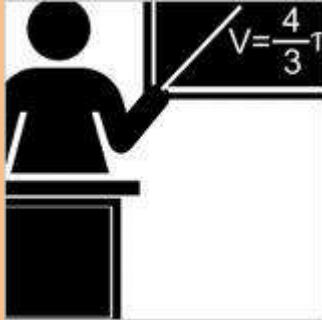


Hello there,

Earlier I covered 5 interesting subjects that I read through a book that my son took from the library pointing at "How have things changed At School". I had promised to list the remaining 6 points which are very interesting.

(6)Blackboard to Whiteboard



Lessons earlier were on blackboards using chalks and a duster was used to wipe the boards. Playing with the duster was fun (esp) on others and making the room dusty too.

Text books were also quite dull, in black and white with no pictures and sometimes pictures but black and white.

That has moved on to Interactive boards where even interactive games can be played. Still text books are used, but are colourful, simple, brighter and more color pictures

(7)Punishments and Rewards

Wowwwww

I did get many a hitting with the cane and there was one teacher at School who used to beat on the Knuckles. I was always in the list to be standing in the corner or outside of the classroom.

Now a days teachers are not allowed to hit the children, but kept in class at play time because they have behaved badly.

Children are given certificates as rewards for their writing skills, good behaviour, helpful.....a sense of motivation for the child in front of the whole class/school during assembly.



(8)Uniform

Boys wore a jacket and breeches and wore sturdy boots, girls pinafores. Most children were from poor families and the clothes looked ragged.

Today, schools still have uniforms that shows and gives an "identity", but are more casual having School logo and colourful. The button down shirts with tie is slowly moving to T shirts.



(9)Travelling to School



Walking or trudging long distances in cold wet muddy lanes carrying all books in a leather satchel was the only way to get to School.

Today, the School bus is there (or) parents might use their car, and even drivers waiting for you!!!

(10)School meals

From the hot cooked meal that was the same throughout the week, which was horrible and the teachers would not let you leave the table until your plate was empty.

Now, menus are tastier, fresher, healthier and there are more choices, the concept of school meals have also changed.

(11)Playtime

In the past children had to bring their own toys to play which was mainly marbles for boys and skipping hops for girls. Games such as hide n seek, follow the leader, train, balls, ropes and clapping games were common because no equipment was needed.



Today, Schools have more and more equipment to play, like climbing frame, football goal, stilts, pogo sticks.....and playgrounds have rules and regulations.

I trust that I took you through your School days and you can see how much School/Classrooms have changed for your child.

In many ways the changes are very positive, but I feel that the interaction that we had among our fellow classmates whom we used to call as "friends" is missing.

Friends have become buddies, but lack the touch and essence of the real meaning of the word.



But then as the world changes, we also have to move or else we are kept back and we only lose.....

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