

LIGHTHOUSE

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FOREWORD

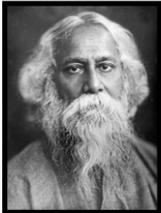
Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was an Indian academic professor, philosopher, and politician who served as the first Vice President of India and the second President of India. He was a remarkable man who cared deeply about the real meaning of Education and believed teachers could help the future generation succeed and change the world.

So how did Teacher's Day come to be celebrated?

When Dr. Radhakrishnan took the office of the second President of India in 1962, his students sought his permission to celebrate September 5, his birthday, as a special day. Dr. Radhakrishnan responded by saying "Instead of celebrating my birthday, it would be my proud privilege if September 5 is observed as Teacher's Day." He felt this was a way to recognise the contribution of teachers to society. And since then, students all over the country work to make this day special for their teachers, a token of their respect and gratitude.

By the Editorial team

THE GREATEST TEACHERS OF ALL TIMES!



Rabindranath Tagore

The writer of the National Anthem 'Jana Gana Mana' believed that "The main objective of teaching is not to give explanations, but to knock on the doors of the mind". Rabindranath Tagore invested his Nobel Prize money in constructing the "Visva-Bharati" school in Shantiniketan.



Savitribai Phule

Savitribai Phule is known as India's first female teacher. Her contribution as a great teacher has been acknowledged by naming the University of Pune as Savitribai Phule Pune University.



Chanakya

He was a great philosopher and jurist at that time, royal advisor to King Chandragupta Maurya. The impact of his two books namely Nitishastra (also called Chanakya Niti) and Arthashastra can be felt even today. Both the books reflect his wisdom as it mentions a lot of experiential realities from his time that are relevant even today.

Submitted by Hiya Mehta
Class 10

THE CHANGE IN TEACHING

This year's Teachers' day has an even greater significance considering the challenges that teachers have faced during the COVID-19 crisis.

In this crisis, teachers have shown, as they have done so often, great leadership and innovation. They have ensured that #LearningNeverStops, that no learner is left behind. Around the world, they have worked individually and collectively to find solutions and create new learning environments for their students to allow education to continue.

Teachers have changed their techniques to teach students in these difficult times. They have adapted themselves to online classes and have put a lot of effort into learning more about technology. They made the online classes easier for students and guided them to adapt to this situation.

We commend educators for the central role they have played, and continue to play, in responding to and recovering from this pandemic.

As UNICEF says, "Now is the time to recognize the role of teachers in helping to ensure a generation of students can reach their full potential, and the importance of education for short-term stimulus, economic growth and social cohesion, during and after COVID-19."

Submitted by Abhimanyu Gunaseelan
Class 9

CONQUERING THE NEW NORMAL

The pandemic has revolutionized education! Teachers transferred themselves to cope up with the new online process of education, by attending various training and seminars. We took up every challenge as we believe education determines the quality of individuals life, knowledge, skills, personality and attitudes.

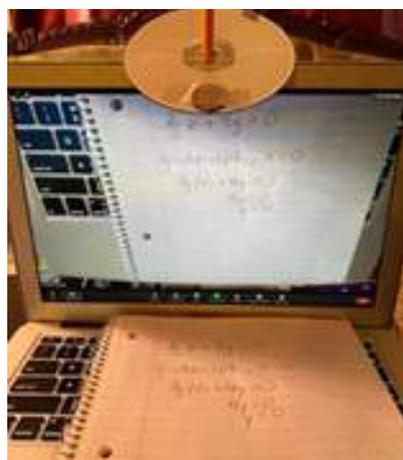
Parents on the other hand, equally played a pivotal role in making the teaching learning process a great success. They ensured creating designated virtual classrooms in the house, providing gadgets, enforcing routine and structure to make the process of learning and teaching smooth.

Teachers left no stone unturned by creating interactive presentations, innovative applications and fun ways of learning. Online platforms created and also bridged the distance between the teacher and the students and we stayed connected 24/7.

Submitted by Ms. Manjinder Jaffri
Teacher



AGE AND TECHNOLOGY



I never thought in my wildest dream that there was something called Teaching online. However, Covid-19 changed the entire system of teaching and learning process. At my age when my teaching methodology had already taken strong roots, suddenly everything had to be at the click of the mouse - and whoa, my entire class became a miniature screen. New words were added in my day to day vocabulary like online classroom, Google meet, Google forms, ppts and videos, login, log out etc...Though apprehensive in the beginning, eventually I adapted to this new way of teaching. I realized that it was time to gear up and overcome this situation and make the best use of this technology so that the students' studies do not get hampered. And yes, though I have not become a pro in technology, I am glad I did not give up. When change is constant then age is just the number.

Submitted by Ms. Ritu Jeswani
Teacher

PHYSICAL SCHOOLING TO DIGITAL LEARNING

Who would have ever thought that there will come a time when schooling will take place over screens rather than in classrooms? The outbreak of the pandemic has brought a revolutionary change in education as teachers have reached each student's house and every parent has become an integral part of the school.

Being a teacher, I went through this phase of shift from Physical to Digital with a number of inhibitions. But with focused and efficient planning, the transition was like a ship sailing on a smooth sea. I felt like a student who was being trained to face and tackle these new challenges of life. It was so difficult to imagine teaching without students in front of me, without classrooms, white-board and even more than this, missing student's chatter, their excuses, questions, comments - but everything gradually became possible with sheer grit and determination to teach, to learn and to educate.

This pandemic has reinforced the saying which I had learnt during my school days - "Where there is a will, there is a way."

Submitted by Rajani Dubey
Teacher



TEACHERS – THE INTEGRAL PART OF A STUDENT'S LIFE



“One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world”. These exceptional words of Malala Yousafzai stand true to the day as we express our gratitude towards our phenomenal teachers.

As we sail the choppy seas of uncertainty, teachers act as our anchors. They kindle streaks of optimism and eventually challenge us to illuminate the sky with brilliant hues. By offering a sense of comfort and security, they feel like family.

The relationship between a pupil and a teacher is beautiful. They seemingly complete and mutually give purpose to each other's lives. With love and patience, they inspire us to unearth our fullest potential. Their grace enchants the classroom, and their knowledge taps into the magical realms of the universe.

Submitted by Anushka Pandey

Class 9

JOURNEY FROM UNLEARN TO LEARN!

Challenge accepted! Not for myself but for my students. I have moved from chalkboard to digital white board, from physical classroom to online classroom, new vocab like - am I audible, is my screen visible, mute - un-mute option, raise hand option, switch on your camera, from pen and paper test to google forms, physical worksheets correction to digital correction. I have also explored new apps for teaching and conducted virtual celebration of days and events. I think the list goes on endlessly but it is worth it for my dear students. They are happy, I am happy and learning never stops.

Submitted by Ms. Bindu Mastakar
Teacher



HARD WORK BEHIND THE NEW EXPERIENCE

Teachers took a lot of effort, attended training, no time boundaries and saw that they were upgraded to what the online sessions needed. Moving from chalkboard to digital white board, from physical classroom to online classroom, new vocabulary- am I audible, is my screen visible, mute - un-mute option, etc.

They made the lessons interactive with technical applications and tools. Teachers left no stone unturned by not only making education innovative, creative and interactive but also co-curricular activities by displaying various other skills. She was accessible whenever students need them and catered to all their educational and emotional needs. They visited many apps and investigated new things to make the class fun.

We were new to these things, but thanks to the teachers they guide us and help us throughout life. Teachers have been constantly inspiring us during the tough times!

They cleared all our doubts and reaffirmed us that it is all going to be well. That was the time when we first saw a glimpse of light in darkness and believed that it might go well after all. This positive attitude of teachers has made online experience more fun.

Submitted by Misbahuddin Sayyed
Class 10



HOW TEACHERS HELPED ME DURING THE PANDEMIC



The teachers have been a great source of inspiration for me during the pandemic, when there was despair all over the globe. The teachers are constantly giving their best inputs to yield an uninterrupted conducive environment for studying. They created an online atmosphere which helped me to study from the comfort of my home. They were the ones who made my goals attainable. I am extremely delighted to have such wonderful teachers of BCG who took immediate action during the tough times. All my ambitions wouldn't have been possible without the relentless efforts of the teachers.

Submitted by Aditya Trivedi
Class 9

LEARNING MUST GO ON..

The corona pandemic was a very difficult and dark period of time for everyone. People were dying, facing health issues, a few lost their jobs and many more unexpected problems. But despite this situation, our school conducted online classes. It is a really great experience. In the google classroom, various apps such as jam board and padlet acted as a board for us. Teachers took great efforts in making PPT and conducting online classes. In spite of all the difficulties that came up, special days like Independence Day, Mentor's Day and Annual day were celebrated. We students miss many things about our offline school but online class is no less fun. I would like to thank our Principal Ma'am, teachers and our parents who provided us with all the necessary things we needed for our education.

Submitted by Ishita Parab
Class 7



TEACHERS: THE HEROES OF ONLINE SCHOOL



The world as we knew it had changed in the blink of an eye. Schools closed overnight, students were confined to their homes, and we parents had to grapple with keeping children productive at home. Not only that, but online sessions had also started in full swing. What mattered most was parents and teachers finding and establishing a new equilibrium and a new normal, and making sure the children were comfortable and accustomed to it. A big Kudos to all the teachers who have managed to shift their entire curriculum from offline to online; learning and adapting yourself to teach younger kids to do the same is not an easy task. It really is a challenge keeping young, restless kids occupied and interested for 4 hours straight, and making sure they fully understand and comprehend the concept. It is not easy to have a conducive teaching-learning pattern at home, but the teachers are doing their utmost to give their best efforts and teach their students also to adjust and accommodate to these changing conditions. Hats off to you, teachers!

Submitted by Ms.Meghna Datta.
Parent of Samriddha Datta , Class 10

ROLE OF TEACHERS IN OUR LIVES !

Here's how teachers are important:

1. MAKE LEARNING FUN

A teacher's job is not only to educate but also make sure children grasp it and to ensure that, the teachers come up with thrilling ideas that make the class a fun environment for students!



2. ENCOURAGE STUDENTS

Teachers encourage students in every goal a child aims for. Little words of appreciation like "Good Work!" and "Keep it up!" can give huge motivation to a child. Whenever we fail, they stand with us and boost our confidence until we finally succeed!



3. SHAPE THE FUTURE

It is rightly said that "Teaching is the one profession that creates all the other professions!" Our future depends on the knowledge we receive from our dear teachers.



Teachers help us in many ways than we can imagine, which sometimes go unrecognized. So today we should all express our gratitude towards our teachers for all the love support they give us!

GUESS THE APPS THAT BRIDGE THE GAPS

Q) Unscramble the words to find the online teaching apps.

1. msrosolca ologge
2. elcxe
3. woinertppo

4. hakoot
5. ziquizz
6. bamarojd

7. aanvc
8. mozo
9. bdoea ancs

7. Canva
8. Zoom
9. Adobe Scan

4. Kahoot
5. Quizizz
6. Jamboard

1. Google Classroom
2. Excel
3. PowerPoint

ANSWERS:

SCHOOL CORNER

From Principal's Desk

Our Teachers - Our Strength!!

The year 2021 has unfolded itself as another unusual year especially for education. We salute our teachers for being the pillar of strength throughout this journey of online teaching. They have proven their ability to learn new and innovative ways to reach out to students and raise their level of achievement in this crucial phase too.

They did not allow their spirit to be dampened by any external event and guided them to continue learning. Their motivation and encouragement has helped students develop skills and catered to their social-emotional development as well.

May they continue to work selflessly towards the betterment of the student community and the society!

Ms. Poonam Arora
Principal, BCISW

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