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Cleaning up our mess

How many of us have actually shown gratitude to the school janitors? While we are busy thanking our family, teachers or friends, janitors shouldn't be left out. They spend their time keeping the school clean, helping us lead a hygienic school life. So, I would like to give a big bucketful of thanks to the janitors. Thank you!

Harmandeep Kaur, 16, St Margaret's Girls' College

From the depths of my sole

There is one thing that I rarely appreciate that really deserves some praise: my shoes! I mean, look at them. They're covered in scuffs and stains, they've seen dirt, rain and mysterious substances, yet they still help me get around. So, thank you, shoes. You've really got sole.

Catherine Wang, 15, Chinese International School

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My mum's the best

I once left my pencil case at home on the day of an exam. I cried knowing I couldn't go back home to get it. But then an older student gave it to me. I thanked her and she told me my mum had brought it from home. I knew my mum was sick that day, so it was so kind of her to bring my pencil case into school for me. I was so touched, and I'll be careful not to be so forgetful in the future.

Doris Li Yi-tung, 12, Carmel Divine Grace Foundation Secondary School

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Blue sky thinking

I am thankful for Xi Jinping's (習近平) decision at the recent Apec summit to cut carbon emissions by 2030. It's good news because we might be able to see the blue sky and smell fresh air on the mainland again soon!

Avy Kwok, 16, Hong Kong True Light College

Taking a moment to say thank you

Yesterday was Thanksgiving in the United States, so we asked our readers what they are most thankful for. Here are the best answers ...



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Making the smart decision

Where would I be without my smartphone? With my iPhone in my pocket, I always feel comfortable and safe. I get to keep in touch with my friends who are studying overseas. It feels like they are standing right next to me. I want to thank smartphones for bringing people a little closer in this big world.

Katie Hung, 16, St Margaret's Girls' College

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What's that smell?

I'm thankful that the sweater I pulled out from the bottom of my closet didn't make me smell like a giant mothball.

Cheryl Man, 15, Renaissance College

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It's a wonderful world

When I walk along the street, I see trees everywhere, and can smell beautiful flowers. I don't normally appreciate these sort of things. But I am learning to be thankful for my perfect walk to school. So thank you, wonderful world!

Amelie Liu Hoi-man, 17, Immaculate Heart of Mary College

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Sweating it out

I'm thankful for deodorant. Not for myself, but for the guy sitting next to me in chemistry class who enjoys playing basketball during lunch.

Melory So, 15, Renaissance College

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Cartoon courtesy

I want to thank Doraemon, my favourite cartoon character. He is so smart and can solve any problem.

I'm always amazed when he produces a new invention from his pocket. So thank you, Dorameon, for the happy memories.

Dorothy Lee Yuen-ying, 13, Immaculate Heart of Mary College

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No need to complain

When someone asks us what we are thankful for, most of us are already rolling our eyes and bracing ourselves for the "you're living such a privileged life, you're so lucky" lecture. But next time, especially on Thanksgiving, do think about it. Maybe you won't feel the need to complain about the Starbucks barista spelling your name wrong on your Frappuccino cup.

Annette Kim, 15, Chinese International School

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