



The crazy face, with its eyes rolling and tongue out, indicates something insanely funny, silly, and crazy. It is to express over enthusiasm.

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Behind the scenes

They've shared jokes with us, and reprimanded us when we lost our way. They've witnessed us at our worst and beamed at our best. They've handled bizarre situations in the best possible ways. After all, soldiers aren't the only bravehearts, our teachers are too. This Teachers' Day, Sheel Chandra & Sara Baijnath, AIS Noida, XI C, pay a unique tribute to our guru-cum-friends ...

Our favourite sipahi

Our teachers have often indulged in the sport of 'thief chasing' more often than we'd have thought them to; their hawk eyes are adept at scrutinising our answer sheet to the very last letter and spotting pink nail paint even from 100 metres away. "We'll be well suited for the role of a police officer as well, among other things," observes a teacher. Then of course, they have two pairs of eyes. Remember that signature dialogue, "I have two eyes at the back of my head, so watch out."

Another teacher validates the fact by recalling an incident. "Once, while I was invigilating a math exam, I spotted a child wearing wrong shoes and threat-



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date, she has never bought a pack of round bindis.

A gift of joy

A teacher gets love and respect not only during the school days of students, but also long after they have graduated. Countless wedding invitations, dinner proposals and requests for innumerable occasions are used as fortunate opportunities by us to seek blessings of our beloved school teachers.

Meanwhile...

"There is a post for you from the University of California, please come and collect it, ma'am." These words are followed by a sprint to the headmistress' office. This particular teacher had won the title of 'Outstanding Educator' awarded by the University of California. She was overwhelmed by mixed emotions of elation and befuddlement as she recollected that one of her ex-students was enrolled as an undergraduate in California. A chain of emails later, she learnt about not only being an outstanding educator according to the University of California, but the favourite teacher of her students as well. ^{GT}

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ened to deduct 5 marks for wrong uniform. He immediately responded in a melodramatic tone, 'Haaye, ab toh 95 aayenge.' Well, I'd rather not disclose his actual marks."

Mother Teresa

No matter how much we try to escape their chidings and cold stares, we can never ever get enough of their warm embrace of compassion. Shares a teacher, "A former student of mine organised a 'small' reunion and offered to visit me at home along with a few other classmates. While preparing just a handful of snacks, I asked her how



many were expected to join in and she replied, 'Ma'am, 25 have affirmed their presence up till now.' The class strength was 28."

Adds extra to the ordinary

Only a teacher can make something as baffling and convoluted as investments and shares appealing to a student. A teacher reminisces, "I had asked my students to watch CNBC to gain a better understanding of the stock market. They yawned hearing the name of the channel. When I informed them that the anchors and presenters were rather gorgeous, their eyes popped out. A few days later, I was informed that CNBC

was now their favourite channel!"

The 'bindi' bond

Believe it or not, the shape of the *bindi* of one of the teachers was the cause of torment for a Nursery student. This teacher recalls being called to the principal's office, and as any other newly appointed teacher would, the fear of having done something wrong agonised her. She entered the office only to find Principal ma'am in splits. A parent had called to humbly request his son's beloved teacher to wear a long *bindi* instead of a round one as the long one suited her more. Immediately, the change was made in good spirit. To this

Arrêtez-vous!



Stopping Autos: An Adults' Craft or A Dying Art?

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As we stood helpless on the street waving our hands in vain, no auto stopped by. Our minds travelled back to the time when mom, with just a step on the street, had achieved what evaded us. A whistle by our brother had attained a full line of those who dodged us and when a single gesture by dad had made them appear. As we tried technique after another without the familiar yellow blur of motion balanced on three wheels, we compiled a list of unique ways one can stop autos.

A HOP, A SKIP, AND A JUMP! Can't get attention? How about you break into a jig? When your moves block the road, how about you gather all those frustrated by the constant fear of rejection and perform for the *auto wale bhaiyas*, channeling your agony into the flash mob? Dance

like nobody's watching and you'll get all the autos in a mile's radius go crazy to just get you off the road and take you wherever you wish to go. If they hurt you or run you over, you will just have an excuse to skip out on the event.

WE'RE HIRING! And how about you don't go through the stress at all and just hire an auto? Yes, you read that right! Pay a chap to drive as close to your house as possible and call him some time before you need a ride. Problem solved!

FAKE IT TO MAKE IT! How about you practice some of your acting skills right on the road? Maybe fake an injury or two, act like something is wrong with you. Surely you can trick a 'bade dil wale' *auto wale bhaiya* to give you a shot.

A GAME OF (PLA)CARDS! Material required: black sheet, stick, cardboard, neon marker. Procedure: make a sign

board with the cardboard and stick, take the sheet and scribble an auto onto it, just a rough shape. Visible in daylight and at night, you won't even have to utter a word this way!

BECAUSE WE LOVE DRAMA! Picking up on the Bollywood movies every Indian family religiously follows, just scream "Kaun hai yeh jisne dubara mud ke mujhe nahi dekha? Who is he?" Just think of some other dialogues from Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham or Kuch Kuch Hota Hai and we're sure you'll have some fans if not *auto wale bhaiyas*, stopping to give you a ride to your destination!

GOOD COP, BAD COP! Disclaimer: This method is to be used only in dire circumstances. Frame them! Convince a family member to infuriate the auto driver passing by and you could extend a helping hand in return for a smooth auto ride! That's all you need to get an auto. ^{GT}

Happiness in box

When Boredom Strikes!

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There are times so low, when even gorging on tubs of ice cream does not seem to bring in any happiness. There are times you feel so bummed out that even binge-watching your favourite sitcoms seems ineffective. So, how do you get over these times? The answer is simple: open your inbox to unbox a box full of happiness.

When cash is out of sight
Loan makes you happy, right?

Open your mail and you are flooded with 'Want a loan or a pre-approved credit card delivered to you?' And it's not one but a minimum of 10 banks ready to give you a whopping amount and that too at low cost EMI.

When hair fall scares you

Transplant is there for you
A hair transplant at half the price by Dr Batra or Dr Mehra ought to cheer you up. Just ignore the fact that you have a full head of healthy, luscious locks.

When luck seems far away
Lottery will cheer your day

Open your inbox and you would be happy to know that you

have won the lottery in England, USA, and many other countries where people are just dying to give you your undeserved prize money. So, stop cribbing that your luck doesn't work!

When ideal job for you flies
Big corporates call you for a ride
Who wouldn't like a job appointment with big shots like TCS, Infosys and Google? No need to worry about the eligibility criteria, the company just wants the little old you with your infinite raw talent to help you rise through the ranks. Just log in into your email.

When you are unable to find your match
Matchmaking sites have a catch

Don't let loneliness bog you down. Your soulmate is waiting for you in the inbox. Matchmaking sites provide you with every possible option: tall, average, or short. You just need to log in.

PS: All the offers comes with *T&C applied. So, read them carefully before you end up going again on a cathartic journey from where you began the happiness ride.

