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From the Principal's Desk

Exactly a yearlong span after classrooms were shifted to the online space because of the outbreak of Covid-19, the same scenario has rebounded as the second wave of pandemic has hit the ailing humanity with a more severe variant, flagging serious concern and precautions. Coincidentally, it surged just at the time when the new academic season was about to begin. Once again, the physical classes are being suspended, still we don't have to be paranoid. The school needs to follow administrative orders while the parents and students have to support the digital lessons. Teachers and parents must come together to propagate healthy life style, and impart effective as well as comprehensive lessons and assignments from home. Now, the children must adapt to this new norm-the online education.



Moreover, children's health and wellbeing have been at the forefront. Hence, precautions are necessary. Social distancing, hygiene and mask culture must be adopted. In addition, their physical as well as mental health such as depression, exhaustion, loneliness, nervousness, anger are to be dealt with professional expertise and patience. Parents must spend quality time with kids and keep them engaged in creative activities at home. The onus of inculcating discipline to follow proper schedule for physical exercise, study time, recreation and sleep lies with the educators and parents. Besides, identifying the child's inherent talent and nurturing it to the utmost now rests more with the parents and family. The teachers need to work more proactively with the parents in this regard.

I call upon the teaching faculty and the parents of the Unity family to rebuild a stronger system to help children thrive, excel and be happy. I pray for all to be safe and healthy.

WE CARE-PATHOLOGY, CLINIC & MEDICAL STORE

The grand inauguration of WE CARE - Pathology, Clinic and Medical Store at Napier Road, Husainabad, Lucknow on 3rd January, 2021 marked the glorious commemoration of the birth anniversary of Hazrat Fatima Zehra (A.S.). The clinic has been equipped with modern equipments of ultra-modern technology; and is committed to offer the best treatment possible at minimal charges.



Dr. Mansoor Hasan graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Also present were Prof. Abbas Ali Mehdi, Dr. Kausar Usman, Dr. Asad Abbas, Dr. Riyaz Mehdi, Prof (Dr.) Mohd Ahmad, Mr. Sharib Redaulvi and College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi.

The function was conducted by Unity College students and anchored by Mr. Zeeshan amidst festive fervour. The beautiful Tilawat by Faris Abrar of Class VII-B commenced the programme. The mellifluous Qaseeda in praise of Hazrat Fatima Zehra (A.S.) presented by Anamta Mirza (X-B), Bushra Mirza (IV-B) and Imaan Butool (V-B) held the audience spellbound. In Conclusion, Maulana Hasnain Baqri

and Maulana Arshad Husain Moosavi addressed the gathering. Maulana Baqri said Allah bestows mercy on those who selflessly serve their fellow men.



UNITY DISTRIBUTES WOOLLEN BLANKETS IN OLD LUCKNOW

The month of January comes with biting cold and freezing nights. This is the time when the have nots are most vulnerable to cold and diseases. Hence, the compassionate Alumni of Unity College joined hands to help the needy. The Ex-students who have fortunately joined the College again as teachers donated warm blankets among the deserving people in Old Lucknow on 4th January, 2021. The whole drive was executed under the guidance and instructions of College Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima.



UNITY @ LEARNING CURVE-COVID AND ONLINE TEACHING, AZIM PREMJI UNIVERSITY

Against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, educational institutions have been pushed to board digital platforms but recently it has come to light that these online options are actually sub-optimal, pedagogically unsound and inadequate substitutes of physical classrooms. For Pre-primary and Primary children, these have been particularly ineffective due to the deep intimate nature of learning that is needed in the formative years of schooling. In keeping with this view, Azim Premji Foundation organized a webinar on 6th January, 2021 to apprise the teachers of the new norm and teaching skills to meet the present challenges. The distinguished speakers were Dr. B. S. Rishikesh, Associate Professor-Azim Premji University and the author of 'Questioning the New Normal: Online Teaching' and Mr. Anil Angadiki, author of 'Using Covid-19 as a Tool for Learning.'

Dr. Rishikesh rightly said that India, being a third world country where the access to technology is so limited, cannot go completely digital. Nevertheless, he is of the view that bridging the access gap is not a solution. The Online Teaching meets only the intellectual aspects while the emotional, social and physical remain untouched. Besides, the virtual classroom requires a

distinct set of preparations and teaching skills. It also establishes a new inter-face for the parents to connect with children's education, that is in compliance to the NEP 2020. He also laid emphasis on the Blended Learning Model for school going children which focuses on online resources as well as hands on worksheets and self-made videos.

Mr. Anil Angadiki shared the problem of access to technology. Only 30% students have access to online classes in India. Referring to the Vidyagama Programme in Karnataka, he advised to follow the model of face-to-face teaching outside the classroom in community centers, parks or temples for the children who don't have any access to technology, which is a beautiful way to get children engaged in learning without following any syllabus.

Lastly, both the speakers advocated incorporation of the present context or living situations in the curricula. And the teachers should have the liberty to bring about changes in the syllabus to make learning possible during challenging times. The session concluded that technology can be used as an aid but not as the key platform in the teaching learning process.

UNITY STUDENTS HONOURED @ HOPE INITIATIVE

The top two students were honoured with 'The Student of the Year' Awards by Hope Initiatives on 12th January, 2021. The prime objective was to recognise and applaud their extra miles in studies as well as co-curricular activities. These all-rounders are Syed Ali Jibran Rizvi - Class XII of Unity College and Wafa Mirza - Class XII of Unity College II Shift, one from each Branch. Ms. Reshma Sami - Hope Initiatives, conferred each of them with the coveted prize of a Study Lantern. The event was coordinated by College Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima. Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi and Principal Mr. Francis Castelino appreciated the innovative gesture of Hope Initiatives for motivating students.

A CAREER COUNSELLING SESSION FOR A CAREER IN MERCHANT NAVY

An informative online counselling session for a career in the Merchant Navy was organized on 15th January, 2021 by CARE HRD. The session was conducted by the Chief Engineer Mr. Sunil Kolte, Professor Marine Faculty and HOD of Placements and Training, Maharashtra Academy of Naval Education and

Training (MANET).

Mr. Sunil made the students aware of the Merchant Navy courses and also informed about his Institute-MANET, which is considered as one of the best institutes for Maritime Studies through a presentation showing the facts and figures related to the course. In addition to it, he provided the students with detailed insight into the field, such as degree awarded, eligibility criteria, the process of selection and enrolment, the period of training, pay scale etc.

He abreast the students with the two Maritime Courses in MANET- B.Sc. Nautical Science (3 years) to become the Captain of a ship; and B. Tech. Marine Engineering (4 years) to become the Chief Engineer of a ship in future. He also informed about the career options after both the courses and placement companies which visit MANET. In conclusion, he resolved the students' queries and urged them to dream big and work hard to achieve it.

ONLINE SPELL BEE COMPETITION AT UNITY COLLEGE

Learning a language is the foremost step in the academic journey of a child and the school plays a vital role to train the students in this direction. Appropriate words with correct spellings convey the right message, so spelling becomes very important because it helps cement the connection that is shared between sounds and letters. The Primary Section at Unity College organized an Online Spell Bee Competition for classes I to V on 20th January, 2021 through Zoom App with an aim to encourage learning through the Play-way method and also to keep pace with technology, the demand of the new age.

The Competition comprised of the following three rounds.

I Round: 'Spell the Word'.

II Round: 'Missing letters'

III Round: 'Picture Round'.

The participants had to guess the correct spelling of the given words. All the three rounds of the Spell Bee held the participants spellbound with their innovative approach of combining learning with fun and competition. Even the toughest words were spelt with unflinching ease.

The comprehensive language development program was a wonderful learning experience for the participants. The Winners of the Spell Bee Competition were given e-certificates by the College.

UNITY CONGRATULATES S. IMAAN BUTOOL RIZVI

Adding one more jewel in the bounty of achievements, Unity student S. Iman Butool Rizvi of Class V-B made the College proud by proving her mettle through her stupendous performance in an online competition organised by Rizvi Trust Najaf e Ashraf (Iraq) on 24th Jan., 2021.



The competition was held on WhatsApp wherein students' in depth knowledge on Shahadat-e-Janab-e-Fatima Zehra A. S. was examined. Spontaneity and correct answers were the hallmark of the competition. Heartiest Congratulations to Butool Rizvi who outshone her competitors by giving an exceptionally outstanding performance by bagging a good score and winning an E-certificate. Online Competitions of such kind provide a dynamic educational platform for the students in various institutes.

UNITY CELEBRATES REPUBLIC DAY

The auspicious day of 26th January witnessed a grand celebration of the Republic Day amidst the joint gathering of staff and senior students of Unity College and its sister branches-Unity College II Shift, Unity Technical Training Center and Unity Veda Animation College.



The ceremony commenced with the flag-hoisting by Chief Guest Mr. Shahid Manzar Abbas Rizvi, IAS-Sp. Secretary, Agriculture Production Dept., Lucknow. The eyes were fixed on the fluttering

Tiranga and the hearts were proud as the solemn tone of the National Anthem resounded in the air. Mr. Rizvi said the best way to commemorate the monumental day is to adhere to the fundamental principles laid down in our Constitution. He administered the students to pledge the Preamble to make India a strong, united and advanced nation. He stressed on including the value system in academics as the preamble is the value system of our governing bodies. Rights and duties go simultaneously and justice can be best defined in the words Hazrat Ali (A.S.), 'When every deserving man gets his right place.'





Principal Mr. Francis Castelino shared the most awaited news of the Padma Bhushan Award to the Founder President Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq posthumously, and

congratulated the family members and every Unitian on the occasion. It was followed by warm tributes to him and his mission of education, health and anti-superstition drive. Students presented heart-touching elegies authored by Teacher Ms. Sabiha Salman in English and Office Superintendent Mr. Shahid Husain in Urdu.

The celebration proceeded to a rainbow of cultural events ranging from enthusiastic speeches to patriotic songs and memorable skits. The zealous speeches in English and Urdu paid a homage to our Constitution builders. Besides talking about the country's transformation into an advance and progressive nation, they also highlighted the present day issues of the pandemic, unemployment, poverty, illiteracy and corruption; at the same time, exhorted the individuals to play their active role towards the solution. Then the choir took the stage with the patriotic song 'We can Achieve'.



The mellifluous lines of the song were punctuated with small acts of jubilations over India's achievements in the field of Covid19 vaccination, Sports and safeguarding

its boundaries. The students of Unity College II Shift presented the wistful lines of 'Teri Mitti Mein Mil Jawa' accompanied with synchronised actions in the guise of soldiers. Next was the awesome skit replicating the Constitution builders and its formation.

College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi expressed the vote of thanks, especially to the Government of India for honouring the Founder of the College Dr. Kalbe Sadiq Sahab with the Padma Bhushan Award. He then exhorted

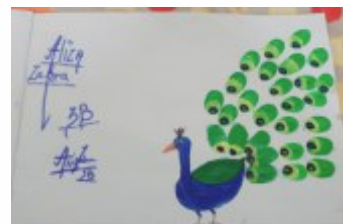


the students to achieve great heights, at the same time devote themselves to the selfless and simple service to the community and the nation.

The function culminated with the pledge to build a strong nation with inputs from every citizen.

ONLINE REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION AT THE PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY SECTIONS AT UNITY

The Primary section at Unity College scheduled a wide array of virtual activities with great élat to commemorate the D-day and to ensure that the fervor of patriotism may live on, despite the ongoing



Covid 19 pandemic.



LN and UN students mesmerized everyone with their cute videos reciting 'Nanha Munna Rahi Hun' and preparing healthy fruits and vegetable salad in the patriotic hues of the Indian flag, Prep boys and girls wearing bracelets and tiaras spoke on the significance of

the tri-colour.

The spirit of patriotism ramped up when Class 1 students painted the National flag on their faces; Class-2 students exhibited beautiful flower arrangements; Class-3 students made exemplary



National monuments and bridges through thumb painting; and Class-4 students displayed their artistic skills through fabulous Rangolis depicting our National flag and other National symbols.

Kids born in the 21st century are often unable to visualize and imagine how the struggle for

freedom would have been. To introduce them to the Independence struggle and the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to free our country, Class 5 students





were asked to dress up as any freedom fighter and speak few lines on them. These little ones dressed up as Bhagat Singh, Mahatma Gandhi, Rani Laxmi Bai and other freedom fighters and earnestly delivered excellent lines on them, henceforth evoking the feeling of nationalism and patriotism.

The celebration culminated on the motivational note of values and virtues that help in the peaceful coexistence of both people and our Nation together.



SULTANAT-E-AZA ONLINE COMPETITION

An online competition was organized for students below the age of 12 years by Saltanat-e-Aza YouTube Channel to offer homage to Hakeem-e-Ummat Late Dr. Kalbe Sadiq Sb. This competition was one of the key initiatives undertaken by Saltanat-e-Aza to motivate and encourage young leaders of tomorrow to showcase their expressions through videos by reciting Manqabat, Munajaat, Salam, Nauha, Nazm etc., thereby improving their oral and language skills.



It was specifically designed to examine the religious knowledge of the students and honouring the genuine talents with amazing prizes and laurels.

The following students showcased their artistic talents and were acknowledged for their enthusiastic participation and winning these special mention awards.

Top 3 Awards Based On Likes:

- 1st Asiya Rizvi (5-B - Unity College) - *Won School Uniform
- 2nd Mahira Naqvi (L.N.-A - Unity College)
- 3rd Zainab Kazmi (4-B - Unity College)

Top 3 Awards Based On Views:

- 1st Qarib Rizvi (U.N.-B - Unity College) - *Won Class Syllabus
- 2nd Zainab Amina (IV-B - Unity College)
- 3rd Syeda Hooriya (L. N.-C - Unity College)



Top 3 Awards Based On Talent:

- 1st Wajahat Rizvi (L.N.-A - Unity College) - *Won a Cycle
- 3rd Farwa Zehra (IV-A - Unity College)

Headmistress Ms. Kainaat Mansoor applauded the winners and stressed on such healthy online competitions which help the participants in gaining



substantial experience, showcasing their skills, enhancing learning and uncovering personal aptitude.

UNITY STUDENT AS MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER AT JAI HIND MONTESSORI SCHOOL, LUCKNOW

On 26th January, the Day of National pride brought a proud moment for Unity College as Waqar Husain of Class VIII-C delivered a motivational lecture at Jai Hind Montessori School, Lucknow. She threw light on various firm steps to boost self-confidence that complement a person's potential and drive to success. School Manager Mr. Sarfaraz Husain conferred her with the certificate of Honour. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino congratulated Waqar Husain for her superb self-confidence and eloquence in speech.

UNITY DISTRIBUTING WINTER CLOTHES TO POOR

As the mercury dropped to a freezing temperature and the city was overcast with blur fog, Unity College came out to help the



have-nots with warm clothes on 30th January, 2021. The day chosen was Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary, it was to pay tribute to the Father of the Nation

and follow his footprints of love for the fellowmen. The students of Class XI Humanities along with College Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima distributed woollen clothes in the Kuriya



Ghat Slum. Such winter donations are practised every year under the able guidance of Principal Mr. Francis Castelino to make the students sensitive towards the pitiable conditions of the poor during extreme weathers.



CELEBRATING COLOURS AT UNITY

Our world is filled with colours. Early identification of colours helps to create the cognitive link between visual clues and words which is an important part of a child's Holistic development. With this motive, the Pre-Primary Section at Unity College celebrated Colours' Day on zoom to make the students aware of the colours, their significance and to develop the fine motor skills in the students.



Class Prep practised their nimble hands on **'FIREWORKS IN A JAR'**.

They explored the science of liquid densities in a truly mesmerizing way by mixing different colours in a bowl with normal cooking oil using a fork

which ends up looking like a firework. The little ones enjoyed doing the experiment with immense enthusiasm and zeal. They also learnt the properties of

water and oil through this activity.

Upper Nursery practised their skills in **'COLOUR MIXING'**. It was a wonderful experience for Upper Nursery students to see how colours blend and form other colours. They simply learnt to experiment, explore and make different colours by mixing two colours.



Lower Nursery had the all engaging activity **'LEAF PRINTING'**. The students took three different shaped leaves and painted them with three different colours which were further printed on a plain sheet. This



creative process was not only a fun-filled art project for the students but they also learnt to identify leaves and produced pretty decor pieces out of them.

Headmistress Ms. Kainaat Mansoor appreciated the awesome, fun-filled lessons in colours with a scientific tinge.

UNITY GOT PLACE IN THE ICS CALENDAR 2021

Unity College cheers for Shaheen Khatoon of Class XII-A whose wondrous painting got the coveted place in the ICS Calendar 2021 as a 'Special Mention'. She participated in the International Painting Competition 2020 organised for the purpose by Institute for Career Studies a couple of months before.



The Contest received an overwhelming response of 525 paintings from 126 schools from across India, Middle East and Bangladesh. Dr. Amrita Das, Founder Director-

Institute for Career Studies, Lucknow sent congratulations to the winning Artist and conveyed appreciation to Art Teacher Ms. Upasana Rastogi who has brought out the inherent talent in the student.



UNITY SHINING @ NATIONAL LEVEL ONLINE DRAWING COMPETITION 2020, SEWASANKALP

The young budding artist of Unity College Mohammad Zuhair of Class III, sweeping through quite a good number of competitors, emerged as the winner in Category A of the National Level Online Drawing Competition 2020. The online contest had been organized by Sewa Sankalp with an aim to float a learning opportunity to the children being away from schools and shut in homes during the Novel Corona Virus. The entire exercise boosted the latent talents in the students to exhibit their aesthetic portrayals as well as break the ice.

Principal Mr. Francis Castelino congratulated the winner and extended gratitude to the organization for keeping the children engaged in pedagogic activities and break through.

ORIGAMI ACTIVITY AT UNITY

Origami is a unique Art form that transforms a piece of paper into a three-dimensional object. The all lively lessons in this Art form dynamize holistic learning of a child. It helps stimulate listening skills and strengthens the fine motor skills and eye coordination as well.



The advent of online classes has provided a path for teachers to deliver meaningful content to their students. Henceforth, to trigger the imagination and enhance the creative skills of the young kids, the Pre-Primary section at Unity College conducted an Origami Activity on 6th February 2021 through Zoom. Children participated in this creative venture with great zeal and high spirits.



The Class Teachers of Prep., L.N. and U.N. guided the little ones on Zoom in making wonderful objects out of Origami Sheets. The little ones used their artistic skills by folding these Origami Sheets and created different objects like a house, crab and cat etc. They created

different shapes and structures to showcase their finesse in paper craft. The young ones used their dexterity in creating novelties with these sheets which resulted in wonderful schematic learning through repeatable actions.

The paper folding craft was not only a fun-filled experience but also proved to be a valuable means to develop artistic skills in the young ones.



POPSICLE ACTIVITY

The minds of children are impressionable. When teaching involves fun-filled activities, children tend to learn the most. At Unity, we believe in developing fine motor skills of the children at a very young age. To encourage this, an outstanding motor development Popsicle activity for the little ones was organized by the Pre-Primary Section at Unity College.



Ice-cream sticks or popsicle sticks are a craft supply that children love having full stock of. There are many amazingly different popsicle stick crafts that children love to involve themselves in. Every child presented a unique piece of craft. It was a fun-filled activity which inspired them to use their imagination and creativity.

LOWER NURSERY-These tiny tots had a total blast in doing the activity and made mesmerizing Popsicle huts in their scrapbooks and decorated them beautifully.



UPPER NURSERY-The little ones exhibited their creativity by making beautiful family photo frames with Popsicle sticks and decorated them with mirrors and buttons in their scrapbooks.

PREP-The students of Prep exhibited their skills by making exemplary penguins using Popsicle sticks in their scrapbooks. It was a pleasure to see the kids making such outstanding crafts with such élan.

This activity enhanced dexterity, fine motor skills and helped the little ones in boosting their confidence. It proved to be a great learning experience for the tiny tots and gave them a platform to explore their hidden talents.

UNITY ATTENDS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP @ BENNETT UNIVERSITY

On 1st February, the Times NIE organised the virtual workshop for Unity College with an objective to abreast the aspiring students with the courses, programmes and facilities offered at Bennett University, Greater Noida, established under the aegis of the Times Group. The session was attended by the students of classes X to XII along with teacher coordinator Ms. Mahlaqua Siddiqui.

Addressing the students, Mr. Ketan Tiwari said the institution boasts of world class and highly qualified faculty, programmes that cater to Industry Requirements of Today and Future, Entrepreneurial Opportunities, Global Exposure, excellent Industry Connect and strong Group Backing of Babson College and other elite institutions. In addition, the students can avail admission scholarships up to 100%, besides 100% assistance in internships/projects and placements.

UNITY VISITS FATIMA ZEHRA A.S. EXHIBITION, KARBALA-E-DAYANAT-UD-DAULA

The Theology students of Unity College set off for Karbala-e-Dayanat-ud-Daula to visit the Fatima Zehra (A.S.) Exhibition on 8th February, 2021. The event had been organized by Jama'at-e-Jafari with an aim to present a glimpse of the married life of Bibi Fatima (A.S.) and to motivate the believers to follow her footsteps in navigating a healthy and peaceful wedded life. History is witness that there was never any argument between Hazrat Ali (A.S.) and wife Fatima Zehra (A.S.), as we generally see between spouses these days.

The students with escort teachers Mr. Arshad Husain, Ms. Sayedda Kaneez Fatima and Ms. Zeba Fatima observed each and every exhibit with keen interest and tried to accumulate more and more information on the exemplary life of Bibi Fatima (A.S.) who is considered to be the archetype of not only a good wife but also an obedient daughter and a loving mother. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino motivated the students to be good members of their families, school and the nation.

ANO MS. NILOFER JAFRI ATTENDS NCC CAMP

Teacher Ms. Nilofer Jafri accomplished her duty as an ANO at the NCC Camp of 64 Battalion at St. Fidelis College, Lucknow, scheduled from 9th to 13th February, 2021. Her duty was with the girl cadets. As an expert trainer, she conducted the basic NCC training as per the curriculum. She did her duty with devotion and



sincerity. Hence, she has been honoured for her outstanding performance as an ANO of the 19 Battalion.

Principal Mr. Francis Castelino congratulated Ms. Nilofer Jafri on her coveted achievement.

NIE PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME 'ONLINE LIVE LEARNING'@ UNITY

On 13th February, 2021, Times NIE organised 'Online Learning Programme'- a virtual session of Orientation for the Parents of students from Class I to XII of Unity College with an aim to abreast them with Coding and Computational Thinking and to connect them to the National Movement of Learning as per NEP.

Addressing the parents and students, Ms. Aleena shared the success stories of Namya Joshi of age 13 and Medhansh Mehta of age 9 who have amazed Microsoft CEO Mr. Satya Nadela with their Minecraft Sessions and Gaming App, respectively. She also talked about the importance of Coding in learning computer skills, creativity, decision making and confidence building. Then the attendees were introduced to different online courses offered by Whiz Juniors for different age groups. The courses cover digital foundation, Logic Building, Coding, Designing, Animation, Mobile App Development, Artificial Intelligence and Ethical Hacking. It was followed by an interactive Session in which Students as well as Parents were seen very enthusiastic and inquisitive about the courses. At the parents' request, a Demo Session was organised on the following day, 15th February.

Principal Mr. Francis Castelino is deeply appreciative of Times NIE for introducing the students to the right platform where they can apply innovative ideas and design thinking skills in a positive manner.

UNITY LIFTS RUNNERS UP TROPHY @ KUNWAR MUNINDRA SINGH MEMORIAL INTERSCHOOL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Unity College participated in the Kunwar Munindra Singh Memorial Inter-School Cricket Tournament organised by



Colvin Taluqdar's College Lucknow. The College team had its first match against Colonel S. N. Mishra College on 17th February, 2021.

The boys gave a crushing defeat by 4 runs. Next day, the second match too was a commendable victory over D. P. S, Jankipuram, Lucknow by 18 runs.



The final day, 19th February, witnessed a strong defence against S. R. Global College but lost the match by 7 wickets. Nevertheless, Unity College cheers to have secured the Runners Up position in the tournament.



PLANTATION ACTIVITY AT UNITY

Plantation is a combined mission of all mankind to plant more and more saplings in order to save our ailing planet. When we plant a seed we don't just plant a sapling but hope. To make the students aware of the importance of plants and trees for environmental sustainability, the Pre-Primary section organised a plantation awareness activity



using the video conferencing application, Zoom.

The students of Class L.N., U.N. and Prep were asked to arrange different varieties of seeds like coriander, kidney bean, gram, etc. The Class Teachers instructed them online how to sow the seed in a small pot. Watching them enjoying the

sowing activity was delightful beyond measure. They were also directed to observe changes as the seeds begin to sprout and grow over time and to nurture the saplings as they grow and bear fruits by watering and looking after them, henceforth teaching them responsibility. There



will be a follow up session to check and ensure that the Saplings are being taken care of.



The teachers explained them grade-wise the ecological and environmental significance of plantation, the lifecycle of a plant, the process of pollination and its types. This environment friendly online activity helped sensitise the young ones to save and conserve our environment looking ahead to sustainability.

UNITY ATTENDS 'CAREER AS COMPANY SECRETARY'

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organised a Career Counselling Session for the Commerce students of ICSE and ISC at Unity College on 25th February, 2021 with an aim to abreast them with the fast growing



career and other formalities regarding admission, besides promoting high calibre professionals and facilitating good corporate governance.

CS Mrs. Samana Rizvi and CS Mr. Saad Khan conducted the session in coordination with Vice Principal Mr. C. S. Paul. Mr. Saad shed light on the career with endless opportunities. He told about the eligibility criteria for CS Executive Entrance (CSEET), CS Executive Programme and CS Professional Programme running at ICSI. A person is eligible to apply for membership by passing all three levels of examinations that is CSEET (Earlier Foundation), Executive and Professional prescribed by ICSI and completing Short term and Long term practical training. Ms. Rizvi shared that if the CS course is clubbed with an MBA and LLB, the aspirants can do wonders and establish themselves high. She also motivated on further academic pursuits like Company Secretary in Employment and Company Secretary in Practice.

Towards conclusion, Vice Principal Mr. Paul reiterated to pursue LLB before opting for CS. In this case, the candidates have far better opportunities to explore and establish themselves.



SESSION ON READING SKILLS BY ASEEMA CHARITABLE TRUST

Keeping in mind the ongoing need to excel in online teaching and the challenges faced due to it, a Reading Session for the Language teachers of the Primary and Pre-Primary section of Unity College was organized by the Aseema Charitable Trust on 24th February, 2021 via a digital platform, which was facilitated by Ms. Sharmeen Shah. The general focus was on the importance of good reading skills so that the students are able to develop the capacity to read with speed, accuracy, proper expressions and most importantly with understanding. It also highlighted upon a few strategies that the teachers can implement in order to help their students become good readers and gain the

skills that are crucial to good reading.

The session emphasized upon the following points-

- Importance of reading fluency
- Types of reading which were discussed in much detail-
 - Virtual Read Aloud
 - Model Reading
 - Repeated Reading
 - Echo Reading
 - Cloze Reading
 - Choral Reading
 - Reading Theatre

The key skills that the students should develop are:

- Maintain a diary wherein they can write about any topic that they have read during the day.
- Encourage the students to read independently, record and send.
- Encourage children to read at home.
- Allocate adequate time for reading.

The session was quite interactive with equal opportunities given to the teachers to participate and interact with the facilitator. It concluded with the viewpoint that more efforts shall be put into targeting the desired results and doing justice to the potential that the students hold.

ALUMNUS LAUNCHES TECH CLUB @ UNITY

With the increased importance of technology in society, digital literacy is gaining recognition as the most valuable tool for lifelong learning, and it has become all the more important with the sudden shift of paradigm to online platforms during the pandemic. Now, it has become a pressing need for the students to explore the emerging novel opportunities and career choices promoted by digitization. Keeping in view the contemporary requisite, Unity College organised a Seminar on the 17th of Feb., 2021 with an objective to launch Unity Tech Club and prepare the students for the world of Technology. Mr. Syed Wasi-ul Hasan Rizvi, Cyber Crime Security Expert, Australia was invited to conduct the seminar. The College takes pride in his great achievement and cheers for him being the Head Boy and ISC topper of the first batch-1999.

Addressing Classes IX to XII in three shifts, Mr. Hasan shared that digital literacy is mandatory to be able to navigate the Digital World. With it, comes digital destruction and security. If one thinks like a hacker, he will be able to analyse as well as overcome the flaws. He also talked about various digital technologies like robotics, artificial intelligence, natural language processing, cyber-crime, etc. He said since their future lies in a digital world, they must start preparing from today, and be tech savvy and digitally literate.

In order to address the aforementioned requirements, Mr. Hasan launched the Unity Tech Club. The club will encourage the self-motivated students who want to learn, share and grow with others in the innovative field of digitization and coding. It will promote creativity and increase the technical know-how and productivity of the members under the able guidance of Tech Experts and coordination of Vice Principal Mr. C. S. Paul.

In conclusion, Principal Mr. Francis Castelino warmly applauded Mr. Wasi-ul Hasan Rizvi on his exemplary accomplishments in the Digital World.

UNITY BOY CLINCHES FIRST PRIZE @ ONLINE DEENI TALEEMI MUQABLA, TANZEEMUL MAKATIB, LUCKNOW

Little Champ of Unity College, Mohd Qarib Rizvi of UN-B, brought laurels to the College as he won the First Prize in the Online Deeni Taleemi Mukabla held on 26th February, 2021. The event was organised by Tanzeemul Makatib, Lucknow with an aim to boost religious awareness as well as practice among the children in India.



A plethora of competitions encompassing Kalma Recitation, Salwaat Recitation, Azan-O-Eqamat, Ziyarat and Muntakhab Sureh were conducted. Mohd Qarib Rizvi participated in the category in the age group of 4 to 6 years. He recited Surah Fatiha with sweet eloquence, intonations and pauses that stole the hearts of the judges. He was conferred with the Certificate of Achievement for the best performance.

HANDS ON THUMB PRINTING ACTIVITY @ PRE-PRIMARY, UNITY

Thumb and Potato printing activities welcome young minds to the unique blending and creating from an abstract to simple expressions and boost self-appreciation of their own creativity. When the toddlers' nimble hands try thump printing, this artistry though seems simple and very childish, it is actually an important component of their basic scholastic curriculum to build and strengthen motor skills like hand-eye coordination, muscle control and dexterity. With this pedagogic objective, the Pre-



Primary Section of Unity College scheduled the activity of 'Thumb and Potato Printing' on 27th February, 2021. Since the activity was to be conducted online,



the teachers sent messages regarding colours, punch papers, etc. in their respective class groups of LN, UN and Prep. The class on zoom was really a fun time on screen. The preschoolers were ready with all paraphernalia for the colourful journey. Following their teachers' instruction, they dabbed their thumbs or potatoes in the colours of their choice and printed on paper to have amazing impressions. The sprightly task concluded with a joy of creation.

Headmistress Ms. Kainaat Mansoor appreciated the tremendous efforts put in by the teachers and students to make the lesson a magnificent one.



NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

Unity College celebrated the National Science Day on the virtual platform of Zoom App on 28th February with an aim to mark the discovery of the "Raman Effect" by the Nobel Laureate and Indian Physicist Sir C.V. Raman.

Students of Classes VI to VIII delivered comprehensive speeches and biographies of renowned scientists highlighting their discoveries and inventions. Classes IX and X showed their creativity and awareness through a collage on "Achievements of ISRO in the last 5 years" and presented their work in the form of a Presentation. Lastly, Classes XI and XII demonstrated their Science knowledge on latest research by participating in the Science Quiz based on "General Awareness Related to Latest Research".

The event culminated with a zealous booster to the students to gain hands-on experience in the field of Science.

UNITY @ ISMAT TV

Mohd Qarib Rizvi (UN-B) brought laurels to the



College by bagging the III Position in an International Competition held recently. The competition was organised by Ismat TV which was

specifically designed to examine the in-depth religious knowledge of the students.

One more jewel was added in the bounty of achievements of the College. Mohd Qarib proved his mettle through his stupendous performance and with his grit and determination, made the College proud by his remarkable achievement.

Heartiest Congratulations to Mohd Qarib who outshone his competitors by giving an exceptionally outstanding performance and bagging a mobile phone and a Zari. The College Principal couldn't be more ecstatic about it.

The competition was a very good initiative taken by Ismat TV to encourage the little ones in gaining substantial experience, showcase their skills and enhance learning.



THE BOOK 'AN UNREALISTIC JOURNEY' BY EX-STUDENT RELEASED @ UNITY

Alumna of Unity College, Alisha Fatima of 2018 Batch launched her first book 'An Unrealistic Journey'. The author is pursuing a career in Science. It is her essence write-ups and unique ideology that she got the opportunity to write the biography of the self-made-man, Arbaaz Ali Mirza. The book features the exceptional journey of Arbaaz from an ordinary kid to a skilled Graphic and Web Designer.



MASK MAKING ACTIVITY

Unity College has been at the helm of taking up humanitarian issues and motivating its students to partake in such activities that are for the betterment of the society. Like last year, this time too, analyzing the current Covid situation in our city, with the deadly Coronavirus spreading its tentacles around the world and taking lives, students from LN to class V were motivated to participate in a Mask Making Activity in which they were asked to make triple layered masks.



It was recommended to use leftover cotton breathe-through fabrics at their places as these cloth coverings help to reduce transmissions by acting as an additional defense against spreading the virus. Each student was requested to make 05 masks and were asked to post pictures of the masks on their class WhatsApp groups. Parents were directed to drop the masks at the drop boxes placed at the College Gate at different time slots to ensure safety and thereby maintaining social distancing.

These masks will be sanitized and later distributed among the needy to prevent the spread of infection. All the students actively participated in the activity and contributed towards the noble cause. This activity thus helped in cultivating a sense of responsibility and unity among students towards the society and broadened their perspective on the importance of helping others in times of need.



DUA-E-SHIFAYABI-ZOOM PRAYER MEET

"Do not lose hope, nor be sad!"
Quran 3:139

Amid the piling Covid cases, demanding situations and uncountable deaths, we could spot a silver lining in the dark clouds of Corona, the mercy of the Almighty, Allah (SWT).

To ease it for the people around the globe, Unity College organised a prayer meet via Zoom on 22nd April, 2021 at 11 a.m. under the aegis of the Headmistress Ms. Kainaat Mansoor for the wellbeing of the Covid patients and to provide moral support and strength to their families.

The prayer meeting was divided into class groups and was led by teachers in charges supported by co-teachers.



The session started with Salaams and Salwaats followed by Surah Fateha, Surah Falak, Surah Naas, Surah Kaferoon, Surah Tauheed and Aytal Kursi. They were all recited and gifted to Ahlulbayt and through their easels, it was prayed to the Almighty to bring the curtains down on the ongoing pandemic, to grant good health to the ones reeling under the stress of Corona and safety for all the people across the spectrum. The

sessions were attended by all the teachers, parents and students of the Pre-Primary and Primary sections.

"Verily with every hardship comes ease" Quran 94:5-6

UNITY SHINES @ SHARAYET, ZAINABIA CHANNEL

Zainabia Media launched an online competition 'Sharayet' that was open for boys under 18 and girls under 12 till 28th Shaban. It encompassed uploaded videos of Tilawat-e-Quran, Qaseeda, Maqabat and Hadeeth. Mohd Qarib Rizvi of Class UN-B once again gave a mesmerizing performance in his two minute clip. His heart stealing performance was marked with clear diction, melodic intonation and impressive expression. When the result was declared on 1st of Ramzan, our budding orator Qarib got the II place in likes and views but was adjudged I on the basis of his remarkable video. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino congratulated the winner and wished him higher success in future.



KEEP CHILDREN HEALTHY DURING THE COVID-19.

Wash hands- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds, and teach your child also to do the same.

Wear a mask- Make sure everyone in your family wears a mask (if 2 years of age or older) when in public and when around people who don't stay together. Ensure your child wears the mask correctly and safely. Make sure the mask is the right size and covers the nose, mouth and chin.

Avoid close contact- Make sure your child and everyone else in your household keeps at least 6 feet away from other people who don't live with them and people who are sick (such as coughing and sneezing).

Help your child stay active- Regular physical activity can improve your child's physical and mental health.

Help your child stay socially connected- Reach out to friends and family via phone or video chats.

Help your child cope with stress- The COVID-19 pandemic can be stressful for both adults and children. Look for signs of stress in children and ways to support your child.

VACCINATE

Vaccinate your family, protect your community.

Each person has a role to play in fighting vaccine-preventable diseases, so it becomes our responsibility to get vaccinated to ensure a healthier future. This is how we can end the pandemic.

Wearing masks and social distancing do help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus but these measures are not enough. The combination of **getting vaccinated** and following WHO recommendations to protect yourself and others **provides the best protection from Covid-19**. Getting vaccinated may also protect people around you - particularly those at greater risk for severe illness from Covid-19.

Vaccines work with our immune system and fight the virus if you are exposed.

How does a Covid-19 vaccine work?

Once you receive your first shot, your body begins producing antibodies to the coronavirus and reduces your chance of getting the disease and contributes to community protection.

What does a Covid-19 vaccine prevent?

1. Prevents you from getting Covid-19 or becoming seriously ill or dying due to covid-19.
2. Prevents you from spreading the Covid-19 virus to others.
3. Makes it harder for the disease to spread and contributes to herd immunity.
4. Prevents the Covid-19 virus from spreading and replicating, which allows it to mutate and possibly become more resistant to vaccines.

Indeed, Covid-19 vaccination is a safer way to help build protection and save millions of lives. Hence, all of us who are 18 years of age or above should go and get vaccinated as soon as possible and celebrate a healthier future.

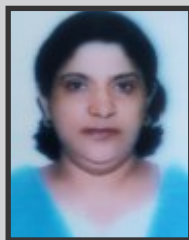
UNITY GRIEVES OVER THE SAD DEMISE OF ITS FAMILY MEMBERS

Prof. Tahzebul Hasan Abidi who left for his heavenly abode on 6th April, 2021. He was an earnest academician who displayed quiet tenacity with his contribution to Unity College as a very active Member of the Managing Committee for more than a decade. He was an Ex-Professor of Physics who served IIT, Kharagpur for several years. After retirement, he joined Amity University as the Head of the Physics Department. An expert in his subject, he was down to earth with a great sense of humour. His core interest lay in Urdu Literature. Known to be a poet and writer, he was a devoted follower of late Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq Sahab. His published literature included a compilation of poems and other books in Urdu mostly on religious topics. His soft way of speaking, affectionate manner and hospitable nature made him a much-loved figure.



A devoted History Teacher of Unity College for over eighteen years, **Mrs. Rashmi Bhardwaj**, passed away on 13th February, 2021, after a courageous battle with Cancer. She was a very diligent and passionate Senior Teacher who will be fondly remembered by her students for her comprehensive lessons and affectionate dealings. She was very active and interested in all College activities and took her pupils all through the academic journey very sincerely. She had an uncanny ability to find happiness in her daily activities. As pure at heart, she was always beautiful at smile. Despite failing health, she heroically continued to take classes and teach her students till the very end.

Hardly a month had passed, on 21st March, the College lost one more dedicated teacher, **Mrs. Afshan Kamal Beg** to the deadly Cancer. Mrs. Beg had been teaching English in



the Primary Section for the last 24 years. A teacher to the core with a calm demeanour, known for friendly and comprehensive lessons, she was liked and adored by her students. She enjoyed love and reverence amidst her colleagues too. She was a gem of a person, so caring and affectionate to all. With her simple persona, decent demeanour and pleasant disposition, she ruled the hearts. Her fond memories will always bring comfort in every corner and corridor of the College.

Once again the state of mourning took over the College corridors with the sad demise of our beloved teacher **Mrs. Ishrat Zehra** on 24th April 2021. All through her years of service at the College, she was such a fantastic teacher who always took deep interest in helping students. She was one of the most respected individuals and a great educator and guide to all the students. An esteemed member of our family, she was down-to-earth, extremely simple, very friendly and generous with a pinch of philanthropic spirit. A charming and affectionate person, she was always full of life and positivity. Above all, she was one of the finest human beings we have had the privilege of having amidst us. She will be sorely missed by everyone whose lives she touched in so many different ways.



Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Jt. Secy. Dr. M. Talha, Principal Mr. Francis Castelino and all Staff members of the Unity Family expressed profound sorrow at these losses. The Unity Family shall never overcome the irreparable loss of such devoted people. May God bless their souls with eternal peace at the heavenly abode; and grant strength and solace to the bereaved families at this testing hour!

May their Heavenly Journey last in Eternal Peace...!

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