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From the Principal's Desk

"Children now need communication, support, and guidance from educators,"

- Paul Reville,
Founding Director of the
Education of Redesign Lab.

With the Country struggling to swing back to normalcy, the 'Return to School' seems more overwhelming than ever before. In fact, physical school has taken on a new meaning and a new set of worries in the midst of the pandemic. Schools must now balance the educational, social and emotional needs of their students along with the health and safety of students and staff.

It's quite obvious, school closures have clear negative impacts on child health, education and development. Not going to school does not only mean a learning loss but also a huge psychological setback for children. Children learn when they meet, communicate and interact with each other in schools.

There is a clear positive impact of the virtual classroom too. During school closure, as parents struggled to work with their children at home while the learners learned from home, they realised the significance of public schools. They are genuinely grateful to the teachers and appreciated their skills and their invaluable role in the well-being of the students.

No doubt, online learning has been a poor substitute for in-person classes. To balance the learning loss, the schools have started functioning with all safety norms.

We expect our parents to look into the importance of offline education and encourage their wards to attend the physical classes. We, the administration and the faculty are ready to go an extra mile to ensure that the young learners are getting the best of Education.

Francis Castelino



COUNSELLING PROGRAMMES

The College religiously believes in the dogma that the right guidance in ISC which opens the crossroads of multiple choices, navigates their course of action to higher success and a brighter future.

A three day Career Counselling Programme was conducted by Mr. S. M. Raza, Academic Head, Allen Career Institute, Srinagar. Along with the students and parents, the faculty too attended the said programme. On 21st, 23rd and 29th May, 2021, Counsellor Mr. Raza addressed the Humanities, Commerce and Science batches of session 2021 and 2022.

The senior students logged in to attend the Webinar organised by Nagoya University, Japan scheduled on 22nd & 26th May, 2021 and coordinated by Ms. Sabika Fatima. The webinars transported the students to Nagoya University which is one of the top most Universities of Japan to experience a virtual visit of the campus. Professor Douglas Drummond addressed the students and shed light on the burning issues of world population, food crisis and bio-natural resources. In conclusion, an Alumnus of KU shared his pleasant experience.

The students of class XII of Unity College with their counterparts from other Colleges logged in to attend an hour-long Webinar 'Career Guidance Programme' organised under the aegis of Founder Director Dr. Amrita Das, Institute for Career Studies, Lucknow on 27th May, 2021. Dr. Das provided an insight on career prospects in all the three domains namely Science, Commerce and Humanities.

A special interactive Webinar 'Confusion to Clarity' was organised by ICS (Institute of Career Studies) for Class XII on 12th June, 2021. Ms. Deepali Batra, a Psychologist, shed light on stress management and emotional well-being at the time when students are feeling helpless, locked in their homes with online lessons. Founder Director Dr. Amrita Das, a Career Consultant and Educationist, shared the screen and cleared the doubts regarding internal assessments and admissions for higher studies.

Career Guidance Seminar was organised by AMP for Class XII on 15th June, 2021 wherein Centre Head and Senior Faculty Mr. Jawwad Kazi who has topped various

Government Services Exams discussed every relevant detail regarding the preparation for Civil Services Exams.

A couple of exciting Webinars on Career Guidance for students of member schools of the Association were organised by the Executive Committee of ASISC UP & UK Region and conducted by Dr. Amrita Dass, Founder Director of the Institute for Career Studies (ICS Career GPS) on 5th August 2021 for students of classes IX and X and on 7th August 2021 for classes XI and XII.

The enthusiastic coordination of College Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima and the Faculty attending the webinars along with the students made the virtual counselling sessions successful in dealing with the dynamic needs of the aspirants.

WEBINARS

'RESTORE OUR ECOSYSTEM' BY HOPE INITIATIVES

On 5th June, Unity College attended the Webinar 'Restore Our Ecosystem' organized by Hope Initiatives. It was an attempt to observe World Environment Day on a virtual platform. The webinar was open for the senior students of classes XI and XII.

MASTER THE ART OF STORYTELLING

'If you want your children to be intelligent, read them tales'

-Albert Einstein

Pre-Primary Faculty of Unity College, attended the Webinar on Master the Art of Storytelling, facilitated by Ms. Reshu Nigam of SAAR Publications on 19th June, 2021.

Ms. Nigam said that Storytelling is not only reading or narrating a tale but also a process of transferring information, experience, attitude and point of view into the inquisitive minds of the kids.

THE SECRET RECIPE OF SINGAPORE MATH

The Interactive Webinar 'The Secret Recipe of Singapore Math' was organised for the Math Faculty of the Pre-Primary & Primary Sections of Unity College by SAAR Education (I) Pvt. Ltd. On 26th June, 2021. Eminent Coach for Experiential Teaching Strategies Ms. Zahera Shaikh addressed the attendees. Beginning with what is Math, she stressed on CPA (Concrete-Pictorial- Abstract) Approach, Code Modelling Method and Activity-Based-Learning.

ECA-APER PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

With an aim to advocate the quality of care development and learning in early childhood in India,

Early Childhood Association (ECA) and Association for Primary Education and Research (APER) came together to host online teachers' training workshops. Teachers of Unity College, Pre-Primary & Primary Sections also attended one of their workshops held on 24th July, 2021 along with the Headmistress Ms. Kainaat Mansoor via Zoom.

Dr. Dawood, a transformational educator, who strongly supports teachers' training to help students' development, shared five important lessons of his creative vision at education namely Simplicity, Letting Go, Exams, Life and Projects.

The main idea of the session was to motivate the educators to make the teaching-learning process interesting for the students and to focus on talking to children about topics that help nurture their thinking, emotional and social skills.

'AMRITUTSAV' BY PRITHVI INNOVATIONS

On the glorious occasion of the 75th anniversary of Independence Day, Prithvi Innovations organized a webinar 'Amritutsav' with a great objective to achieve freedom from unhealthy and unsafe environment, illiteracy, hunger and unemployment via 75 online awareness sessions on POSH & POSCO Acts in 75 institutions. The teaching Faculty of Unity College attended the webinar on 15th August to join in the enthusiastic as well as innovative journey of Sustainable or Green Education, Sustainable Lifestyle, Sustainable Consumption & Production, Green Celebrations, Sustainable Livelihoods and Green Advocacy & Research.



The panel was shared by the Prithvi team: Ms. Anuradha Gupta- Founder cum General Secretary, Dr. Rashmi Chaturvedi- Vice President and Ms. Saumin Ali- a part of the HR Department and a Social Worker. Briefing her mission, Ms. Anuradha Gupta emphasized on finding a balance with our five elements or Panchtatva- Earth, Air, Sky, Water & Fire as well as with our families and our communities at the global level which is the need of the hour. She went on to explain the dire need and utmost importance of waste management, building a safe environment for women and having a greener Earth.

Moving on, Dr. Rashmi Chaturvedi exhorted the need to inculcate good habits and good thoughts in children from the very beginning so that the future generation can easily take care of the burning needs of spreading more information about waste management, creating

awareness about sexual harassment and promoting a greener earth.

Furthermore, Ms. Saumin Ali talked about the importance of giving a protective environment to kids at schools and workplaces. She advised the teachers to identify any kind of harassment in the students and learn how to deal with it too.

Headmistress Ms. Kainaat shared with utmost pride that Unity College, under the aegis of TMT (Tauheedul Muslimeen Trust) has not only been providing free and quality education to thousands of students from the marginalized section but also catering to all their needs for the past 33 years.

In the end, Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Secretary, Unity College praised Prithvi Innovations and their team for their dedication and good work towards the society and environment at large. He stated that their goal of holistic development needs to be inculcated in students as they are the future generation. He extended support to Prithvi Innovations in their endeavour and thanked them for enlightening the participants through the webinar.

College Principal, Mr. Francis Castelino said that the webinar provided teachers with a lot of food for thought and was very successful in bringing to light the issues that are becoming serious challenges for the education sector, society and the environment at large.

TEACHERS' ORIENTATION PROGRAMME-2021

At the onset of every academic year, a teachers' orientation programme is organized at Unity College to give the teachers a learning experience that is both enjoyable and productive. A two-day faculty orientation programme was organized on 29th & 30th June 2021.



At the onset of the first session, the College Principal, Mr. Francis Castelino addressed & motivated the teachers to do their work with full conviction and keep it up to date to foster Janab's goal of education in addition to elevating the standard of the College by imparting quality education.

It was followed by the online training session 'Guidelines for Virtual Classroom Management'

conducted by ASEEMA Charitable Trust. The facilitators Ms. Sharmeen Shah and Ms. Leonita Fernandes shared some invaluable tips to manage virtual classes, to make it more pleasant and rewarding followed by tips to ensure discipline and smooth functioning of the class. Ms. Leonita further urged the teachers to prepare their topics in advance in order to avoid stressful situations.

Next was an enlightening session by MacMillan Education to acquaint the teachers and the school authorities with the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The facilitator, Mr. Bilal apprised the teachers of the new Academic Structure based on the cognitive developmental stages of a child that is more experiential as well as practical and discourages rote-learning too. At the end of the session Vice Principal, Mr. C S Paul also shared his observations based on the changing patterns in education over the years and offered a vote of thanks.

On 30th June, resource persons Ms. Sharmeen Shah and Ms. Leonita Fernandes of Aseema Charitable Trust conducted the webinar 'Mathematical Enrichment' for the Pre-Primary & Primary teachers. They emphasised that the best way to make lessons fruitful is to connect them with the learner's interest like shapes and sizes with different balls.



In the closing hour of the final day, College Secretary, Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi applauded Unity, TMT and UEP Staff for extending all possible assistance at the time of crisis. The teachers shared the hurdles that they faced while taking online classes and suggestions were given to improve the quality of delivery of lessons and ensure regularity of students among which awarding extra marks for attendance, system generated messages to the absentee's parents, giving project work to engage the students in the lessons, making of teaching videos etc. were emphasized upon. Following the footsteps of our patron, Dr. Kalbe Sadiq Sahib, he demanded that the teachers should focus on grooming the students and making them aware of available avenues.

The College staff were inspired by the sessions and charged up to begin the new academic year with a new mindset and a futuristic vision of dealing with students entrusted to them.

ELOCUTION CONTEST

“You can speak well if your tongue can deliver the message of your heart.” These words of John Ford rightly go with the flow when elocution is practiced. Keeping this in view, an online Elocution Contest for classes VII, VIII and IX was held on 30th May, 2021. It was organised by Teacher Ms. Mahlaqua Siddiqui as a Class Event. The poems and extracts selected were from the text books to abreast them with the necessary nuances of literature. Each one spoke extremely well with clarity which reflected their impressive literary skills and brilliance.

DOCTOR'S DAY ONLINE

Unity College observed Doctor's Day to honour the noble profession on 1st July, 2021. The Primary Section organised various online



activities to make the students aware of the priceless roles of doctors in everyone's lives and encourage them to choose and dedicatedly follow the medical profession later in their lives.

Class I to V students expressed gratitude to doctors by making Thank you cards for them, exhibited their creative skills by making essential medical equipment like thermometers, ambulances, masks and stethoscopes, etc. out of waste, exemplary posters displaying 10 categories of doctors, First-Aid kits containing essential items and attractive posters to promote health awareness.

Learning, coupled with fun and excitement witnessed on this day was overwhelming.

EID-UL-ADHA CELEBRATIONS

Unity College celebrated Eid-ul-Adha with great fervour and enthusiasm. The main aim was to spread the lesson of brotherhood, peace and prosperity among the students irrespective of their caste or religion. The Pre-Primary and Primary Sections organised a plethora of activities suited to the ages of the children. The students were told the significance of the festival by telling a short story about Prophet Ibrahim's absolute



devotion to God by their respective Class teachers.

The Pre-Primary kids with nimble hands and imaginative minds made perfect sheep out of cotton. They also made beautiful decorative items and Eid-ul-Adha cards. The enthusiastic students of Primary

Classes made beautiful rams out of Popsicle sticks, thermocol plates and black wool, greeting cards of Eid-ul-Adha, prayer hands raised in Dua, spectacular Eid decoration items like lanterns and attractive models of the Khana-e-Kaaba.



All in all, it was a good initiative to acquaint them with its religious significance, history, stories and



legends, as well as associated traditions and customs which encouraged them to follow the path of peace, love and friendship.

MENTOR FUTURE'S REHNUMA

Unity College launched its first pilot project for the Mentorship Programme under the supervision and guidance of Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi. The Teachers were briefed to motivate themselves with the nuances of Career Counselling. The entire programme was coordinated by Vice Principal Mr. C. S. Paul. Also present at the first session were Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Joint Secretary Dr. M. Talha and Principal Mr. Francis Castelino.

Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi exhorted the teachers to educate themselves to become A-level mentors for their students and also provide proper guidance regarding careers, courses and institutes. He warmly welcomed Mr. Mohd Ahmad, Scientist and Engineer at ISRO who is honoured to lead the colossal program for career guidance that has also been designed by him only. Himself being a devout follower of Late Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq and a TMT beneficiary, he wishes to pass on the baton to the next in line giving them exposure to higher studies. He laid down an ingenious Program Structure, categorising the program coordinators into three levels-

1. Y-Coordinator: Young Cohort (Class VIII & IX)
2. M-Coordinator: Middle Cohort (Class X, XI & XII)
3. O-Coordinator: Old Cohort (Pass outs)

The Mentor Matrix will comprise the mentees, the mentors and the coordinators. The coordinators (teachers) will gauge the students' current performance and their aspirations. The next step will be to rope in working professionals as mentors who will focus on their career guidance.

Addressing the queries of the teachers whether it's too early to decide a career in class VIII, he said the right environment and planning nurtures great minds and becomes instrumental to the pinnacle of success.

The Hand-holding Career Counselling Programme culminated with the vote of thanks by Vice Principal Mr. C.S. Paul.

UNITY FELICITATED THE MERITORIOUS ISC & ICSE BATCHES 2021

In keeping with the vision of the College Founder President, Padma Bhushan Late Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq and the motto 'Excellence in Education', this year the meritorious Board result



broke all previous records. The whopping number of 45 students in ISC and 22 students in ICSE secured more than 90% marks. A two-day felicitation function was organised to acknowledge, appreciate and honour the 90% above exceptional performers on 31st July and 70% to 89% on 5th August, 2021. The College celebrated the brilliant average result of 86.08% in ISC and 83.06% in ICSE, with no student scoring below 70%.

Principal Mr. Francis Castelino congratulated the students, teachers and parents on the success.

On the first day, Chief Guest Mr. Ali. Abbas (IPS), ACP Mahanagar, Lucknow stated that it is easy to pass a college exam but to excel is difficult and those who excel, scale heights.

College Jt. Secretary Dr. M. Talha, reiterating Mr. Abbas's words, said the best way to achieve is to



excel in academics which is the best return to their own College too.

The function commenced with the divine rendition from the Quran, the Gita and the Bible seeking heavenly blessings and religious integrity. All the hi-flyers were called one by one on the dais and were photographed with the distinguished

guests and teachers. Later, they were handed over a small token of love along with refreshments.

ISC toppers Mallika Butool (Humanities) shared her success mantra to master English and believe in oneself, while Syed Ali Jibran Rizvi (Science) stressed on keeping away laziness and procrastination.



Teacher Ms. Leena Shukla said the hi-flyers are leading examples to the upcoming batches, and it would be appreciable if they could act as mentors to their juniors. Teacher Mr. Ishan Derrick advised the students to be sincere, dedicated

and firm towards their career pathways, that is



the key to success.

On 5th August, the ceremony was held in two legs. The Chief Guest for the seniors' session was Mr. Aftab Ahmed Khan, Retd. IG-CRPF. He advised the students to have a clear perception about their careers in class IX itself, only then they would face no difficulty after class XII.

The Chief Guest for the juniors' felicitation was Mr. S. Faisal Mahmood, State Head- Agha Khan Foundation, Kashmir. Mr. Mahmood said in class X, they should have a clear-cut idea of their stream and course to be pursued and should start working on their

potential, communication and other skills under the guidance of teachers and counsellors.

Teachers Ms. Parul Trivedi, Mr. Rajesh Pandey, Ms. Mahlaqua Siddiqui and Ms. Zeba Rizvi applauded the students, saying their hard work has paid them in the hard times.

Zoya Tauseef (ISC) and Sania Zehra (ICSE) expressed gratitude to the teachers for imparting quality education and at the same time moulding them into better human beings.



Towards the conclusion, Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi proposed a vote of thanks. He motivated the students to excel in their chosen fields and advised them not to go with the stereotypical parameters of careers, nor to ignore vocations if they are skilled in it. He also mentioned about the full-fledged Mentorship Programme 'Rehnuma' that had been launched recently under his supervision. He said it would guide and counsel the students' right from Class VIII to XII and after it also.



The celebration culminated on a zealous note to take forward the legacy of Dr. Sadiq and multiply it too.

KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS ONLINE

Unity College commemorated the Kargil Vijay Diwas in honour of the Kargil War's Heroes who are the symbol of courage and sacrifice for safeguarding the borders of the country, and at the same time to inculcate the feeling of patriotism at school level to make sure that the students become responsible citizens of our nation. Vice Principal Mr. C.S. Paul and Headmistress Ms. Kainaat Mansoor briefed the students about

Operation Vijay that concluded on 26th July, 1999.

A plethora of online activities were organised, using the virtual platforms of WhatsApp and Zoom.



The Pre-Primary toddlers paid homage to the warriors by making Indian flags using orange, green and white crayon shavings, mesmerizing tricolour badges with A4 sheets and spellbinding soldiers out of Popsicle sticks.



The Primary students made the Tricolour using orange and green lentils and white rice, recorded videos delivering famous quotes by freedom fighters like "Sarfaroshi ki tamanna ab hamare dil me hai, dekhna hai zor kitna baazu-e-qaatil mein hai", made beautiful handmade greeting cards thanking our brave Indian Soldiers for their dedication and services, posters depicting the valour of the Kargil Heroes and wrote a consoling letter to a Kargil Shahid's Parents commemorating his gallantry and great sacrifice that is beyond words.



Class VI to VIII students made zealous entries in the Drawing Contest on the theme 'Kargil War' and offered a splendid artistic tribute to our armed Forces rich in colour, impression and messages.

The senior students of classes IX to XII participated in the Slogan Writing Competition. Their capturing slogans commemorated the undaunting valour and insurmountable sacrifice of the war heroes that will continue to inspire generations.



Principal Mr. Francis Castelino appreciated the enthusiastic commitment of the students, and exhorted them to salute the brave war heroes not only in words but to follow their footprints in the true service of the Motherland.

EID-E-GHADEER CELEBRATION

Unity College celebrated Eid-e-Ghadeer to mark the anniversary of the glorious event of Ghadeer Khumm. The students of classes LN to IX organized numerous online activities to celebrate Eid-e-Ghadeer with great fervour on 29th July, 2021 and brought the cultural aspects of the celebration into focus. They were briefed about the occasion and informed about its significance by their respective class teachers.



LN students made the symbolic star and moon using rice and pulses, UN participated in 'Qaseeda Recitation Activity and PREP made the H o l y

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) holding the hand of Imam Ali (A.S.) which marks this blessed event.



Class 1 to IV students exhibited their skills by drawing a family tree of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), making banners wherein they wrote the verse related to Ghadeer, recording exemplary videos of different Hadiths of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) about Imam Ali (A.S.) and making beautiful posters of the story in vivid colours and forms. Class V students got together with their Theology teachers on Zoom for an online public preaching session commonly known as Islamic 'Khutba' to become aware of the historic event, its importance and significance.



Classes VI to VIII participated in an online drawing competition on the topic "Eid-e-Ghadeer". As was the occasion exulting, so were the paintings and sketches in rainbow colours shedding mirth all around.

Class IX was given a choice to write the story of Eid-e-Ghadeer in their own words or to write a composition on the significance

of the incident. Amidst competitive aura, the students got to know about the legendary event and its importance in the religion besides learning the nuances of the art of story writing.

Principal Mr. Francis Castelino applauded the enthusiastic participation of the students and the online initiative taken by the Theology Teachers & Class Teachers.

SATURDAY ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES @ PRE-PRIMARY

Every Saturday, the Pre-Primary Section organises Art & Craft activities on Zoom to develop the Aesthetic Sense and Cognitive Skills in the children. These sessions foster creativity and instill a sense of achievement and pride in children, besides boosting their self-confidence. The enthusiastic kids watch their



teachers do the activity on screen and follow their instructions. Parents also continuously guide & supervise the children during the activity.



On 31st July the excitement was at its peak among LN children as they did a hands-on activity by making a House using match sticks, cotton, leaves and pencil sharpening. The UN children made a Bee using yellow colour circles, googly eyes, buttons, ice

cream sticks, black paper stripes and pencil sharpenings. Class PREP children made a house using coloured paper, rectangle and square shape cuttings and pencil-sharpenings.



On 7th August 2021, the day started with fun-filled interactions. In LN 'Tearing Pasting Activity' was conducted where children did hands-on activity by making an Apple and Mango through tearing and pasting papers. UN conducted 'Thumb Printing Activity' where children made beautiful chicks by their thumbprints. PREP conducted 'Peacock Making Activity' where children made



beautiful coloured peacocks of different coloured strips of paper.

Monsoon is a beautiful season which revives our souls and fills the surroundings with the beauty of freshness and greenery. To enable the children to realise the magic that rain brings about in nature and to appreciate its splendour and

beauty, various fun monsoon activities were organised on 28th August, 2021.

Enthusiastic students made beautiful & creative monsoon items such as sea, umbrella, clouds and raindrops out of colourful papers, cotton and colour pens & thermocol plates.



Unity College promotes healthy eating in children by encouraging them to have wholesome and safe food and avoiding

junk food. Special activities for good oral health habits were organised for the Pre-Primary Section which helped the little ones in understanding the importance of eating nutritious food for their good tooth health.

The students indulged in an interesting craft activity by making two different teeth: A healthy tooth obtained with consumption of nutritious food and an unhealthy one which results due to intake of excessive junk or

unhealthy food. They made inspiring and incredible teeth out of different craft items like crayons, cuttings, sketch pens, glue and their scrapbooks



UNITY SHINING @ EID-E-GHADEER COMPETITIONS



The twin siblings, Mehdi Hasan Naqvi and Mahira Naqvi, from UN-A of Unity College participated

in the Second International I s m a t Competition and won laurels to the College by registering the VII rank.



Kulsoom Zehra of UN-C got the I prize in a drawing contest. Ainy Fatima got the I

Runners Up for a write up on Hadees-e-Saqlain, Imaam Butool of class VI-B got the I prize and Shabeeh Zehra of IX-B got the II prize in an essay writing contest organised by Team Spreading Shine



DISCOVERY SCHOOL SUPER LEAGUE SEASON 4

Unity College, Luknow registered an enthusiastic participation in Discovery Super League Season 4 in the month of July, 2021. The contest had been organised by the Times NIE and powered by BYJU'S. DSSL is a national level Science and Math Quiz Contest open for the students of classes III to X in three categories.

An overwhelming number of students of about 600 took part in the online contest and received certificates as well.

VIRTUAL RAKSHABANDHAN CELEBRATION

Unity believes in celebrating all Indian festivals in its true spirit. With the prime objective to teach the students about our traditions and cultural beliefs and to develop respect and understanding for each other's customs and traditions, the Pre-Primary & Primary Sections celebrated Raksha Bandhan amidst some brilliant fun activities on 24th August, 2021. To make the children aware about the virtuous bond of love



between a brother and sister, the college organized various activities.

The tiny tots of class LN to II showcased their talents by making creative handmade rakhis using craft materials like buttons, ribbons, glitter paper and other available things at home.

Class III students prepared lovely Raksha Bandhan thalis for their siblings, epitomizing their brotherly and sisterly love and respect for each other. Class IV students followed the ritual of giving sweets to their siblings and prepared different fireless delicious sweet dishes for their brothers.



Class V students used their creativity and ingenuity to create dazzling greeting cards and wrote touching messages for their siblings.

The school authorities appreciated every active participant by motivating them and inspiring them to always cherish the bond of love with their siblings which in turn lifted their spirit.



15th August, 2021 as the Faculty of Unity College with its sister institutions - Unity College II Shift, Unity Training Centre and Unity Veda Animation College congregated to commemorate the

Independence Day. College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi hoisted the Trio-colour, followed by the zealous dignified notes of the National Anthem.

Addressing the staff, Mr. Rizvi said that all of them are a part of the society. It is our duty to preserve this legacy of hard-earned independence and to



take our

Nation forward. Teachers with dedication and affection prepare the citizens of tomorrow, their contribution is always at large.



Principal Mr. Francis Castelino said we should not crib about the negativity around us, but play our part to make the



country happy, healthy and better. He also reiterated that it is our responsibility to produce good students and better citizens.

The occasion coincided with Van Mahots

av. The dignitaries planted saplings in the premises to make the College green and clean.



Later, the students joined in the celebration via online



activities. A plethora of online activities were conducted in all the sections with an aim to salute the Nation on this Independence Day and to ignite the patriotic fervour among the kids.

UNITY OBSERVES MUHARRAM

The College alumni observed the mourning days of Muharram in a unique manner by serving humanity. They put a stall for distribution of drinking water at Husainabad in coordination with College Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima Rizvi. The team comprised Jari Zaid (2008 Batch), Hameed Abbas (2009 Batch) and Ravi Zaidi (2013). These volunteers offered packed drinking water to all passers-by in remembrance of the three-day-thirsty martyrs of Karbala. They also distributed food packets on 10th Muharram, the day of Ashura.

Their ten day philanthropic drive from 11th to 20th August, 2021 culminated with the strong message of Karbala to stand for truth, equality and justice; and never to give in to injustice.

UNITY COMMEMORATES THE INDEPENDENCE DAY

'Freedom in the mind, faith in the words, pride in our souls'

Unity College reverberated and resounded with patriotic fervour and gusto on the fine, sunny morning of



In the Pre-Primary Section, the toddlers were kept engaged in creative activities while they learned about the importance of Independence Day via Zoom. The students of class LN

made Tri-colour kites, class UN used paints to make the Tri-colour Flag while class Prep made a hand holding a bouquet of Tri-colour flowers.

In the Primary Section, the students of class I made a Tri-colour banner using paper plates, class II decorated a Tri-colour candle, class III painted the Flag on an old T-Shirt, class IV made a Tri-colour badge, while class V created a Tri-colour bracelet using threads. The creative expressions of Tri-colour came in through WhatsApp.



The Secondary and Senior Sections

joined the celebration as classes VI to VIII participated in the Painting Competition, classes IX and X in a Creative Writing Contest and classes XI and XII in an Article Writing Competition on the topic- 'Lucknow's Heritage'. Soon, the Class WhatsApp groups were flooded with enthusiastic entries of myriad colours and word pictures giving a panoramic look at Lucknow's golden past and fascinating historical sites and monuments.

The zest and fire of patriotism was rejuvenated in the young kids despite being confined by the online platform.



UNITY CHEERS @ MUBAHILA COMPETITION, MARKAZ-E-TALEEM-UL-QURAN, MUMBAI

Unity toddler Mohd Qarib of Class UN-B brought laurels to the College. He

participated in the MUBAHILA COMPETITION organised by Markaz-e-

Taleem-ul-Quran, Mumbai on the jubilant occasion of Eid-e-Mubahila via its YouTube

channel. His performance was acknowledged and appreciated with a cash prize of ₹ 250/-.



UNITY AN INCH TALLER @ DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE, LUCKNOW

The College participated in the District Football League organised by La Martiniere College. The College Team had its 1st match with Orion Football Club on Saturday 31st July 2021. Both the teams gave a tough time to goal. But our all-rounder Ali Haider played skillfully to hit a goal and register a win for his team. In the 2nd round on 6th August, the College Football Team swept the rivals Eagle Football Club by 5-0. The victorious team moved to register one more win against Despite Football League by 4-1 on 11th August, 2021. On 26th August, the hat-trick made by Ali Haider along with a single goal by Abbas Imran led the College team to win the match against Red Fox Football Club by 4-0. The team commendably registered for the 2nd round. Unity College made a marked entry in the 3rd round after giving a stunning defeat to Despite Football Club and Red Dragon Football Club by 3-0 each, but losing the match with Awadh Warriors 1-0.

Principal Mr. Francis Castelino congratulated the Football Team and their Coach Mr. Amir Ali on the continuous fantastic innings of the sports achievement, and wished higher success in the matches ahead.

SPELL BEE COMPETITION AT UNITY

The Primary section at Unity College organised a Spell Bee Competition for the students on 7th August, 2021 through Zoom to enhance their spelling and literacy skills and develop cognitive abilities and learning strategies.

The students of classes I-V took





active participation in the competition. The competition consisted of three rounds in



each section. The students were asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty ranging from simple spellings to jumbled letters and identification of pictures.

All three rounds in each class held the participants spellbound with their innovative approach of combining learning with fun and competition. It was a wonderful learning experience for the participants which helped them to familiarise with the spellings and usage of many unfamiliar words. The winners were honoured with e-certificates by the College.




Class	Participant	Score	Rank
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	100	1st
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	95	2nd
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	90	3rd
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	85	4th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	80	5th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	75	6th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	70	7th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	65	8th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	60	9th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	55	10th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	50	11th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	45	12th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	40	13th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	35	14th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	30	15th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	25	16th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	20	17th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	15	18th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	10	19th
Class 1A	Adarsh Kumar	5	20th

UNEP ACTIVITIES

Learning about the natural world is critical to building a better and sustainable future for humanity. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) launched an initiative to connect learners with nature by providing the young learners a gateway to some of the most inspiring lessons on nature and the environment.

Unity College has participated in this program which would culminate in the month of October. Under the aegis of the United Nations Environment Program, the College organized a series of eco-friendly sessions to sensitize students towards the crucial need and ways of Environment Preservation. Each lesson came up with

practical and fun activities that students could engage with and share. In all, eight sessions were conducted by the Science Department



from June to August. Ms. Huma Rizvi, Ms. Fizza Mehdi & Ms. Eva Abbas have been working on this project under the guidance and supervision of Headmistress Ms. Kainaat Mansoor and guidance of Principal, Mr. Francis Castelino.

SESSION 1

To implement environmentally sound policies and practices, a session on 'Importance of Nature and Natural Resources as Stated in Various Religious Scriptures' was organized by the College on 16th June, 2021 wherein the importance of conserving nature and natural resources was explained by the Science teachers.



SESSION 2

For wise management of the Environment and to bring awareness among the students volunteering for the program, a webinar on 'Importance of the three R's' was organised by the Science teachers on 20th June, 2021.



In the webinar, students were sensitised about the importance of the three R's i.e., Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

SESSION 3

To strengthen the ability to adapt to Climate change, a session on 'Climate Change due to Anthropogenic Activities' was

organized by the College on 25th June, 2021. The children were made aware of various consequences of

climate change like global warming, extreme climatic conditions such as heat waves, excess rain fall, extreme cold, earthquakes, cyclones, floods, droughts etc.

SESSION 4

A Webinar for discussion of 'Segregation and Proper Disposal of Waste' with the volunteer students of class IX, X and XI was organised



by the Biology department on 30th June, 2021 which mainly emphasized on the importance of segregating waste and its proper disposal. Students were sensitized about the damage caused to the environment by throwing non- biodegradable wastes like polythene, glass etc. directly without any cautions.



SESSION 5

A session was organized by the In-charge teachers with the volunteer students on 'Waste Management' on July 8, 2021. The students were briefed about waste management, different types of waste and how to segregate them. They launched the campaign 'Clean your Home and Locality' and educated their family members and neighbours on segregation of waste using different coloured dustbins etc.



SESSION 6

The College organised a Plantation Activity in the Campus on 27th July, 2021. The green activity was conducted under the supervision of Programme Coordinator Ms. Kainaat Mansoor and Teacher In-charges - Ms. Huma Rizvi, Ms Fizza Mehdi and Ms. Eva Abbas. Volunteer students, very enthusiastically sowed medicinal plants in the College garden to establish an "Arogya Vatika" for the conservation of biodiversity.

The Chief Guests for the occasion were Ms. Anuradha Gupta – Founder and General Secretary, Prithvi



Innovations and Dr. Fazal Abbas Zaidi Professor and Head of Dept. of Soil Science and Agriculture Chemistry, University of Agriculture and Technology, Ayodhya.

SESSION 7

The session was organized by Teacher In-charges on the 'Importance and Benefits of Organic Farming in Conserving Biodiversity' on August 14, 2021. The students were explained the importance of organic farming and its various benefits for improving soil fertility, reducing soil erosion, water pollution and preserving biodiversity.

SESSION 8

A seminar was organized on 30th August, 2021 for creating awareness among children on Water Conservation where the children learnt about the need for Water Conservation and Water Harvesting. They also learnt about the various methods employed both on small and large scale for conservation of rain water and how it can be used to irrigate gardens at home etc.

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