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NEWS & VIEWS

“Somewhere, Something Incredible Is Waiting To Be Known”

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Deepak M Mathews
Principal

Where There is a Will, There is a Way

Unity College has been a beacon of success for many years, continuously passing the baton from one batch to the next. Our students and staff are always ready to make history, embodying the spirit of what Unity is all about.

It is truly wonderful to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our students, guided by our experienced and talented staff members. Together, we strive for excellence. Together, we create, we inspire, and we bring honour to our College. Whether it's in sports, where we excel in Football and Athletics, or in Academics, Languages, Science, and Co-Curricular activities, Unity College stands tall. Our name is synonymous with achievement and progress.

However, our journey towards excellence requires the unwavering support and dedication of both parents and students. Parents play a crucial role in nurturing their children's talents, encouraging their aspirations, and fostering a positive learning environment at home. Students, in turn, must commit to their studies, be regular, participate actively in school activities, and uphold the values that the College stands for. Together, this collaboration is essential for our continued success and growth.

Unity College is committed to the ideals of love, care, togetherness, and secularism. From the moment you step onto our campus, the sense of unity in diversity is palpable. The vision and mission of our esteemed founder Dr Kalbe Sadiq Saheb, have been realised through our collective dedication and hard work.

May we continue to have divine guidance in all our endeavours.

Principal

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

WORLD HEALTH DAY

The College celebrated World Health Day on April 8, 2024, with a series of activities designed to instill the importance of good health and healthy habits in its students. In the Primary Section, classes I and II participated in interactive activities to introduce basic health concepts, such as the 'Go Away Germs' experiment and a drawing activity. In class III,

students engaged in breathing exercises, meditation, games, and art to reinforce healthy habits. A quiz on personal hygiene assessed their understanding of this crucial aspect of health. In class IV, students created bookmarks with a World Health Day theme to serve as reminders.

In class V, students engaged in a multi-pronged approach to learning about healthy eating, drawing or writing about healthy foods, balanced diets, and different food groups, and participating in poster-making to express their understanding. These

activities effectively conveyed the significance of good health to young learners, instilling a sense of awareness and empowering them to make positive choices towards a healthy lifestyle.



EARTH DAY

The College celebrated Earth Day on April 20, 2024, with a focus on environmental awareness and action. Primary Section students participated in various activities, such as learning about environmental responsibility through creative charts, posters, cut-outs, beautiful hangings and eco-friendly practices illustrating ways to protect the Earth, and planting saplings to contribute to a greener future. The event also featured a special morning assembly led by students from Iqbal House, where Innama Abbas of VII-C emphasised the importance of preserving the Earth. The Inter-House Quiz was conducted by Wajiha Batool of

VIII-A. The Inter-House Collage Competition for the Secondary and Senior Secondary Sections showcased artistic brilliance, with entries expressing poignant messages in two categories: 'Pollution' and 'Climate Change'. Principal Mr Deepak Mathews urged students to plant seeds of change by fostering green spaces, protecting existing flora, and combatting pollution to ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. The Earth Day Celebration served as a rallying cry for collective action, inspiring students to become champions of environmental preservation.



JUNIOR INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture Ceremony for the Primary Section of the College was held on April 24, 2024, to honour new student leaders for the academic year 2024-25. Principal Mr Deepak Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor, teachers, and students attended the event, which began with a Quranic recitation and a

pledge.

The highlight was the induction of the new student leadership team. Hyder Nasir and Abeeha Fatima of class V-B were named Junior Head Boy and Head Girl respectively. Junior Captains, Vice Captains, and Prefects also received their badges from teachers.

Mr Mathews administered the oath of office, emphasising responsibility and excellence in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities. The Vice Principal and Headmistress congratulated the new leadership team and encouraged them to

fulfil their roles sincerely, fostering teamwork and mutual support. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem, highlighting the College's commitment to nurturing leadership and responsibility.



INTER-HOUSE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT & SALAD MAKING CONTESTS

On April 27, 2024, the College campus hosted two Inter-House contests: Flower Arrangement and Salad Making. Each House featured four contestants from the Junior and Senior categories. The Flower Arrangement Competition showcased creativity with an open-choice theme, resulting in diverse designs that showcased form, colour, and texture. The Salad Making Competition aimed to balance taste and nutrition, with participants

crafting their salads based on cleanliness, safety, and taste. The winners were escorted by their respective teachers to admire their masterpieces. Sir Syed House emerged as the Champion House in both contests, and Principal Mr Deepak Mathews commended the winners, highlighting how such competitions boost students' confidence and drive them towards achieving their potential.



UNITY COLLEGE TRIUMPHS IN SUBROTO CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



The College's Under-17 Boys' Football team excelled in the Subroto Cup Football Tournament, starting with a 3-0 semifinal victory over La Martiniere College. In the Championship showdown, they triumphed over Seth MR Jaipuria with a 4-1 tiebreaker win, earning a spot in the State-level competition in Agra. Principal Mr Deepak Mathews congratulated the football team and their Coach, Mr Amir Ali, for their outstanding performance and success.

LABOUR DAY CELEBRATION

The College celebrated Labour Day on May 1, 2024, to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of its support staff. The day began with refreshments, and each support staff member was given a water bottle for carrying water. Students from Lower Nursery to Class V generously donated items worth Rs. 10 each, including biscuits, bread, jam, soaps, shampoos, detergents, and toothpaste. The collective contributions were carefully packed and distributed among the support staff as tokens of gratitude. The College's Labour Day celebration emphasised the importance of fostering a culture of gratitude and unity within the community, reaffirming the College's commitment to fostering a culture of gratitude.



PALETTE OF PURPOSE: INTER-HOUSE ART EXTRAVAGANZA

The College hosted the 'Palette of Purpose' event on May 4, 2024, featuring an Inter-House Art Competition, Face-Painting, and Painting Competitions. The electrifying event aimed to showcase artistic talent and engage students in experiential learning. Classes I to V participated in an Art Competition with themes like community, transportation, and superheroes. Senior students (IX to XII) and Juniors (VI to VIII) competed in Face Painting on themes of environmental conservation and social issues like 'Save the Planet Earth' or 'Save Energy' for Seniors and 'Save the Girl Child' or 'Stop Child Labour' for Juniors, challenging participants to intertwine creativity with social consciousness. Principal Mr Deepak Mathews praised the students and Art Teachers—Ms Sadhna Pal, Ms Sabiya Bano, Ms Ruby Rizvi, and Ms Hejana Rizvi—for organising a successful event that celebrated creativity and advocacy through art.



ERA UNIVERSITY'S EYE CHECK-UP CAMP

Era University's Department of Optometry and Diya Foundation orchestrated an Eye Check-Up Camp at the College from May 6 to May 10, 2024, catering to students from Lower Nursery to Class XII. Principal Mr Deepak Mathews welcomed the doctors from Era University Lucknow. Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor, and College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima supervised the camp, which aimed to screen students for vision issues and detect serious eye diseases early on. Children were assessed for refractive errors through refraction tests, with prescriptions provided onsite, and those requiring further evaluation were referred to the base hospital. Mr Mathews and Mr Bharti expressed gratitude to the Department of Optometry for their support in promoting eye care awareness among students.



SENIOR INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Senior Secondary Section held its Investiture Ceremony on May 7, marking a new era of leadership. Principal Mr Deepak Mathews bestowed badges and the school flag on the Head Boy and Head Girl, while Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti pinned badges onto the Vice Head Boy and Vice Head Girl. Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor presented badges to the English Literary Club In charges, while Urdu and Hindi Literary Club In charges were honoured by

their subject teachers. Sports Captain and Vice Captain received badges from Sports teachers, while Discipline Captain Boy and Girl assumed roles. House Captains, Vice Captains, and Prefects received badges from their respective House In charges and teachers. Mr Mathews commended the Council's readiness and administered the oath. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by the Vice Principal and a harmonious rendition of the National Anthem, symbolising unity and pride.



STUDENTS' VOTER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The College students from classes VIII and IX organised an Awareness Campaign across the vicinity, urging citizens to exercise their fundamental right to vote. Led by their teachers, they marched around the vicinity with speaking placards to awaken, act, and vote, engaging with shopkeepers and passersby. The campaign aimed to promote civic responsibility and highlight the importance of voter participation in shaping community and national futures. Principal Mr Deepak Mathews encouraged students to inspire citizens from diverse backgrounds to vote, expressing optimism about the campaign's potential to boost voter turnout and foster a more inclusive democracy.



CSIR-CIMAP'S ESSAY WRITING AND POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

The College held an Essay Writing and Poster Making Competition for classes IX-XII on May 9 in collaboration with CSIR and CIMAP under the Scientist Students Connect Programme (Jigyasa). The event, guided by HOD Biology Department Huma Rizvi and supported by CSIR coordinators Pragya Trivedi and Pooja Sharma, aimed to extend classroom learning through research-based activities. The competition focused on 'India in 2050' for essays and 'Industry 4.0' for posters.



Principal Mr Deepak Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor, and College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima extended their best wishes to the participants. Mr Mathews received appreciation from Ms Trivedi and Ms Sharma for facilitating the event. The event

wrapped up with group photographs captured by Mr Mirza Saif Husain.

The competition provided a platform for students to contemplate the future of science and consider the implications of technological advancements on society.

ICSE AND ISC 2024 FELICITATION CEREMONY

The College celebrated the achievements of its outstanding ICSE and ISC students at the 2024 Felicitation Ceremony. The event was graced by College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Principal Mr Deepak Mathews, Former Principal Mr Francis Castelino, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor, Manager II Shift Dr S Kalbe Sibtain Noorie, Principal II Shift Ms Shabana Ahmad, and TMT Academic Supervisor Ms Tehseen Zaidi. The College achieved a remarkable 100% pass rate, with 13 ICSE students scoring above 90%, 7 above 88%, and 33 ISC students achieving over 90%. Fatima Ahmad topped ICSE with 97%, excelling in Computers (99), Mathematics (98), and Science (97), while Mohd Sadiq led ISC with 96.25%, shining in Mathematics (100) and Computers (97). The ceremony celebrated students, teachers, and parents with achievers adorned in marigold garlands, concluding on a note of pride and inspiration.



PRIMARY SECTION MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

On May 14, 2024, the Primary Section celebrated Mother's Day to honour the most important women in their lives—their mothers—with a series of heartfelt activities. Students in each class created unique expressions of love, expressing their appreciation for their mothers. Class I engaged in earbud printing, transforming simple cards into personalised tokens of appreciation. Class II created crowns for their mothers, symbolising their admiration and respect. Class III embraced card and badge making, expressing gratitude through intricate designs and loving messages. Class IV

tried jewellery-making, highlighting the significance of the maternal bond. Class V created collages, reflecting cherished memories and moments shared between mothers and their children. Each collage served as a visual love letter, encapsulating the depth of the students' appreciation and the enduring nature of the maternal bond. The celebration eloquently showcased the deep appreciation and love students hold for their mothers, highlighting the profound impact of maternal bonds on their lives.



HONOURING MATH OLYMPIAD ACHIEVEMENTS

The College celebrated its students' outstanding achievements at the College Math Olympiad on May 16, 2024. Principal Mr Deepak Mathews expressed delight, while Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti awarded medals and certificates to the gold medalists. Other Mathematics teachers, Mr Arif Husain, Mr Shahidul Haq

Siddiqui, and Mr Inkit Punjabi, honoured the silver and bronze medalists. Mr Bharti congratulated the students for their remarkable performances. The event served as a moment of pride and inspiration, recognising the dedication and talent of the College's budding mathematicians.

CELEBRATING STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

The College held a special morning assembly to honour students' achievements in Level-2 Olympiads and the All India Swachh Bharat Art Competition. Awards and certificates were presented to those excelling in the SilverZone English Language Olympiad, SilverZone

Math Olympiad, SilverZone Informatics Olympiad, and the Swachh Bharat Art Competition. The toppers of the English Language Olympiad received gift vouchers worth ₹350 and medals for their exceptional performance.



Achievers in SilverZone English Language Olympiad

Class XII

Tabsheer Fatima
1st Position (Level-2)
Malika Zaidi
1st Position (Level-2)

Class IX

Almaz Zehra
1st Position
(Level-2)

Class X

Mohd Sajjad Baqri
1st Position
(Level-2)

Class VIII

Shazan Murtaza
1st Position
(Level-2)

Class II

Mohd Abdullah Mehdi Rizvi
Topper (Level-2)
(Gift Voucher worth ₹Rs 350 & Medal)

TOPPERS

Class III

Bisma Fatima
Topper (Level-2)
(Gift Voucher worth ₹Rs 350 & Medal)

Achievers in SilverZone Math Olympiad

Class II

Syed Mohd Abbas Rizvi
1st Position (Level-2)
(Certificate & Gold Medal)

Class III

Mohaddisa Zehra
1st Position (Level-2)
(Certificate & Gold Medal)

Class IV

S Zain Rizvi
1st Position (Level-2)
(Certificate & Gold Medal)

Achievers in SilverZone Informatics Olympiad

Class IV

Mohd Mehdi Abbas
Certificate & Silver Medal

Class II

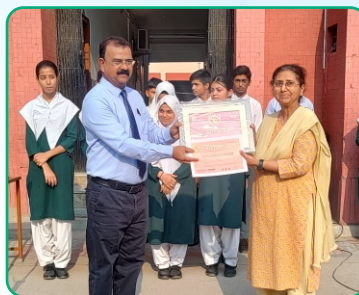
Wahiba Haider
Certificate & Silver Medal

Class III

Bisma Fatima
Certificate & Silver Medal

ACKNOWLEDGING TEACHERS' ROLE IN SILVERZONE OLYMPIAD

The College honoured its teachers during the SilverZone Olympiad on May 16, 2024. Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti awarded certificates of appreciation to Mr Jai Banerjee, Mr Shahidul Haq Siddiqui, and Ms Sabiha Salman, amidst students' applause. Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor also presented certificates and honours to Primary Section teachers, Ms Farheen Fatima Naqvi, Ms Ruby Rizvi, and Ms Sana Baqar, on July 1, 2024. Mr Bharti also presented a certificate to Ms Mansoor, commending her for successfully organising the entire SilverZone Olympiad. He also commended the teachers for their invaluable guidance and commitment, highlighting their pivotal role in the event's success and fostering a spirit of excellence within the College.



YOGA DAY

The College hosted a Yoga Camp on June 20 and 21, 2024, under the Uttar Pradesh Non-Olympic Association's auspices. The event attracted students, teachers, parents, and officials, guided by yoga instructor Mr Ravi Kumar. Key figures included College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Principal Mr Deepak Mathews, II Shift Principal Ms Shabana Ahmed, and Non-Olympic Association members such as Mr A K Saxena, Mr Ashok Kumar, Mr Lalit Prakash Pandey, Mr Rajesh Kumar Verma, Mr S Haq, College PTI Mr Zafar Zaidi, and Ms Shaheena Jafri. Mr Saxena and Mr Rizvi stressed incorporating yoga into daily life. The camp also honoured Unity College's medalists from the state-level Arm Wrestling Competition, promoting physical wellness.



SHINING PERFORMANCE AT URDU BADHAO URDU PADHAO COMPETITION

The Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad Memorial Committee, in collaboration with the North India Journalist Welfare Association, organised the 'Urdu Badhao Urdu Padhao' writing competition, in which Unity College emerged as the top performer. The event, held at Premchand Sabhagar, Hindi Sansthan, Hazratganj, Lucknow, aimed to promote Urdu language and enhance creative writing skills among students. The top performer was Basirat Fatima of XII D, while Syed Muskan Fatima and Mantasha Rizvi secured second and third positions, respectively.



The competition saw 40 students from classes X to XII participate enthusiastically. The winners and participants were honoured with prizes and certificates at a seminar and Award Ceremony on June 22, 2024. Esteemed dignitaries included Chairman Mr Tooraj Zaidi, Chief Secretary

Mr Shokat Ali, and Additional Chief Secretary Mr Jitendra Kumar. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from one of the organisers, Mr S N Lal. Principal Deepak Mathews congratulated the winners, showcasing the College's dedication to promoting Urdu language love.

HEARTFELT FAREWELL FOR MR FRANCIS CASTELINO

The College held a farewell event on June 26, 2024, to Mr Francis Castelino, who served as Principal for 20 years. Mr Castelino was a mentor, guide, friend, and guardian to faculty and students, enhancing their academic performance and creating a

nurturing environment. The event began with a welcome address by the new Principal, Mr Deepak Mathews, who presented Mr Castelino with saplings.



Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi praised him for leading the College to new heights and facing challenges. Administrative Officer Mr Farman Kazmi enchanted the audience with a mellifluous ghazal, while teacher Mr Shahidul Haq Siddiqui and Office Superintendent Mr Shahid Husain expressed their sentiments in a self-composed nazm. Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor expressed her gratitude for Mr Castelino's mentorship, while Principal II Shift Ms Shabana Ahmad and Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima also highlighted his

supportive nature. In his speech, Mr Castelino reminisced about his time at the College and acknowledged the guidance and support of Founder President Late Dr S Kalbe Sadiq, Former Secretary Late Brigadier Yawar Husain, and Former Chairman Late Mr Sajjad Naqi. Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti proposed a vote of thanks, acknowledging Mr Castelino's invaluable guidance over the years. The event concluded with a farewell lunch and personal goodbyes, extending best wishes to Mr Castelino for his future endeavours.

AVADHNAMA FELICITATES ICSE & ISC TOPPERS

On June 29, 2024, the Avadhnama Group of Publications held a grand felicitation ceremony for city colleges' board toppers on Founder's Day at the Hindi Sansthan. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Deputy Chief Minister of UP, Mr Brijesh Pathak. The event was also attended by College Secretary, Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi. Teachers Ms Nisar Fatima and Ms Nilofer Jafri escorted the top students to the venue. Top performers from Unity College,

including Mohd Sadiq (ISC), Fatima Ahmad (ICSE), Samana Fatima (Intermediate), and Abbas Haider (High School) from Unity College II Shift, were awarded certificates of excellence and a Rs 5,000 scholarship. Principal Mr Deepak Mathews praised the awardees and urged students to strive for excellence. The celebration inspired the top performers at the College to reach their highest potential.

PRE-PRIMARY ACTIVITIES

PRE-PRIMARY WORLD HEALTH DAY

Students celebrated World Health Day by exploring dental hygiene in a fun way. They learned the importance of brushing their teeth and mastered effective brushing techniques through interactive activities. A lively colouring and pasting exercise taught them to differentiate between healthy and unhealthy foods. They also engaged in fun exercises, emphasising the importance of physical activity for good health.



HANDWASHING ACTIVITY

Students of the Upper Nursery class participated in a handwashing activity, an essential part of their curriculum. This exercise aimed to teach the young learners about the importance of hygiene and cleanliness. By engaging in this activity, the children learned the proper techniques for washing their hands, helping them develop crucial life skills. The event was both educational and fun, reinforcing the significance of regular handwashing in maintaining good health. Overall, the activity successfully instilled the importance of personal hygiene in the students.



PRE-PRIMARY EID CELEBRATIONS

On April 15, 2024, the tiny-tots celebrated Eid al-Fitr with festive enthusiasm. Children dressed in vibrant Eid attire exchanged 'Eid Mubarak' greetings. Class Prep engaged in creative activities by crafting colourful gift boxes. In Lower Nursery, children decorated moons and stars to learn about the significance of Eid al-Fitr in a fun activity. The Upper Nursery students dressed in Eid attire, warmly greeted each other, and shared a festive lunch. They also created moon and star cards adorned with lollipops, enhancing the celebratory atmosphere. Lollipops and chocolate cakes were distributed among the students, enriching their understanding of Eid's cultural and religious significance.



PRE-PRIMARY EARTH DAY

The Section celebrated Earth Day by actively engaging in various activities fostering environmental awareness. Students participated in a planting activity to cultivate an appreciation for nature. A 'Recycle Bin' activity introduced them to sorting and recycling. Lower Nursery recited a poem emphasising the importance of a clean environment, while Upper Nursery delved into waste management by learning to distinguish biodegradable from non-biodegradable items, gaining valuable knowledge about responsible waste disposal.



PRE-PRIMARY SHAPES DAY

On April 24, 2024, the students celebrated Shapes Day with a series of engaging activities. Prep students embarked on a tactile adventure, using their sense of touch to identify shapes like cylinders, squares, rectangles, and triangles hidden in sand boxes, enhancing their shape recognition and sensory skills. Lower Nursery students matched colourful geometric shapes to their outlines, reinforcing shape recognition and

understanding of patterns. Upper Nursery students participated in a pattern-following game, picking shapes and continuing sequences to reach the end, further solidifying their understanding of shapes through interactive play. The day's activities, filled with laughter and discovery, successfully developed the students' foundational understanding of shapes and valuable cognitive skills.



SPLASH DAY

On April 27, 2024, the Section hosted Splash Day, a day filled with water-based activities that encouraged exploration, play, and social interaction. Prep class students enjoyed jumping in the water and participating in the collaborative activity of dipping bowls in a bucket of water and passing them backwards overhead, while Lower Nursery students enjoyed pouring and sprinkling water on each other, enhancing their motor skills and understanding of cause-and-effect through soaking and squeezing sponges and creating beautiful bubbles with soap and water.

Upper Nursery students participated in a challenging game using water-filled balloons, promoting eye-hand coordination and precision. They created colourful bubbles and transferred them onto paper to create unique additions to their scrapbooks. The Splash Day was a delightful learning experience for the children, filled with laughter, squeals of delight, and a sense of camaraderie, making it a memorable experience for all participants.



MOTHER'S DAY

The Mother's Day celebration on May 14, 2024, by the Pre-Primary Section was a heartwarming event honouring the invaluable role of mothers. The event began with the presentation of handmade cards to the mothers by the tiny tots, along with the refreshments. Esteemed guests, including College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Principal

Mr Deepak Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor, and College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima, added significance to the occasion. The College Secretary and the Principal spoke eloquently about the indispensable role, immeasurable contributions, and importance of mothers in the lives of children.



A touching video message from teachers, expressing appreciation and love for the wonderful mothers and a mesmerising dance performance by class Prep students added special touches. Mothers participated enthusiastically in 'Food Without Fire' and 'Mehendi' competitions, showcasing their culinary and artistic skills. These competitions were judged by Ms Shabana Ahmad and Ms Ambreen Raza. The event concluded with the distribution of prizes awarded to the winners for their dedication and enthusiasm. Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor delivered a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants and attendees. The Mother's Day celebration was a memorable event that emphasised mothers' unconditional love and sacrifices, reminding us to express daily gratitude and appreciation for them.



EID-E-GHADEER CELEBRATIONS

On June 28, 2024, the Section celebrated Eid-e-Ghadeer with enthusiasm and creativity, educating students about its significance in Islamic history. Lower Nursery students engaged in hands-on activities, illustrating the five actions of Eid-e-Ghadeer: handshakes, prayers, salwat, sharing sweets, and wearing new clothes. The young learners grasped the establishment of Islam and Hazrat Ali's (AS) role as Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) successor. Upper Nursery students crafted gift wraps filled with candies and chocolates, teaching values of generosity and camaraderie. Class Prep students created green turbans decorated with fluorescent sheets, symbolising Prophet Mohammad's (PBUH) appointment of Ali Ibn Abi Talib (AS) as his successor. These activities provided visual insights into the historical significance of the occasion and allowed students to showcase their creativity. The dedication and efforts of the teachers in organising these activities were outstanding, promoting educational growth and fostering cultural appreciation among Pre-Primary students.



YELLOW DAY

On April 16, 2024, students celebrated Yellow Day by dressing in various shades of yellow, from sunshine gold to mellow lemon. Lunchboxes were filled with delicious yellow treats, complementing their vibrant attire. The purpose of the day was to make the children aware of the colour yellow. Various activities were organised to help them explore the world of yellow, such as bringing home a

yellow toy or object and sharing it with others. Lower Nursery engaged in affixing fragments of yellow paper onto the sun template; Upper Nursery made lion cub masks; and Prep made adorable yellow duck headbands. Yellow Day was a delightful way for the Pre-Primary children to learn about colours and have fun, fostering a newfound appreciation for the vibrant colour yellow.



ORIENTATIONS, COUNSELLINGS & WEBINARS

PARENTS' ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

The College hosted Parents' Orientation Programmes in April 2024, fostering collaboration between parents and the school community. The sessions began with Lower Nursery orientations on April 6, followed by Upper Nursery & Preparatory orientations on April 8. Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor guided these sessions, offering comprehensive insights into the College's curriculum, regulations, facilities, and overall ethos. Later sessions for Classes I & II and III-V on April 15 and 25 highlighted the College's commitment to punctuality and programme adherence. Parents' renditions of Surahs from the Holy Quran added to the interactive presentations. Ms Mansoor emphasised the importance of parental engagement in ensuring regular attendance, optimal facility utilisation, adherence to norms, effective teacher communication, homework monitoring, and creating a supportive learning environment at home.

Another Parents' Orientation Session for classes VI and VII was held on April 19, with the Principal, Mr Deepak Mathews, emphasising the need for improved discipline and academics.

The Vice Principal, Mr Sachindra Bharti, highlighted the joint responsibility of school and parents in nurturing children into good individuals through quality education, especially during adolescence.

In an orientation on April 25, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti highlighted discipline, punctuality, and the "5 P's of Success" for classes VIII and IX, stressing the need for 75% attendance

and announcing summer remedial classes.

A special session for Board classes on April 15, 2024, led by Principal Mr Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Bharti emphasised parent-teacher meetings, communication, and fostering a supportive home-school relationship, aiming to strengthen collaboration and understanding among stakeholders.



FITZROY DECODABLE READERS WEBINAR

English teachers from the Primary Section participated in a webinar series on April 18 and 19, 2024, focusing on the benefits of using decodable readers in classrooms. Hosted under the theme 'Unlocking the Power of Decodable Readers with Fitzroy Readers from Australia', the webinars introduced the Fitzroy Method, emphasising phonics instruction. Presenters Faye Berryman and Nicholas Berryman detailed the method's structured approach, starting from basic letter sounds to advanced digraphs and spelling rules.

They highlighted how decodable readers, aligned with the Fitzroy Method, enhance students' phonics understanding and literacy skills through engaging texts and grammar exercises. The webinars debunked myths about phonics, stressing its role in decoding complex words. Overall, the sessions provided Primary Section English teachers with essential insights and resources to effectively implement the Fitzroy Method, aiming to cultivate a passion for reading and ensure comprehensive literacy development among students.

NDA COUNSELLING SESSION

The College held a Counselling Session on May 4, 2024, for class XII students, introducing the National Defence Academy (NDA) as a career path. Led by Mr Saurabh Pandey and Mr Asif Hasan from Doon Defence Academy, the session covered NDA's significance, its eligibility criteria, and personal

growth benefits, fostering confidence in students. Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti and Principal Mr Deepak Mathews expressed gratitude for the insightful guidance, noting the session's motivational impact on students.

CAREER LAUNCHER COUNSELLING SESSION

On May 13, 2024, Career Launcher Lucknow conducted a comprehensive Counselling session for class XII students preparing for undergraduate entrance exams. Principal Mr Deepak Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti welcomed the team, including Mr Abhishek Singhania, Mr Shivam Narayan, Ms Bushra, Mr Saleem, and Mr Gaurav. The College Counsellor, Ms Nisar Fatima, organised

the event. Mr Narayan, Head of Faculty of Law, discussed law exam patterns, syllabi, and placement prospects; Director Mr Singhania shared his success story; and Ms Bushra, Centre Manager, highlighted the importance of time management and mock exams. Students actively participated in an interactive Q&A session, which concluded with Mr Bharti's vote of thanks.

SESSION ON BANKING INSIGHTS

A Counselling Session on Banking insights was held on May 14, 2024, for class XII Commerce students. Led by distinguished alumnus Najib Rizvi, who is now Branch Manager at Kotak Mahindra Bank, Rajajipuram Branch, the session emphasised the importance of practical training over theoretical learning in corporate environments. The session was hosted by Principal Mr Deepak Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti and

orchestrated by College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima.

Mr Rizvi provided valuable insights on post-class XII academic choices for aspiring bankers and highlighted the current inflation landscape. The school administration expressed gratitude for Rizvi's mentorship and the session's informative and engaging nature.

WEBINAR ON 'MEMORY POWER'

The College attended a webinar on 'Memory Power', organised by the Times NIE and the Sudhir and Smruti Foundation on May 18, 2024.

The session, aimed at students from classes III to XII, focused on improving their ability to recall information quickly and easily. The session was led by international memory coach Mr Saurabh Vidhyadhar, who has trained over 600,000 individuals. Mr Vidhyadhar shared the top five secrets of memory power and offered solutions for issues such as concentration and focus problems, lack of confidence, lack of interest in studies,

mobile, game, and TV addiction, and negative thinking, anxiety, and depression. He also shared a secret mantra for staying positive and demonstrated how to quickly memorise difficult mathematical tables and sequences of odd items. The webinar also featured demonstrations by former students who demonstrated their ability to memorise entire textbooks, including challenging subjects like chemistry. Mr Vidhyadhar invited attendees to join his 'Practical Training Workshop.' The webinar offered valuable insights and techniques for improving memory and overcoming educational challenges.

INTEGRATING SKILL EDUCATION & BUILDING VOCATIONAL CAPACITIES BY CISCE

The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) held a webinar titled 'Integrating Skill Education and Building Vocational Capacities at the Middle Stage' on May 24, 2024, aimed at integrating vocational education into the regular curriculum for ICSE schools. The webinar aimed to raise awareness about the importance of fun-based learning activities in enhancing skill education and vocational capacities at the middle school stage, with a special focus on '10 Bagless Days'. Expert speaker Ms Meenakshi Nerula introduced 33 skill modules, each requiring 12 to 15 hours to complete. These modules can be undertaken during

school breaks, camps, or regular timetables. Hobby clubs and learning hubs can facilitate these courses. 70% of the time is allocated to hands-on activities and 30% to theoretical learning. CBSE-affiliated schools will not face extra fees. Students can register and access study materials through two links. Upon completion of a course, students will receive a certificate from the Ministry of Education, India. At the end, the participants clarified their doubts in a brief Q&A segment. The webinar was concise yet comprehensive, effectively covering the essential aspects of integrating vocational skills into the school curriculum.

ORIENTATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT

On June 25, 2024, Principal Mr Deepak Mathews held an Orientation Session to commence the academic year after the summer break, aiming to promote an informed approach to teaching, student welfare, and the College's progress.

Mr Mathews emphasised a new approach to teaching and student engagement at the campus, introducing case-based studies, short tests, and regular classroom inspections. He also introduced the CUET pattern in Classes XI and XII, promoting spoken English and Principal-led student counselling. Lesson plans will include learning

outcomes and open-book exams, with activity-based learning and interactive teaching emphasised. Mr Mathews stressed the importance of staff discipline, including regular rounds, punctuality, effective time management, and campus cleaning. The co-curricular activities announced included the School Fest, Spell-Bee and Elocution, yoga for Primary classes, educational excursions, and promoting NDA enrollment through NCC. Sports initiatives include organised finals of Inter-House matches, student support, and participation in CBSE school tournaments.

In a pedagogy session, Mr Mathews emphasised the importance of connecting with students and creating SMART lesson plans. Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti suggested proper compering during assemblies, vigilance during break duty, and adherence to protocols during class exchanges. Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor emphasised the need for teachers to be observant during break duties.

The next day, Mr Bharti presented a study on board results from the past three years, comparing the current year's results with the national average and urging teachers to improve each year. He also screened motivational lectures by Nick Vujicic and Gaur GopalDas.

Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor highlighted the

importance of academic development for students in a session for Pre-Primary and Primary teachers. She emphasised the need for lesson planning based on Student-Centred Teaching (SCT) methodology and fortnightly reports on students' weaknesses and issues. Case study-based questions were introduced in Science and Mathematics, while open book questions were incorporated in English and Social Studies. Teachers were also responsible for maintaining classroom cleanliness, discipline, and order and enforcing spoken English.

The inspirational sessions significantly improved teachers' morale, fostered stronger student relationships, and enabled them to utilise various skills and strategies for their overall growth.

UNITY COLLEGE II SHIFT

BOARD EXAM EXCELLENCE

Unity College II Shift excelled in the 2024 High School and Intermediate Board exams with a perfect 100% pass rate, surpassing previous records. In High School, the average aggregate was an impressive 73.4%, led by Abbas Haider with 92.8%. Noteworthy achievements include 10 students scoring between 80%-90%, 22 achieving 70%-80%, and 25 securing 60%-70%, with one student passing at 57%. In the Intermediate exams, Samana Fatima topped with 82%, while 6 students scored 70%-79% and 11 achieved 60%-69%; the remaining 2 students scored in the 50s.

A felicitation ceremony on May 17, 2024, honoured high achievers, attended by dignitaries including

College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Manager Dr S Kalbe Sibtain Noori, Principal Morning Shift Mr Deepak Mathews, Principal Evening Shift Ms Shabana Ahmad, Vice Principal Mr Ammar Rizvi, and UEP Academic Advisor Ms Tehseen Zaidi. Students excelling with above 75% in Class X and 70% in Class XII received accolades alongside teachers and parents. Mr Rizvi offered career guidance, while Ms Ahmed praised the students and wished them success.

Abbas Haider, the top scorer in class X, will pursue Commerce at Unity College, with three others opting for Science streams.

FILM FESTIVAL VISIT

Unity College II shift students attended a World Unity and Peace festival at CMS, Kanpur Road Branch, to watch a children's film, 'Chiriyakhana.' The film, about a Bihari boy in Mumbai who overcomes hardships to achieve his dream of

playing football, resonated deeply with the enthusiastic students, providing a joyful and fun way to learn about universal values and global understanding.

MONTESSORI ACTIVITIES

MOTHER'S ORIENTATION FOR LN STUDENTS

On April 20, 2024, LN Montessori held a Mother's Meet for mothers to discuss the upcoming academic year and provide support for their children's development. Principal Ms Shabana Ahmad highlighted the Montessori method's unique differences from traditional teaching approaches, emphasising its ability to facilitate a smoother transition between home and school through practical activities such as pouring, cutting, and sweeping, which enhance motor skills and critical thinking. The meeting reached a consensus on the importance of mutual cooperation in a child's overall personality development.



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Mother's Day was celebrated for Montessori students' mothers in Central Hall on May 15, with distinguished guests including social activist Rohit Agarwal, Manager II Shift Dr S Kalbe Sibtain Noori, and Morning School Headmistress Ms Kinaat Mansoor.

Mothers, demonstrating teamwork, participated in competitions such as fireless cooking and games, judged by Ms Nisar Fatima, Ms Zehra Fatima, and Ms Hina Rizvi. The winners received certificates for their efforts.



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