



LIGHTHOUSE



BY BCGIANS, FOR BCGIANS

FOREWORD

It'd been a long time since we started schooling online! Now we are finally back to our schools, back to our classrooms and back to our benches. Our interval of patience has reached its end and we are hopeful that our ships float on the oceans of positivity, courage, strength and knowledge buoyantly. During the lockdown times almost all of us have faced hardships and struggles in getting our work done. We attempted to change our workflows with courage and we can now proudly say that we were definitely able to cope up with changing times.

Now it's time to again face a new breeze of upcoming challenges as the disease is still sweeping around. It's time for all of us to keep in mind to follow all the safety norms while we work towards attaining the same offline lifestyles. Follow along in the below sections of the newsletter to find more about student's views on the changing life and their feelings for coming back to school after all the distress!

By the Editorial team

THE NEW-OLD EXPERIENCE

At first, I was a bit anxious to attend the school offline. I gave it a try and went to school. As soon as I entered my classroom, the past memories flooded in and things started exhilarating. There were some restrictions, but I could see that everything started to become normal. The school was amazing as I could interact now face to face with my friends and teachers. I could also feel my concentration levels increasing. I wish that the small restrictions could be eliminated as the situation gets better and normal so that I could relish and relive the memories of school.

Submitted by Abhimanyu Gunaseelan
Class 9



A BLESSING OR A CURSE

During this coronavirus time, as a student, I had many advantages and disadvantages. I was initially happy about the virus because there was a sudden lockdown all over India with no schools and colleges. I had a very relaxed life initially, enjoying all day, playing games, watching movies and then I realised that there was nothing much to do, I was caught in a vicious cycle of doing the same things again and again; sitting just at home and anxiously waiting for unlocking situation to meet friends and relatives and then slowly started the online classes, initially online classes felt better, where there was a complete change in the situation of class atmosphere. After a month we came to know the disadvantages and advantages of this kind of education, that this virus is not a blessing but a foreshadow of the students' further life to adjust to this Mode of education. The shift was totally different but now getting back to school was full of emotions, it was different, though our class was split in half. Everyone was wearing a mask and maintaining social distance. We could not play and 'go crazy'. Even then returning to school was cool although the breaks were shortened and not being allowed to hug our friends and teachers but eventually, it makes me happy returning to school as I think interaction with my peers in whichever possible manner may be a part of the education process and we must learn and adjust to any situations that come our way with great spirit and enthusiasm.

Submitted by Valyntonio Mendes
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WAITING WITH BATED BREATH... ...FOR THE END OF PANDEMIC



As a result of the scary crisis, students had to defencelessly make major life changes such as transitioning to online school. It was not until the lockdown happened that I realized just how treasured school is to me. My school is an important part of my life and suddenly not going to school anymore was a drastic change. I missed the liveliness of the classroom, seeing my friends, and indulging in extra-curricular activities. Although we're back in school now, sadly, the sense of normalcy isn't. We still have to take precautions and follow protocols. Rather than studying at home, I prefer studying in a classroom setting where I can interact with my peers and teachers. Desperately looking forward to things going back to normal, I miss going on trips and making new memories, interacting with others without having to take precautions, participating in co-curricular activities and competitions, and finally the 'finish' of the pandemic!

Submitted by Ishita Solkar
Class 8

BACK TO SCHOOL...

Did you hear?
Our School is reopening soon!!!
So now it's time for a haircut in the barber's room.
For two long years, we were stuffed in a chamber
But now it's time for the dying flower to prosper.
During lockdown, the school was like an abandoned beehive,
Now when everyone comes together, the school will come alive.
Giggles and fun with friends, so much I missed 'Oh boy!'
The board, the benches and classrooms
Will soon be dancing with joy.
During online school we used to miss
The ring of the school bell and the tiffin's aromatic smell.
Carrying a backpack and teacher's pat on the back.
During the Offline School, we didn't have
Online quiz answers to crack,
And presenting our screen which sometimes went black,
Assignments of which we had to keep a track.
Now that the school is starting,
Precautions will be taken into consideration
As told by the government of our nation.
So parents should send their kids without any hesitation,
As children will soon have their vaccinations.

Submitted by Rohan Kamath
Class 6



BACK TO SCHOOL: DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY AFTER THE PANDEMIC

After almost two years, we went back to school. I was very excited to meet my friends after such a long time. The day I heard that the schools were about to reopen and a hybrid system would be put in place, I thought that it would be a new and fun experience. Although maintaining social distance was hard in the beginning, it is way better than working on computers which had several harmful side-effects on our health. I could understand the lessons taught in online classes, but it was easier when I had a face-to-face interaction with my teachers in class. The offline classes had a human touch to it, seeing our teachers and classmates brought back a sense of normalcy. I feel more active and energized in class now.

Even though we have a lot of restrictions to follow, and no matter how much I wish these restrictions were lifted, I understand its relevance for the safety of my classmates and myself from the ongoing pandemic. I just can't wait for the day where my friends and I can sit beside each other sharing our tiffins, playing and laughing together without the restraints of the masks.

Submitted by Paarth Shanbhag
Class 8



DID YOU KNOW FACTS?

- The City Montessori School in Lucknow, India, is the largest school in the world in terms of number of students.
- France has the shortest school year of no more than 36 weeks and also the longest school day of 8 hours.
- Children in Germany receive a special cone called Schultüte, which is filled with pens, pencils, books and snacks, but the catch is they can only open it after starting school.
- In Holland, children start school on the day they turn 4, which means that there's always someone new in the class. Fun, isn't it?



MY SCHOOL MEMORIES

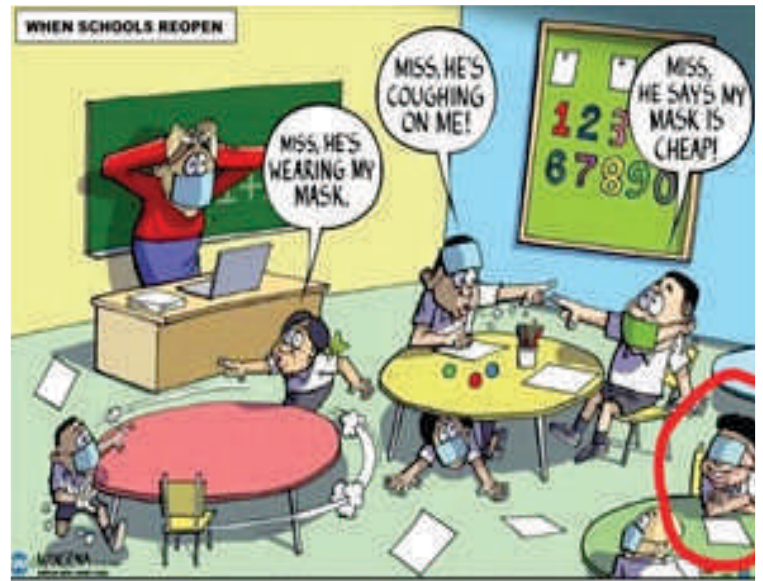
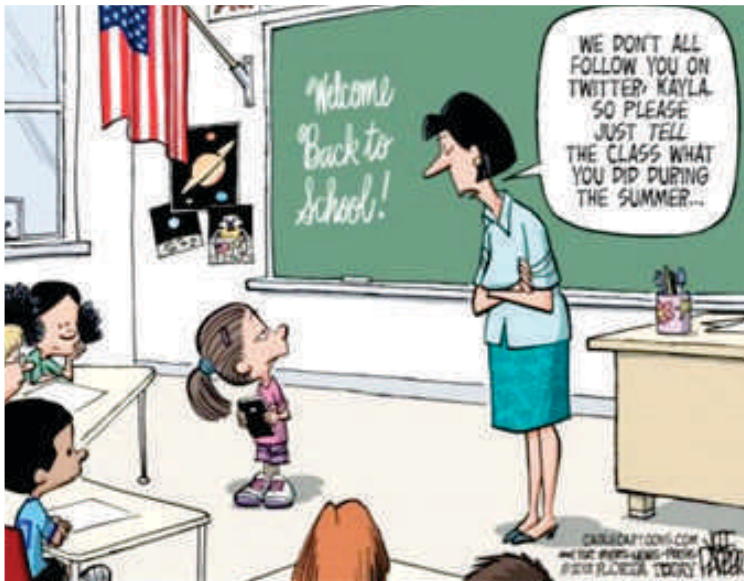
School time is an important chapter building human character. It all starts with a morning routine, stumbling to dress up, guzzling on breakfast and sprinting to school. Then reciting school prayers in drowsiness and clutching the last bench to scandal with friends. Of course, recurrently counting on minutes till break, or exceeding through corridors and hoping not to be late for Inter-house tournaments. As it is reasonably said "We don't value what we have until we lose it." This proves so true in relevance to school. Even after possessing all the resources to attain online education, the hidden pleasure of offline school keeps tormenting our minds.

School days are such inevitably divine days we always are thankful for! Teachers' immense reinforcements are palpable. Undeniably, our buddies without whom these days would never be fun filled escapades. Did we miss anything? Which was the thing you miss the most about school? Let us know in your Feedbacks....

Submitted by Aayushi Mulaye
Class 9



ONLINE AND OFFLINE SCHOOLS



Offline Class

Stop making those noises

Online Class

Mute your mic

Offline Class

Sorry mam I was late. There was heavy traffic

Online Class

Sorry mam I was late, There were network issue

Offline Class

I left my assignment at home

Online Class

Uh....oh

GAME

Search it Up!

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Here's some hints!

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| Activity | Recess |
| Desks | Classroom |
| Offline | Friends |
| Blackboard | Textbooks |
| Event | |

SCHOOL CORNER

Back to school....post pandemic 2021

Post pandemic, the first day in school was unusual and emotional for both students and teachers. There was parental pressure, that they have to be safe, and then there was the pressure of being in school. They saw a school which was not the same... you have to maintain distance, there is a security officer watching your temperature, you have to keep sanitising yourself. Once inside the school building we could easily observe the mixed feelings of excitement, joy and confusion. Most students looked eager to meet their friends. It was a leap of freedom for them.

For teachers it was a delight to meet the students in person. Simple things like students listening attentively, interrupting the class for their doubts, taking notes, showing their work to the teacher and most importantly giving and asking help from peers with whom they are most comfortable were being missed.

Online school was great. It was a saviour to continue the education process, it was a fountain of information, and everyone learns new skills. But it cannot replace schools. The school instils sociable practices such as empathy, friendship, participation, assistance which turn out to be important in their adulthood. Also, the presence of activities such as sports, craft help children direct their boundless energy into something productive.

**Ms. Renuka Tharya,
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Message from the Principal

Dear Students,
Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year 2022!!

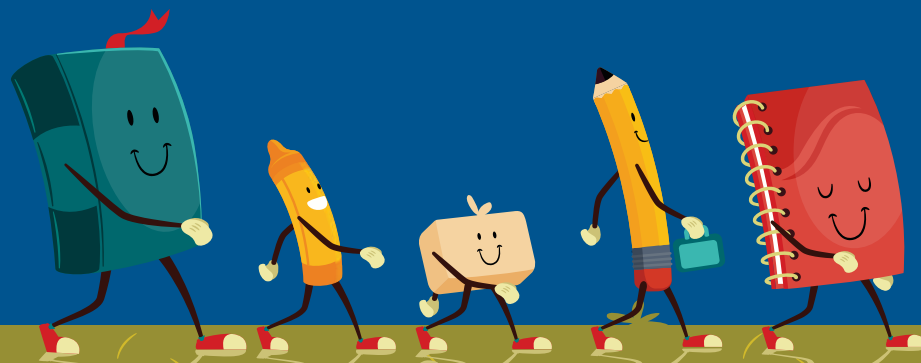
Children the last 22 months have not been easy for any one of us as the pandemic has thrown many new challenges in our face. You all have demonstrated exemplary grit and determination and moved on with great courage and proved that “we don’t grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges.” One thing that has been noticeably visible is the way you all have been taking responsibility for your own learning and well-being. The focus and sincerity with which you have worked during the online sessions has made me feel proud and at the same time I am humbled that you all have shown such maturity and crossed each hurdle successfully, using your problem solving and reasoning skills to battle all odds. Soon we shall all be back in the physical classrooms and will put this experience behind us but we will all emerge stronger than ever before.

Dear children, the school is merely four walls without your chatter and noise resonating in the classrooms. It emanates positive energy when you run through the corridors and the happy and eager faces are seen all around. Learning has continued in the online classes but we are missing our social interactions and memorable moments with our peers while in an actual classroom. The year has been equally trying for adults whether your parents or teachers, but hopefully the worst is over and we shall see you all in person in the near future. Keep up the spirit “Never give up and always push your limits, for there is light at the end of the tunnel”. We all love you and are waiting for you with open arms and warm hearts. We shall try and make up for the lost time but with each challenge we need to move on stronger and better than before.

Remember, “You may not be able to fix whatever comes in your life, fix yourself in such a way that whatever comes, you will be fine.”

Wishing you all the very best always!
Love

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BCISW**



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