## **AUTHOR SESSION - UNVIELING THE ART OF WRITING A BOOK**

An author session on "How to Write a Book" was organized by Bal Bharati Public School, Manesar on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to enlighten and inspire the students with valuable insights into the art and craft of writing. The session was led by Ms. Aashisha Chakraborty, who is a PM-YUVA author with the Ministry of Education and Write India winner whose bestseller debut novel - Mis(s)adventures of a Salesgirl by Rupa Publications is loosely based on her experiences as a sales manager. Her second book is a work of historical fiction with the National Book Trust, titled the 13-year-old Queen and her Inherited Destiny (endorsed by the Sahitya Akademi and Dr. Shashi Tharoor) launched at the World Book Fair by Nobel Laureate, Annie Ernaux and exhibited at the book fairs in Seoul, London, and Abu Dhabi. She aimed to guide the students and aspiring writers through the process of transforming ideas into a manuscript.

The author stressed on the significance of defining the purpose of the book early in the writing process and selecting of genre as per the interest of the author. Having a clear understanding of the book's purpose helps shape the narrative and engage the audience effectively. The author stressed on the various elements to Craft a book in which the author shared various examples of short stories, Novella and novels to enhance the knowledge of the students about different genres. The session also highlighted the importance of the editing and revising process in creating a polished manuscript. The author shared her personal anecdotes and professional advice on how to approach the revision process, including seeking feedback from beta readers and editors.

The students received valuable insights into the publishing industry, including traditional publishing versus self-publishing and the significance of ISBN for an author. The author also highlighted the importance of PR to publicize a book and how to go ahead with it. The session concluded with a discussion on the significance of establishing a consistent writing routine and emphasizing the discipline required to see a writing project through to completion and shared tips on time management and staying motivated. The session provided attendees with a comprehensive overview of the writing process, from finding inspiration to navigating the publishing industry. Overall, it was an enriching and insightful session wherein all the students were delighted by the knowledge gained by them







