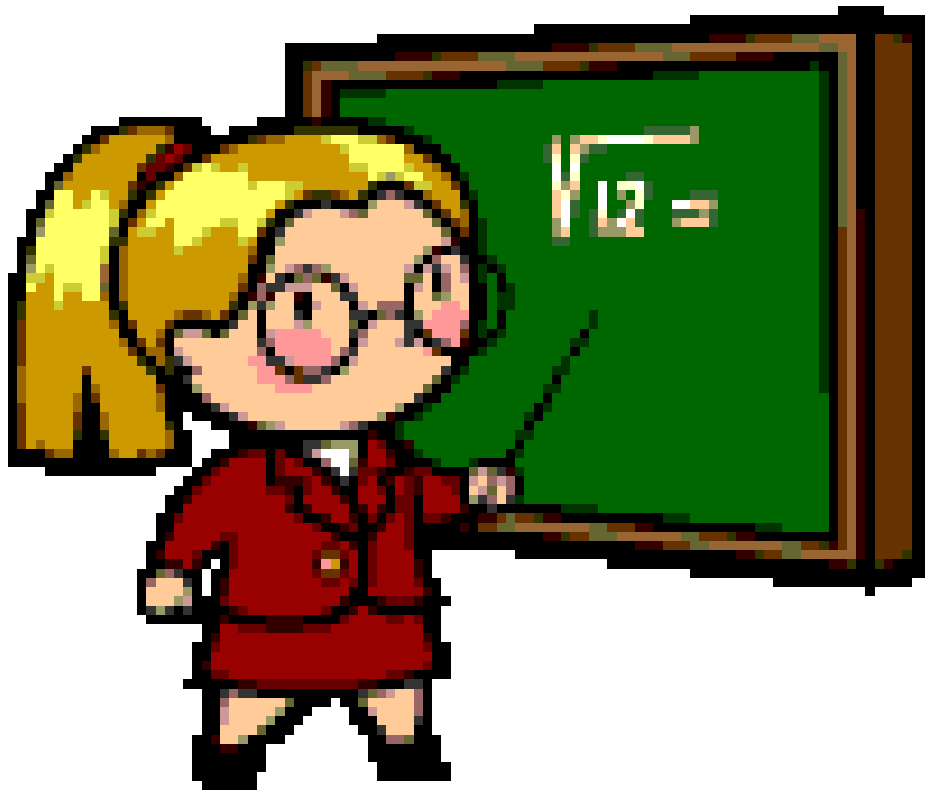


WORLD TEACHERS DAY  
THANK YOU!



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World Teachers Day – October 5

Written as a ‘thank you’ to all in the profession.

Cast

Teacher: Miss Gray – ‘old fashioned’ model  
 Substitute/Supply Teacher: Miss Scarlett – ‘latest fashion’ model  
 Children 1 - 25

*Music 1 Another Brick in the Wall – Pink Floyd (We don’t need no education)*

(Class drag themselves to seats, looking distinctly bored and fed up)

(Enter teacher, Miss Gray)

Miss Gray: Hey! What’s going on here? Why the long faces?

Child 1: Do you really have to ask? It’s because

All: (Together) We’re at school!

Miss Gray: Well, that really is no way to start the day. And especially today – when I’m out on a course.

Child 2: So who’s going to look after us?

*Music 2 Substitute – The Who*

(‘Substitute/Supply’ Teacher, Miss Scarlett, in high heels, walks onto stage – children all gasp)

Miss Gray: Oh, so you must be ..

Miss Scarlett: (Peeling off elegant elbow length gloves) Miss Scarlett.  
 (Turning to children) Your \*supply teacher for the day.

Child 3: Wow! This could be ..... different!

Miss Scarlett: (Rounding on Child 3) What was that?

Child 3: (Quivering) Er, nothing, miss!

Miss Scarlett: Miss Scarlett! The name’s Miss Scarlett!  
 (Turning to Miss Gray)  
 Hmm. I can see I’m going to have my work cut out with this lot, today!

\*supply may be replaced by substitute for US readers

Miss Gray: Well, I can see Miss Scarlett here is going to take no nonsense from anybody here today! I'm afraid I must go. I will be back later on to see how everything's going ...

(Exit Miss Gray)

Miss Scarlett: So. What do we start off with?

Child 4: It's usually Literacy, miss.

Miss Scarlett: (Exploding) Miss Scarlett! How many more times do you need to be told? Let's have you all getting on with this work

(Passes round sheets)

with absolutely *no* fuss.

(All reluctantly pick up sheets and start reading)

Child 5: But miss! I don't understand!

Child 6: That's Johnny, miss. He always needs a little help from the teacher.

Miss Scarlett: Not today, I'm afraid! Now. Heads down, *everybody*! It's not hard. All I want from you is a list of

All: (Questioning) What makes a good teacher?

Miss Scarlett: Just so! And if you want any time in the playground, before lunch, I suggest you get on with it.

Child 5: (Wailing) But miss ....

Miss Scarlett: No 'buts'. Get on with your work.

Child 7: (Holding up banner with words 'LATER ON THAT DAY')

(Enter Miss Gray. Exchanges a few brief words with Miss Scarlett, who then exits)

(All children sit upright, beaming with pleasure)

Miss Gray: Ah children!

All: (Ecstatically) Ah Miss Gray!

Miss Gray: Well! That's more like it! I see Miss Scarlett has worked some kind of magic on you!

Child 8: You can say that again!

Miss Gray: So, let me see what you've been doing.

Child 9: We had to write about 'What makes a good teacher'.

Child 10: And this is what we came up with.

(Each stands up in turn, reading out what they have written)

Child 11: A good teacher lights up the room with her presence!

Child 12: A good teacher has infinite patience and a kind word for everyone.

Child 13: A good teacher loves her pupils, even when they are challenging.

Child 14: A good teacher never lets anyone feel a failure.

Child 15: A good teacher passes on her knowledge with a passion.

Child 16: A good teacher makes everything interesting.

Child 17: A good teacher brings the world to her classroom.

Child 18: A good teacher believes that we are capable of anything.

Child 19: A good teacher makes *us* feel we are capable of anything.

Child 20: A good teacher gives us the confidence to try difficult things.

Child 21: A good teacher is there for us whenever we need her.

Child 22: A good teacher wants the best for every one of us.

Child 23: A good teacher sees the strengths in all of us and helps us build on those strengths.

Child 24: A good teacher opens our eyes

Child 25: And our minds

All: To the beauty all around. She is an inspiration and a star. She is .....

(Pointing to Miss Gray)

YOU!

(Optional inclusion: Music 3 Teacher I Need You – Elton John. Miss Gray can ‘undergo a metamorphosis’ into a Miss Scarlett type creature – by throwing off dowdy clothes and strutting along stage in high heels, elegant long gloves etc or play can continue as follows)

Miss Gray: And YOU are the reason I love my job so! THANK YOU!

Children: Thank YOU!

(All bow)

### Music

1. Another Brick in the Wall – Pink Floyd (Just chorus: We don’t need no education)
2. Substitute – The Who (Just chorus in the background)
3. Optional inclusion: Teacher I Need You – Elton John (first couple of verses)