



LIGHTHOUSE



BY BCGIANS, FOR BCGIANS

FOREWORD

Children's Day is celebrated across India to increase awareness of the rights, care and education of children as a tribute to the birthday of India's First Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. With the same principle the BCG lighthouse works on enlightening all the readers and makes them aware of the environment around them. We strive to create a feeling of positivity in the mind of the reader.

Children are the future leaders of the world. They play an extremely important role in our society. Their young minds think more creatively than any adult's mind. If they are given the right direction, they will change the destiny of this world for good. For that let's learn selflessness. There are many other things in the world besides our own selves. Let's realise that we are all part of a greater purpose and not just for entertaining and pleasing ourselves.

Also this year, let us try to create a sustainable planet for everyone. We can spend the day planting trees to improve the environment, or even organizing exciting events with children engaging them towards nature and environment.

Work hard to chase your dreams. To reach towards the goal, you take the first step to believe in yourself for a never ending journey towards success.

By the Editorial team

GOOD DEEDS PROMOTE GOOD KARMA

During the recent COVID-19 lockdown, I had an opportunity to be the perfect neighbour. I volunteered to deliver meals prepared by my mother and offered support like deliveries of medicines, supplies to some of the families in my colony, who had contracted the dreadful disease and were in dire need of help. I played online games like Scrabble, Pictionary with my colony friends to keep our minds active. During online school, I patiently cooperated with all the directives of my teachers. I feel proud that I was at least of some service to the community with all the limitations that I had, as a student. Later on, when my parents were hospitalized due to COVID, I was left alone at home, but thanks to my good deeds (I guess), I was well looked after, by my neighbours, who provided for my meals and well-being. One good deed deserves another.....don't you agree ?

Submitted by Rylan Joseph Crasto
Class 8

JOY OF SHARING

Children's Day is not just a day when we celebrate children but is also a day when all adults also go down the memory lane and feel nostalgic about their childhoods. It is at school that we make our first friends and we learn our first lessons in sharing and caring for others. I am glad to share that on this day my father and I usually visit orphanages and old age homes. Though we spend a few hours there, those few hours are so satisfying, far away from spotlights, away from every acknowledgement. I have learnt that the most gifts of caring, attention, affection and love are some of the most precious gifts we can give, and they don't cost much. It has taught me that it is satisfaction -that is the most important element in our life that alone is the ultimate measure of our success as human beings, and we should do it more often not just on special days.

Submitted by Archit Kadam
Class 9



PASS IT FORWARD

'In the initial period of pandemic what spread more than Covid was negativity' would I be wrong if I say that? However, we all rose to the sudden challenge that was thrown at us. Yesterday I read an article about a young woman Amayra, who graduated from Cambridge university, Boston. Even after having a good job prospect, she dedicated her life to work for the underprivileged children in India. She chose five children from Dharavi and educated them to help them pursue their dreams. A similar story was shown in the film 'Super 30' based on a true story. These stories inspired me to do something which is more than just a career.



I want to become an environmentalist. I believe that pollution, filth spreads negativity more than it spreads illness and disease. Preserving the environment should be our first priority. Our Prime Minister said “toilets first and temples later”; and I agree. I would also like to contribute towards environmental challenges. I sincerely wish to be part of a technology that helps in reducing pollution. So friends let us take forward what these legends started by doing our bit.

Submitted by Gayatri Nair
Class 7

SOME GOOD DEEDS DONE BY CHILDREN

Children are very creative. They have an unbelievable potential of doing things that an adult would have barely imagined of. We have some living examples of such children in the world.

Lucy Blaylock who made blankets and masks



Veronica Blaylock from Tennessee, US, taught her eight years old daughter Lucy to sew blankets. Since then the little girl has been sewing blankets with a heart signature in her free time and has shipped it over 13 countries to kids who have been bullied, kids who are fighting cancer and kids who have lost their loved ones.

Recently after the virus outbreak she has been shipping handmade masks to people around the world.

Licypriya Kangujam



Licypriya Kangujam is an eight-year-old girl and she is a climate activist. She became the youngest speaker at the United Nations Framework Convention on December 2, 2019. She is one of the most influential speakers in the world by the United Nations.

Dominic Gave Out Food



A 12-year-old boy, Dominic from New Jersey, decided to leave and forgo his birthday celebrations and festivals this year and to donate many boxes of pizza and jars of spaghetti to the homeless people in his

hometown. It was the largest donation drive in the city in several years. It required five SUV cars to carry the food to all the people. Dominic grabbed the attention and appreciation of the local Governor too.

Little Chef Kicha



Nihal Raj, also known as Little Chef Kicha, is one of the world's youngest chefs. He even made an appearance on The Ellen DeGeneres Show, a popular American talk show. He showed Ellen how to make 'PUTTU,' a typical breakfast dish in Kerala.

We see now and then the acts of kindness done by children with their pure hearts. We can make this world a better place just by unlocking the creativity of children in our society. And this is only possible by being empathetic towards them and understanding them.

Submitted by Misbahuddin Sayyed
Class 10

HOW WOULD I SPREAD POSITIVITY THROUGH MY FUTURE GOALS?

As we all know, our planet has entered a phase of destruction with no hope of recovery. However, technology will bring a substantial change in the development rate, for example- digital documentation saves trees, solar energy reduces pollution, waste management technology can reduce pollution, etc.

I am a technology enthusiast and my aspiration is to spread the use of proven technology across the population.

As Gandhi says, "be the change you want to see in others", I would start with myself by adopting an environmentally friendly attitude towards life powered by technology.

I would love to set an example to motivate people to do the same. With this enthusiasm, a new ray of hope will spread its horizons, and I believe that slowly but steadily we will conquer the decline of our planet and build a new earth.



Submitted by Isha Dipen Shah
Class 8

MY CONTRIBUTION TO TRANSFORMATION



The number of job opportunities and aspirations is immeasurable during these progressive times. Though there are many lucrative jobs, I aspire to be a '**Social Worker**'. During the pandemic, I noticed many underprivileged struggling for basic necessities. Their agony was palpable which ignited a flame in my heart to help them. Till date, I distribute fundamental requirements to the needy. Being a social worker is not an income-generating cause. However, that's the least of my worries. I want to start an NGO for the destitute, aptly named as 'Garib Dham', motto - 'Don't be greedy, help the needy'. This non-profitting NGO will undertake the work of making shelters and distributing basic necessities by raising funds through charity and donations. Mother Teresa is my inspiration. Her quote, 'If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one' is etched in my memory. I strive to globalize this issue and inspire others to join me. My only dream is to see the world filled with happiness.

Submitted by Parva Toraskar
Class 8

BE THE VOICE!

Everyone has dreams, everyone has aspirations that they want to fulfill but, only the person with utmost dedication and willingness can see their dreams come true. Just like a billion others on this beautiful planet earth, I have a dream too. A dream that I want to accomplish and I cherish very much. Dreams give us hope to look forward, it gives us a motive to work hard and build life with our own hands. My constant and gradual efforts to fulfill my dream to become a lawyer, so that each and every person on this globe can receive justice. I want to help everyone, especially females, who are constantly suppressed by our cruel society and always looked down upon, to stand up for themselves and speak the truth. Through my work, I want to be the voice for all the people who have been ill-treated and misused and make them feel equal. I am determined to make our Indian law, the fairest and most efficient system throughout the world.



Submitted by Muskaan Jaggi
Class 10

QUIZ

1: International Children's Day is celebrated on _____.

- A: 20th November
- B: 25th November
- C: 14th November
- D: 1st November



2: Under the convention, every person under the age of _____ is recognized as a child.

- A: 20
- B: 22
- C: 21
- D: 18



3: The Sanjay Chopra Award and the Geeta Chopra Award are conferred to children for _____.

- A: Academic Excellence
- B: Sports
- C: Bravery
- D: Innovation



4: International Children's Day was first celebrated in _____ on 20 November.

- A: 1954
- B: 1854
- C: 1974
- D: 1984



5: In which year did the "Right to Education" become a fundamental right for children between the ages of 6-14?

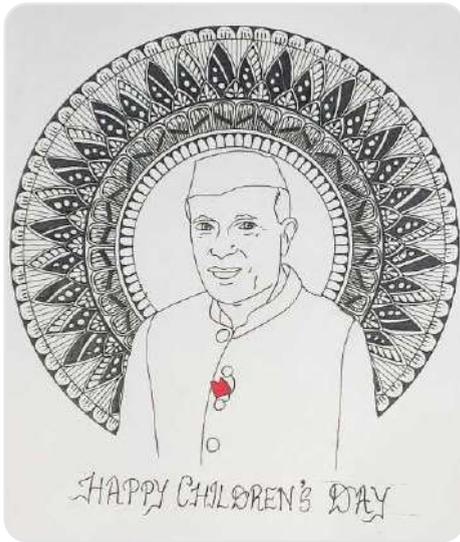
- A: 2001
- B: 2002
- C: 2003
- D: 2004



ANSWERS: A, D, C, B, D



STUDENTS' WORK



Submitted by Harshita Mistry
Class 10



Submitted by Riya Shinde
Class 7



Submitted by Nirmeet Khandekar
Class 7

IGNITE THE CHILD WITHIN

Guess the jumbled nursery rhymes-

1. aab aab kclab peehs
2. kacj dan lilj tenw pu eht illh
3. ytpmhu dytpum tas no a lalw
4. eno owt lekub ym oehs
5. aginr aginr seros

5. ringa ringa rose

3. humpty dumpty sat on a wall

4. one two buckle my shoe.

2. jack and jill went up the hill

1. baa baa black sheep

Answers:

SCHOOL CORNER

Children - The Joy givers

'Children have a special way of adding joy to everyday'.

Nothing more than the above lines could sum up my thoughts on Children. When the entire world was going through testing times, what kept the teaching fraternity going, hopeful and happy were the children, being in their company albeit virtually was a blessing. Their questions, their wandering but innocent eyes, their uncanny silence at times, their confusions, their solutions, their genuineness... more than make up for the otherwise unpleasantness that prevailed in the world.

Children are the best healers, so let's celebrate purity, let's celebrate innocence, let's celebrate Children....

Here's wishing all the pure at heart, all the innocence & all happiness of this world a very Happy Children's Day.

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