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Teachers' Day Special Edition The Lockdown (CAIE Newsletter)

**Quarantine Tales** 

# For the Teachers, By the Teachers, to the Teachers



India has celebrated the national Teachers' Day, on 5th September. The World Teachers' Day is celebrated on 5th October exactly one month later to commemorate the work of educators. This year's theme for the international day is 'Teachers: leading in crisis, reimagining

the future' which highlights the work done by educators when the educational institutes including both schools and colleges were closed due to COVID -19. The role of teachers is much more challenging in a time to reimagine education as we had never thought to ensure that we are able to give every student equal attention and quality learning at the same time building resilience and technological skills to ensure no loss of academic year and shaping the future of the children. It's time to recognise the role of teachers to reach their own potential and encouraging students to do the same.

Happy Teachers Day! Dedicated to all those who have touched our lives as educators in some way or other.

Vaishali Phatak
CAIE and IB Section Head.



A conscious effort to incorporate instructional methods and assessment techniques that vary from the traditional direct instruction with pencil and paper tests that have historically been used in the chemistry classroom. By doing this, we hope to make the subject of chemistry relevant and enjoyable, moving away from rote memorization into the realm of meaningful learning.

Chemistry has historically been a subject feared and avoided at all cost by many high school students. Even when agreeing to take the course, many students find the subject matter difficult, boring, and irrelevant to their lives. It is my hope to take the science of chemistry and create a situation in which the students can better understand the material, can easily see a connection between chemistry and their world, and will ultimately have fun while learning.

We have incorporated a variety of methods(tools) into this unit to ensure that each student will be able to demonstrate what they have learned in a method that is personally meaningful.

Here are the video links for the activity done. https://spark.adobe.com/video/E9ffLGg2Q2czg https://www.powtoon.com/s/e2OTXfKo8tK/1/m

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# The Miracle of our Lives



The most wonderful gift Mother Nature has given us is science. It has been an important part of our lives for centuries. From early morning to late night we are dependent on science. This important subject is loved by all. The scientific tools that we use help us in every way possible. Science has made a big impact and an incredible change. The reason I love science is because it is easy to understand and is fun in its own amazing way. There is a lot of practical learning.

Even though we are stuck at home, science is still with us. The kitchen has become the new science laboratory and makes us feel more curious about the mysteries and discoveries. That's what made me interested in this subject more than ever. It is impossible to explain the love for science. It's infinite!

Science has so much to offer. There are so many topics and inventions to learn and explore. There are so many things undiscovered. It's upon us to find it and restore the magic of science. Science is a mixture of our knowledge and natural sciences. You never know what it has coming for you next. It's full of surprises. Imagine if science did not exist how would we know if there was even a thing called a microscope which allows us to see miniscule things in a magnified state; and what if technology (that was discovered by the help of science) never existed we wouldn't have been doing online school like we are doing now. The world would be incomplete without science.

Most importantly I would like to thank all the teachers who have helped me and others understand this subject. I am grateful to Shivani Ma'am who makes science interesting in every way possible. I would have never understood science if it wasn't for these teachers. A big thank you and a salute to all the amazing science teachers.

They are there to make us glad, Without them we would be sad.

# LIFE DAY

The day began: a still, silent sight Accompanying it was the first light. Mighty sunrays struck the morning chime, Steadily amplified by the grace of time.

Stirring into activity the energy unfurls,
A day full of various twists and turns.
Challenges to be faced, moments cherished,
Some taking their first breath,
others sadly perished.

The evening gives the cue, it's time to retire Tiredness blankets this chaotic empire.

Moonlight gives the magical glow, of finding zeal amidst the woe.

Eternally this pattern continues,
Every day and every night.
They are two sides of a flipped coin,
One side in darkness while the other bright.

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#### Mon expérience inoubliable comme professeur



J'avais récemment participé à un concours de la journée des enseignants organisé dans notre école et c'était une merveilleuse occasion d'apprendre et d'enseigner. Mon expérience d'enseigner ce que j'ai appris a été très précieuse. Cela m'a appris la bonne façon de guider les autres et d'appliquer différentes méthodes à différentes etudiants. J'ai

également réalisé les améliorations que je devais apporter en moi-même, par exemple mes compétences en communication. Cependant, les conseils que j'ai reçus de mes professeurs ont été extrêmement utiles et j'ai transmis la même chose à la classe à laquelle j'ai enseigné. Les élèves de 7e année ont également été très favorables et leur enthousiasme a rendu mon expérience de l'enseignement du français encore plus enrichissante. C'était une exposition incroyable aux compétences de gestion et à la vie d'un prof.

#### My Memorable Experience as a teacher

I had recently participated in a Teacher's Day Contest held in our school, and it was a wonderful opportunity to learn and teach. The experience of myself studying before teaching what I learned was very valuable. It taught me the proper way of guiding others and applying different methods to different people. I also realised the improvements I needed to make in myself, for example upgrading my communication skills. However, the guidance I received from my teachers was extremely helpful and I passed on the same to the class I taught. The students of grade 7 were also very supportive and their enthusiasm made my experience of teaching French even more enriching. This was an incredible exposure to the management skills and a life of a teacher.

**Aneri Shah** 10-IGCSE



## Haiku on Waterfall Grade 9

Raging waterfall

Frightening strength and power

Landing with a splash

**Tarun Sitaraman** 

Raging white water
Gushes noisily towards
Tranquil sea beneath

Kimaya Karle

Gushing through green, it
Thunders down the craggy cliff
And meets misty depths.

Deepika Kale

Water roaring down
Gushing, sliding over rocks
Landing with a splash
Darsh Koradia



## Haiku on Tiger Grade 9

Saffron royalty

The stillness before a pounce

Black and orange blur

Ankitha Narayanan

A majestic beast
With an alluring beauty

And a brutal bite

Aditya Vyas

Queen of the forest

Lounges on sun-dappled ground

Striped coat glistening

Deepika Kale

Leered and striped it sits

Probing the prey's manoeuvre

But slothful to hunt.

Aditya Kabra



Corona virus is a global pandemic which has turned our life upside down. And as I was trying to understand it, I realised that it is a calamity of the human race, for the human race by the human race.

Human life is a precious gift bestowed upon us. But we egoistic beings took it for granted. Some were happy cruising on the Boats of Success, Others were exploiting fellow beings and mother nature for Euphoria of Wealth and still others were flying with the Wings of Power. In this hypnotic state we lost the connection with our basic roots of humanity. Our wisdom and intelligence became puppets in the hands of Power, Wealth and Success. We were all running races in search of something which we ourselves didn't know. And then came one fine day a pandemic named Corona which was also a result of the over ambition of the human mind.

It is extremely fateful for all those who have lost their near dear ones with the disease as well as even more for those who rendered services and lost their lives. It's nothing short of martyrdom. But have we learnt anything from the crisis? Will the rat race again resume? We are cursed with a very short memory and when I see people going for picnics as soon as the lockdown was relaxed and complaining about lack of social life, I ponder if this attempt of the Divinity to open our eyes has yielded any fruit. God Bless Everyone.

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The school had conducted a I am a teacher Contest on 2nd, 3rd and 4th September. 29 students had participated in the contest. I congratulate each of them for taking up the challenge. Every student teacher has done an excellent job and the students of grade 1 to 10 have enjoyed learning. The subject expert teachers had judged the students on the criteria laid down by the school.

Our proud winners of the Teachers day Contest are

1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
Rajat Rajgopal	Aishwarya Venkateshwaran	Pearl samir somaiya
Tanuja Phatak	Sara Prasad	Niharikaa Dhage
Tulika Gosh		Aneri Shah
		Saptarshi Mahim Maiti
		Rishan Shah