

बच्चों की कहानियाँ



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Preface

During our weekly HRD with Sunil Sir many educators share anecdotes of their students. These are humorous, somber and often touching. There was once a suggestion to compile these. A trial was done with about 36 anecdotes and circulated among educators and a few parents of Eklavya. The feedback was overwhelming. The anecdotes struck a chord the parents went down memory lane and reminisced about the childhood of their children. They laughed and cried as they read on. So we decided to bring out a small book and call it बच्चों की कहानियाँ.

All the educators were very enthusiastic and anecdotes poured in. To protect the

identity of our students we decided to use four names for children and three for the educators. So Aryan, Sahil, Suhani and Diya are the four characters who will take you along the journey through “Bacchon ki Kahaniyan”. *They represent all the children whose stories have been so lovingly written by their educators.* Similarly Renu Ma'am, Swati Ma'am and Sameer Sir stand for all the Ma'ams and Sirs who are a part of their laughter and tears !

Read on it is not important to find out who the child is but the magic lies in enjoying the innocence of childhood and the challenge of the tumultuous teens.

So choose your favourite corner and pick up the book and be ready to be flooded by a kaleidoscope of emotions.....

1. Gandhigiri

After watching Munnabhai when we came back to school, Aryan (1) went straight to the Library and asked Renu Ma'am for Gandhiji's book. On calling him to come back to class he said, "आप सब जाओ, क्योंकि आप सब होंगे तो बापू नहीं आएंगे और please मुझे books पढ़ने दो, मैं भी Munnabhai की तरह गाँधीजी को बुलाना चाहता हूँ।"

2. Tigress in a cage

One day during the Environmental Education class Renu Ma'am took class 9 students in the garden. They were learning in groups. One group was sitting inside the rope boundaries. Renu Ma'am was walking and supervising their work. Sahil asked, "Ma'am why are you roaming like a tigress in the cage?"

3. Karela Day !

Sameer Sir is the class teacher of class 7. During the Home Visit to each student's house he found out one common problem among all the students and that was not eating *karela*. So he decided to have a *karela* day in his class. Each student was informed well in advance that they had to bring *karela* on a particular day. Everyone brought *karelas* of different variety. He had never seen *karelas* cooked in so many different ways! It was an arduous job for the students to finish their lunch on that day and he could see their dislike towards *karela*. Yet they had found their own solutions. Some had brought jaggery dipped *karelas*, some with sugar and what not. Sameer Sir exclaimed, "वाह ! मज़ा आ गया !"

4. Walking in the rain

One day the kuchcha rasta was blocked as a tree fell down. All of us had to walk through the water as it was raining. Aryan (1) enjoyed a lot and sang all along the way.

Next day Renu Ma'am asked her students the reason for not wearing their socks. Aryan went to her and said, "Ma'am 'logix' के हिसाब से मुझे नहीं पहनने चाहिए थे, पर मैंने तो पहना है क्योंकि मेरे पास 2 pair of socks हैं।"

5. गुरुपूर्णिमा

गुरुपूर्णिमा से पहले दिन रेनु मैम ने बच्चों को बताया, “मैं उस दिन छुट्टी पर हूँ” तब बच्चे दुखी होकर कहने लगे, “आप मत जाओ क्योंकि जिस प्रकार आप अपने गुरु से मिलने जा रहे हो, उसी प्रकार हमें भी अपने गुरु से मिलना है।”

6. पवित्र विचार

सन २००४-०५ की बात है। हम जैनाबाद कैम्प कक्षा ७ को लेकर गए थे। वहाँ बच्चे एक दूसरे के साथ मस्ती कर रहे थे। उनमें साहिल को हमारी साथी अध्यापिका रेनु मैम ने पकड़ा और डाँटा। थोड़ी देर में साहिल को अपनी भूल प्रतीत हुई और वह मैम से क्षमा याचना करने लगा किन्तु मैम काफी गुस्से में थीं अतः उन्होंने उसकी बात न सुनी। वह एक कोने में बैठ कर रोता रहा। समीर सर ने उससे पूछा कि क्या हुआ? उसका उत्तर उसकी उम्र और उस की सोच से काफी ऊँचा था।

उसने कहा, “मैं कुछ अच्छा भी करता हूँ तो मुझसे गलत हो जाता है। मेरी वजह से मेरे माता-पिता को लज्जित होना पड़ता है।”

यह घटना जब सर ने साहिल के अभिभावक को IPEM में बताई तब सर ने देखा कि साहिल के पिताजी की आँखें अपने पुत्र के पवित्र विचारों से भर आईं।

7. Sir in a net !

One day Sameer Sir took all the children of Class 1 for their Nature Club to the Teakwood Forest to catch butterflies. Sir asked the children to guess what they were going to catch with the net. Sahil said, “सर आप को पकड़ेंगे।”

8. Birthday Bash

Aryan (1) asked “आप जब किसी पार्टी में बहुत सारा cake खा जाएँ तो आपकी मम्मी क्या करती हैं?”

Renu Ma'am was surprised on hearing the question. Then she came to know that he had gone to a party and had misbehaved a lot. His mother had hit him when they came back.

9. Straight from the heart

Aryan (1) said “जब तक मेरे बाल नहीं बढ़ेंगे मैं तेल नहीं लगाऊँगा।”

10. मुहावरे

पिछले साल साहिल (८) ने एक मुहावरे का अर्थ लिखा था “कक्षा ८ के दुख सहते-सहते रेनु मैम भगवान को प्यारे हो गये।”

11. Innocence

Few teachers were sitting in the staff room upstairs. Aryan (1) was in Renu Ma'am's class. Her class was downstairs. Aryan came to the staff room searching for his ma'am.

Renu Ma'am was surprised that he knew that she was in the staff room. She asked Aryan, “Who told you that I am in this staff room?”

Aryan innocently answered, “मुझे भगवान ने बताया कि आप यहाँ हो।”

12. Third Language

Once Renu Ma'am was walking with Sahil (1) Aryan (1) was also walking along with them. Renu Ma'am and Sahil were talking.

Aryan asked her, “Why are you talking to him? I don't understand because his speech is not proper”.

Renu Ma'am told him that she understood and if he spoke to Sahil then he would understand too.

Then Aryan asked Sahil, “Achcha what language are you speaking in Sahil?”

Sahil is smart and he answered promptly, “I am speaking in third language.”

13. Complian boy

One day Renu Ma'am's class was in the play area learning to climb the net. After getting down Aryan (SKg) proudly announced "I am a Complian boy."

14. Samajhdar

One day after getting into the bus Aryan (1) threw his tiffin box and did mischief in the bus so the conductor uncle complained about him to Renu Ma'am. On hearing this he sat properly at his place and acted as if he had not done anything. Renu Ma'am called him and scolded him. After some time she told the driver uncle, "अब अगर ये ऐसा करे तो आप बस रोक दीजिएगा और इसे वहीं पर उतार देना।" On hearing this, Aryan said very politely, "कोई बात नहीं Mummy भी ऐसा कहती है।"

15. Birthday Cards

Aryan (1) went and wished Renu Ma'am 'Happy Birthday' and said, "मुझे card दो।", So Renu Ma'am said, "नहीं अगर मैं आप को दूँगी तो मेरी मम्मी मुझे डाँटेंगी।" Hearing this Aryan said, "कोई बात नहीं मुझे दे दो।" After some arguments he said, "आप को देना चाहिए क्योंकि ma'ams अपने cards बच्चों को देती हैं, वह अपने पास नहीं रखती हैं।"

16. My favourite vegetable

Renu Ma'am asked children about their favourite vegetables. Aryan (Skg) said, "My favourite vegetable is *Kuvarpaathun* (aloevera)." Before Renu Ma'am could respond, Sahil cried, "Hey, *kuvarpaathun* (aloevera) खाते नहीं हैं, उसे तो face पर लगाते हैं।"

17. Munnabhai and Circuit

It was Aryan's (SKg) first day of school. He asked Renu Ma'am, "Do you know my father's name?" Unaware of his father's name, Renu Ma'am asked, "What is his name?" Aryan answered, "Munnabhai and my name is Circuit."

18. My mouth is full

In the break-time Renu Ma'am was checking the Communication Pages of the children, and Aryan's (SKg) page was missing. She asked Aryan, "Where is your Communication Book?" Aryan in the midst of eating said, "मैंम अभी कुछ मत पूछो । आप ही तो बोलते हो कि खाना खाते समय बातें नहीं करते ।"

19. I wish I had the mike

Everyday Aryan (1) would observe how the teachers used the mike during the assembly. He was fascinated by it. After the assembly he would go and touch it without fail.

On his birthday, Renu Ma'am wished him and asked, "What do you want for your birthday?" His smart reply was, "वो आप जिस माइक में रोज़ बोलते हो ना, वो मुझे दे दो, और कुछ नहीं चाहिए ।"

20. Proxy

Once Sameer Sir was given proxy in Aryan's (1) class. Aryan was in the library at that time. He suddenly went to Sameer Sir's chair and sat on it. Renu Ma'am saw him on the chair and asked, "Why are you sitting here?"

He said, "Sameer Sir is in my class तो उनकी जगह कोई तो होना चाहिए ना, तो मैंने सोचा मैं ही समीर सर बन जाऊँ ।"

21. Ouch it hurts

Aryan (10) said “Ma'am I have completed the homework please have a look.” So Renu Ma'am took a look and said, “Aryan this is not done properly, you will have to do it again.” He said, “Kya Ma'am, you know how to hurt a person.”

22. Understand me.

Aryan (1) went to Renu Ma'am in the Hindi period and said, “Ma'am I want to talk to you, will you talk to me?” Renu Ma'am said, “Yes, why not, but first of all go and take Swati Ma'am's (Hindi ma'am) permission for this.” After taking the permission he came to Renu Ma'am and said, “अब आप मेरे एक question का जवाब दो कि क्यों मुझे पापा और मम्मी झापड़ मारते हैं?” So she said “क्योंकि आप उन्हें तंग करते हो।” On hearing this he got angry and said, “तंग तो मैं आप को भी करता हूँ, पर आप तो मुझे सिर्फ समझाते हैं, और कभी कभी punish करते हैं। आप मम्मी पापा को note लिखो कि वो अगर दूसरी बार ऐसा करेंगे तो आप उन्हें punish करोगे।”

23. Wise boy !

While Renu Ma'am was taking the English Oral Test, Aryan (1) went to her and said, “Ma'am I will take the OT because अब मैं Renu Ma'am हूँ।” So she said, “ठीक है, तो Ma'am को तो सारी poems आती हैं, क्या आप को आती हैं?” तो वो बोला, “नहीं”. So she gave Aryan the English Course Book and told him to learn all the poems. After some time he went to her and said, “अरे आप ने तो मुझे उल्लू बनाया ताकि मैं आप को परेशान ना करूँ।”

24. Doubtology

Aryan (10) has the habit of asking his doubts. After a topic is explained he will definitely have some questions to ask. One day Sahil (10) said, “Ma'am, do you know Aryan has decided to do a PhD?” Renu Ma'am replied, “Very good, in which subject?” Sahil said, ‘Doubtology’. All started laughing!

25. मेरी बातों का period

कक्षा में आर्यन (१) मस्ती कर रहा था। रेनु मैम ने उसे चुप बैठने को कहा, तो उसने जवाब दिया, “मैम, मेरी बातों का भी एक period होना चाहिए सब चुप बैठने को कहते हैं।”

26. Great Understanding!!

Once while teaching dance, Renu Ma'am asked the class, “आप को कुछ पता भी चल रहा है?” On hearing this Aryan (SKg) replied, “कुछ क्या, बहुत कुछ पता चल गया मैम।”

27. Hoshiyar आर्यन

आर्यन (3) लिखने से कतराता है लेकिन इस श्रुतलेख परीक्षा में उसने अच्छा लिखा तो रेनु मैम ने उसे कहा, “आर्यन आप तो अच्छा लिख रहे हो। क्या बात है?” आर्यन ने कहा, “मेरी मम्मी ने मुझे कुरकुरे का बड़ा पैकेट देने को कहा है, इसलिए मैं अच्छा लिख रहा हूँ, मेरे दिमाग की notebook में कुरकुरे हँसते हुए दिखाई दे रहे हैं इसलिए मैं अच्छा लिख रहा हूँ।”

रेनु मैम ने कहा, “पर हमें किसी चीज़ के लिए या उसके लालच में काम नहीं करना चाहिए।” तो उसने कहा, “मैम, कभी कभी लालच करना अच्छा होता है।”

28. मैं Krrish बनूँगा

एक दिन notebook जाँचते समय Renu ma'am ने एक बच्चे (१) की notebook पर Krrish नाम लिखा देखा। रेनु मैम सोच में पड़ गईं कि Krrish तो किसी का नाम नहीं है। जब मैम ने कक्षा में पूछा तो बच्चों ने कहा कि आजकल आर्यन अपना नाम Krrish लिख रहा है।

मैम ने आर्यन से पूछा, “आप ऐसा क्यों करते हो?”

आर्यन ने जवाब दिया, “मैम, मैं अपना नाम Krrish रखूँगा, मैंने अपने पापा से पूछा है। मैं Krrish की तरह सब कुछ कर सकता हूँ।”

29. A visit to the ENT

Once when Suhani (Skg) was on her way to visit the ENT specialist, due to some throat problem, Suhani's mother explained to her the full form of ENT...ie. Ear, Nose and Throat specialist.

At the end of her own check-up; Suhani asked the doctor: "Will you check my Renu Ma'am's ears? क्योंकि जब हम हिन्दी में बोलते हैं तो उनके सुनाई नहीं देता।"

30. गाँधीजी की सीख

हम गाँधीजी का पाठ पढ़ चुके थे। दो दिन बाद आर्यन (3) रेनु मैम के पास आया और कहा, 'मैम साहिल मुझे मारने की धमकी दे रहा है।' मैम ने कहा, "कोई बात नहीं, मैं उसे समझाऊँगी वह सिर्फ धमकी दे रहा है, तुम्हें मारेगा नहीं।"

आर्यन ने भोलेपन से जवाब दिया, 'मैम, साहिल गाँधीजी की तरह है उसकी कथनी और करनी में अन्तर नहीं है। वह जो कहता है वह करता है।' मैम हँसे बिना नहीं रह सकी।

31. Cut short the date !

Once Aryan (SKg) asked Renu Ma'am to erase half the date from the black board. She asked him, "Why should I erase half the date?" Aryan said, "I don't have enough space in my notebook to write the full date."

32. The courage of Napoleon

Renu Ma'am was narrating an incident about Emperor Napoleon. It so happened that a few of his commanders wanted to test his courage and planned to fire the cannon outside his tent when he was taking tea. The canon exploded with a deafening sound and most of the commanders spilled the tea which they were drinking. However, Napoleon continued drinking his tea as if nothing had happened. Renu Ma'am asked the students about what they thought of it. Sahil (6) got up and said that, probably, Napoleon was deaf!

33. *Aaj ka fashion !*

Once when Aryan (SKg) was wearing torn pants, Renu Ma'am asked him the reason. He said, "मैम, मेरी मम्मी ने पहनाया है! कहा है फैशन है!"

34. James Bond of Eklavya

Renu Ma'am was teaching in class 11. She called Sahil and said that she was aware of what he was doing, so he should stop doing it and start doing his sums. Instantly Aryan looked at Sahil and said, "Don't you know ma'am is the James Bond of Eklavya".

35. Tit for Tat

One day Suhani (1) came and told Renu Ma'am that Aryan was kicking her. Renu Ma'am called him and asked him why he was doing so. Aryan answered immediately that as she was calling him a donkey and donkeys do have the habit of kicking so he thought he should also behave like one!

36. Exchanging Roles

When children finished having their food and showed Renu Ma'am their empty tiffin-boxes, her remark would be, "Very good, congratulations!"

One day, during recess time, Renu Ma'am was the first one to finish her *roti-sabzi*. She excitedly showed the empty box to her children. They looked at it, and Suhani (JKg) exclaimed, "Very good girl, Renu Ma'am, congratulations!"

37. Bye Bye Bye !

Aryan (Skg) was sobbing when he got down from the bus. When asked, he shared the reason for his sadness, “मम्मी ने तीन बार *BYE* नहीं बोला।”

38. Filmy

One day in the class Renu Ma'am was explaining the chapter on air. Ma'am told the children that air moves many things like paper, clothes, etc. Ma'am showed it by taking her red dupatta under the fan and explained how it moves. Then Aryan (1) said, “Ma'am लाल दुपट्टा उड़ गया हवा के झोंके से।” Everybody started laughing.

39. Logic

Renu Ma'am was teaching Class 1. She was explaining, “पेड़ कितने महान होते हैं। हमें कितना कुछ देते हैं जैसे फल, छाया।” “Immediately Aryan (1) said, “पानी भी तो हम ही देते हैं।”

40. Encounter with *Mali Kaka* !

It was the Nature Club period and Sameer Sir took all the students to the Teakwood Forest with their magnifying glasses. Aryan (1) was very fascinated by it and he started looking at all the plants by placing the magnifying glass near his nose. Then they went to the Senior School lawn where मालीकाका was cutting the dry grass. Aryan went near him and started jumping around him so मालीकाका got scared and started saying, “ए जा, क्या कर रहा है? क्या मैं ही तुझे मिला तंग करने के लिए।”

41. परीक्षा की बात

रेनु मैम हिन्दी व्याकरण-पुस्तिका पढ़ा रही थीं। उसमें एक वाक्य था - शायद मैं इस वर्ष परीक्षा में न बैठ पाऊँ। यह वाक्य सुहानी ने पढ़ा। उसकी बात सुन कर आर्यन (4) बोला, “क्या हुआ अगर वह नहीं बैठ पाएगी तो खड़ी होकर परीक्षा दे देगी।”

42. ज़ोर से मत बोलो

रेनु मैम का appendicitis operation हुआ था और दर्द की वजह से वह धीरे चलती, बोलती व बैठती थीं। एक दिन आर्यन (3) गृह-कार्य करके नहीं लाया था। मैम ने उससे ज़रा जोर से बात की तो आर्यन ने कहा, “मैम, आप बैठ जाइए और ज़्यादा ज़ोर से बात मत कीजिए आप को दर्द होगा।”

43. अपना काम खुद करो

रेनु मैम कक्षा २ में समझा रही थीं कि अपना काम खुद करना चाहिए, Timetable देखकर अपनी किताबें खुद ही रखनी चाहिए, हमेशा मम्मी पर depend नहीं करना चाहिए। यह सुन कर आर्यन बोला, - “मैम, जब मम्मी सो रही हों तब हमें खुद ही काम करना चाहिए।” तभी सुहानी बोल पड़ी, “फिर खाना कौन बनाएगा, अगर मम्मी को सोने देंगे?”

44. चेहरे की खुशी

एक दिन सुहानी (2) रेनु मैम के पास आयी और बोली, “मैम, आपने आज आँखों में काजल क्यों नहीं लगाया?” रेनु मैम ने कहा, “ऐसे ही नहीं।” सुहानी ने कहा, “मैम, आप जैसे रोज़ तैयार होकर आते हो वैसे ही आया करो। हमें ऐसा लगता है कि आप बहुत खुश हैं, और आपको देखकर हम भी खुश हो जाते हैं।”

45. Arabic English.

While watching the movie 'Toy Story' Aryan (1) couldn't follow the dialogues. So he asked, "Renu Ma'am क्या ये Arabic English है, क्योंकि मुझे समझ नहीं आ रहा।"

46. राष्ट्रभाषा

रेनु मैम हिंदी Home Work लिख रही थी, डायरी में कम जगह में आ जाए इसलिए मैम ने H.W. English में लिखा। अचानक आर्यन (2) उनके सामने प्रकट हो गया और बोला, "मैम, मुझे एक बात बताओ आप कौन से subject के मैम हो?" मैम ने कहा, 'हिंदी' तो वह बोला English में तो सिर्फ Swati मैम लिखती हैं, आपने भी उनसे अंग्रेज़ी सीख ली। लेकिन हिंदी हमारी अच्छी भाषा है।"

47. अर्थ का अनर्थ

एक दिन कक्षा में एक शब्द पूछा गया कि टालना अर्थात् टाल का क्या अर्थ है, आर्यन (4) ने कहा, "जब सर के पूरे बाल कटवा दिए जाएँ तो उसे टाल कहते हैं।"

48. भोलापन

एक दिन रेनु मैम बहुत colourful साड़ी पहनकर आई जिसमें बड़े-बड़े square थे। सुहानी (3) ने भोलेपन से पूछा, "मैम, आपकी साड़ी bed sheet से बनी है?" रेनु मैम को बड़ी हँसी आई। जब भी रेनु मैम वह साड़ी पहनती हैं, तो सुहानी की बात याद आती है।

49. फिर भी हम नहीं मिले

When Renu Ma'am asked her class where they had been for their summer vacation, Aryan (SKg) answered, "Delhi". On hearing this, Sahil, said that he too went to Delhi. Then Aryan asked Sahil, "How come, मैंने तो तुम्हें वहाँ देखा ही नहीं, क्या तुम पुरानी दिल्ली गये थे?" Sahil replied that he had been to New Delhi. Hearing this Aryan started laughing and said, "मैं भी तो दिल्ली में ही था फिर भी हम नहीं मिले।"

50. Please बात करो

एक दिन रेनु मैम ने आर्यन (3) से नाराज़ होकर कहा कि, "आर्यन मैं तुमसे बहुत नाराज़ हूँ मैं तुमसे बात नहीं करूँगी।" तो आर्यन ने कहा, 'ये क्या बात है कि बात नहीं करोगे, मैं चुप बैठा हूँ अब आप मुझसे बात करो।'

51. Tamil Story!

Once during story time Aryan (SKg) asked Renu Ma'am, "Ma'am why don't you tell the story in Tamil?" When she asked him who would understand a Tamil story, he said, "Only I" and started laughing."

52. Ready Answer.

While solving the Theme Paper, Aryan (2) told me to write a, b, c, d next to the states and in the map so that he can copy the states in the map correctly. So Renu Ma'am said, 'क्या ये worksheet है जो मैं लिख कर दूँ।' Aryan replied, 'कोई बात नहीं आप इसे worksheet समझ कर लिख दो। अगर यह गलत हो गयी तो आप मुझे fail कर दोगे और मैं Class 3 में नहीं जा पाऊँगा।'

53. Gandhiji ke darshan !

When the class went to Sanathal village in a tractor for their picnic , Aryan (SKg) saw an old man in dhoti wearing spectacles. As soon as he saw him he told everybody, “See Gandhiji is sitting there, under that tree.” Few of his friends even believed him and told each other that they had all seen Gandhiji when they went to the picnic.

54. Witty Answer

When Renu Ma'am had gone for Aryan's (SKg) Home Visit he showed her his drawing book where he had drawn different vehicles. One of the drawings was a school bus which was empty. She asked him, “Where are the children?” He thought for a second and said, “Ma'am the bus is going to pick up the children; so it is empty.”

55. Baby Sitter please !

After taking the attendance on Monday morning, Renu Ma'am asked the absentees of Saturday, the reason for missing out their Saturday visit. When it was Suhani's (JKg) turn, she hesitatingly replied, “ मेरे बेबी को रखनेवाला घर में कोई नहीं था!” (No one to take care of my baby brother!)

56. वही तो

I had scolded Aryan (1) the day before so he came next day and said, “Ma'am I want to say something cigarette to you.” Renu Ma'am was surprised! “What cigarette? Do you want to say some secret?” He asked what does it mean. Renu Ma'am said, “It means खास बात “ I He said, “Yes Yes वही तो!”

57. Silence Please.

In the library period Renu Ma'am told Aryan (1) to read aloud the story as he doesn't like to read. So he looked at Renu Ma'am and said very softly, "Ma'am library में ज़ोर से नहीं बोलते, तो मैं mind में पढ़ूँगा।"

58. It's a clean, clean world

One day the class was doing a topic on pollution. During the discussion Aryan (SKg) said, "Ma'am should 'gutka pouch' be thrown in the lake?" Renu Ma'am said, "No." Then he said, "My daddy throws it here and there. I will tell him not to throw it in the water."

59. Redeem you from the class

While teaching 'Shares & Debentures' Renu Ma'am told Sahil (11) that if he will not pay attention she will redeem (send out) him from the class. He immediately said, "Ma'am don't redeem me but forfeit me (call back) to the class."

60. Father dear father

When every one shared about their father's vehicle, Aryan (Jkg) said, 'Ma'am my father doesn't even have a cycle. I will grow big, study, go for a job and get him a cycle.' This made Renu Ma'am hug her student.

61. Life is a game

It was the evening of Phoenix (2006 - 07). After the result was declared, Renu Ma'am was feeling sad and was literally in tears. At that time Aryan (9) told her, "Ma'am it is all right. Come on cheer up! Even when I play tennis, sometimes I win and sometimes I lose the game. That is part of life."

62. Inspector Ma'am

Once while Renu Ma'am was supervising the pottery class, Aryan (6) enquired very innocently, "Ma'am why do you move around?" To which she replied, "To see whether everyone is engaged with his activity." Immediately he retorted, "आप इंस्पेक्टर हो, लेकिन आप इंस्पेक्टर का ड्रेस तो पहनते नहीं हो!"

63. Aryan the Puppeteer

Aryan (1) got a big box with a car inside it and insisted Renu Ma'am to let him show it to his friends in the first^t break. He said, "मैं आज आप को puppet show दिखाने वाला हूँ तो please ध्यान दो।" When Renu Ma'am stood up from her place for some work he thought she would stop him so he said, "अभी तो break है, तो आपको कोई problem नहीं होनी चाहिए।" Then he went to some other classes and showed it. He asked for a bed sheet to help him in the puppet show.

64. Dad's Khazana

Aryan and Sahil (11) said, "*Hum vacation me ghoomne gaye the*". So Renu Ma'am asked, "Where?" They replied, "मैम हम दोनो *Gallops Mall* गये थे"। So she asked, "What did you purchase from there?" "कुछ नहीं बस पानी-पुरी खाकर आ गये। सब कुछ बहुत मँहगा था। पापा के साथ सब कुछ सस्ता लगता है"।

65. Bindaas

Renu Ma'am asked Aryan (12) to write his answers in a proper way. He replied, "मैम, आप क्यों टेंशन लेते हो। बोर्डस में कर दूँगा अच्छी तरह।"

66. Stress free

There was a creative writing competition on the topic "Stress in student's life in school." Renu Ma'am was there with class 11 students. Some of the students were punching numbers in their calculators. She asked Aryan, "Why are you not writing, what's the need of the calculator?" His answer was, "Ma'am just to calculate the number and magnitude of my stress."

67. Taste of blood

Once Aryan's (10) nose started bleeding. Sahil asked him to wipe off the blood. He tasted it with his tongue and said, "It is very tasty, let me have it!"

68. Loving student

One day Renu Ma'am was teaching the Chapter 'Air, Water and Weather' in class 5. She was explaining different layers of the atmosphere. She told that there are two layers of the atmosphere that they have to study, but she explained to them two more layers as extra information. Suddenly Sahil stood up and said, "Ma'am there is one more layer, but I don't know the name, so please tell me about that."

She was not able to tell the fifth layer. Then, in a second, he said very softly, "Ma'am it doesn't matter, you can tell us tomorrow." Her eyes were full of water. She understood that to save her from embarrassment he had said so.

69. *Dum maro dum*

In the Study Skills class Renu Ma'am was discussing about time management and other skills. Suhani (10) said that it is very difficult for her to concentrate on the given work. Renu Ma'am asked all the other students of the class to give her suggestions. Aryan told loudly, "Suhani, have *charas*!"

70. I am a Man

Aryan (1) fell down and hurt himself. He came to Renu Ma'am and said "I have got hurt "पर मैं नहीं रोया, पता है क्यों? क्योंकि मैं मर्द हूँ!"

71. *Ahimsa*

Last month Renu Ma'am's class was doing a chapter on the teachings of Gandhiji. They were discussing about non-violence. Aryan (3) said, "Ma'am, a man without a weapon will not be able to show violence, but real non-violence is when a man has a weapon and can use it but does not use it because he does not want to."

72. Empathy

While discussing the topic about conservation of forests in the Theme period Renu Ma'am spoke about cutting down of trees. Aryan said, "Yes, we need to cut down trees as trees give us many essential things and we cannot do without them but we need to remember a few things before we cut them down.

1. We must take a stick and indicate to the animals and birds living on the tree that it is about to be cut.
2. If there is a nest we need to climb and see if any baby birds are there in it. We have learnt that birds only build nests to lay eggs and to help the baby birds grow. So if there aren't any eggs we can break the nest.

73. Give and Take

Renu Ma'am told her class children to give her the book named 'Adventures of Secret Seven' which features the village policeman Mr. Goon as she would like to read it. A few days later Aryan (3) came to her with one such book and told, "I will not give it to you because you have no books to give me but if I give it to a Class 4 boy he will give me a 'Hardy Boys' in exchange. So I will give it to him. Sorry!"

74. Strike a deal

During the Diwali excursion to Chennai Sahil (4) told Aryan that he will throw his water-bottle. Aryan answered, "No problem, but you will have to pay Rs. 100." Then Sahil said that he will throw away all the water but not the bottle. To this Aryan answered, "For each drop, you will have to pay Rs 5."

75. Smart Alec

During a test there was a question, 'What is your ambition?' Aryan (4) said, "I want to become a businessman." and asked Renu Ma'am the spelling of businessman. She said, "It is a test and I cannot tell you the spelling." When she corrected the paper he had written he wants to be a PE Sir. On being asked why he change his answer, he replied, "I did not know the spelling of businessman."

76. Laddoo with love

When Renu Ma'am was a class teacher of class five, Sahil used to offer her some sweets everyday. She used to have a small bit of it. But without fail everyday the sweet was offered. One day she asked him, "Why do you give it to me everyday?" He said, 'Ma'am you will never take one full *laddoo* from me so if you eat a bit everyday you will finish one *laddoo* by the end of the month.'

77. Jai Bajrang Bali

In the Theme period when Renu Ma'am was explaining about healthy food and junk food Aryan (1) said, "मैम, मैं तो हनुमान जी का भक्त हूँ इसलिए मैं हमेशा *healthy food* ही खाता हूँ, इसलिए मैं *strong* हूँ।"

78. Pencil *mein* takat

When Aryan's (Skg) pencil broke he said "मैम, मेरी पेंसिल टूट गयी है, मेरी पेंसिल में तो ताकत नहीं है।"

79. Suno meri fariyad

Today Aryan (SKg) asked, "आज हमारा *Mother's Workshop* है?" Renu Ma'am answered, "Yes". He said, "Tell my mother to send other things in tiffin as she sends only chapati. I know she will only listen to you."

80. Sab se pyar hai

During the music period we were singing the song. "I am in love with papa..." in which the word EVERYONE comes four times. Aryan (Skg) started singing, "Every one every two every three every four..." Now that's not all. Suhani said, "हमने तो चाचा-चाची, मामा-मामी तो बोला ही नहीं, तो *everyone* कैसे हुआ?"

81. Time for a change

Children love their Hindi class. It makes them think of Hindi words. Renu Ma'am was doing the letter च. She gave them the hint for the word “चाय” as something जो पापा रोज़ सुबह-सुबह पीते हैं। Aryan (1) answered spontaneously...cigarette. (a stark revelation)

82. क se *Kumkum*

In our first Hindi class we were doing the letter क. Renu Ma'am gave them the word कुमकुम - जिससे हम टीका करते हैं। Suhani (Skg) was quick to relate and say, “कुमकुम तो स्टार प्लस का एक सीरियल भी है ना?”

83. A friend in need

Last year Renu Ma'am was the class teacher of class 6 and she had gone to the Polo Camp with her students. On the second day they had to climb a hill. Sahil is asthmatic. She had asked him to stay back But he insisted on coming. After trekking for half an hour he was very tired. He felt he could not continue. He wanted to return. But Aryan and the others encouraged him to continue. Aryan stuck to him for the next three hours, till they climbed down. Similarly another boy (he is a bit plump) was finding it very difficult to climb. He even started weeping. After one hour of trekking the whole group was divided. Forty students were divided into tiny groups. Aryan belonged to a group that was leading. He stayed back to encourage his friend and was with him for the rest of the way. Renu Ma'am was impressed and touched by the empathy shown by the students. This reinforced that teamwork produces good results.

84. May I?

One day Aryan (Skg) was crying in the class. Renu Ma'am said “No crying in the class.” He immediately asked, “मैं बाहर जाकर रोकर आऊँ?”

85. My mom goes to school

When we visited the Creative Mela Suhani (Skg) asked one of the artists “क्या आप स्कूल जाती हैं?” The lady answered, “नहीं” Suhani was quick to reply, “मेरी मम्मी तो बड़ी हैं, फिर भी स्कूल जाती हैं।” (Her mother is an educator).

86. Lizard comes to school

It was the first day of school. As soon as everyone came to the class, Aryan (Jkg) all of a sudden shouted, “मैम देखो *baby lizard*. लेकिन मैम वो तो मेरे घर में होती थी, यहाँ कैसे आयी? क्या उसको भी स्कूल में पढ़ना होता है?”

87. Thank you God

Renu Ma'am was reading the story of “The Woodcutter & the Axe”. Aryan (SKg) as usual was roaming here and there. When we came to the point where the woodcutter prays for his axe, Aryan heard the word 'pray' and sat in the prayer position and started saying the prayer “Thank you God for the world so sweet...”

88. Jaise aap ne kaha

Renu Ma'am has been emphasizing on brushing teeth at night too. She asked the children, “Did you brush your teeth at night?” Aryan (1) stood up and answered, “*Ma'am* कल मैंने रात को brush किया था.” Renu Ma'am asked, “What about morning?” Aryan answered innocently “आपने तो सिर्फ रात को ही ब्रश करने के लिये कहा था, तो मैंने रात को ही brush किया है *morning* में नहीं।”

89. Let me ask Mom

One day Renu Ma'am asked Sahil (5), "Please give me your diary so that I can sign." Immediately he replied, "Ma'am first I will ask my mother whether you can sign or not, only then you can sign."

90. May I come in?

One day Aryan (SKg) forgot to ask permission when he wanted to come inside the classroom. He realized it after entering the classroom. So he said, "मैम मैं तो "May I come in" बोला ही नहीं, मैम मैं बाहर चला जाता हूँ और फिर से आपको पूछकर आता हूँ।"

91. Biscuits for breakfast

Renu Ma'am was taking the children around to see the Creative Mela and on one of the tables Aryan (CI Skg) saw biscuits and said, "Ma'am see this aunty has also made biscuits". Hearing this she laughed and told him that it was her breakfast and they were real biscuits not something she had made.

92. Hawa Hawa !

In the Art and Craft period, children were drawing stick figures of objects. Renu Ma'am drew a truck on the board. Aryan (Skg) immediately said, "मैम *window भी draw* कर दो ना, नहीं तो *driver* को हवा कैसे आयेगी !"

93. मैं help करूँ?

Lunch break में हम सब भोजन कर रहे थे। साहिल (६) ने कहा, "सर, मैं कब से खाए जा रहा हूँ, खाना खत्म ही नहीं होता।" तुरन्त आर्यन ने कहा, "मैं help करूँ?" (क्योंकि उस दिन Friday था और बच्चे उस दिन Free Food लाते हैं।)

94. Hinglish

While going to the garden Renu Ma'am asked the children to make a straight line but all the children started screaming and shouting. Renu Ma'am was disappointed and said, "No one will go to the garden." Suhani (Skg) immediately said, "Sorry Ma'am from tomorrow we will not *screamenge aur shoutenge*."

95. Papa don't Preach

Once Aryan (1) told Renu Ma'am, "Ma'am आप मेरे मम्मी-पापा को स्कूल में बुलाएँ और समझाएँ।"

Renu Ma'am asked, "Why? What happened?"
"वो हमेशा मुझ पर गुस्सा करते हैं।" उन्हें समझाइये कि मुझे प्यार से समझाएँ, गुस्सा ना करें।"

96. Big brother

One day when Aryan (Skg) was peeping in his sister's class, Renu Ma'am asked him, "Aryan, what are you doing outside?" The brotherly Aryan answered, "वो मेरी *sister* है ना, वो उस क्लास में अकेली है और वो बच्ची है, उसे देख रहा हूँ।"

97. Be in the present

Aryan (1) broke Sahil's spectacles for the second time. Renu Ma'am could not talk to him on that day as she was busy. The next day she asked "Why did you break Sahil's spectacles?"

Aryan replied, "वो तो कल किया था , आज तो मैंने कुछ भी नहीं किया।"

98. *Ab hamara kya hoga*

One day Renu Ma'am was absent. Next day during the class a ma'am sneezed. Hearing that Suhani (Skg) said, "एक मैम को बुखार आ गया, एक मैम को सर्दी हो गयी, हाय, अब हमारा क्या होगा ?"

99. Train

While going to the garden Suhani (Skg) said "मैम, ट्रेन में चलेंगे वरना ट्रेन चली जायेगी।" Hearing this Aryan replied, "ट्रेन नहीं जायेगी क्योंकि उसके *wheels* तो *stick* हो गये हैं।"

100. Responsibility

Aryan (Skg) came to the Block-room very late. Renu Ma'am asked him the reason and he said, "मैम, सबने *shoes* अच्छे से नहीं रखे थे। सब *arrange* करके आया हूँ।"

101. All about matching

Suhani (Skg) loves wearing pink... with her pink dress she wears matching shoes and even gets matching bag and bottle. Once she had a red hair-pin. Renu Ma'am casually asked the reason of the mis-match and she answered, "जब मैं स्कूल से घर गयी तो *Anjali Shop* बंद थी। अभी *morning* में घर से स्कूल आयी तब भी बंद थी .. तो मैं *matching* पिन कहाँ से लाऊँ?"

102. Laddu !

One day when we were discussing about food, Aryan (1) told me Renu Ma'am " मुझे लड्डू बहुत अच्छे लगते हैं क्योंकि मैं भी लड्डू जैसा ही हूँ।"

103. Germination

When Renu Ma'am was teaching about seed germination, Aryan (1) was lost in his own world thinking about something. After some time suddenly he stood up and asked, "Ma'am हमारे सर के ऊपर फूल क्यों नहीं उग सकते हैं?"

104. Gora or kala

When children were watching the movie 'Alladin' during their Video Time, a day-time scene was going on. Later, during the night scene, the pictures somewhat darkened. At this change Aryan (SKg) shouted with joy, "मैम, ये तो गोरा था और अब काला हो गया।"

105. मै क्या सोच रही थी?

कक्षा में एक दिन रेनु मैम पढ़ा रही थी तब मैम ने देखा कि सुहानी (4) का ध्यान कहीं और था। मैम ने सुहानी से कहा, “आप क्या सोच रही हो? मुझे बताओ शायद मैं तुम्हारी परेशानी दूर कर पाऊँ।” सुहानी ने कोई जवाब नहीं दिया। रेनु मैम ने ज़ोर देकर पूछा तो सुहानी ने कहा- “मैम, मैं यह सोच रही हूँ कि उस समय मैं क्या सोच रही थी।”

106. If there is a will

Sahil (5) is a naughty but a very loving child. Everytime he says or does something to others, they complain about him to Renu Ma'am, and she counsels him. Before the Investiture Ceremony, they had gone to the gym for practice where the children were being awarded. Renu Ma'am was sitting beside Sahil. On seeing the children getting the award on the stage he asked, “Ma'am how much marks should we get to get these awards?” She was touched by this question. She felt that Sahil can do much better if he wants to do and decided to motivate him to reach the target.

107. शुरुआत और अंत

कक्षा चल रही थी। दस मिनट कोई भी अपनी बात कह सकता था। साहिल (3) ने हाथ उठाया। रेनु मैम ने कहा, “हाँ बोलो।” साहिल ने कहा, “मैम, मेरी शुरुआत और अंत आपसे होगा।” मैम घबरा गई और कहा, “आप ऐसा क्यों कह रहे हो?” तब उसने कहा, “मैम, कक्षा २, ३, ४ में आपने ही मुझे पढ़ाया है।” मैम ने कहा, “तो अंत की बात कहाँ से आई?” उसने कहा, “मैम, जूनियर स्कूल में मेरा आखिरी साल है।” सारी बात समझने के बाद मैम की साँस में साँस आई और हँसी भी आई।

108. Not without my daughter

One day Suhani (8) was reading a book “Not without my daughter” during the lunch break in the class. Renu Ma'am asked her to lend the book to her once she had finished reading it. Sahil immediately said, “Ma'am you want to read this book because you have a daughter. You would have not liked to read it if you had a son”.

109. हवाई जहाज

कक्षा में हम worksheet कर रहे थे, जिसमें शब्दों से वाक्य बनाने थे, वह बिना लाइन का paper था। रेनु मैम ने blackboard पर समझाते हुए कहा, “सबका हवाई जहाज सीधा जाना चाहिए कोई टेढ़ा-मेढ़ा नहीं लिखेगा।” हँसी मजाक का वातावरण था। रेनु मैम ने जब चक्कर लगाकर देखा तब साहिल (4) की लिखाई नीचे की तरफ जा रही थी। मैम ने कहा, “साहिल ये क्या”? साहिल ने कहा, “मैम, आपके बोलने से पहले मेरा जहाज Land कर गया।” पूरी कक्षा ठहाके लगाकर हँस पड़ी।

110. पढ़ाई कर

रेनु मैम की कक्षा में पाठ चल रहा था जिसमें कुछ शब्द जैसे “आलसी भिखारी” मैम चिढ़ाते हुए गा रही थी। बच्चे भी गा रहे थे, “काम कर पेट भर, बिना काम भूखा मर।” तब एक अलग आवाज आई “पढ़ाई कर अंक पा, बिना पढ़ाई ज़ीरो ला।” यह आवाज साहिल (4) की थी। सब हँसे बिना नहीं रह सके।

111. स्वर्ग और नर्क

कक्षा २ का संस्कृत period था किसी श्लोक में “स्वर्ग” शब्द आया तो रेनु मैम स्वर्ग और नर्क के बारे में समझाने लगी, “मृत्यु के पश्चात, जो अच्छे-अच्छे कार्य करते हैं, उन्हें स्वर्ग का सुख मिलता है, ऐसा मैंने सुना है।” तभी साहिल बोल पड़ा, “मैम, पहले मरने तो दो हमें, ये तो बाद की बात है”।

112. मैं कहाँ देखूँ?

रेनु मैम का संस्कृत period चल रहा था मैम श्लोक वगैरह बुलवा रही थीं। साहिल (3) आगे ही बैठा इधर-उधर देख रहा था। मैम ने उससे कहा, “साहिल इधर मेरे सामने देखो, इधर-उधर क्या देख रहे हो।” वह बोला, “मैम, मैं आपको देखते-देखते बोर हो गया, इसलिए मैं इधर-उधर देख रहा हूँ।”

113. Hot list

In the dance room Aryan (9) asked Renu Ma'am (she is not the dance teacher), "What is your purpose of coming to the dance room ma'am?" Further on interacting with him ma'am saw stars on his house flaps. She asked him, "Are you the Head Boy or a Prefect?" With a smile on his face he replied, "Ma'am I have borrowed the stars from the Prefect for half an hour to have a feel of being a Prefect. My name is in the hot list, so there is no chance for me in future to get such opportunities."

114. Please Sir

Aryan (3) loves to talk and he is very inquisitive. Every now and then he would come to Renu Ma'am and ask some questions. Today in the last Home Period he asked, "Ma'am will you tell me, where can I meet Mr. Handa? How does he look? What has he worn today? When will he come to school? How does he come to school i.e. by car or bus? If bus then by which bus?" After asking so many questions at a time he said, "Do you know why am I asking you about Mr. Handa? I want to request him to install an AC in our class and bus".

115. इजाज़त

AT2 में साहिल (६) ने एक पत्र के जवाब में (पत्र - आपका बस स्टॉप बदल गया है, क्योंकि घर का पता बदला है अतः मैम से इजाज़त लेनी थी) उसने लिखा, "मेरे घर के नीचे बारूद बिछा दिया गया है और मेरा घर टूट कर किसी और के लिए बनने वाला है अतः रेनु मैम मेरा बस स्टोप बदल दें।"

116. Why should I?

Sahil (8) was once given a note in the diary for winking at a teacher. When Renu Ma'am came in the class during lunch break he was very upset. When she asked him the reason, he showed the note and said, "Ma'am if I had to wink then why at her, I will wink at some other teacher!"

117. Pretty Woman

While we were waiting for our turn for our class photo, Aryan (1) went to Renu Ma'am and said, "क्यों आप ने आज ऐसे कपड़े पहने हैं। आप बहुत handsome लग रहे हो. " After a pause he said, "Sorry, Sorry गलती हो गई girls को beautiful कहते हैं और लड़कों को handsome".

118. मुझे भी girl बना दिया

During the initial days, Aryan (1) seemed to be a girl to Renu Ma'am, because of his hair style. So one day by mistake she spoke to him as 'she' instead of 'he'. He started laughing and told everybody in the class, "See Ma'am is a girl तो लो देखो, मुझे भी girl बना दिया।"

119. Sound of birds

One day Class 1 went for the Nature Club period. Then Sameer Sir asked them to listen to the sound of birds and identify the bird. A cuckoo was cooing. Everybody was in deep thought. Suhani placed both her hands on her waist and said, "This is Deepak Sir's voice." Deepak Sir was in the ground nearby and he was taking a PE class. Everyone started laughing yet she could not understand why they were laughing. When Sameer Sir explained it to her, she started laughing too. Till today she remembers that incident and many a times shares with her friends and they have a good laugh.

120. Behaviour ka problem

Aryan (3) is restless, talkative, distractiveetc. but yet intelligent. So, one day Renu Ma'am was very angry with him and was about to say something. But before she could say he said loudly, "Ma'am don't be angry. I am intelligent and smart. मेरा सिर्फ behaviour का problem है, है ना मैम?"

121. Sense and Nonsense

Renu Ma'am was teaching the chapter on 'Living and Non-Living things'. While asking the children the differences, Aryan (3) was the first to raise his hand. He said, "Ma'am living things have sense and non-living things do not have sense, so Ma'am non-living things are 'nonsense'."

122. I am sorry

Sahil (5) is a very naughty boy and he is in Renu Ma'am's Maths Club. Once during the class she asked him, "You are so naughty, how do you behave at home? Your parents must be having a tough time". He said, "That's why my mother goes to the office and my father is not there". Renu Ma'am thought that his father was working elsewhere. So she asked, "Where is your father working?" He said, "That's what I am telling you, that he is no more as I am so naughty". She was shell shocked and felt very guilty for asking him such a question.

123. Delta

It was raining very heavily and water was overflowing from the upper corridor from three areas. Suhani (4) said, "Ma'am see, three rivers are flowing down. Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati and the largest delta Sundarbans i.e. Eklavya Sundarbans is being formed."

124. Ma'am take care

It was a Chemistry class in Class 12. Sahil was restless. He had his favourite pen in his hand and was playing with it. Renu Ma'am looked at him once during the lecture indicating that he put it down. Sahil did that only to pick it up after five minutes and drum it on the desk. Renu M'am moved to his desk took the pen and put it down with force on the desk. Unfortunately the pen fell on the floor and broke. Renu M'am took up the pen and carried it to her room after the class was over. For a long time she felt sad and guilty about the pen because she knew that it was Sahil's favourite pen. Towards the end of the day she called Sahil and told him that she was sorry for breaking the pen and that she would buy him another one. Sahil very softly told her 'It does not matter Ma'am. The pen is not important. But please do not get so angry. Your blood pressure will shoot up. And that will affect your health.'

125. Crew cut

Sahil (6) was complemented on his hair style by Renu Ma'am. He said, "Papa की choice है, वो मुझे army में भेजना चाहते हैं, इसलिये haircut करवाया है।"

126. Guru Gobind Singh

One day Aryan (1) went to Renu Ma'am and asked, "Ma'am do you know who is there in your heart?" She said, "No, I don't know." He replied, "Ma'am आप के दिल में गुरुगोविंदसिंह हैं।" "She asked him " "आप के दिल में कौन रहता है?" He said, "मेरे दिल में भी गुरुगोविंदसिंह हैं, पर वो तो तलवार लेकर बैठे हैं, जो भी मुझे तंग करेगा वह उसे punish करेंगे।"

127. Laugh Attack

One day during the class Aryan (9) suddenly started laughing loudly. Renu Ma'am asked, "What happened?" Sahil replied, "Ma'am don't worry. He keeps on getting such laugh attacks."

128. Dramatizing

Children enjoy drama. One day Renu Ma'am saw that her children (2) were sharpening the pencils in their pencil box. She had told them many times not to do so. So she thought of a plan. She said, "Wow, what a lovely dustbin you have got. It is so small and handy that you can carry it in your bag and even take it home. I have never seen a dustbin in a bag."

Children did not like the idea of carrying dustbins in their bags. So they said, "No, we don't want dustbins in our bags. We will not do it again." Renu Ma'am was happy to find out that the problem was solved as children kept reminding each other.

129. Honesty is the best policy

Children are honest, innocent and pure at heart. Renu Ma'am's faith in this statement was reinforced by an incident that happened in her class (4). When she was distributing 'Sunshine Smile' badges to children who brushed their teeth regularly for a month. She was very touched to find some of her students telling her, "No Ma'am, I did not do it this month, but I will win the badge next month".

130 Use your brain

Renu Ma'am often told the class 3 children, "Please use your brain - are you saving it for your old age?" Aryan promptly replied, "No, ma'am I am saving it for my middle age - I will be a businessman and use it to make money."