



LIGHTHOUSE



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September: A month of learning and reflection

September is a month of reflection and understanding. This month brings important days that inspire us to grow and contribute positively to society. They focus on teachers, literacy, and peace.

Teacher’s Day on 5th September honors the immense contributions of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and educators like him and is celebrated to appreciate the lovely teachers and mentors in our lives.

International Literacy Day is celebrated on 8th September to promote literacy as a human right and is a crucial component of social and personal development.

On September 21st, we observe the International Day of Peace, a time to reflect on the importance of global unity and peace.

As we observe these days, we recognize that teachers don’t just teach—they inspire. For this, we need to express our heartfelt gratitude. They strive to help us become the best versions of ourselves, and guide us towards a brighter tomorrow. Literacy is the most basic currency of the knowledge economy, and it is the teachers who provide it. By shaping minds and futures, they give us opportunities to contribute to a better world for ourselves and others. We must value our education, and promote peace and understanding in our lives. In doing so, we can cultivate harmony in our communities, and contribute to a peaceful world. And this will be a true tribute to our teachers!



By the Editorial Team

TRULY GRATEFUL

Teachers unlock our curious minds,
and help us learn and explore.
They guide us through our years,
Teaching values we must show.

Teaching patiently with love and care,
Making sure everyone is treated fair.
They brighten our worlds in unique ways,
And build dreams of happy days.

Nurturing our minds with knowledge,
Helping us grow in all we do.
It is our teachers who inspire us,
Every day to learn something new.

I express my gratitude on this Teacher's Day,
And thank you in a very special way.
For all your efforts right from the start,
My memories of you I will cherish in my heart.

Happy Teachers’ Day!

**Submitted by Keith Fernandes
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GUIDING LIGHTS

Teachers, you are stars that shine so bright,
Directing us through day and night.
With fortitude, love, and tender care,
You show us learning everywhere.

In books and terms, we find our way,
Through all the teachings, day by day.
With every query, big or small,
You help us mount, you never let us fall.

You teach us more than statistics and dates,
About compassion, ideas, and open gates.
Your words encourage, your wisdom grows,
In every kid, an opportunity glows.

So, thank you, teachers, for all you do,
For making dreams and desires true.
We’re thankful for the paths you pave,
You are the heroes, firm and brave.

Happy Teachers’ Day!

**Submitted by Sylvia Stanley
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NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL WORLD: ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE ONLINE

Being digitally literate means knowing how to use technology effectively. Digital literacy is not only about knowing how to use the internet responsibly but also understanding how to safeguard oneself online. Being digitally literate is very important in present times.

Here are a few ways to be responsible online –

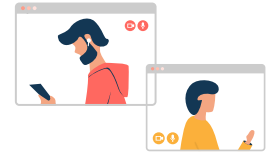
- Avoid posting information online that could reveal details about yourself. Protect your personal information like addresses or phone numbers, and be cautious about sharing sensitive details on public

platforms.

- These days we need to be mindful of our digital footprint. So, thinking before posting is of utmost importance.
- Treat others with respect online, just as you would in person. Avoid engaging in, or supporting damaging behavior such as bullying or harassment.

By following these guidelines, being safe digitally can be achieved easily.

**Submitted by Afroz Idariya
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THE TEACHER'S GIFT: TIMELESS ADVICE FOR SUCCESS

One of the most important pieces of advice I ever received from my teacher was: "Be genuinely curious and ask questions without fear." This advice transformed how I approached learning.

Earlier, I was quite hesitant to ask questions, worried that it might reveal my unfamiliarity with studies. However, my teacher's encouragement to embrace my thirst for knowledge and ask questions freely changed that mindset. It opened a whole new world of learning for me.

Being curious allowed me to dive deeper into subjects and topics that confused me. I learned that asking questions, regardless of how simple or complex, is a very important part of the learning process as it promotes a deeper understanding and stimulates critical thinking. This advice also impacted my confidence and communication skills. By overcoming my fear of judgment, I became more confident to ask questions freely, which not only helped me improve my academic performance but also polished my personal growth, making me a more open-minded individual.

I thank all teachers, who encourage us to do better and achieve our potential. Wishing them a Happy Teachers' Day!

**Submitted by Heer Parmar
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DIGITAL LITERACY - HOW TO NAVIGATE THE ONLINE WORLD SAFELY AND RESPECTFULLY

In today's increasingly digital world, being responsible online is more important than ever. Digital literacy isn't just about knowing how to navigate the internet or use social media; it's about understanding the impact of our actions in the digital space.

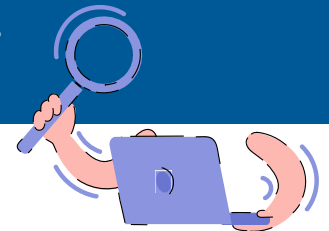
Being responsible online means considering the consequences of what you share, post, or comment. It means being mindful of your digital footprint to protect your personal information.

Cyberbullying, misinformation, and privacy breaches are just a few of the dangers that come with careless online behavior. By practicing digital literacy, we can help prevent these issues. This includes fact-checking information before sharing it and using strong passwords.

Being responsible online means making smart choices about what we share and how we interact.

We must not give out personal information. We need to always think before we post and be respectful in online communications. Treat others kindly and avoid spreading false information. By practicing these habits, we contribute to a safer and more positive digital environment for everyone.

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WHAT PEACE MEANS TO ME

A famous American philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson, once said, 'Nothing Can Bring You Peace but Yourself'.

What does that mean? Peace is a calm state of mind that comes from within and depends on you, irrespective of whether you are in a chaotic buzzing market or any other noisy area.

Peace is different for everyone. For some, it is in the elegant chirping of birds in the sunrise, while for others, it is in the

soft buzzing of crickets in the dark.

Peace is an emotion and everybody should live in peace. It is not something that happens because the place is silent; it is the cause of why it is silent.

I wish people in this world would learn to live peacefully.

**Submitted by Samanyu Mahetkar
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ROLE OF EDUCATION IN PROMOTING PEACE: IMPLEMENTING THE PEACE CODE AT OUR SCHOOL

Education is essential in promoting peace because it instills values such as respect, empathy, and collaboration. Our school has implemented the PEACE Code, which stands for **Positive Engagement And Collaborative Environment**. These values enable us to create a positive space in which everyone feels safe and valued.

The PEACE Code is significant because it teaches us how to handle problems peacefully, understand others' emotions,

and collaborate. By adhering to the PEACE Code, we can foster a community in which everyone supports one another and diversity is celebrated. Implementing this code allows us to grow not only academically, but also as caring human beings who are prepared to contribute to a peaceful world.

Submitted by Princia Mastakar
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HOW PEACE STARTS FROM OUR CLASSROOM

Being a student, I believe that peace begins from where we learn, gain knowledge, and grow. Precisely, in our classroom. Peace does not only mean prohibiting quarrels and conflicts, it is about making every single person feel counted, safe, and belonged. A few steps to achieve this are:

EMPATHY:

Comprehending others' feelings can help understand the situation from their perspective.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION:

Managing a disagreement calmly and respectfully helps reduce misunderstanding, and prevents it from escalating into a severe issue.

COLLABORATION:

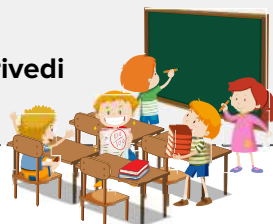
Working in groups can help develop communication and management skills, thereby facilitating teamwork which develops trust amongst peers.

SIMPLE TASKS:

Talking to a friend or trusted adult, drawing, meditation can help an individual maintain peace in times of stress

“PEACE” makes the world a superior place to live. “It’s a small step, but a big deal”.

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THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN PROMOTING PEACE

Education is instrumental in building and sustaining peace, as it helps shape individuals who value understanding. When we consider some of the values we learn in school with the acronym of peace, I think the following is how education promotes peace –

- **Patriotism:** Education fosters a sense of pride and responsibility in the nation, encouraging students to work towards the common good.
- **Empathy:** Our school teaches us to be empathetic, thereby helping students understand and respect others' feelings, reducing conflicts, and promoting harmonious relationships.
- **Accountability:** Education instills a sense of responsibility, motivating students to take ownership of their actions and contribute positively to their communities.
- **Courage:** Students are taught to stand up for what is right, promoting justice and peace.
- **Excellence:** Our school promotes excellence in education and ensures that we students are well-equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for success.

By inculcating these values, our school motivates students to become not only academically skilled but also peace-keeping citizens in our communities.

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LANGUAGE LADDER

This year's theme for Literacy Day is Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace. Learning different languages changes our perspective on life in uncountable ways. Communication is the key to solving almost any problem we face; it helps us empathize with others, understand their concerns, and effectively convey our thoughts. Not only this, but we also get an opportunity to connect and build relationships with people from diverse backgrounds, thereby enriching our social network. For instance, if we are traveling to new places, having some knowledge of the language can give us a deeper understanding of the culture and way of life, and can make our conversations easier. We can acquire more knowledge from books written in different languages and

enjoy entertainment by watching shows in multiple languages. This can promote a better understanding of others, and contribute to creating a more peaceful world.

Furthermore, knowing a range of languages can open doors to unique career opportunities and such candidates stand out during job selections. It also facilitates more effective interactions, breaking barriers and allowing people from different backgrounds to work under the same roof. Thus, an individual who knows multiple languages can have a more rewarding experience.

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INTERESTING READ

The profound impact of educators is seen in these remarkable stories:

- **Ramakant Achrekar & Sachin Tendulkar:** Ramakant Achrekar's dedication and belief in Sachin Tendulkar's potential helped shape the "Master Blaster" into one of cricket's greatest legends.
- **Ramakrishna Paramhansa & Swami Vivekananda:** Vivekananda credited his success and philosophical insights to his spiritual guru, Ramakrishna Paramhansa, whose teachings transformed his life.
- **Fr. Ladislaus Chinnadurai & Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam:** Dr. Kalam, India's "Missile Man," was inspired by Fr. Ladislaus Chinnadurai's passion for physics, which

sparked his interest in space science and guided his career.

- **Anne Sullivan & Helen Keller:** Anne Sullivan, despite her own visual impairment, taught Helen Keller who was visually and auditorily challenged, empowering her to break through her isolation and challenges, and become a renowned author and activist.
- **Dikran Tahta & Stephen Hawking:** Hawking attributed his love for mathematics and success as a physicist to Dikran Tahta, who opened his eyes to the beauty of math and its role in understanding the universe.

These teacher-student bonds reveal the incredible influence great educators can have in shaping history.

TAKE THE QUIZ BELOW TO TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE CELEBRATION OF TEACHER'S DAY IN INDIA!

1. When was the first Teachers' Day celebrated?

- (a) 1962
- (b) 1972
- (c) 1965
- (d) 1975

Ans. (a)

Explanation: Since 1962, India has been celebrating Teachers' Day.

2. September is the month for Teacher's Day also in:

- (a) United States
- (b) United Kingdom
- (c) China
- (d) Sri Lanka

Ans. (c)

Explanation: 10 September is an official holiday in China. On this day, the whole country fetes educators and teachers.

3. Who was the first female teacher in India?

- (a) Annie Besant
- (b) Sarojini Naidu
- (c) Savitribai Phule
- (d) Indira Gandhi

Ans: (c)

Explanation: Savitribai Phule is considered the first female teacher in India.

4. Teachers' Day in India is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Which of the following statements about Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan is/are correct?

- (a) He became the first Vice President of India and was elected to the constituent assembly of India.
- (b) In 1954, he was awarded the Bharat Ratna.
- (c) He received the Peace Prize in the German Book Trade in 1961.
- (d) All are correct

Ans. (d)

Explanation: Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan became the first Vice President of India and was elected to the constituent assembly of India. In 1954, he was awarded Bharat Ratna. He received the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade in 1961.

5. The 'Father of Modern Education' in India is:

- a.) Guru Vishwamitra
- b.) Rajiv Gandhi
- c.) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- d.) Dr B R Ambedkar

Ans: (c)

Explanation: Raja Ram Mohan Roy is often referred to as the "Father of Modern Education" in India due to his pioneering efforts in educational and social reforms during the early 19th century.



RIDDLES

Try and solve these Rebus Puzzles!

WHAT IS THIS?

JACK

WHAT IS THIS?

DOOR

WHAT IS THIS?

READ

WHAT IS THIS?

MILL1ON

WHAT IS THIS?

__SHIP

ANSWERS: 1. JACK IN THE BOX 2. BACK DOOR 3. READ IN BETWEEN THE LINES 4. ONE IN A MILLION 5. SPACE SHIP

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



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CELEBRATING THE ILLUSTRIOUS BCG ALUMNI

Dream Big – Set Goals – Take Action



CSM Mittal Prajapati
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SCHOOL CORNER

Dear Students,

Teaching is a true joy and a privilege that I experience every day in the classroom. You have inspired in me a lifelong love for learning and teaching through our daily interactions, collaborative projects, and planned activities. As your teacher, I also learn and grow from my experiences with you. Each of your perspectives and insights enrich my understanding and teaching.

I want each of you to know that you matter, your dreams matter, and your visions matter. Each of you is unique, and we teachers are dedicated to supporting your success in all your endeavors.

However, creating an ideal classroom environment requires your involvement as well. I encourage you to embrace your strengths, adapt to change, take responsibility for your actions, stay curious, and never hesitate to ask questions. Contributing to an inclusive atmosphere will ensure that everyone feels valued. Remember, it's not just what we learn but how we learn—together, with mutual support and willingness. Let's pledge to make our classroom a place of positivity, collaboration, and mutual respect, where we celebrate the successes of each one of us.

Sincerely,

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