

# *Basanti Krisani*

**Introduction:** My name is Basanti Krisani and I am 14 years old. I was born on June 18, 2005. I study in AURO MIRA VIDYA MANDIR SCHOOL in Kechla. It is a very good school and besides studying, we have many activities also. Generally, I like both studying and playing. I like my teachers except when they scold me. Normally, I am very possessive about my things and keep them nicely; but when I get angry, then I tend to throw my things here and there. I have many friends and we help each other in our difficult times.



I like the food that is served as it is cooked well. We get many different varieties of food and my favourites are poori, idli, halwa, seviyan kheer, poha, chow mein, upma, etc. Sometimes mixed vegetable is made and although I do not like it at all, yet I force myself to eat it as it is good for my health. I like Sangita didi's cooking the best. Sometimes on special days, sweets like laddoos and boondi are made and I enjoy them a lot. During tiffin time I get banana, apple, guava, orange, chikoo, papaya, mango, watermelon etc. and sometimes, milk, biscuit or chana.

**Mathematics:** I have finished **both the chapters**. I faced some difficulties in a few chapters. Till now I have not been able to improve in maths. Solving problems and remembering formulae pose a problem for me.



**Social Science:** I am revising both the books and also solving many previous year question papers. Now I am learning how to mark the places on the maps with the help of Bhavna Didi. I like to study History with bhaiya and Bhavna didi because they teach us by telling stories to make it interesting for us.

**Hindi:** I have finished both the Hindi books. Now I am revising and giving tests. We have been reading and solving many previous year question papers. But some questions are difficult for me to solve.

**English:** After having finished both the books, I have started revising and every now and then I do the questions given in the textbook. Sangita didi and Kamli didi teach grammar very well, so, I like studying from them.



In grammar I have done Letter Writing, Direct and Indirect Speech, Verbs and Adverbs, Active and Passive Voice, Report writing and Paragraph writing. I find Report writing difficult.

**Science:** I study science with Srinath Bhaiya. He taught me both Physics and Chemistry. I performed 2-3 experiments with him and enjoyed them a lot. He gave me notes and they will help me in preparing for my exams. While I was doing the questions from the book; he helped me whenever I was in a bind. He gave me many tests so that I can revise well. I did Biology with Neela didi and she also was as good as Srinath Bhaiya and gave me notes and tested me on several occasions. I could not do well in the test from Chapter 1, but the other tests were fine. But this year I will not be giving my science exam.



**Music:** My instrument is flute and I love to play it. But there are times that I do not like to play at all. Although I have learnt many songs and ragas but I can remember only some of them and for the rest; I have to refer to my notebook. I like to play in a group, orchestra or a band. I was learning a new raga from Ganesh bhaiya for the Mother's birthday but I could not play it as I went for the Andamans and Nicobar Trip.

**Games:** I play football, basketball and volleyball. I like playing in a group with my friends. Before playing, all of us meditate for five minutes and do many warm-up exercises with Lalu bhaiya, Jagat bhaiya and Guman bhaiya. After doing the exercises we go to play games with our group teacher.

### **Sports day:**

The whole school participated in the Sports day. Even the younger children performed whatever they had practised and it was very good.



The activities done on the sports day included skating, gymnastics, yogananas and circus. In circus, there were tricks on unicycle, skipping and hoopla. The children showcased what they had learnt and it was a treat to watch. Hare and Rohit performed the balancing tricks very nicely and with full concentration. Some children participated in folk dances while Bhuvan, Tulas didi and Pranjali bhaiya enacted small skits on jokes. These were very funny and had all of us in fits of laughter. I had participated in Yoga. We did many asanas but I found some of the stretching asanas quite difficult and had to practice a lot to finally get them right. The villagers and the people from Koraput were

invited to see our programme. It was an amazing day for everybody.



**Festivals:** On 25<sup>th</sup> December, I celebrated Christmas with my friends. My classmates sang two Christmas carols; one in Telugu and one in Hindi. They really sang it very beautifully. All of us had decorated the school very beautifully. On 31<sup>st</sup> December, I celebrated the New Year with my friends and

teachers and we were all up till 11: 00pm. We were exchanging jokes and some of us had made small skits of some jokes and we performing them. I also acted in two jokes with Swati, Lalu bhaiya and Hari bhaiya. Our teachers told us funny stories.

On Holi, our teachers had put up stalls of food and beverages and we had to buy and eat. All of us just loved it and ate things like Panipuri, Bolder, Potato chart, fruits and Lassi.



### *Trip to Andaman:*

We started our journey on 21<sup>st</sup> January from Kechla. We went to Paliba station and took a train to Simhachalam. I was sitting with the smaller children and we had an enjoyable time. We reached Simhachalam at night and the next morning we went to see the ancient Narsimha temple. We climbed 1100 steps to go up to the temple. The temple was very nice and beautiful.

That evening, we boarded the ship for our onward voyage to Port Blair. The name of our ship was Swaraj Dweep. It was a very big ship and it could accommodate about 900 passengers. I was very excited when I boarded the ship. I saw many ships waiting in the port while we were waiting for the ship to depart. The next morning, we went to see the Bridge which is the control room of the ship. We

enjoyed our voyage and we did many group activities like drawing, singing, playing games and sometime we would even go to watch movie with our teachers in the movie hall. The food served on the ship was very tasty.

On February 25, I went to see the Cellular Jail. We learnt about the freedom fighters who had fought against the British and who were imprisoned here. We visited the place where the prisoners were forced to do work. If they refused, they were very severely beaten up and punished. I also saw the place where people were hanged. The rope they used to hang the people was very thick. We went to see the wings but only three wings were operational while four wings were in a run-down condition. All of us felt sad when we saw the cells of the freedom fighters.



In the evening, we again went to the Cellular Jail to see the Sound and Light show. It was about the life of the Indian prisoners and how they spent their time when they were in the jail. They did not like to obey the orders of the British but they had to do it, else they were punished very severely.



After Cellular Jail, I went to the Science Centre and there, I saw many types of fishes, shells, snakes, turtle etc. It is a wonderful place and it had many types of activities and games. I played for a while and then we watched a 3-d show of a turtle's adventures.

On the same day, we went to the place where Subhash Chandra Bose had first hoisted the flag in 1943. We enjoyed a lot and clicked many pictures. At night, we went to the Kalapathar beach. I and my friends collected many beautiful stones but unfortunately, they were still wet.

On February 26, we visited the Marine Museum. Once again, there was a large variety of fishes, shells and corals that we enjoyed seeing. In the

Zonal Museum, I saw pictures of the Jarawa tribe. There were tools made up of wood and skulls of many animals like pigs, deer etc. They live in small cottages and hunt animals for food.

In the Samudrika Museum, there were many different tiny fishes and different types of corals. We also saw the pearls inside the shells. I wanted to touch them but we were not allowed.

In the Naval Museum, we saw many types of corals in one room and read about volcanoes and the stories of butterflies. All of us posed with the model of a mermaid whose mouth was sprouting water.

The fishes we saw were:

- (1) Jack fish
- (2) Tiger fish
- (3) Flying fish
- (4) Lobster fish
- (5) Golden fish
- (6) Sword fish
- (7) Eel fish
- (8) Ray fish
- (9) Rabbit fish
- (10) Sea urchin fish
- (11) Sea snake
- (12) Octopus
- (13) Cat fish
- (14) Parrot fish



Types of corals

- (1) Umbrella coral
- (2) Mango coral
- (3) Mushroom coral
- (4) Finger coral
- (5) Brain coral
- (6) Corombos coral
- (7) Table coral
- (8) Sea fun coral

- (9) Digital coral
- (10) Cauliflower coral

### Types of shells

- (1) Turtle shell
- (2) Blue shell
- (3) Pearls shell
- (4) Black shell
- (5) Rough shell
- (6) Trimale shell
- (7) Turbo shell
- (8) Horn shell
- (9) Flat shell

### (10) Conch shell

We went to see the Saw Mill and we saw models of carved woods. We saw many types of wood kept there. We saw how the woods were being cut by a machine. The woods were being cut in equal size.

On 27<sup>th</sup> I went to Chhidiya Tapu. I saw many types of animals and birds like crocodile, deer, boar, parakeet, parrot, lizard etc. The place was very beautiful and there were many different types of trees too.

On 28<sup>th</sup> I went to the Gandhi Park. We did Paddle boating there. It was a great experience. We also played for a little while in the playground. There were many jhoolas like the swing, see saw, slide and the tunnel through which we could come out. In the afternoon, we went to another park and there also we



played on the swings.

On 29<sup>th</sup> we went to Radha Nagar beach. All of us went for a swim. When waves were coming it was real fun to play and jump.

On 1<sup>st</sup> march we went to the Ross Island in the morning. We saw the church, a pond and the houses where the British had stayed and enjoyed themselves while they ill-treated the Indians in the Cellular Jail. But these houses were now like ruins with roots of the old trees overhanging on the walls. We saw many spotted deer running here and there. This island was later named as the Subhash Chandra Bose Island.



After that we went to the North Bay Island by a small boat. We had a unique experience of taking a ride in a glass-bottomed boat. We could see the fishes, corals under the water from the bottom of the boat; while sitting inside the boat. Corals like Brain coral, Finger coral and fishes like Butterfly fish, Tiger fish, rock fish etc. and many plants also.

I really enjoyed this 15 day long unforgettable trip. It was an exciting time for all.



