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# SIZZLING SUMMERS: MAKING MEMORIES UNDER THE SUN



After a long winter, everybody eagerly waits for summer like a kid waiting for a new toy. School students get their long-awaited summer break when they can play games with their friends, eat buckets and buckets of ice-cream and have a gala time kicking back. They can enjoy themselves alongside their families, go on trips to hill stations and beaches, while their worries and problems temporarily fade out of existence.

Coming to the other end of the spectrum, have you ever spared a thought about the not-so privileged workers? My dear readers, you might have seen us, the minimum wage labourers, working tirelessly in the scorching heat just so our stomachs are not empty at the end of the day. But have you ever been sympathetic to our plight? Have you ever spared us a thought?

And in all honesty, if we were given such an opportunity, we would have taken it. But luck has it, we have to walk the streets barefoot, while you are scared to sit on the bike which was under the sun for a few minutes. The humidity and temperatures makes it unbearable for us to live, to work, to just exist.

When will this end? When will we get some breather too? People in the stores, hawkers, ice-cream sellers, working day in and day out so that privileged people can be at ease. What about them? Do you stop a moment and think how hard they must be working? How much of a problem summer truly is for them? They sweat blood to make a living, to survive, even on the hottest days.

Then there are the homeless. Their age could vary from six to sixty. Small children to old people, who should be cared for and protected, out in this unforgiving heat, without a roof over their head to protect them from the unforgiving heat. But the summer, cruel and impartial, even make their only home, the streets, places where one cannot live.

When Summer is time for people to sit back and relax, go on trips to escape the monotonic schedule of life and the summer heat, for us summer spells out "death" in bold black ink. Still we continue to live like this, in this place where even the candles melt from the heat of the sun just to barely survive.

Will the earth ever become a place for us?

NAYANIKA DEBNATH XIIA













Summer Vacation brought an opportunity to the students of our school to try their hands in writing and explore their creativity and students have emerged with their own published books. We are grateful to Bri Books for organising the Summer Book Writing Festival.



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U NDERSTAND YOUR VALUE AND
N OURISH YOUR NEED
E VEN WHEN IT FEELS HARD

# Tell-A-Tale

**GOLDEN SERENADE: ODE TO THE SUN** 

DID YOU KNOW?

WATERMELON IS A FAVORITE SUMMER FRUIT. AROUND THE WORLD, THERE ARE AS MANY AS 300 KINDS OF WATERMELON!

In golden rays that kiss the earth, Summer's arrival brings boundless mirth. A tapestry of colors, vibrant and bright, Nature's masterpiece, a sheer delight.

Awakened by dawn's soft embrace,
The world emerges, a picturesque place.
Azure skies stretch wide and clear,
As gentle breezes whisper summer's cheer.

Fields of flowers, a rainbow array,
Their fragrant petals dance and sway.
Butterflies flutter, delicate and free,
A ballet of grace, a sight to see.

The sun, a fiery ball of light, Bathing all in its warm, golden might. It paints the land with a golden hue, As days unfold, dreams start a new.

Beneath the shade of leafy trees, We find respite, a tranquil ease. With laughter shared and stories told, Memories etched in hearts of gold. Children's laughter fills the air,
As they chase adventures without a care.
Sandy toes and castles tall,
Seashells gathered, treasures for all.

Ocean waves, a rhythmic song, Whispering secrets all day long. Cooling waters beckon, a tempting call, Inviting us to dive, to splash, to sprawl.

Picnics spread on checkered cloths,
Juicy watermelons, ripe peaches, and loaves.
Ice cream cones, a sweet escape,
Melting bliss on tongues, memories to make.

As twilight paints the sky in hues, A symphony of crickets gently ensues. Starry nights, a celestial show, Summer's magic, casting its glow.

The season's warmth wraps hearts in cheer,
A time when dreams feel oh so near.
Let us welcome this sun-kissed embrace,
And treasure summer's tender grace.

SUBHAMOY SANFUI XIIA1

# DID YOU KNOW?

BEES BRING WATER DROPLETS
INTO THEIR HIVES TO KEEP IT
COOL. THE BEES FAN THE
WATER WITH THEIR WINGS
AND COOL THE HIVE WITH THE
EVAPORATING WATER.

### গরম

গ্রীষ্মের এই দাবদাহে বড্ড গরম লাগে – তোরা সবাই চলরে যে যার ঘরে। ওমা সেদিন মাঠের ধারে করতে গেছি খেলা – গরমের এই ছিটকিনিটা খুলল বিকালবেলা। ভীষন যেমন আগুন জ্বেলে – গরম দিল আমায় ঠেলে, প্রখর রোদে তপ্ত মাঠে, কেটেছে দিন কোনমতে।

FARINA SHEIKH XA

#### JUNE

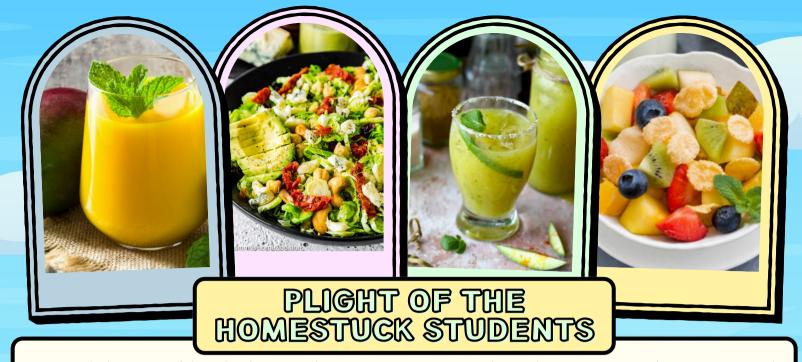
3 JUNE - WORLD BICYCLE DAY 12 JUNE - WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

14 JUNE - WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY 18 JUNE - WORLD FATHER'S DAY(3RD SUNDAY OF JUNE)

21 JUNE - WORLD MUSIC DAY 21 JUNE - SUMMER SOLSTICE

21 JUNE - INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY





One month that most of the school goers truly get to enjoy is summer. They welcome summer with open arms simply to receive a respite from the hectic calendar of school and its intense curriculum. Since all educational activities and studies remain suspended in this period, children are overjoyed when it begins. They eagerly await summer break to achieve their hopes and desires of playing, enjoying, relishing with their buddies.

There are many who take the opportunity of this break to explore and recharge themselves. Some visit well-known Indian cities and historical sites; while others visit hill stations and faraway places to get away from their usual life as well as the heat of the unforgiving sun in their hometowns. Unfortunately, not all kids can take part in all these exciting endeavors. Some may not be able to travel and instead, they watch others going to different places which sometimes leave a negative impact on the child. The fact that they are merely sitting at home, following the same routine everyday makes them feel bored and could take a serious toll on their mental health. The kids crave excitement and a change of pace from their life of monotonous studying. Children who are bored just pass their time by sleeping, playing video games, watching videos, and other such activities. However, in my opinion, individuals should push themselves to do something worthwhile by reading books, exploring their passions and hobbies. This will undoubtedly bring positivity to their lives.

Indeed, summer vacations are rejuvenating and can be quite fruitful if students are determined to accomplish big things. They require the energy at work. Since finding the energy to work during this sweltering summer is extremely difficult, students can take a number of precautions like staying hydrated, eating healthy foods, and doing whatever else is necessary for the improvement of their health. Since everything 'fruity' occurs during the months of May and June, so this will definitely help them get through the summer, stay healthy, and concentrate at work.

DID YOU KNOW ?

PLANTS CAN ANGLE THEIR LEAVES AWAY FROM THE SUN TO STAY COOL. SOME PLANTS CAN "SWEAT" OR RELEASE WATER WHEN IT'S HOT. THE WATER EVAPORATES AND COOLS THE PLANT.



SOUMEE GAYEN XIA1

### A TRIBUTE TO ALL FATHERS

े मानवी - सुप्रभात दिव्या ! दिव्या – सुप्रभात | वैसे तुम यहाँ ? आज कहीं गई नहीं? • मानवी - मतलब ... मैं समुझी नहीं ?

दिव्या - अरे मानवी !! आज पता है ना क्या है ?

मानवी - क्या है आज ?

• मानवा - क्या ह आज ? • दिव्या - आज फादर्स डे है मानवी !! तुम भूल गई ? • मानवी – ओह... हाँ, पता है । -• दिव्या - मानवी तुम्हें पता है मैं क्या कहना चाहती हूँ ? -• मानवी - मुझे नहीं सुनना और ना ही समझना है। क्योंकि कोई फायदा नहीं है ।

• मानवी • मतलब की मेरे पापा सब्के पापा जैसे नहीं है। वो हमेशा ड्रॉट्ते है और हमें मानवी • मतलब की मेरे पापा सबके पापा जैसे नहीं है। वो हमेशा डाँटते है और हमे समय भी नहीं देतें । • दिव्या - क्योंिक वो तुमसे और सबसे प्यार करते है !! आखिर कोई टीचर भी तो बच्चों को डाँटता है, तो क्या इसका मतलब यह हो गया कि वह बच्चे का अच्छा नहीं चाहता ? पिता भी कुछ ऐसे ही होतें हैं। बचपन से ही पिता हमारे लिए सबसे खास होते हैं, कभी हमारे दोस्त बनकर तो कभी गाईड बनकर। वो तो हमारे शुभचिंतक भी हैं। वो चाहे कितनी भी परेशानियों से गुज़रे पर हमें कभी भी किसी भी परेशानियों से गुज़रे नहीं देते। मानवी - तो क्या इसका मतलब यह है कि पापा हमसे प्यार करते हैं ??... लेकिन वो दिखाते क्यों नहीं?
दिव्या - अगर हर चीज लोग दिखाने लगें तो क्या वह दिखावा नहीं कहलाएगा? और वह तो पिता है... उन्हें अपनों के बीच दिखावा करना नहीं आता !!

मानवी - दिन रात काम करते है, घर से दूर रहते हैं सिर्फ हमारे लिए ताकि हमें किसी भी चीज़ की कमी न हो?

दिव्या ... हाँ ! मेरे पिता नहीं है इसलिए मुझे कभी यह मौका नहीं मिला। इसलिए मैं कहती हूँ की तुम मन से और अच्छे से इस दिन को मनाओ। आखिर उनके लिए थोड़ा सा करना ही उन्हें खुशी देगी। मानवी - शुक्रिया दिव्या !!

मानवा - शुक्रिया दिव्या !! पिताजी, पापा, बापु, बाबा, अब्बु आदि; ये सारे शब्द सिर्फ शब्द ही नहीं है बल्कि एक अहसास है जो अलग- अलग भाषा में पुकारें जातें है। यदि माँ दिल है तो पिता धड़कन यदि माँ घर की दिवार है तो पिता छत। यदि पिता घर पर ना हो तो ऐसा लगता है जैसे कोई चीज़ सूनी है। पिता हमारे लिए इतना कुछ करते है, क्या बदले में हम उन्हें प्यार, उनका साथ नहीं दे सकतें, उनका सहारा नहीं बन सकतें ? और चाहिए ही क्या उन्हें ? कभी हंसी तो कभी अनुशासन है पिता,

कभी मौन तो कभी भाषण है पिता, माँ अगर घर में रसोई है, तो चलता है जिससे घर वो रोशन है पिता।

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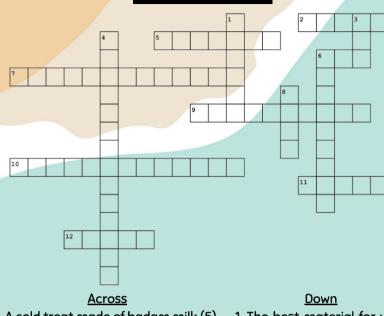
### Quiz:

- 1. Where will the Summer Olympics 2024 be held?
- 2. Sumardagurinn fyrsti, which literally means the first day of summer, is an annual public holiday in which European country?
- 3. "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day" is the opening line in which sonnet by William

Shakespeare?

- 4. The summer solstice is the first day of summer. What does "solstice" mean in Latin?
- 5. What is considered the hottest place on Earth?
- 6. Which star does the phrase "the dog days of summer" come from?
- 7. True or false: The month of June is named after a Greek goddess.
- 8. Which famous American author penned the novel "The Great Gatsby," which is set in the summer of 1922?

### Crossword:



- 2. A cold treat made of badam milk (5)
- 5. Showers of blessings (7)
- 6. The brightest star in the Universe (3)
- 7. Rehydrating natural drink(6,7)
- 9. Eye protections (10)
- 10. A colourful splendour on every terrace. (13)
- 11. Best place to dip one's feet (5)
- 12. King of summer fruits (5)

- 1. The best material for your skin (6)
- 3. Goes round and round (3)
- 4. A must in every apartment nowadays(3,11)
- 6. SPF 30 is good for you (9)
- 8. Head coverings to protect you from the sun (4)

## ANSWERS FOR PREVIOUS EDITION

Cross word answers

- 1. Charulata
- 2. Visvabharati
- 3. Bhanusimha
- 4. Ananda
- 5. Dakghar
- 6. Feluda
- 7. Srinath
- 8. Gora
- 9. Giridih
- 10. Atithi

**Ouiz answers** 

- 1. Bangadarshan
- 2. The River
- 3. Sharmila Tagore
- 4. Bicycle Thieves
- 5. Valmiki Pratibha



## Activities at school

The students of Jyotirmoy Public School spent another month filled with fun activities. Students participated in poetry writing, mask making, quiz, recitation and solving sudoku. Students celebrated International Yoga Day through various activities. Literary week also helped stimulate their minds.



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