

A Report on
Online Workshop on “Let’s Play Boomwhackers “Learn English through Music and Play”

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The School of Education, Central University of Gujarat organized an online workshop on a pioneering teaching method called “Let’s play Boomwhackers “Learn English through Music and Play” on 24th March 2021. The workshop was organized under the Centre for Professional Development of Teacher Educators in Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Training. Prof. Rama Shankar Dubey Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat was the Patron of the programme; Prof. H.B. Patel and Dr Rajesh Patel were the convenor and co-convenor of the programme. The programme was commenced with University Kulgeet, followed by a welcome speech given by Professor H.B. Patel. He welcomed Chief Guest Ms. Effie Bachtsevana and gave an introduction of her. She is a music teacher, author, global educationist, speaker and researcher from Thessaloniki. Further he highlighted about the richness of different Indian festival and music to incorporate in learning of English language. He also welcomes the organizing committee and all the teachers, faculty members, researchers across India participated in the conference.

Then the guest speaker preceded the programme with a nice presentation, where she sheds light on Boom Whackers. She showed us the demo by singing rhymes and tapping the tube on the floor and explained about the rhythm activity with movement, where she explained that sounds which are produced through Boom Whacker depend on the different length, the size, the durability, and lightweight of the tube. She mentioned a characteristic of Boom Whackers that its different colour make excitement to the little one and individual can easily use inside and outside the school by tapping not only on surface but also on body. She also threw lights on the importance of this instrument and how teachers and educators can use it in daycare centers, kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, universities, language

schools, conservatories, music schools, teacher training schools and vocational training institutions. Moreover she pointed out Indian can combine Boom Whackers with Indian classical music, which will encourage students to learn more in the classroom. After that, she showed us some demo through pencil and Boom Whackers, where she played the famous Rhyme song “twinkle twinkle little star”. And she explained new words and vocabularies can be taught to the child through this teaching approach. Ms. Effie Bachtsevana also explained that this teaching approach can also help children in learning different colours, help in the movement of the body, imagination skills and in improve listening skills. According to her Boom Whackers activities can encourage students to communicate, be creative and become expressive.

Later the session was open for discussion and participants were allowed to ask their queries. A participant dropped a question that how can we implement this teaching method in English grammar and Social Science? Interestingly it was answered by combining a song and to prepare lesson on question and answer through Boom Whackers.

After some discussions Patron Prof. Rama Shankar Dubey, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat, delivered the presidential address. He emphasized India has classical musical instruments of bamboo sticks but boom is light weighted and having different colour will attract children. He thanked the organizers of the programme and focused the method appears to be interesting and helpful in grasping the English language. He also showed interest in small project collaboration in future.

At the end of the programme, vote of thanks was given by Dr. ShilpaPapat,Assistant Professor, School of Education, Central University of Gujarat by expressed her gratitude to Prof. Rama Shankar Dubey, Prof. H.B. Patel, Ms. Effie Bachtsevana, organizers and all the participants for the support and successful of Conference.

Photo Gallery



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