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Abstract

In order to complete this report , I have chosen a school which is situated at North dhanmondi, Panthapath. The name of the school is Lake Circus Girls' High School. I have done enough survey of this school to know its details. I have observed 3 English classes with three separate checklists and have taken 3 classes with different English lessons in the presence of the class teachers . The class teachers were extremely supportive and helpful during this time. This new experience was very special to me and I enjoyed teaching the students. I hope my internship report helps to display the current situation of English language teaching of Bangladesh.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

English is an international language. It is used as a common medium that helps us to communicate and express our feelings to other speakers of different languages. So, it is quite mandatory for the students to learn this language with proper care and guidance. I was given instruction that I would have to visit a school and observe 3 different classes conducted by 3 different class teachers. After observing the classes thoroughly, I would have to take 3 different classes as well. I selected Lake Circus Girls' High School for my internship. I saw how their teachers teach them and took notes of their style and method of teaching in details. I learnt about the Grammar translation method (GTM) from my ELT course. I personally think GTM is very effective for the students to learn foreign language. So, I taught the students by this method in which students had to go through the rules at first and then they had to give examples using the rules and structures. This internship was the first opportunity for me to work as a teacher in a school. I was nervous at the beginning but later I felt quite comfortable with the students because they were supportive and smart. I made a survey of the institution to know its details. I would like to add some of the details of the school that I got for completing my undergraduate internship. During my field work, I have observed the students and the environment of the school. It is a well reputed school in the area and has a good space for playground. The school was neat and clean. It was established in 1960. I went to meet the principal of the school for approving the permission of project report. After discussing about it, she asked me to show her the recommendation letter given by my university. Then the principal approved my recommendation letter and appreciated my university for giving me this opportunity to learn about teaching English language. However, I have learnt many things from this experience. The most important thing I learned that I have to be more attentive and patient .

Chapter 2

The objectives

The objectives of the internship report are :

- a. To observe the present scenario of English language teaching in our country.
- b. To implement ELT method in real classrooms.
- c. To see the advantages and disadvantages of my chosen method which is GTM (Grammar translation method).

For achieving the objectives I had to follow some instructions :

- a. I was advised to keep in touch with my teacher who was the supervisor of my internship.
- b. I listened to her guidelines carefully and tried to implement them.

Chapter 3

Methodology

I was required to maintain some instructions in order to complete this work. At first I collected the recommendation letter from the office of English department. Then I came to know the name of my teacher under whom I would complete my internship report. I was asked to meet her immediately and discuss about my internship plans. My teacher, Anta Afsana signed the recommendation letter and told me about every small details of this internship. At last she gave me some important materials like class observation checklists and told me to choose a school for my project report. I decided to go to a school named Lake Circus Girls' High School. I went to there with my recommendation letter. I thought it would be difficult to get the permission from the principal but I was really amazed to see how the principal reacted to this proposal. He was very friendly and cooperative. He approved my proposal instantly after checking my recommendation letter. I expressed my gratitude to him and then I started doing my work. I observed 3 English classes with 3 separate observation checklists and then I took 3 classes. When I took the classes , I tried to apply both GTM and CLT method in those classes so that students could understand the topics clearly.

Chapter 4

Institution details

The Name of Institution Is Lake Circus Girls' High School. It is located at North Dhanmondi, Panthapath, Dhaka. It was established in 1960. The Principal's Name is Md Mostafa Kamal . The school has 4 floors. It has a playground for the entertainment of students. It has 25 classrooms .The Classrooms are big enough for the students. There are 25 teachers including male and female. The school starts at 8:30 am to 1:40 pm. Discipline is strictly maintained in the school. Students are very respectful to their teachers. The school received multimedia award in 2018. Overall, the environment of the school is good.

Chapter 5

The report of class observation

Class 1

The observation of my first class was with class 6. It was on 4th July at 8:30 am. The name of class teacher was Pran Krishno Dash. He entered the class and the students stood up to show him respect and then greeted him. He started with a smile and asked the students few questions about the lesson that he taught them in previous class. The student answered him enthusiastically. Then the teacher started teaching them “Right form of verbs”. He wrote some of the important basic rules on the board. He was explaining the rules with sufficient examples. He gave them easy examples so that the students could understand and imply them later. Then he asked his students to make other examples with the help of the rules. I noticed that he interacted with the whole class and encouraged them to ask questions regarding the topic. He was very patient with his students during the class time. The students were also very active. They were responding to him without any hesitation. It made me realize that the teacher had friendly relationship with his students. I think his pronunciation was impressive and I find his teaching style quite admirable. At the end of the class, he advised the students to go through the rules once again at home. Later he ended the class after giving them some homework. The class ended at 9:10 am. So, overall I would say the teacher did very wonderful job and used his class time efficiently.

Class 2

I observed the second class on the same day which was 4th July. I decided to observe class 7. The class started at 9:50 am. The name of the class teacher was Kamrul Jaman. At first he took attendance of the students. Total students were 30. The teacher discussed preposition in the class. He started with the definition of preposition at first. The students seemed to listen to him attentively. Then he elaborated them the types of preposition. The students were advised to write down special notes during his lecture. They obeyed him and wrote notes according to his lecture. Then the teacher told them to go the exercise section in the book and the students followed his instructions. He asked them to do the exercise from the chapter. The students started doing their task. When they finished their exercise sheet, the teacher asked for the answers from them. The students responded to him eagerly. He encouraged the students to participate in the class discussion. Although his teaching method was great, I found his pronunciation a bit unclear. He gave tremendous efforts but he should improve his pronunciation. All-inclusive, the teacher had done his job very successfully and the students were also attentive in his class.

Class 3

The last class that I observed was with class 9. It was on 4th July at 11:30 am. The name of the teacher was Mahmuda Chowdhury. She discussed a passage from English 1st paper. At first she read out the whole passage for her students. Then she translated it in Bangla so that the students could understand the topic clearly without any confusion. The passage was about environment. She explained each paragraph very interestingly. She interacted with students and encouraged them to ask questions regarding the lesson. Then she asked the students to solve the questions from the model questions. Students solved multiple choices, fill in the blanks and others questions. I think her teaching style was very good as she elaborated the passage with details. The best thing about her teaching method was that she applied CLT method by letting the students speak in English in the classroom. Her voice was not that loud as she was soft-spoken. Her efforts will be more effective if she makes her voice a little louder so that students from the last benches can hear her and follow her instructions without any confusions. When the class ended, she gave them some homework and said good bye to them.

Teaching experiences

Class 1

Date : 6 July 2019

Class observer : Pran Krishno Dash

Class : 6

Topic : Articles

My first class was with class 6. It was on 6th July at 9:10 am. At the beginning I was nervous as it was my very first experience as a teacher. At first I introduced myself to the students. I chose the topic “Article” from their syllabus. I discussed on articles for 20 minutes. Then I reviewed the topic to make it more clear. I asked them the definition of article. I got many responses from them. They answered my question eagerly which was very impressive. My nervousness started to fade away after getting warm responses from the little students. They tried their best to answer my questions. I gave them some sentences with blanks and told them to use articles in the blanks. They solved it within 10 minutes. They brought their copies to me. I checked and gave feedback to them.

At the end of the class, the students were happy and said good bye to me.

Class 2

Date : 6 July 2019

Class observer : Kamrul Jaman

Class : 7

Topic : Tense

I took my 2nd class with class 7. There were almost 45 students in the class room. I started by introducing myself to them. I wanted them to be comfortable with me. So, I decided to share a short story with them. The story was about time. Students listened to me very carefully. Then I drew a table on the board. I elaborated the topic with examples. They were asking me questions when they had problems to understand. But I noticed the overall students seemed to understand the topic easily. After that I gave them some exercises to solve. They completed their work within given time. Then I gave them feedbacks. Later I gave them a topic to discuss it in English. The topic was "My best friend". They were excited to talk about their best friends. Some of them raised their hands to try to speak about their best friends in English. They made mistakes but I assured them that it was ok to make mistakes at first and advised them to practice more. Thus, I applied CLT method so that they could also learn to express their thoughts in English. Then I ended the class by saying good byes to the students. The class teacher who observed me said that I tried my best as a new teacher.

Class 3

Date : 6 July 2019

Class observer : Rashidul Karim

Class : 8

Topic : Conditional sentences

I took my last class with class 8. The total amount of students were 35. I chose the topic “Conditional sentences”. I taught them types of conditionals. I elaborated the 4 types of conditionals with examples. The students seemed to enjoy my class. Then I told them to write some examples with 4 types of conditionals. They were active. They responded to me very I quickly which showed they could understand my lecture. I asked them if they had any problems or confusions. Few of them raised their hands to discuss their problems and I cleared their confusions.

My overall experience was good with this class. Their performance in the class was praiseworthy.

Chapter 7

Overall Findings

I never thought I could take a whole class in a school. I was scared at the beginning. Teaching is a big responsibility for anyone to take. I wanted to make sure that my teaching was satisfactory and acceptable. I was very conscious of my presentation in front of the students. But the students were so cooperative and helpful that I got very comfortable with them so easily. The principal was very kind and helpful, Teachers were also very supportive. From my point of view, I found the teaching condition of that school was good for the students. The teachers mostly followed GTM in their classes. I think they should also follow Communicative teaching method as it is very important for the students to learn to communicate in English. I also noticed that the school has no library. The authority should arrange a small library for students so that they can expand their knowledge by reading different kinds of books. From this experience, I have understood that teaching is not an easy job and it requires a lot of dedication and hard work. The biggest lesson I have received is I need to be more patient and equable. I also realized that I need to work on my pronunciation so that I can feel more confident when I speak in front of people. This experience will always be special for me. It gave me a good chance to think about teaching as my profession.

Chapter 8

Recommendation

I have observed the teaching style of the class teachers. Almost everyone used GTM (Grammar translation method) in their classes. It becomes very easy for the students to understand their lessons perfectly if they are asked to give examples using the rules. But I think CLT (communicative language teaching) method should also be mandatory in the classroom. If teachers implement both GTM and CLT method, it will be more beneficial for the students. So, I would suggest them to encourage communicative approach in the class.

Chapter 9

Conclusion

I have never thought of becoming a teacher. However, my internship journey encouraged me to think about it as my profession. I also got inspired from the teachers in the school. This journey helped me to develop myself as a teacher. At last I would like to say that it was a different experience for me. It helped me to enhance my knowledge on English language teaching. Also, this experience gave me a great lesson about the effective ways and methods of teaching. During this internship, I have learnt a lot of things and I want to keep all the learnings in the core of my heart. It was a bit challenging for me but I will always cherish the good memories of my experience.

Appendices

- a) Class observation check list
- b) Certificate of internship
- c) Photograph