



LIGHTHOUSE



BY BCGIANS, FOR BCGIANS

Our teachers are those whom we can rely on and who manage to maintain decorum in class. They are capable of handling the entire portion while still keeping sessions interactive. They help students improve in areas where they might be weaker and put in a lot of effort to make it possible for everyone to score well in their exams. Teachers enlighten our mood, guiding us through a path of positivity. They repeat the session until everyone can grasp a concept. A teacher is always there with you in times of glee and sorrow. All of us have spent more than one year with our teachers! Unbelievable, right? So why not continue enjoying, and spend most of the time with our teachers? Let's make these few years and months full of togetherness, joy, and delight. Salute to all the teachers who inspired us to stay motivated and determined towards our goals.

By the Editorial team

MY TEACHER

It was just yesterday when I was travelling from home to school on a wet, rainy day. I was a big moody on a Monday morning, and my mind was drifting in and out as I hesitatingly made my journey to school.

September 5th was just around the corner, and I was collecting my thoughts about my feelings for my teachers. Suddenly, I had a "Eureka" moment! In the blink of an eye, all the dots started getting connected as I came up with my own version of what my teachers meant to me.

My teachers are like the ROAD on which I travel from home to school. As soon as I step out of my comfort zone at home, I am thrown to the wolves in the open, but my teachers are the road that guides me to my ultimate destination – my school. Although a road has its ups and downs, it finally leads me to school somehow.

Then, as I stop at a traffic signal during my journey, and at once my thoughts wander wild. Staring at the traffic lights gives me further insight into my teachers. They are the Green "GO" signal and encourage me to explore the world around me. However, if they sense that we might get carried away to the extent of going astray, they exercise the cautious "ORANGE" signal to rein us in for us to pause and reflect on our misguided actions. Despite this, if we do not heed their advice then our teachers must take a firm stand and STOP us right there with a "RED" warning, and guidance to tackle the problem at hand.

Nevertheless, we as students still think selfishly, go against their wishes and pay no attention to what they say. That's when our teachers step in and act like traffic policemen to sort out the traffic jam that we have got ourselves in and stuck in the middle of nowhere. Within minutes, our clouded and confused minds sort out and we are on our way.

Finally, when I am in class, she is a second mother to me – ever so encouraging me to ask and clarify my doubts, leading me to an understanding of knowledge and wisdom, at the same time instilling a moral code of conduct and discipline.

I could go on further, but no paper can be enough to voice out all the virtues of a Teacher. I must stop here, but the next time I leave home for school, the thoughts that I just voiced will echo in my heart, and then I know for sure I am going to be in the safe hands of my teacher once again.

I am already looking forward to that journey to school!

**Submitted by Rylan Joseph Crasto
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WHO IS A TEACHER?

Anyone who inspires you to learn or helps you gain knowledge can be your teacher - from your closest friend to your parents! But, equally important, are the ones in your school. We often do not value them, do we? But, you have to agree that they are the ones who genuinely care about you, right after your parents.

Who else will take the time to ensure you understand every topic well while having fun too? They are the most crucial people in one's early years. Without them, we would be as good as an arrow flying with no real aim! Teachers are like a light amidst the darkness, a compass in troubled waters, always helping you navigate and withstand all the complexities and hardships life throws at you during the initial stages of your life.

Submitted by Sheeban
Class 10, BCISW



A TEACHER'S IDENTITY

Our teachers are truly a blessing given by God. We never really asked for this blessing, did we? All we asked for was good marks, a windfall of money, many toys, happiness, etc. But God was so generous to give us a teacher who was selfless, kind, motivating, caring, and diligent. A teacher's role in our life has significantly changed in these last three years.

During the pandemic, everyone throughout the globe has gone through a lot. Yet, our teachers started with online classes so there would not be any obstacles in our education. They arranged many activities for us so we would not get bored with all those academics. But all we do for them is make two cards a year. They really appreciate a card but don't you think we can do more? We can pay attention in class, complete assignments given by the teacher on time, respect the teacher, and express our gratitude. That's the least we can do. Yet, for our dear teachers, it is a lot.

Submitted by Nirmohi Shivadekar
Class 8, DSRB



THE PERFECT GUIDE

As I grew into the person I am now in the present, I could never forget what I learned from start to end. I know that I want to say thank you to my teachers. But I promise someday I'll come back wearing graduation attire for sure. Teaching is a calling too, and I've always thought that teachers in their own way are holy angels, leading their flocks out of the darkness. A teacher is a guru; one who dispels the darkness of ignorance. Throughout our lives, we will have many kith and kin who will hold a special place in our hearts. For us, it will always be our teachers.

A teacher is the one neutral person who will manage to strike a balance between the positive and the negative. During our formative years, teachers influence life for the better. I salute and extend my overwhelming gratitude to the teachers' community; they have always been a guiding light and rigid support to walk through our paths whenever needed. We owe a big 'thank you' to all the teachers who have helped us directly or indirectly. They have always guided us through our ways selflessly. Teachers certainly are an integral part of our growth.

Submitted by Zennerah Shaikh
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THE IMPACT OF A TEACHER

If we are ever to sit and count our blessings, we would not be able to ignore the importance a teacher has had in our lives. Teachers are the building blocks of our society who help us lay a firm foundation of knowledge and wisdom on which we further build our lives and career. This esteemed profession is often counted as one of the most respectable among others because it is the teachers who work in others' growth. A teacher is a person who plays a pivotal role in moulding a student's life. Teachers are great role models who influence students' decisions.

In our growing up years, our parents and teachers are the first ones to impact our lives significantly. In fact, in the younger years, students have complete faith in their teachers, and they listen to their teachers more than they listen to their parents. Every child first learns through elementary school teachers. Then, the student's next phase is the middle school teacher, who guides the students through the essential adolescent transition. When we become older and enter college, teachers become our friends. We learn how to be selfless from our teachers. Teachers unknowingly also teach essential lessons to a student. This shows the significance and impact of a teacher. A role model is a person who inspires one's ability to achieve something great. Teachers are the most influential people next to parents in every student's life.

Submitted by Naina Lodha
Class 9, BCISE



OUR TEACHERS

A teacher is one who inspires, guides, enlightens, and motivates us. A teacher has no idea what she means to us. The way a teacher impacts us in numerous ways is unfathomable. A teacher's kind words enlighten our minds and spirit. Like kindness makes the world go round, it truly changes the classroom environment. A teacher has many qualities that help to mould a student's success in life. They leave a lasting impression on the minds. They are a role model for us for life. A teacher unlocks our talents and makes us realise our own capabilities in the most incredible manner. Your assistance to our imperfect selves has helped us a great deal. Thank you for always being there for us.

Submitted by Aiman Shaikh
Class 10, VBSIS

MY GRATITUDE TO MY ROLE MODEL

Teachers pull individuals out from the darkness of ignorance into the light of knowledge. I feel lucky to have had a fantastic teacher who inspired us. She was not only my teacher but a role model for me. She treated all of us as her own kids and helped us out whenever we required her help. She pushed me when I believed that I could not achieve success or meet my goals. I would always hesitate to try something new, and would easily give up when a task was too difficult. She helped me build self-confidence. She taught us simple techniques in solving Math, and learning answers which helped us in our exams. I can't thank her enough for everything she did to guide us all.

Submitted by Swara Sabnis
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GOD'S WONDERFUL CREATION

This message is to all my teachers who have helped me in all those difficult moments and made me what I am today. A teacher is a beautiful gift given by God because He is a creator of the whole world and a teacher is a creator of a whole nation. A teacher to me is such an important creation, who through his/her knowledge, patience and love gives a sturdy shape to a student's whole life. During teaching, a teacher uses creativity so that students can concentrate on their studies. They are the creator of a wonderful future for our nation. Those innocent smiles on their faces while teaching are the most beautiful moments for students in their lives. Today, I would like to thank all my teachers who have taught me the ethics of life, helped me through my difficult moments, and helped me enjoy learning.

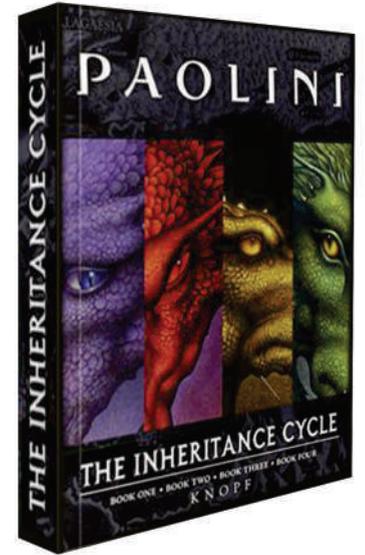
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BOOK REVIEW

The Inheritance Cycle

When Eragon, a young farm boy, discovers a polished stone in the forest, his first thought is to sell it to feed his family. The stone contains a dragon hatchling, and as Eragon secretly raises it, evil forces descend upon his family, causing Eragon to be thrown into a world of magic and power.

The first of four books in the "Inheritance Cycle," written by Christopher Paolini as a 15-year-old, was titled Eragon, the first in the four-book series. The self-published book took him two years to write and rewrite, and a third year to promote.



It seems as if there are a lot of loose ends at the end of the first book, but as the series goes on, each detail has a greater significance and it all comes together so beautifully. In the end, readers will find that even trivial details they may have overlooked are of extreme importance.

I found the series to be quite refreshing as a whole. Together, the writing style and the vast and detailed world of Alagaësia make the reader feel as if they are part of the universe. There's something about Dragon eggs in the story that makes readers wish they'd receive one someday but also scared of the fate that awaits.

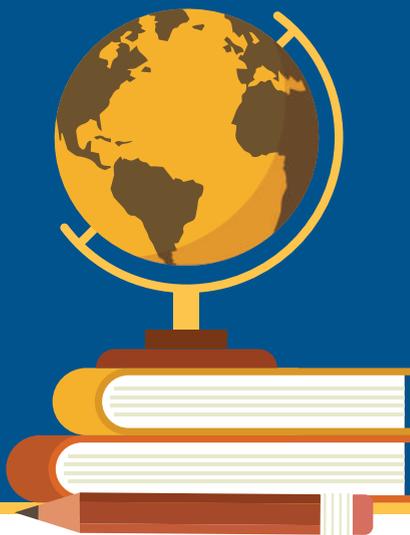
Submitted by Tarini Doshi
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MY TEACHER, MY ARCHITECT

Teachers paint the most beautiful paintings.
Canvases come to them blank and white.
They paint them with all their might
Each is a different size and shape.
But they see no reason to reshape.
One may look different
But in the end they all are magnificent.

Submitted by Riddhima Ghosh
Class 9, VBSIS



MY TEACHER, MY HERO

A blend of colours
a treasure-house of talent
an austere look
commanding silence
A charming smile
a cute pout,
an intelligent brain
that solves every doubt

I can always look up to her
be it day or night
She is my solution to every worry
She is the one
who filled knowledge in my brain,
She is an aid to my pain
She is like sunlight
On a cloudy day
She is rain
On a sun-scorched land.

Submitted by Bibi Zoya Mirab
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COMIC STRIP

Dadaji and Teachers' Day

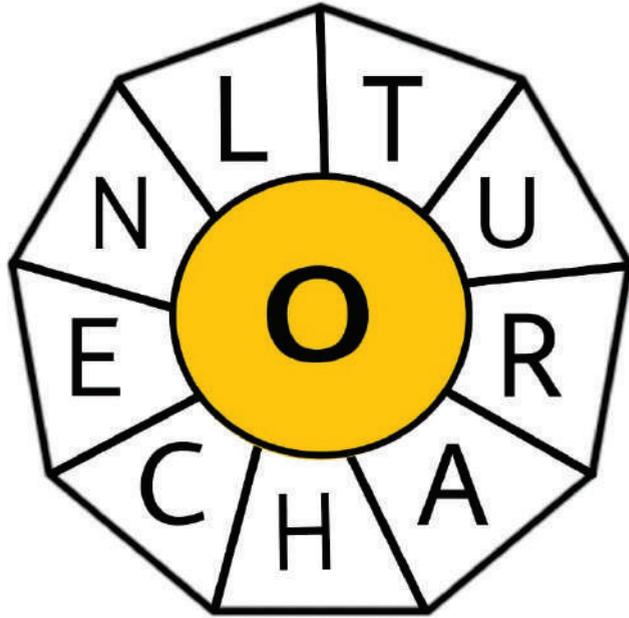
CHILDREN, FORMER PRESIDENT A.P.J ABDUL KALAM HAD ONCE SAID THAT IF YOU WANTED TO GET RID OF CORRUPTION AND FILL A COUNTRY WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE CLEAN SOULS, IT COULD ONLY BE DONE BY THREE PEOPLE: MOTHER, FATHER AND TEACHER.



YES DADAJI, TEACHERS ARE INDEED VERY IMPORTANT IN OUR LIVES.

ACTIVITY 1

Spell bee



The goal is to make four or more words related to teachers from the letters in the figure. Each word has to contain the letter in the centre. Letters can be repeated and used!

ANSWER KEY: Tutor / College / Coach / Role

ACTIVITY 2

“Every great mind was once taught by some brilliant teachers”
Explore more such qualities of our teachers!

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GUIDE
COMPASSIONATE
HELPFUL
RESOURCEFUL
INSPIRING
CAPABLE
RELIABLE
STIMULATING
CREATIVE
FRIEND

ANSWER KEY:

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Submitted by Adil Khan
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SCHOOL CORNER

Dear students,

'The purpose of education is to make good human beings with skills and expertise.' These words of wisdom by Mr.A.P.J Abdul Kalam ring so true in today's world. Education is not mere accumulation of knowledge but also the development of capacities, inquiry, creativity, and problem-solving. Are we encyclopedias or computers that we are making our minds mere storehouses of knowledge? No, we are not; hence we focus on learning rather than the mere accumulation of knowledge.

Education replaces an empty mind with an open one which leads to freedom of mind. When the mind is free, it gets wings to innovate and create and also learns to turn weaknesses into strengths. Through education, we acquire tools to understand problems and resolve them. Moreover, it provides mental agility to make the right decisions and spring into action when needed. Our behaviours and perceptions are what we have learned, either by instructions or by observation. Education acts as a ladder that carries us to higher limits. It also helps us to erase negativity and fear; hence, we say we move from darkness to light. True education is not just academic pursuits and gathering degrees and accolades but it's preparation for life. Intellectual well-being coupled with social and emotional well-being leads to holistic learning. It is a lifelong process and every experience of ours enriches us and teaches us lessons, thus preparing us for a better and brighter future. It is the most important ingredient to change the world as it not only enlightens the mind but also enhances our thought process. The learning acquired through various channels enhances the vision and perspective to see the world. Good education is focused not only on hard work and good results but the accomplishment of new things to evolve as a better human being.

Education, whether formal through a classroom set-up or informal through everyday experiences, helps us to understand the worldview of things. All our actions and words are driven by a larger cause i.e. to make the globe our home and not get compartmentalised by the narrow walls of region or religion. That's the true essence of a 'WORLD GRADUATE' as stated in our mission statement.

Let's be Life Long Learners!

Ms. Poonam Arora
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