however, an optional course for the students of grade 9 and 10.

## **THE EXPERIENCE**

### **Teaching**

I taught the students from grade 4 to 9. I wasn't assigned a specific subject to teach and thus I kept switching between Math, Science and Computer. Basically, I taught science to grade 4 and 6, Computer to grade 7 and Mathematics to grade 9. We used to discuss theoretical topics inside the classroom and frequently visited the lab for practical.

### **Flipped Classes**

Students had to be taken to the computer lab for flipped classes as the only functioning project was in the lab. I showed flipped classes videos of Science to grade 7 and of Mathematics to grade 9. Students found them extremely helpful and were delighted to have found a new way of learning.

## **About Computer lab**

I describe the situation of computer lab as “just fine”. There were about 17 desktops and 2 laptops with necessary software installed in them. Students to computers ratio was about 2:1.

## **Computer Lab Maintenance**

Most of the computers in the lab were working fine. However, there were problems on some of the desktops and the laptop. I repaired two desktops and a laptop that had booting issues. I installed the required software on the repaired ones monitored all the computers and ensured their functioning throughout my stay.

## **Extra Activities**

Extra activities like quiz, Pictionary, storytelling were organized inside the classroom, especially during the weekends. To make it more interesting, I held it as a competition and awarded the winners with some gift hampers.

## **The learning**

If I had to describe my overall teaching fellowship in one sentence, it would be “once in a lifetime experience”.

The school is located in the western terai village of Nepal. Since I myself spent a lot of my childhood in the villages of terai, it became quite easier for me to adapt to the environment. The faculty members were extremely helpful and assisted me in every possible to know how things work there.

This experience made me realize that being a teacher is not an easy task. To help students achieve their dreams, guide them through their troubles and help them become a better person, it's not something everyone can achieve. To experience the joy of teaching, even for a very short period of time, made me feel special about myself. To be respected as a teacher by the students, the locals and the teachers themselves feels different. I would like to thank Deerwalk for providing me such an opportunity to fulfilling one of my dreams that I had always dreamt of.