



# LIGHTHOUSE



BY BCGIANS, FOR BCGIANS

The phrase "**School times are the best times of life**" resonates with countless individuals, evoking a strong sense of nostalgia and fondness. These words often remind adults of a time when life was simpler, and they navigated their formative years in the educational cocoon of school.

In a world marked by increasing strife and complexities, school times are a precious refuge of comfort. These years when we students begin to explore the world and ourselves, are often called the best times of life. The innocence, friendships, learning experiences, support, and traditions create a unique and unforgettable chapter in our lives.

School life uniquely combines learning, growth, and unforgettable experiences. It is an indispensable part of our lives where we build the foundation of our personality and cultivate lifelong friendships. School life is also a treasure trove of life lessons. The discipline and punctuality taught in school are values that guide us throughout life. The experience of handling peer pressure, dealing with failures, and learning to persevere, shapes our character and prepares us for future challenges. The first day at school is unforgettable. The new uniform, bag, and shoes, all hold a special place in our hearts. It's a mix of excitement and nervousness. Annual days, sports days, activities, trips, and festivals bring joy. The preparations, participation, and celebrations create unforgettable moments. **"School may be hard and annoying. But we will miss it when it ends!"** This is a phrase one commonly hears from senior students.

The ones who need a special mention in making every child's school life memorable with discipline are the teachers. Without them, going to school would have no meaning.

In conclusion, school life is a mosaic of memorable moments, both big and small. From academic achievements to social interactions and life lessons, these experiences play a pivotal role in shaping our personalities. As we look back, these moments not only bring a smile to our faces but also remind us of our journey of growth and learning. And on the last day of school, even though the bag only has an I-card and a water bottle, it feels the heaviest.

While life moves forward, the memories of school times remain an enduring source of joy and a testament to the fact that indeed, school times are the best times of life.

By the Editorial team

## WHAT MAKES A GOOD STUDENT?

Good students always aspire,  
With their zeal, they inspire;  
They ask questions when they do not understand,  
To their classmates, they provide a helping hand.

Along with studies, they have fun too,  
But they behave well, and that is true.  
Good students are kind and polite,  
They always tend to do what is right.

They are a delight to have in class,  
Expectations from teachers and students, they surpass.  
They are sincere and helpful too,  
The best example of them is you!

Submitted by Nishaad Bhat  
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## STRENGTHENING BONDS: A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO BUILDING A POSITIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

Creating a positive and inclusive school community is not just a responsibility of teachers and administrators; we students, too, play a crucial role in shaping a harmonious environment. Here are five key tips for students to contribute to building a positive community in school:

- Firstly, practice kindness and empathy. Simple acts of compassion can create a welcoming atmosphere where everyone feels valued.
- Secondly, embrace diversity. Celebrate the differences in culture, interests, and abilities among your peers, fostering an environment of acceptance.
- Thirdly, promote open communication. Listen actively, express your thoughts respectfully, and resolve conflicts peacefully, ensuring that everyone's voice is heard.
- Additionally, encourage teamwork and collaboration. Working together on projects enhances problem-solving skills and strengthens friendships.
- Lastly, support one another. Be there for your classmates during challenges, celebrate their achievements, and create a culture of encouragement.

By following these guidelines, we can actively contribute to building a positive and supportive school community, enriching the educational experience for everyone.

**Submitted by Amaan Shah**  
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## DEFINITION OF A GOOD STUDENT - ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND BEYOND

Many people believe that a good student is a straight-A student who aces every test, submits assignments on time, and participates in class. But is a student's role bound within the boundaries of the classroom?

Being a good student is not about being at the top of the class. It's a journey of finding the right balance between the fun and the boring, between school and extracurriculars and most importantly it's about growing. Good students are the ones who are well-mannered and have virtues that set them apart. They are unafraid to ask questions. They are willing to think outside the box. They work well with others and contribute all they can. Good students are self-disciplined, and open-minded, and learn from their mistakes. Being a good student involves nurturing curiosity, embracing empathy, and achieving a balance.

A good student is not limited by the boundaries of the classroom but knows how to think beyond it. And while there is no textbook definition of a 'good student' everyone can set an example through hard work and determination, creating a definition unique to themselves.

**Submitted by Diya Soni**  
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## MY MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE IN SCHOOL

Being a teacher is one of the most difficult roles to be played. As students, we may not always fully grasp the commitment of our teachers. Now when the responsibility fell on us class 10 students to play the role of the Teacher on Teachers' Day, we understood better.

Teaching for thirty minutes seemed to be like an hour. Standing on the other side of the benches, addressing the class, and making sure the students understood the concepts was challenging. Of course, checking if they were gulping food from under their desk was a difficult task.

We taught a range of subjects, Hindi, English, Math, French, Science, Sanskrit, and even Marathi, which is considered to be a less engaging subject. However, we made learning concepts easy by sharing some of the strategies we used. All of us enjoyed getting dressed as a 'student teacher'.

In the end, we understood the amount of dedication and hard work our teachers put in so that we can pass the exams with flying colors. This is one of the most memorable experiences of the school activity in my life.

I will dedicate this quote to my teachers - "Even Though You Are Far, You Will Always Be My Pole Star".

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## CRESCENDO – A FUN-FILLED AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

One of the most memorable events in school for me is the one that took place recently - the Annual Cultural Day which we fondly call 'Crescendo'. The Annual Day is an event that is eagerly anticipated from the start of the school year. It is a day that allows us to showcase our talents and creativity.

The heart of the event was the beautifully scripted performances. We practiced for weeks, memorized the lines, and rehearsed tirelessly. It was a chance to step into different roles, to become actors, and to convey meaningful stories to the audience. Through the dances, songs, and skits we truly let the BCGIAN inside us come out. It was a time when our hard work and dedication paid off. We poured our hearts into these performances, using movement and melody to express our emotions and cultural diversity.

The Annual Day isn't just a show; it's an opportunity for us to grow. It builds our confidence, teaches us teamwork, and nurtures our passion for the arts. Most importantly, it's a day of joy, celebration, and the creation of lifelong memories.

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## TETRA PAK PROJECT

'Plastic' is a serious global challenge faced by the world because people often don't know how to dispose of plastics correctly. Our school has taken up a project to recycle plastic and tetra paks and contribute to mitigate this problem.

Students and teachers from classes 6 - 10 bring clean, used tetra paks and plastic waste from home. They either deposit these in designated cartons twice a week (on Monday and Thursday), or the council members collect them by going to each class. This waste is then transported to an industry that specializes in recycling and transforming it into durable furniture like school benches. These benches are subsequently donated to schools in villages. Last year, we collected 8000+ tetra paks and donated 10 recycled school benches to a school for the underprivileged.

This is a very noble task as not only are we reducing plastic waste from our environment, we are also giving back tangible and useful items to the underprivileged. Through this project we have been able to offer a helping hand and bring smiles to many faces.

This project has made us, students, and our families aware of the ways of handling plastic waste. It has also encouraged us to become good citizens of our country because the government alone cannot fight the plastic menace. We, as educated and enlightened citizens need to take steps in protecting our environment.

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## MY FAVORITE MEMORY IN SCHOOL

Memories! They are the moments that are etched into the framework of my treasure box - my mind. Why a treasure box? Because it stores some of my core memories filled with laughter, joy, sorrow, and nervousness.

I'd like to unravel some of my most unforgettable experiences that have tuned my school life into a playful melody. Learning more about festivals and celebrating important days like Republic Day and Independence Day are heartfelt moments that helped me build a bond with my friends.

The memory that I cherish the most, is the trip to 'Monteria Village'. The rain - dance, the swimming pool and the music were just perfect for us to enjoy to our heart's content. I really enjoyed the pool, the fun, crazy jokes and of course the bus ride was the most boisterous. I feel grateful to have created some of the most exciting memories of my life and look forward to making many more before passing out of school.

**Submitted by Heer Parmar  
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## MY MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE - AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP

As it is rightly said, "Life was meant for great adventures and close friends." And I had a similar experience when we, the students of std. 10, were taken on an unforgettable journey a fortnight ago - our last overnight camp from school. It was truly the best camping experience.

We arrived at school brimming with excitement and high spirits, eager to reach the campsite as soon as possible. After reaching the campsite, we were asked to have breakfast and then our rooms were allotted. As the day progressed, we participated in various activities like rappelling, rock climbing, archery, and zip line. We also took part in group activities including mind games that taught us the value of working together as a team to achieve our goals. The activities in the camp were extremely gratifying and enjoyable. We returned to school on the third day, with sad faces! I came back with fond memories that I shall treasure forever.

**Submitted by Dia Surati  
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## WHAT MAKES A GOOD STUDENT

Good students have a mix of certain qualities, that transcend beyond the classroom. They not only excel in academics but also in other activities in various fields. They have a keen curiosity and seek out more information constantly. They participate in activities. They ask questions and look for solutions with determination. These students put in effort and are consistent with their work. For them, challenges are welcomed as chances for development, while failure is used as a stepping stone towards achievement. They interact with others and think creatively while solving issues. Good students are not a rare find. We just need to look at what makes each one of us unique and good.

### My thoughts in the form of a poem -

They ask questions freely, curiosity unbound  
Seeking answers in silence that surrounds  
A good student's journey is marked by their passion profound.

**Submitted by Mehreen Malik  
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## WHAT MAKES A GOOD STUDENT

There are various ways to describe a good student. Some commonly associated terms are working hard, submitting work on time, actively participating in class, and achieving good grades.

However, it is not enough to score good grades. What is important is a good attitude. In fact, good behavior is appreciated throughout one's life as people do not remember the marks scored but rather a student's mannerisms and good behavior.

A good student has the courage to speak the truth and take a stand for the truth. He/she is humble and respects people and our country. A good student is also one who can work in a group, motivate others, and be productive. Being sensitive, helpful, cooperative, and friendly are all the traits of a good student, that help him/her to become a great team player and a leader, over time.

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## HOW TO BE A GOOD STUDENT

How to be a good student? A question asked by one and all. According to me, these are some qualities that make us good students.

- **Self-discipline:** a must in our lives
- **Obedience:** following all school rules and instructions given by teachers
- **Punctuality:** being punctual not only in coming to school but also in submitting all assignments
- **Being a Team player:** participating in group activities and discussions, and not holding grudges if someone disagrees with us
- **Responsibility:** understanding our responsibility towards studies

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## FIVE WAYS STUDENTS CAN FOSTER A SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Building a positive community in school is essential for a supportive and nurturing learning environment. Here are tips for us students, to contribute to this:

- **Kindness and Respect:** Treat fellow students, teachers, and school staff with kindness and respect. Simple acts of politeness can go a long way in creating a harmonious atmosphere.
- **Inclusivity:** Embrace diversity and inclusivity by making an effort to befriend students from different backgrounds.
- **Effective Communication:** Encourage open and honest communication. If issues arise, discuss them

respectfully and seek solutions that benefit all.

- **Supportive Attitude:** Be there for your peers during challenging times. Offering help or a listening ear can make a significant difference in someone's life.
- **Engagement in School Activities:** Participate in extracurricular activities and school events. Active involvement not only enhances your experience but also strengthens the school's sense of togetherness.

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## MY MOST MEMORABLE TRIP IN SCHOOL

How would you feel if classes didn't go on those fun and interesting excursions? A year of studying would be monotonous in the classroom! Excursions are a way to get a vacation from studying, while still learning new things as students.

We, students, lost our individuality and our capacity for social interaction during the lockdown. However, when our school reopened, a trip to Imagica was planned. My friends and I mustered the courage to approach our parents for permission, and even though they were hesitant to say yes, they eventually gave us permission.

We already had the map of Imagica in our minds, and we planned out our schedule for the day. When the day came, we marched into our yellow buses which buzzed with

excitement throughout our ride. According to our plan, our first stop was the main attraction - the Scream Machine which resembled a hammer and offered a stunning view of the entire park. Although it was not yet lunchtime, we grabbed an ice cream as we started feeling hungry. We then proceeded to the second most well-liked ride, Rajasaurus, which had an 80-degree drop and a splash of cold water.

While on a beautiful journey, we students never get tired. At the end of the day, we gathered around the seats to exchange some eerie tales with jump scares that resulted in a bus full of screaming students.

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## INTERESTING READ

In a world marked by rapid change, and complex social challenges, the concepts of empowerment and engagement have taken center stage. As rightly said by Maya Angelou, 'I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it'. You can't control what obstacles life throws at you but you can control your decisions. Sometimes all we need is a reminder.

Empowerment and engagement are interrelated; empowerment is the fuel and engagement is the fire. Children's minds are untouched by the world's negative influences. Thus, in giving them a chance to express their opinions, we obtain a fresh perspective on today's conflicts and motivate thousands of other young minds to do the same.

A shining example of a child's impact on the world is

Samantha Smith. At the age of 10, she bridged Cold War tensions between the United States and Russia with a letter advocating peaceful coexistence, published in a Soviet newspaper. Samantha's accomplishments were celebrated both in her hometown of Maine and in Russia, where a monument was erected in her honor. Her words transcended cultural and geopolitical divides, leaving an enduring legacy for generations to come.

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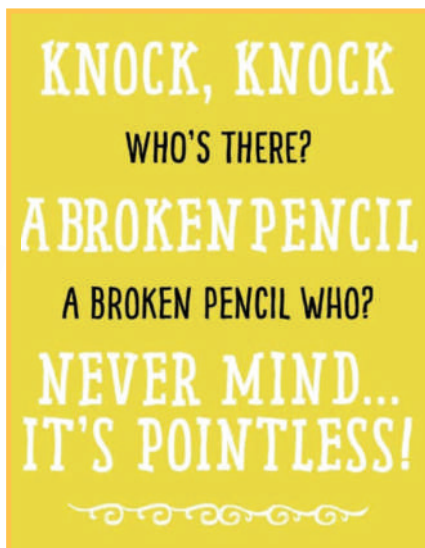
## RIDDLES

1. What 5-letter word becomes shorter when you add 2 letters to it?
2. If you've got me, you want to share me; if you share me, you haven't kept me. What am I?
3. What can fill a room but takes up no space?
4. What 4 letter word can be written forward and backward or upside down but still remains the same?

1. Short
2. Secret
3. Light
4. Noon



## JUST FOR LAUGHS



## GUESS THE WORDS BASED ON EMOJIS



Answer Key

- HANDBAG
- EARRING
- CUPCAKE
- FOOTBALL
- CATFISH
- HOTDOG
- EGGSHELL
- COWBOY
- FISHBOWL
- HORSESHOE
- COOKBOOK
- DOORBELL
- FIREMAN
- BASKETBALL
- KEYHOLE

## UNSCRAMBLE THE JUMBLED WORDS

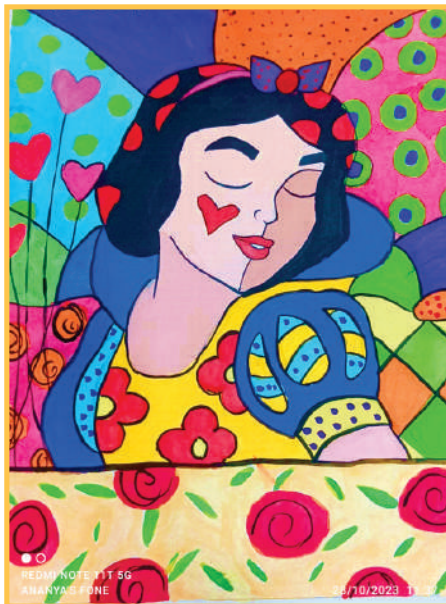
Clue: The following words are related to studying/school

1. Timovated
2. Cusefoed
3. Nolewkdge
4. Bucalavory
5. Qutionae
6. Culacaltion
7. Tivicreaty

1. Motivated
2. Focused
3. Knowledge
4. Vocabulary
5. Equation
6. Calculation
7. Creativity



## ARTIST OF THE MONTH



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## CELEBRATING THE ILLUSTRIOUS BCG ALUMNI

Dream Big – Set Goals – Take Action



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### SCHOOL CORNER

#### My idea of a model student

Everyone has their own notion about a good student. According to me, a good student at all times, should portray respectful behaviour towards his/her teachers as well as peers. An ideal student should have such an aura, that his/her presence is enough to ignite a spark in fellow students.

In this rapidly changing world, where there is competition, everywhere around us, he/she should know how to lead an ethical life.

He/she should be grounded to lend a hand and help his peers in academics.

He/she should have the ability to take ownership of his/her own shortcomings in any situation.

He/she should also have a risk-bearing quality, which will help him/her to make smart decisions.

He/she should be self-disciplined and be mindful of peer pressure.

Overall, he/she should be able to set a perfect example.

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