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PEACE CLUB SEMINAR ON 'KNOWLEDGE ON THE USE OF DIFFERENT KIND OF TOYS'.



The District Project Consultant Mrs. Moumita Reang with an aim to help participants gain knowledge on the use of different types of toys, conducted the Peace Club Monthly Meeting in Holy Cross School, Kumarghat on 02-07-2022 under the title “Anti-war Toys”. The consultant began with a brainstorming, asking the students on the use of toys during their childhood. She said that Playing toys is critical for young children. It’s a way for them to process the world around them and to learn. Through play, children build a foundation for later academic and social success. And we should make sure children have plenty of opportunities to engage in self-directed, meaningful play.

She too explained as of which type of toys are good that we can introduce to children. She spoke to the students that how children’s entertainment and using of war toys are affecting the play and behavior of children. Introducing toys to children such as guns, swords, knives, bows and arrows, war planes etc. defined as ‘aggressive’ and can promote the expressions of anger. Also, they experience conflict in a variety of situations across their home and social lives. She also said that children are seen manipulated into replacing the violent content they see on television, videos, and violent cartoons and tend to imitate these in real life. And it is very likely that many of us at some point of time will have to shop for children’s present for example for a birthday or holiday. As we walk down the toy aisle, we will soon notice some toys tell a story of conflict.

So, as adults who value peace and cooperation, we must learn to pass these values on to the younger generations. And whenever we think of buying war toys, we may also ask ourselves what role ‘war toys’ play in children’s development. She concluded by saying that children should choose games that develop team spirit and intelligence, rather than purchasing any war toys that promotes aggression, anger and hatred.

- By Francis VL Auva Lushai