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JOHN'S TURN

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ON FRIDAYS there's assembly.
It's in the morning, before class.
We sit in the canteen, so it still smells like breakfast.

Mr Ross does announcements.
Sometimes there's a guest.
And then, if we're good, at the end,
one of us gets to do something for the whole school.



A performance.
It's called "Sharing Gifts."
A lot of us think that's a kind of dumb name,
but we also think Sharing Gifts is the best.

Last week Tina played tuba.





Once Jesse did magic tricks.
That was cool, but it was hard to see his cards from the back.



Carla told us some jokes.

Today was John's turn.

John brought two bags to school,
his backpack and one with his Sharing Gifts stuff.
He was quiet at breakfast. We knew why.
He was nervous.

