



## THE READING FEST: BOOK MY STORY 2022

**Date: 28 January 2022**

**Day: Friday**

**Participants: Class VIII**

Keeping up with the joyful spirit of the **100 Days Reading Campaign**, the **Department of English** at **ITL Public School** organized its **Reading Fest : Book my Story 2022** and conducted an **Author Interaction Series**.

The renowned author, **Mr. Vadhan** who has penned acclaimed books such as, **Agniputr**, **Shatru** and **Fear of God**, interacted with the students of **Class VIII** about the perks of reading and strategies to become voracious readers.

The foundation of the author-interaction initiative, lay in the awareness that reading is the foundation of learning, which motivates students to read books independently, develops creativity, critical thinking, vocabulary and the ability to express both verbally and in writing. It helps children to relate to their surroundings and real-life situation. Thus, there is a need to create an enabling environment in which students read for pleasure and develop their skills through a process that is enjoyable and sustainable and which remains with them for life.

Mr. Vadhan emphasized that reading is an interaction between the text and the reader, which involves not just understanding the meaning of the words but also grasping the multi-layered meaning behind the text. He also discussed about the bliss of revisiting a book and finding a whole new perspective, each time. Reading requires continuous practice, development and refinement. The interactive session with Mr. Vadhan was further enriched by the questions of the inquisitive ITLeens of Class VIII and the wit and charm of the anchors and moderators of the event.

