



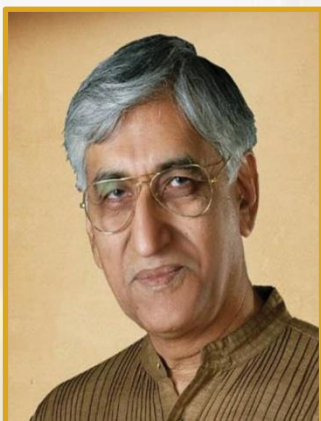
**Rajkumar College Junior School Raipur (C.G.)**

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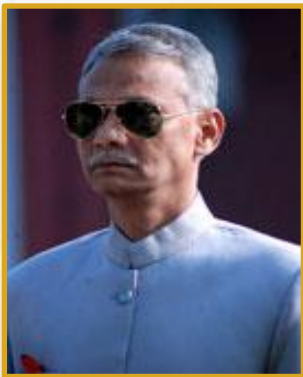
In this Teachers' day special edition of "MANTHAN", I wish to talk about "THE TEACHER", the educator behind today's child and youth. Teachers have always been indispensable, they help simplify the complex, expose children to ideas and topics that they might otherwise have not come into contact. A teacher is instrumental in opening the mind of the students to the world beyond course books.

Role of a teacher in society is both significant and valuable, they have a far reaching influence on the society in such a manner that is more profound than anyone else. In today's trying times this role has shifted slightly where the teachers have to impart the exact same knowledge, value system, discipline without actually coming into physical contact with the student. It is so much more difficult now, as they are still the architect of the new generation. This requires more passion, patience and expertise, not only for their subject but also of technology. We need to applaud the teachers of the world for taking up this role with the poise and confidence as no other.

These teachers must have had apprehensions, must have faltered but pushing the insecurity, self-doubt aside, they ventured into this new field without complacency or conceit. Today, the role being even more so difficult, yet remains the same, of finding the need of the student and being able to deliver the same, trying to simulate a classroom environment which will allow students to develop mentally, physically, emotionally, as they would have done otherwise.

My salutations to the teachers of the world.





**RAJA SHRI TRIBIKRAM CHANDRA DEB**  
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**CHAIRMAN, GENERAL COUNCIL,**  
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On this Teachers' Day, I feel great pleasure in congratulating all the teachers of the world on the new role they took on without flinching the slightest, thereby providing the students, a possibility for better future. Teachers are facilitators of student learning and creators of tomorrow's citizen. Children need to grow to be an informed member of the society in which they live along with developing the basic social and emotional skills. Today's teacher is facing this very difficult task of inspiring the students with their knowledge and expertise without actually coming in contact with them. The teacher requires a knack to find and cater to the need of students effectively and efficiently. They have to continue in the role of building the personality of the modern citizen by transferring their knowledge, experience and skills all the while facing the challenges that are coming their way. The method of imparting education today may have changed bringing forth more complications for everyone than expected, yet the role of a teacher or guru remains the same, that is transmission of intellectual traditions, technical skills along with equipping the students with empathy to help create a well balanced citizen.

*"It lies largely in its teacher's hand to mould the mind of the child who is the father of man" - Madan Mohan Malaviya*





*"Teacher, friend, philosopher, guide, mentor, parent, facilitator"*

Today, in times of home schooling and online learning, the methods have changed but the role of the teachers still remains the same; provide quality education to facilitate student learning. Moreover, the teachers constantly monitor the well-being and mental health of the students and therefore understanding the student psychology and motivating the student is the ultimate challenge of the teachers. Thus, teachers have to work extremely hard to discharge this onerous responsibility and we have to acknowledge and be aware of the tremendous stress levels that these neglected teachers are subjected to !

The present pandemic has shifted the Goal Post of School activity, as suddenly from the comfort zone of the traditional class rooms, teachers have had to graduate on to smart phones, tabs and laptops. The teacher of today was pushed to the front line of the cyber world without any prior warning. The role of the teacher however still remains the same, that of a facilitator to process learning for the students. Now with these online classes, teacher faces the tough challenge of delivering structured material to engage and allow students to develop high order thinking skills from behind a screen !

School's readiness for this online teaching is critical and the teachers are at various stages , evolving to come up with innovative ideas to optimally use the changing technology to facilitate learning. To sum up, I would like to impress upon everybody that the teachers job is extremely tough and perhaps more demanding in the online environment when compared to the traditional class room teaching. However, most of us fail to acknowledge this. In relation to our harassed and beleaguered teachers, I am reminded of the famous lines by Thomas Gray in his famous verse '**Elegy Written In A Country Churchyard**'

*"Full many a gem of purest ray serene,  
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear:  
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air"*

To sum up, it is of paramount importance that in this virtual classroom environment the teacher and parents face the challenges thrown upon them together and synergize to ensure that the child receives education in an appropriate environment. Lastly, on this teachers day , I would like to place on record that the RKC Junior School teachers have lived up to all the challenges in fulfilling their academic responsibility and deserve the combined gratitude and accolades of the management, hierarchy and parents.

**Lt. Col. Avinash Singh**  
**Principal**





We had just finished our Annual Exams and the students were off for a short Holi break. They left the school in a flurry of rangoli colours flying in the air. There was a hustle and bustle everywhere and we teachers were looking forward to a fortnight of a quiet break. Little did we know, standing there, waving at the little ones go by that this fortnight break would turn into a very long journey for everyone.

Pandemic was declared world over. Schools, Offices, Markets, Transport all came to a standstill. Time went by lulling us with a false sense of hope, but we could not see the dawn of light anywhere in the near future. The school administration realizing this sprang into action in the month of April taking the bull by the horns. Technology was introduced; to and fro discussion of which platform would be suitable and most effective to ensure student learning became paramount.

All teachers were brought into the foray, some young, some on the verge of retirement. All intimidated by technology. With scant regards to the heat, their own well-being, they trudged forward, faltered, hesitated but never capitulated. The school took on this herculean task of training one and all. Preparing the hardware and good internet connectivity was another issue. This was merely the beginning, planning and constructing online assessments, evaluating students is going to be another.

This often-neglected group -Teachers, persevered on without vacillating. Teaching was the easy part here. The use of technology to conduct classes and ensure discipline in these virtual classrooms became another aspect. Our greatest apprehension being how to ensure that our pre-primary and primary school students received the maximum benefit with minimal adverse effect. How to hold the child's attention? What length of class will be appropriate? They are so young. Will this mode of teaching be effective? How to ensure this?

Doing endless research and developing strategies to keep these young students engaged, teachers are constantly trying to simulate a school like environment by conducting activities like elocution, fancy dress, music, art etc.

At this very crucial juncture Parents and Teachers need to come together as home schooling and online learning is the need of the hour for the learning and well-being of the student.

We all are faced with a plethora of challenges daily but we Teachers and Parents have one common goal that is to provide quality education during these difficult times for the skill development, literacy and numeracy, high order cognitive skills and social and emotional skills. Children always went to school, now the child is at home and so is the teacher. Whether we like it or not it has no meaning. A new equilibrium is the need of the hour.

Teachers and school administration require the support and partnership of parents to achieve this. In an opposite scenario anarchy would prevail. Guru and shishya is an age-old trend which can never change as we are students all our lives and yet we are guiding someone somewhere. On this note I would like to pay tribute to all the Gurus of the world and wish a certitude and tenacity as an ever-present characteristic in them so that they never give up on anyone.

**Ms. Chitwan Singh**

**Head Mistress, Junior School**









**Ms. S.F. Siddiqui**  
Assistant Headmistress

## A long wait

The corridors, the classrooms  
The teachers, the peons,  
The fields, the trees,  
Dear children, longing to see you all  
soon....  
To see those smiling faces  
To hear those "Good morning Ma'am"  
"Thank you, Ma'am,"  
You all are dear to us  
You all are near to us  
You all are connected to us  
Stay Home, Stay Safe.



**Anupriya Das**  
Class Teacher Class 2 A  
Maths Teacher 2 A, B & D

## LOCKDOWN KA ASAR 2020

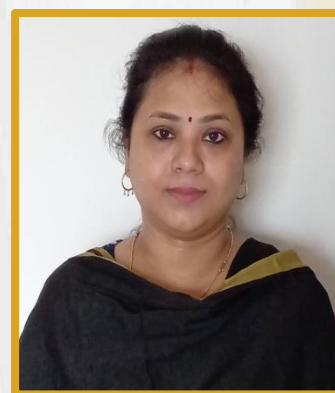
Teachers are full of josh,  
Students are far but very close,  
Zindagi ka ek hi funda hai mere dost,  
Keep on updating yourself har roj.

Online Classes are the best,  
Children don't have to worry about the test,  
Charo taraf hai lockdown ka asar,  
Teachers nahi chor rahe koi bhi Kasar.

Nowadays life is full of complications,  
And during this pandemic situation,  
People are showing their creation,  
Gadgets have made everyone life easy and free from  
isolation.

Life me aage wahi badhta hai mere dost,  
Jo kisi ki baato mein na gawa de apne hosh.

**Peyali Chanda**  
Class teacher(2B)



**Peyali Chanda**  
Class Teacher Class 2 B  
EVS Teacher 2 A, B, C & D



## Books: our friends forever

Books help us grow and make us aware,  
Nurture our minds and give us the ability to share.  
They take us into the world of colorful imagination,  
And give us a joyful ride and recreation.  
Books display a vast palette of emotion,  
They help us stay sturdy in moments of tension.  
They instill in us, a way of living, that is loving and fascinating.  
Books teach us how to dream, tell us what dreams mean!  
They motivate us to strive, and inspire us to go places in life  
Books are companions who are always there for us,  
They are silent friends whom we can always trust.  
You can call them a guide or a philosopher,  
But they are real friends forever.



**Shruti Shukla**  
Class Teacher Class 2 C  
English Teacher 2 E & G

## Patience



**Taranpreet Kaur**  
Class Teacher Class 2 D  
English Teacher 2 A & B

Patience is not the ability to wait; it is a form of wisdom. We can shape talents with patience and transform inborn abilities into real achievements. It helps us build empathy towards others and make us tolerant. It demonstrates that we understand and accept the fact that sometimes things must unfold in their own time. Good things take time. Remember persistence overcomes everything. Patience in life

can make us reach for the stars. Patience teaches us to have the zeal to overcome challenges and the power to overcome roadblocks or waiting time between you and something you want or need.

Anger and stress are enough to ruin our health and lives but with patience we can overcome frustration and live a happy and peaceful life. In case you want a toy or should I say according to today's children, a video game, if you show some patience and prove to your parents that you can be a mature and balanced student, your parents will probably give in to your demand.

Wait, this doesn't finish the story. You have to continue to prove to them and yourself that you do deserve the confidence that your elders have placed upon you.

Everything in life, children, has a price! Nothing comes for free. So at your age you must work for better grades and also improve your behavior. When you grow older a big wide world awaits you. Grow up with patience, empathy and honesty. We miss you and are waiting for you with open arms.

## Love the planet

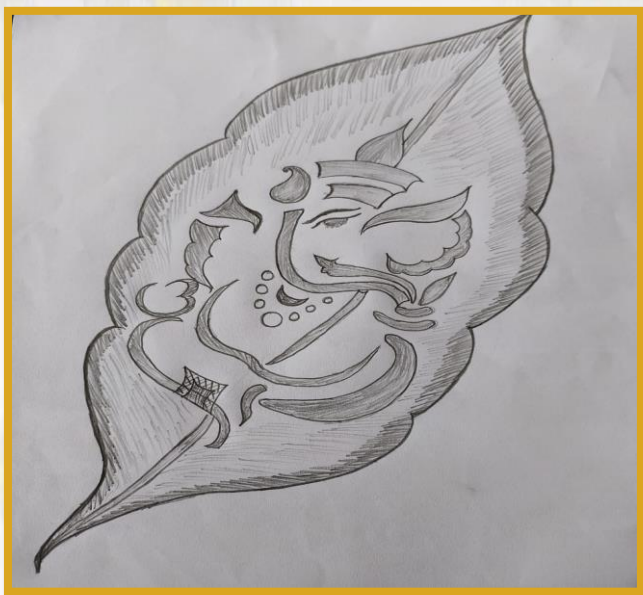
Gone are the days of fresh air, fresh water, and a clean environment. These have only become words we read in books and papers. Every resource is consumed at a high rate due to the increased population and high demand for land, food and water. Human beings have used and misused these resources to the extreme. This has resulted in a rapid increase in water pollution, land pollution, and soil pollution. It is disheartening to see that people take mother nature for granted and are still not aware of the consequences. They either turn a blind eye or they are simply unaware of these things.



**Tanushree Dutta**  
Class Teacher Class 2 E  
Gen. Science Teacher Class 4E, F & G

What mother nature has given us is exceptional and we must preserve it full-heartedly. It is we who require Mother Nature, she does not require us. Yet we are so arrogant and careless. Nature has been there for four and a half billion years. Our future depends on mother nature. When she thrives, we thrive and when she falters, we falter. Ocean, flower, forests, all belong to mother nature. We are only tenants on this planet. How we choose to live each day, whether we respect or disrespect nature, our deeds will decide our existence on the planet Earth. It's not our planet, never was and never will be. But humans, out of their greed, take more than their needs. It does not work like that. People and nature can only co-exist if they learn to respect and develop a feeling of admiration for each other.





**Dr. Neha Tiwari**  
Class Teacher Class 2 F  
EVS Teacher Class 2  
Gen Science Teacher Class 3 A, B, C & D



**Seema Pawar**  
Class Teacher Class 2 G  
Hindi Teacher Class 2 E, F & 4E



## Gratitude

It is well said that *gratitude is the greatest multiplier of life*. Gratitude means being thankful.

Are we grateful for the little things in our lives? We often neglect the little gifts that we receive ceaselessly and incessantly crib for the desires and dreams that we could not fulfil.

We should be grateful for the things that we have, rather than complaining about the things that we do not have. Gratitude is the mantra for a happy and calm life.

It onsets the continuous flow of all good things that we await in our lives. It makes our life meaningful and worthwhile. Let us be thankful for the fresh air we breathe in, the sight of the birds twittering sweetly, the presence of a loving family and friends who are there to support us always.

Let us make it a habit to begin and end our day with gratitude. It will do wonders in our lives by raising our self-esteem, making us happier, and awakening the real entity within ourselves.

*"Gratitude is the sweetest thing in a seeker's life – in all human life.*

*If there is gratitude in your heart, then there will be tremendous sweetness in your eyes."*

*-Sri Chinmoy*



**Pooja Sai Krishna**  
Class Teacher Class 3 A  
English Teacher Class 3D & 4C





**Shabana Qureshi**  
Class Teacher Class 3 B  
English Teacher Class 3C & 3G

## To be a kid again

I'd like to be a kid again  
Jump and run and dance in rain.  
I would be a new age kid,  
And do things that I never did.  
As a mother of two  
And a teacher of many;  
God! The similarity is uncanny.  
When I was a kid, I played outside.  
Down the hill I'd paddle my ride.  
And the wheels sped  
And then I said-  
"I want to be a kid forever!  
I want to be a kid forever!"  
I'd do chores with my mother  
And fight with my brother.  
When Papa returned  
He'd bring what he earned  
These fond memories,  
Are never blurred.  
Of what kind would I be?  
If I were one of the kids I see,  
Every day  
I'd distance away,  
From things that used to be fun  
And walk towards the ones never done.  
For 'trend' calls for variety  
For changing is the society.  
I'd still bring back the old days  
Till passes away my childhood phase;  
And then I'd want to be a child again  
Who'd jump and run and dance in rain.

I'm Changing  
the World  
One day at  
a time.

**I Teach.**



**Shradha Thakur**  
Class Teacher Class 3 C  
Hindi Teacher 3 A, B, C, D & E

## Recipe - Baked Veg

### Ingredients

Green beans - 50 gm  
Carrot - 50 gm  
Corn kernels - 50 gm  
Onion - 50 gm  
Capsicum - 50 gm  
Broccoli - 50 gm  
Cheese cubes - 2



### For white Sauce

4 teaspoon butter  
2 teaspoon wheat flour  
2 cups milk  
Salt to taste.

### Process

#### Preparation for the vegetables

1. Finely chop all the vegetables.
2. Other than capsicum blanch all the vegetables (after adding salt) and keep aside.

#### Preparation for the white sauce

1. Heat butter in a pan.
2. Add wheat flour and stir for a min.
3. Add lukewarm milk to it and stir continuously until gets thick (2- 3 mins) add salt and turn off the flame. The sauce is ready.

#### Baking Process

1. Preheat the oven.
2. Mix the blanched vegetables, capsicum, and white sauce.
3. Place the mixture in a baking tray evenly.
4. Grate 2 cheese cubes over it and sprinkle mixed herbs (optional) over it.
5. Bake it for 15 mins under convection mode (180 degrees) or till the cheese coating turns a little brown.

Baked Veg is ready. You can serve as a starter or along with a toast in the main course.





**Pallavi Gurudatta**  
Class Teacher Class 3 D  
Maths Teacher 2F & G and 3D



## My Teacher, My Inspiration

My Teacher is my inspiration, You are the best in the Nation.

'Go, spread your wings and fly', You taught me to touch the sky.

You are the one who made me understand,

How to lead a life well – planned. Do the right thing, at the right time,

Be honest and disciplined, that lasts a life time.

You explained the lesson of life,

Is to struggle and survive. Unknowingly you had once planted a seed,

Of motivation and curiosity, which made me succeed.

Today when I look back and think, all those days passed away in a blink.

They are my best treasure, memories that gives me pleasure.

It's you, who once framed my future, as a result, today, *I'm a teacher.*

BUT, my teacher is my inspiration, you are the best in the Nation.



**Sujata Das**  
Class Teacher Class 3 E  
Subject Teacher 3F & 4A



**Afreen Pradhan**  
Class Teacher Class 3 F  
S. St. 3 (A-G) 4 (A,B, E & F)



**Sonal Ehsan**  
Class Teacher Class 3 G  
Maths Teacher 2 C & E, 3 E, F & G





**Shaivalini Singh**  
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Hindi Teacher 3 F & G and 4 A & B



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Class Teacher Class 4 C  
Gen. Sc. Teacher 3 E, F & G and 4 (A-D)



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Class Teacher Class 4 F  
Hindi Teacher Class 4C, D, F & G



**Jyoti Agrawal**  
Class Teacher Class 4 G  
Maths Teacher Class 3 B & C and 4 B & C



## The Unconquerable Will

*'As long as we have faith in our own cause and an unconquerable will to win, victory will not be denied to us.'*

Winston Churchill.

History has been a witness to the lives of great people who have reached the pinnacle of success by realizing the power of the unconquerable will. There is no failure for the man who gets up every time he falls and who persists, when everyone else gives up. Most of the iconic personalities faced setbacks but continued to strive and finally achieved success in the field of their expertise. Let us reflect on the lives of a few great personalities.



**Anjana Rao**  
Class Teacher Class 4 D  
English Teacher Class 4C, E & 5D

Steve Jobs was the man behind the establishment of the company Apple. This gigantic company had started in a garage with two people as its manpower. After achieving great success and taking the company to its pinnacle, Jobs was thrown out of his own company but that didn't stop or slow him down and he went on to become the founder and CEO of NeXT- a computer platform development company and Pixar, that produced the first computer-animated movie "Toy Story" and once he was back at Apple, he took the company to a level like never before.

Michael Jordan is one of the most renowned basketball players in sports world history. He was short in height as a child and was often rejected in the selection process. When he started playing basketball, during his growing years, he failed to hit over nine thousand shots and lost over three hundred games but his consistency and his dedication paved his way towards success.

These are few of the names of people who have left their footprints on the sand of time . One such name is Pratap whose story can be an inspiration to all. Pratap hails from a village near Mysore in Karnataka who belonged to a poor family. His father, a farmer, earned just two thousand per month. Pratap was interested in electronics right from childhood. He visited the nearest cyber cafe from his village and surfed the internet to visit the sites of his interest. He would write to scientists all over the world but all his efforts were in vain. After battling against all odds and fortunately getting the help of a philanthropist, he participated in a drone model competition in Japan. He won the gold medal for India. In the current time, PM Modi has honoured him and asked DRDO to absorb him. Thus, the indomitable human spirit sees no bounds and sets to conquer the impossible.

I would like to end with the magical words of *Paulo Coelho* in his book, "The Alchemist"-

*"And when you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it."*



**Soumya Sharma**  
Class Teacher Class 4 A  
Maths Teacher 4 A, E, F & G

## रक्षा

आज बंटी बहुत खुश था । आज रक्षाबंधन का त्योहार जो था और उसकी छोटी बहन गुड़िया आज उसे पहली बार राखी जो बाँधने वाली थी। "माँ ! जल्दी करो ना ", बंटी ने कहा " ठहर जा बेटा , गुड़िया को तैयार तो कर लूं । "माँ ने उसे समझाते हुए कहा । आखिर वो पल आ ही गया जिसका बंटी को जाने कितने दिनों से इंतज़ार था। नन्ही सी गुड़िया सजधज कर माँ की गोद में बैठी थी। घर के सभी लोग इस मौके पर इकट्ठा हुए थे। दादी ने प्यार

से बंटी से पूछा " बंटी ये तो बताओ राखी बंधवाने के बाद अपनी बहन को तोहफ़ा क्या दोगे?" "तोहफ़ा भी देना पड़ेगा?" बंटी ने मासूमियत से पूछा। "और नहीं तो क्या दादी ने कहा ।"मगर मैं तो गुड़िया के लिये कुछ भी नहीं लाया।" बंटी ने उदासी भरे स्वर में कहा। माँ ने प्यार से उसके सिर पर हाथ फेरते हुए कहा " कोई बात नहीं बेटा, गुड़िया से ये वादा करना कि तुम हमेशा उसकी रक्षा करोगे। "यह बात सुनकर बंटी का चेहरा खिल उठा। फिर माँ ने गुड़िया के हाथों से बंटी की कलाई पर राखी बंधवाई और बंटी ने कहा "गुड़िया ! मैं तुमसे ये वादा करता हूँ कि मैं तुम्हें अपनी रक्षा खुद करने के काबिल बनने में पूरी मदद करूँगा।" वहाँ उपस्थित सभी की नज़रें बंटी पर थी और उसकी माँ का शीश गर्व से दमक रहा था।

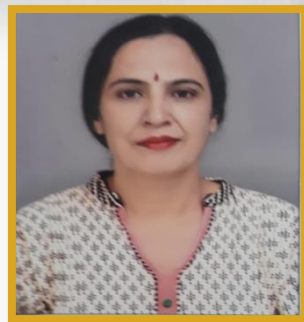


## A wonderful memory

As time passes, the memories fade in one's life. But in my opinion, there are many unforgettable moments in a teacher's life which remains with her forever. A teacher feels happy to see her students grow and progress every day.

I want to share a wonderful moment of my life. Once I went to a dentist. The attendant told me to sit in a dental chair. I was waiting for the doctor who was supposed to come and examine me. A lady doctor entered, wearing a mask on her face. Before examining me, she touched my feet and said that she was my student. I was filled with joy to see her. This is what I earned as a teacher.

A teacher feels on the top of the world when she is recognized by her students. It is a great feeling for every teacher to see a student blossom right in front of her eyes.



**Inderjeet Sethi**  
Class Teacher Class 4 E  
Subject Teacher Class 4E, F & G



**Shaneha Khan**  
Class Teacher Class 5 A  
Maths Teacher Class 5 B & C & 4 A



## The little ones

The little ones taught me,  
What it's like to be,  
A teacher, a preacher, a mother;  
Of children varied from each other.

They aren't like we were, I must say,  
As they prove it every day;  
By astonishing me with their imagination,  
I can't help but listen with fascination.  
You learn no matter what the age be,  
That's what the little ones taught me.



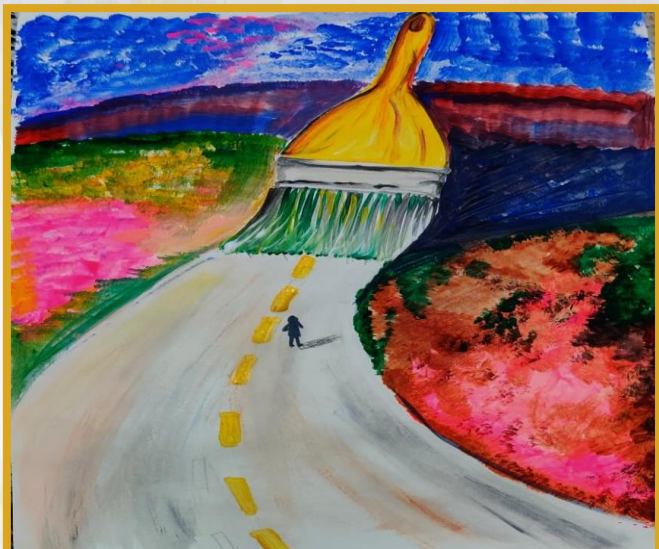
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SST Teacher 5 (A-G) & 4 C, D & G







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Class Teacher Class 5 D  
Maths Teacher 5E, F & G

## अमूल चीज़ कॉर्न बॉल

सामग्री

- 1-आलू 3(बड़े उबले हुए )
- 2-अमूल चीज़ क्यूब-4
- 3-शिमला मिर्च 1(बारीक कटी हुई)
- 4-स्वीट कॉर्न -1/2कप
- 5-हरा धनिया- 3टेबल स्पून(बारीक कटा हुआ)
- 6-रेड चिली फ्लेक्स-½ टी स्पून
- 7-काली मिर्च पाउडर-1/2टी स्पून
- 7-फ्रेश ब्रेड क्रम्स-1कप
- 8-कॉर्न फ्लोर-6 टेबल स्पून
- 9-मैदा-3 टेबल स्पून
- 10-नमक-स्वादानुसार

विधि-

सर्वप्रथम आलू मैश कर लें। अब इसमें चीज़ कद्दूकस करके डालें, हरा धनिया, शिमला मिर्च, काली मिर्च पाउडर, रेड चिली फ्लेक्स, स्वीट कॉर्न, 3 टेबल स्पून कॉर्न फ्लोर, नमक थोड़ा कम ही डालें। सभी सामग्री को मिला कर अपने मनपसंद आकार के गोले बना लें।

इसके पश्चात एक छोटे बर्तन में 3 टेबल स्पून मैदा और 3 टेबल स्पून कॉर्न फ्लोर लेकर पानी डाल कर घोल बना लें। ध्यान रखें कि घोल न ज्यादा पतला हो न ज्यादा गाढ़ा।

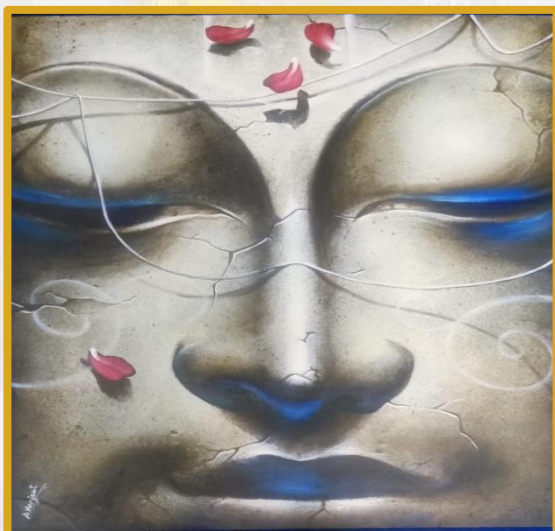
अब गैस पर कढ़ाई में तेल गरम होने रखें। बने हुए गोलों को पहले घोल में डुबायें फिर ब्रेड क्रम्स में लपेट कर तल लें।

लीजिये तैयार हैं आपके अमूल चीज़ कॉर्न बॉल।

नोट-इन्हें आप टमाटर सॉस और हरी चटनी के साथ खा सकते हैं।



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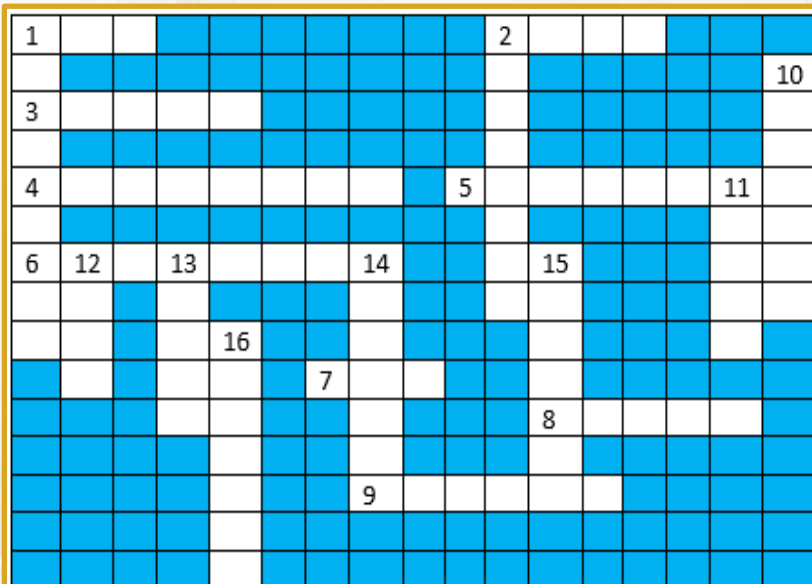
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## SCIENCE CROSSWORDS : FUN WITH ANIMALS



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### Across

- 1) It is the only mammal that can fly.
- 2) They have two stomachs.
- 3) It is the national animal of India.
- 4) It cannot jump.
- 5) It can live for over 100 years.
- 6) It can only eat when its head is upside down.
- 7) It is the first animal to go into space.
- 8) They don't drink water with their mouths, they drink by absorbing water through their skin.
- 9) It is an insect that cannot fly.

### Down:

- 1) It tastes with its feet.
- 2) It is the largest snake.
- 10) It is the fastest animal in the world.
- 11) It can sleep for three years.
- 12) I have a mane.
- 13) It has more bones than humans.
- 14) It has 3 hearts, 9 brains, and blue blood.
- 15) It has a long neck.
- 16) It is a dog that does not bark.

Answers: Across-> 1) Bat 2) Ants 3) Tiger 4) Elephant 5) Tortoise 5) Flamingo 7) Dog  
Down-> 1) Butterfly 2) Anaconda 10) Cheetah 11) Snail 12) Lion 13) Mouse  
14) Octopus 15) Giraffe 16) Basenji

### Lessons from nature

Nature is full of wonderful things that inspires us in several ways. We must learn and inculcate values from them.

The sun, for example, teaches us the art of 'giving'. It is the source of light that not only brightens but also spreads warmth in every place it shines. This teaches us that knowledge and talent should always go hand in hand with kindness and warmth.

We know that the moon reflects the light of the sun. It teaches us the art of 'sharing'. In the same way, appreciating and learning from the good qualities in others, will only enlighten us further.

The tree is the epitome of 'humility'. It branches out in all directions and yet remains rooted, absorbing heat and giving shelter. Water exists in various states in nature, namely solid, liquid, and gas. It always takes the shape of the object it is poured into. This quality teaches us the importance of 'adapting' to the situation, by being flexible as per the situation.

Children, these learnings from nature have stood the test of time. They have been an inspiration for many. So, the next time you look at the sun, gaze at the moon, sit under a tree, or enjoy the rain, just pause and think of the incredible teachings they shower upon us.



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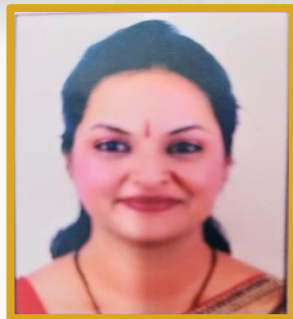
## Zebra Cake

### Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour (*maida*)
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2.5 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3/4 cup olive oil/ flavorless oil (you can also use melted butter or ghee at room temperature)
- 1½ cups milk or as required.
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons vanilla essence (if using pure vanilla extract then 1 teaspoon is fine).
- Salt- a pinch

### Procedure:

- Sift together the flour, sugar, and salt. Add oil, milk, baking powder and baking soda.
- Now comes the fun part. Divide the batter into two halves.
- Sift cocoa powder in one batch and mix it gently. Add a little milk.
- To the other half, add vanilla essence and mix.
- Take your baking tin and pour one spoon of vanilla batter in the center of the pan and allow it to spread naturally.
- Now take one spoon of chocolate batter and pour it in the center of the vanilla batter. The quantity will increase and the batter will spread more.
- Patience is the key while pouring alternate spoons of the two batters.
- Be cautious enough, not to be in a hurry or tilt the pan to spread the batter. Allow it to spread naturally.
- To create the design, take a toothpick and starting from the center of the batter make lines to the end of the batter.
- Once you have got all the lines from the center to the end of the tin, it is now time to draw lines in reverse i.e. from the end of the tin to center of the tin.
- Place it in the preheated oven at 180 degrees and bake for 40 to 45 minutes, till a toothpick inserted comes out clean.
- Place it on the cooling rack and enjoy the cake.



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## बेटियाँ

घर भर को जन्नत बनाती हैं बेटियाँ, अपने तब्बसुम से इसे सजाती हैं , बेटियाँ ।  
 पिघलती हैं अशक बनके, माँ के दर्द से, रोते हुये बाबुल को हँसाती हैं बेटियाँ ।  
 सहती हैं ज़माने भर के दर्द और गम, अकेले में अशक बहाती हैं बेटियाँ ।  
 सुबह की पाक अजान से भी प्यारी लगे, मंदिर के दिये की बाती है बेटियाँ।  
 जब वक्त आता है इनकी बिदाई का, ज़ार- ज़ार सबको रुलाती हैं बेटियाँ।  
 ओस की एक बूंद होती हैं बेटियाँ , स्पर्श खुरदरा हो तो रोती हैं बेटियाँ ।  
 रोशन करेगा बेटा बस एक ही कुल को, दो - दो कुलों की लाज होती हैं बेटियाँ ।  
 कभी नहीं हैं दोनों एक दूसरे से कम, हीरा है अगर बेटा, तो मोती हैं बेटियाँ ।  
 काटों की राह पर खुद चलती रहेंगी ,औरों के लिए फूल ही फूल बोती हैं बेटियाँ।



**Amita Saxena**  
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## Who is a teacher?

A teacher is like a sculptor who shapes the life of a student. He/she is the second parent of a child. He/she always works hard for the betterment of students. He/she not only imparts academic knowledge but also imbibes moral values in them. A teacher is a life-changing role model who influences the character of a child. A teacher strives to achieve a balance between positivity and negativity in every student's life. The greatest wealth of a teacher are the achievements of the students.



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A teacher imparts valuable lessons to the students. India has given some great teachers to the world like Dr.S.Radhakrishnan, Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam, Swami Vivekananda & Premchand. We all are proud of them as they have left their mark on the world. In ancient times, a teacher was also addressed as "Guru" who imparted spiritual and academic knowledge to his students through the Gurukul system. The students used to live with their gurus until they completed their education. The teachers, along with parents, are the most influential people in every child's life. A teacher is satisfied to watch students grow to achieve success through respect and advise the students when required. Thus, teachers are great mentors who leave an impact on the student's life and mould him/her. They hold a special place in a student's heart. The valuable contribution of teachers to society is a great boon to the nation. A teacher helps the students to achieve success in his/her life. Last but not the least, a teacher knows the students' abilities and helps them in achieving their goals in life.

## Art of Whittling



**Y. Bhawani Shankar**  
Music Teacher Class 2 – 5



## Friendship

If something gets stuck in your eye, tears will flow and if you hurt a person deeply, you will discover his true feelings. If you throw stones at birds, you will scare them away and if you insult a friend, your friendship will break. If you have a harsh argument with a friend and speak rudely, do not worry - all is not lost. You can still make it up with him. But surely, you will lose a friend if you insult him, if you act arrogant, if you reveal his secrets, or if you turn on him unexpectedly.

We should stand by our friend, irrespective of the fact that he is poor or rich, whether he is successful or unsuccessful in life. A true friend passes all the tests of time.



**T. Ravi**  
Music Teacher Class 2 - 5

One should never be afraid to protect a friend nor show our back to him. Friendship of a true friend holds a very special place in our heart and times spent with a friend are undoubtedly, most memorable.

*"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out".*





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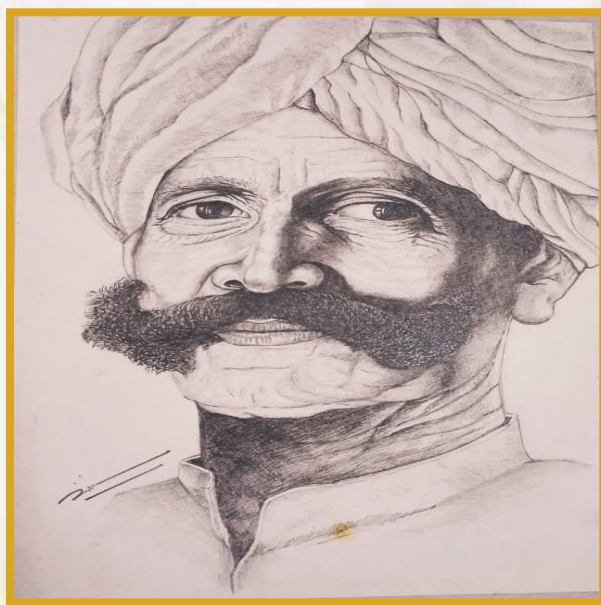
## Proud to be a Teacher

The Guru, who dispels the darkness of ignorance from the lives of the learners and facilitates the thirst for knowledge in them, is looked at with admiration since the advent of ' *Guru Shishya Parampara* ' for his/her fine personal qualities and high moral principles. He/she guides his/her students with his selfless efforts in all aspects of their lives, nurtures their minds equally, and moulds their personalities to be responsible citizens, as Justice Louis Brandeis has rightly said, "The only title in democracy superior to that of President is the title of citizen." And this supremacy is enjoyed by every individual as a result

of the laborious support provided to him/her by his/her Guru in accomplishing his/her goals in life. In acknowledgment, in the ancient times, there was the tradition of offering *Guru Dakshina* to the *Guru* by the *Shishya* after a period of study as a gesture of gratitude, respecting the dignity of both the giver and the taker. Alexander The Great quoted, " I am indebted to my father for a living but to my teacher for living well." Ekalavya, the famous character from the Indian epic -*Mahabharata*-a disciple of Guru Dronacharya and a good archer offered him the thumb of his right hand as Guru Dakshina on his demand without a second thought and defined exemplary discipleship. In the modern times, Guru Dakshina has changed its form for the students and the teachers. But it is worth noting that it has retained its significance over the years as we see the parents and the students making all earnest and determined efforts to attend and benefit from the online classes being conducted by the schools globally for them today and recognise the full worth of the modern Gurus online. They have added still more value to the noble profession of teaching in these difficult times. This is indeed Guru Dakshina for the teachers of today. Proud to be a teacher.



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Art Teacher Class 3 - 5



**Priyanka Singh**  
Computer Teacher Class 2 & 3





**Mandeep Kaur**  
Computer Teacher Class 4 & 5

## Success secrets for students

All of us are special in one way or other. All that is required is to bring out that hidden potential and no one other than you can do it. You are the best judge and critic too. The more you explore your potential, the better your performance will be.

As, it is said, there is no shortcut to success in the real world. So, keep going with your hard work.

क्यों?क्लॉक टावर का घड़ियाल आज भी समय बता रहा है, बीते मार्च के महीने का हाँ, बहुत सुनसान है फिलहाल सड़क उत्तर गेट से क्लॉक टावर तक की बहुत चुपचाप है, गलियाँ बी.डी.बी.एच.से टैगोर हाउस तक की चहल कदमी बहुत कम हो गई है एम.पी.हाउस के गलियारों में हाँ, यह सच है कि कोई जाता ही नहीं है जसपुर हॉल के मंच पर सच है कि, सारंगढ़ डाइनिंग हॉल का आलम बहुत गमगीन है कक्कड़ पिलर पर जमघट लगता नहीं है आज सच है अपने कॉलेज की रौनक बहुत फ़ीकी है आज क्यों नहीं खेलता, अब कोई बच्चा मैदान में क्यों नहीं कोई शिक्षक, दिखता इत्मीनान में क्यों चुकाना पड़ रहा है लोगों के कानों को कर्ज़ एक अरसे से सुन नहीं पाए हैं गुड मॉर्निंग, गुड आफ्टरनून मैम, गुड ईवनिंग सर सर्वेश्वर दास क्रिकेट पवेलियन कान लगाए मानो, सुनना चाह रहा है घुड़सवारों की टाप नयागढ़ स्विमिंग पूल खामोश है जैसे पूछता हो, ऐ! कहाँ गए सब लोग ? बारिश की बूंदों में भीगते पेड़ ऐसे झुक जाते हैं जैसे होंठ गम से दोनों और झुक जाते हैं पर, यह सब जो हो रहा है भला किसके लिए है? यह जो है, यह खुद के लिए है, हम सब के लिए है वक्त अच्छा तो नहीं, पर वक्त अच्छा आया कॉलेज पहले की ही तरह खेलखिलाया

है भरोसा है, कि यहाँ सब ठीक हो ही जाएगा कॉलेज को मालूम है, कि कोई बड़ी दिक्कत है जो कुछ दिनों से, कॉलेज की ज़ीनत नदारद हो गई है कॉलेज को मालूम है अहल-ए- सुखन, अहल-ए-तरब खुशनुमा होगा सब कुछ फिर जब सोनपुर पवेलियन के, नज़दीक, कैफे में, कॉफी की चुस्कियां लगाएँगे जब लुफ़्त होगा मैगी का, लज़्ज़त से सैंडविच खाए जाएँगे एक बार सभी बच्चे फिर से खेलखिलाएँगे आर के सी, जो चुप है, कल तराने गाएगा आर के सी, रायपुर का झालर है एक दिन चमक ही जाएगा आर के सी, जो यह कर रहा है खुद के लिए है, सब की हिफ़ाजत के लिए है आर के सी, चांद है कोई टूटता तारा नहीं, आर के सी, खामोश है बस, आर के सी हारा नहीं।



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Hindi Teacher Class 5 A, B & D



**Krishna Deo**

Nothing compares to Rajkumar College's natural beauty - from spring's hopeful new blooms and the winter magic, each season abounds with the different types of natural beauty to explore and admire in this campus. I am blessed to witness this epitome of beauty, be it a peaceful morning with the addition of bird's chirping or the feel of the light breeze. For me, sound of chirping birds is the best morning meditation music in the world. Rajkumar College campus has a large diversity of natural forms like the Lily pond, twilight moon's rays and gardens filled with flowers of spectacular beauty and fragrance.



## I am a coach because.....

I am a coach because of the students and the passion I have for sports itself. There is no other feeling quite like helping young athletes further develop their natural persistence, determination and discipline, dedication, resiliency, work ethic, heart, leadership skills, connection with and respect for others not only in competition, but in life too.



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**Meenakshi Devi, Rachna Singh, Aparna Singh, Shradha Singh, Arti Maisy Lobo Khan, Bindu Surendran**







*No one knows how hard they work, how many hours they put in, always behind the scenes, with a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen, a hand willing to help. We could not possibly function without them as they are the backbone of this Institution*



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