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From the Principal's Desk



FRANCIS
CASTELINO

"Being at ease with ourselves helps others be at ease with us.

We can give no greater gift to others than putting them at ease."

The above sayings reflect the approachability principle. Some people treat the idea of becoming approachable as frivolous; it's a nice thing if one can be bothered to cultivate it. But true, it's much more than that. It is a powerful asset to have in one's relational toolbox.

To be approachable, it is not enough to love people in theory. The need is to generate personal warmth towards the people you meet. As Christian Bovee said, "Kindness is a language the dumb can speak and the deaf can hear and understand". You must be able to appreciate people for who they are and what they have to offer. Appreciating the difference of others can do the same for you.

Approachable people display a consistency of mood. They are even-keeled predictable. You know what you are going to get. They tune into the moods and feelings of others, and they quickly adjust how they relate to others. Approachable people are honest about their abilities and short comings. They are willing to be told not what they want to hear but they need to hear. They are ready to listen and learn. They are also able to forgive easily and quickly ask forgiveness. It makes people humble and authentic.

So make yourself APPROACHABLE.

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COMPETITIONS & WORKSHOPS

Creative Writing Contest

Creative Writing Contest was held in the Secondary and Senior Secondary sections on 2nd January, 2019. Students unleashed their imagination, impression and writing skills vying for the best articles. The competition witnessed a blend of intellect, fantasy, and language. Every student zealously participated as the contest was conducted in the classes itself. The winners were honoured with certificates

Ex Unition Meets To Guide And Inspire

As the right career decision is prerequisite in shaping the future growth and development of the students, Unity College scheduled a motivational session with Alumnus Mr. Aman Abidi for the students of Class XI on 11th January, 2019. Presently, Mr. Abidi is pursuing Ph.D. in Australia. Addressing the students, he shared his experiences of life and advised them to have a fool-proof plan for their future. He also discussed about various issues and confusions of the students and laid special emphasis on 'Respecting the Teachers'. He encouraged them to be confident and sure about their future plans. He then talked about different career options plus their respective advantages and disadvantages. He actively promoted 'Girls Education' and encouraged all the girls saying that the journey from a girl to a woman should be remarkable.

The session ended with a practical advice by College Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima that the students should keep interacting with their seniors and Alumni of their college. Overall, it was a very informative and enriching session for everyone.

Classmate Spell Bee

Unity College enrolled in the Classmate Spell Bee Season II on 19th January, 2019. A total of 295 students from classes V to IX appeared in the contest. Classmate Spell Bee has been powered by the Times of India along with Radio Mirchi with an aim to celebrate the prowess of words and spellings, and to bring the best spellers together from every corner of the country to showcase their skills at a national level. Though the set of questions were same for all the classes, junior students were seen no less enthusiastic than their senior counterparts in vying for the Best Fifteen of the College and proceed to the level 2. The gargantuan event was conducted smoothly in the classes itself under the supervision of their respective teachers. The highest scorer of the College, Bahar Alam of Class VII directly appeared for the L3 level scheduled on 15th March 2019.

NIE Art & Craft Workshop

On 19th January, 2019, an Art & Craft Workshop was organized by the Times NIE at Unity College. The NIE members from classes IV to VIII attended the Art Session. Consultant Mr. Simarjeet Kaur taught tie-n-dye and painting on T-shirts and shoes. The best part of the workshop was 'Learning by Doing'. The creativity they learned will be long lasting and very useful too as their painting lent a new attractive appearance to their old wares. They were obliged to Ms. Kaur for teaching them the awesome strokes of colourful paintings.



Technocrat 2019

On 19th January, 2019 the Secondary Section organized the Technocrat 2019 with an aim to promote computer literacy and a higher level of competency beyond the basics in the students. The inter-section event was well contested among the students of classes VI to VIII. They presented eye-catching as well as comprehensive Power Point Presentations on the present day issues of e-commerce, computer virus and social net-working. The fabulous designs, engrossing animations and precise content mesmerized the audience. The intellectual show was fairly judged by teachers Mr. Irfan Ahmad and Ms. Sana Baqar and the winners were honoured with prizes and certificates.

Joint Secretary Dr. Mohd. Talha was highly impressed by the meticulous show on the hard burning topics of the world today. He suggested that the best PPT of each class should.



Class Vocab Quiz

On 30th January, 2019, Inter-House Vocab Quiz was organized in Class VIII. Teacher Ms. Mahlaqua Siddiqui conducted the quiz with an aim to prepare the students for the annual examination at hand and also to enrich their vocabulary. The students were enthusiastic to showcase their learning and command over the language. All the four rounds witnessed zealous participation. The rapid fire round was the most captivating as the students had to tell maximum number of words beginning with a given letter within 30 seconds. The emphasis was to ensure the participation of each member of the House. Tagore House emerged as the winner. The winning team was applauded with prizes by the Section Head Mrs. Nisar Fatima.

Students' Counselling

Just before stepping into Class IX, Class VIII students were counselled on 12th March, 2019. Referring to the Extramarks Career Seminar held back in February, 2019. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino exhorted them to decide their vocation, and be confident and persevere. He said that the knowledge of all the general subjects like Science, Math, Social Studies and Language is imperative for future prospects. Hence, considering the present requirement, Math has been made a compulsory subject for both Science and Commerce students. At the same time, he made it candid clear that every subject is important if it suits your interest and aptitude. There are a number of fields open, the most important is to excel in your chosen career. He also decoded the Success Mantra that is, to accept challenges, study hard, do your work on time and in the best possible manner. He stressed on the command over language, disciplined life and a prudent friend circle. Then College Counsellor and Section Head Ms. Nisar Fatima reiterated that punctuality and discipline in life arm you to take up challenges and fare well in life. In conclusion, all the Class Teachers of VIII A, B & C Ms. Sabiha Salman, Ms. Mahlaqua Siddiqui, and Ms. Fizza Mehdi gave final tips to cash the session break, like reading good books, watching good & informative English movies and writing too in their entertainment list, and always think in English to improve their communication skills. The session proved to be a power-packed counselling in every field-academics, social behaviour and morality.

Path To Career By Extramarks

Unity College organized Career Awareness Seminar of Extramarks for Classes VIII and IX on 11th of February, 2019. Resource Personnel Ms. Nishi Sharma with Mr. Asif conducted separate sessions for each class. Ms. Sharma said that Career Planning includes knowing yourself, exploring your options, making decisions and moving on. It is the worst thing to judge a person's intelligence by the obtained marks though one needs marks to crack competitive exams. After that, it is your ability and passion that takes you forward in your career. She also talked about various streams, and the respective career paths. In addition, she told about a variety of jobs in different departments, diploma and degree courses, and scholarship portals as well.

In conclusion, College Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima thanked the noted counsellors for the comprehensive counselling session, and advised the students to be positive and confident in their choice of career.

CULTURE

A Deed of Charity

With the chilly weather lingering around the city, the Unitians stepped forward to donate woollen clothes and food grains to the poor and the needy on 7th January, 2019. This distribution drive was actually a practical teaching to imbibe the feelings of compassion and empathy in the students. Class XI students of the Humanities Section escorted by Headmistress Ms. Kainaat Mansoor & Sectional Head Ms. Nisar Fatima and other escort teachers visited a few slums in the city. They talked to the distressed and listened to their woes. Their deed of charity in the freezing winter brought smiles to the neglected rung of society. The philanthropic deed concluded with a kind resolution to continue this humane act in future as well.



Unity Celebrates Republic Day

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enthusiasm. The patriotic fervour was joined by Unity College, Unity College II Shift, Unity Training Center and Unity Veda Animation College.

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rapt attention struck the very chord of duty and service to the Nation. At this proud moment, College Joint Secretary Dr. Mohd Talha exhorted the students to vow for excellence in

education and progress of the country to empowerment, peace and universal brotherhood. College Principal Mr. Francis Castelino exhorted the students to keep up the spirit of free India both in thought and action.



In conclusion, the very aura of National Pride got expression in a mouthful of sweets for all.

Makar Sankranti Celebration

On 14th January, the Pre-Primary Section celebrated Makar-Sankranti amidst fun and frolic. The ardent kids of Upper Nursery and Prep gathered on the green sprawling ground and filled the ambience with mirth and laughter. They had colourful kites in their hands to fly high in the sky. The spectacle was so thrilling and appealing that the senior students and even some of the staff too came out for their help and joined in the celebration.



Unity @ Hafta-e- Wahdat, Chota Imambara

On the pious occasion of the birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) Unity students participated at Hafta-e-Wahdat celebrated at Chhota Imambara, Lucknow. Their enthusiasm knew no bounds as they presented lovely, soulful Qaseedas and a thought provoking skit. Their mesmerizing performance was appreciated and acknowledged with prizes and certificates.

Unity Waves 'Good-Bye' To The Outgoing Students



A sweet blend of joyous and sad emotions prevailed all through the farewell party at Unity College on 30th January, 2019 as Class XI students gathered to bid adieu to their seniors in the festively decorated

Central Hall. The event commenced with the soulful rendition of the Quranic verses followed by a welcome speech and a dazzling photo shoot presentation from the memory lane that brought smiles as well as tears of nostalgia.

A number of sprightly games and poignant songs interwove the entire programme and enthralled the audience. The hilarious melodrama 'Examination' portraying different situations of seating partners, chances and tricks of cheating captivated all and cast fits of laughter. Then amidst cheers and applause each one received a memento of warmth and love. Towards conclusion, many a complementary titles for sportsmanship, innocence, encyclopedia and many more decorated the deserving candidates. The most coveted titles Mr. & Ms. Unity crowned Head Boy Mohd Fras and Head Girl Mariya Ali, while Mr. & Ms. Farewell decorated Syed Nazre Ali Fraz and Maryam Zehra, respectively. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino said that farewell is not a good-bye but a stimulus to fare good in your life and make your future bright. He wished them best in the forthcoming exam and every sphere of life as well.

The party culminated on the nostalgic note of the emotional lines composed by Syed Nazre Ali Fraz- "Waqt-e rukhsat hai, haath milaate chale ham."



Unity Visits Ayyam - E- Fatimi

On the eve of Ayyam-e-Fatimi an exhibition was organized at Chhota Imambara. The exhibition depicted Bibi Fatima Zehra's life story and way of life. A large group of boys and girls of Unity College reached the venue with teacher escorts Maulana Arshad Husain and Ms. Sayedda Kaneez, They took keen interest in learning about the life of the ideal lady who is said to be the best icon for all daughters, wives and mothers. There, the Theology Department of the College was honoured with a Memento.



Unity Salutes Womanhood

Unity College held a special Assembly to mark the International Women's Day. A speech was delivered impressing upon the fact that women empowerment lies in believing in oneself and honouring oneself. At the same time, we look forward to a better world where men and women live harmoniously, free of violence and discrimination. It was followed by introducing and celebrating some contemporary great women achievers like Arunima Sinha, Rashmi Bansal, Harshini Kanhekar and Bhakti Sharma. In conclusion, Principal Mr. Francis Castelino congratulated all the women and said that appreciating and applauding other's achievement is good, but you should also rise to such heights.

EVENTS

Saturday Market



The bright, sunny day of 19th January witnessed a vibrant buzz in the Pre-Primary Section of Unity College. The young marketeers of classes Upper Nursery and Prep put up the lively

'Saturday Market' of fresh vegetables and fruits. The kids attired as green grocers, calling out the prices of their items and inviting the customers was an enthralling sight. A good number of stalls were set on eye-feasting, colourful canopied step-shops and vegetable-carts. The sprawling panorama became all the more endearing as the sellers displayed the price of each item on their class-slates. In fact, it gave an impression of a noisy market where one stall was of chillies, lemons and coriander, the other was of cauliflowers, brinjals and potatoes, the next contained apples, bananas and papayas and so on. All the seasonal fruits and vegetables were sold enthusiastically as well as prudently. The sellers showcased their numerical skills in bargaining, calculating and also returning the extra money to the customers.

As was the market special, so were the customers like College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Joint Secretary Dr. Mohd. Talha, Principal Mr. Francis Castelino, staff and parents. Headmistress Ms. Kainaat Mansoor congratulated the students and their teachers for creating an incredibly busy market scene.



Creative Hands At Work

On 2nd February, 2019, the Science, Art and Craft Exhibition was organized at Unity College. Chief Guest for the occasion Ms. Mansi Didwania Director Kalasrot Art Gallery was highly impressed by the aesthetic artistry and scientific skills showcased by the students. A wide range of exhibits by different departments dotted the entire college, with participation ranging from Class Nursery to Class XI. Pre-Primary Section displayed an eye-feasting sight of urban 'Green City' verses rural 'Dholakpur'. The visitors were awe struck by the glorious sight of festivals, puppets, seasons, forests, interior décor, decorated footwears and wedding decor. The live puppet show, selfie-point, cultural diversity, mehndi competition were other captivating sights. All the classes screened relevant information about the theme accompanied by soothing instrumental music. In the Senior Section, the scientific inventions and discoveries zoomed in with a number of working models like a walking and singing Robot, Hydroponics, Cloning, Sewage Treatment Plant Biogas Plant and many more.



Unity Shines At World Hijab Day @ Sheroes Café

Ayesha Rais of Class IX-B of Unity College bagged the Second place in the Poster Making Competition on the occasion of World Hijab Day Celebration at Sheroes Café, Lucknow on 3rd February, 2019. She received the WHO badge and a stole.

Unity Condemns Pulwama Terror Attack

Unity College condemned the dastardly terrorist attack in Pulwama dated 14th February, 2019 in the special assembly. The students zealously sang the patriotic lines of 'Ai Vatan, Mere Vatan', dedicated to the martyred and the injured. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino condemned the barbarous strike and exhorted the students to observe 3 C's -Courage, Conviction and Commitment; and 3 D's -Devotion, Determination and Discipline in life. In the end, the College observed a two minute silence to condole the martyred.

Prep Graduation Day 2019



Unity College buzzed with excitement and exhilaration on 20th March, 2019, when the Prep Graduation Day was held to honour the little wonders under the able guidance of Headmistress Ms. Kainaat Mansoor. The function was honoured by the Chief Guest Dr. Srishti Srivastava, Principal Navyug Girls Post Graduate College, Lucknow. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino warmly welcomed the dignitaries, parents and audience, and abreast them with the prime objective of the College to reach to the marginalized section of the society.

At the onset of the ceremony, the divine rendition from the Quran, the Bhagwat Gita and the Bible was followed by a string of lively, thought provoking programmes by the tiny-tots. Upper Nursery put up a poignant skit raising the sensitive issue of plastic menace, and concluding on a musical pledge- 'Kasam ye khai, plastic tik na pai'. Class Prep too came up brilliantly with another mind blowing skit based on child labour, followed by the emotional lines of 'Taarey Zameen Par'. Finally, the most awaited moment struck when the proud students of Class Preparatory received their deserving scrolls. The smiles on their faces marked their exultation and aspirations.



Dr. Srivastava was highly impressed by the impeccable, didactic cultural programme. She urged the parents to make their wards' childhood rich with quality time, healthy communication, mental health, social etiquettes and other values. They should make them good humans who celebrate success, but can also embrace failure without aggression or despair.

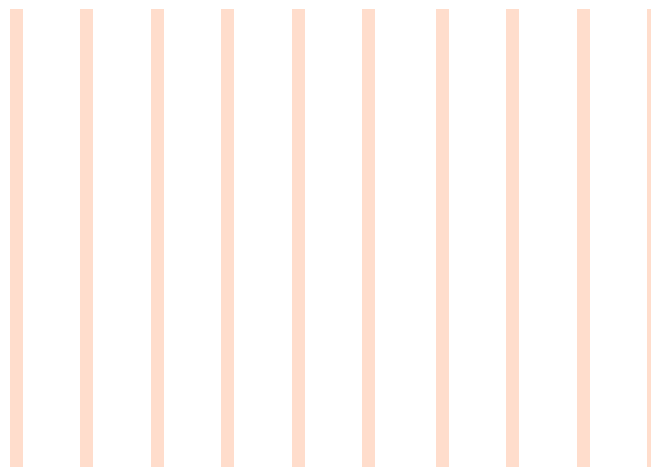
In conclusion, College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi was all praise for the small wonders and proposed a vote of thanks with a benevolent appeal to take forward the great vision of Founder President Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq and give their children a bright future.



Unity Celebrates Science Day

The pleasant wintry morning of 28th February, 2019 swept over the special assembly to observe the National Science Day and to mark the great discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian Physicist and Nobel Laureate Sir C.V. Raman. The students bubbling with enthusiasm did role plays of great scientists and each narrated their achievements. To name a few were C.V. Raman, APJ Abdul Kalam, Isaac Newton, Thomas Alva Edison and others.

It was followed by an interesting Science Quiz and a lively discussion on pros and cons of Science. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino applauded the Science Department for the very informative as well as mesmerizing programme. He said that Science has brought the world closer even the planets too, but it has distanced us from one another.



2ND SHIFT

Farewell to Class XII

Class XI bade a reminiscing farewell to the students of Class XII on 30th January, 2019. The Seniors received a warm welcome by the Juniors as they entered wearing elegant attires. The programme started with the enthusiastically performed farewell songs which created an ambience full of emotions. It was followed by many colourful programmes presented by the students of Class XII.

Seniors were over whelmed with their titles like Mr. Unity and Ms. Unity. Their flash back memories of school days made everyone emotional. College Principal Ms. Shabana Ahmed blessed the students for their future endeavours.



Sajjadia Trust Visit

A short programme was conducted in honour of the eminent guests Mr. Sajjad Ibrahim and his team from Sajjadia Trust of Canada at Unity College on 20th January, 2019. The programme commenced with a formal welcome of the guests by College Principal Ms. Shabana Ahmed. The other dignitaries present were College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi and College Manager Mr. Kalbe Sibtain Noori.

Amidst great enthusiasm, the students presented a thought provoking, educational, cultural programme. An action song on the theme of 'loving mother' was presented by Lower Nursery students followed by a skit. The cynosure of the function was song 'Mera Desh Rangeela'. Its soulful melody filled the ambience with patriotism and universal brotherhood.

The programme came to an end with the speech by Mr. Sajjad Ibrahim. He was very happy to see the programme. Addressing the audience, Mr. Sajjad Ibrahim motivated the students to reach the pinnacle of success by aiming high and their doing best in life.



Teachers of Unity College honoured with Awards

Teachers from Unity College II shift were honoured for their exemplary work in the field of education at the Award Function held by 'Rubaru Society' on the occasion of the International Women's Day.

Acknowledging their remarkable work, a total of five teachers namely Bhavna Nigam, Rizwana Bano, Sadaf Naqvi, Khushnu Yawar and Saima Rais were honoured at Baba Thakur Das School with certificates and medals.

Montessori Celebration

The session for the students of Montessori (Lower Nursery & Upper Nursery) ended on 5th March 2019. The last day was celebrated with great zest. The students came in their best attires. They were very happy and excited. The teachers organized many games for them like musical chairs, lemon and spoon race, balancing a book on the head, etc. The children participated with great enthusiasm in all the activities.

The winners were given chocolates. Towards conclusion, students danced to the tunes of a few nursery rhymes. It was throughout a fun-filled day for all the teachers as well as the students.

Obituary

The wonder and glory of Pre-Primary department suffered a major set back, as it lost one of its treasured gems, Ms. Saba Agha, early this year. Her devotion of nearly 16 years to the institution shall be remembered as an exemplary mentor who embraced the nursery blossoms and nurtured them with utmost affection and patience. She assisted the little scholars in setting milestones ahead by shaping their basics and was successfully able to light the spark of learning in their world of academics.

With profound grief and deep respect, the entire faculty of Unity College bids farewell to her on a journey of eternal peace hereafter.



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