



UCPS CHRONICLES

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

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Newsletter of Union Christian Public School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



UCPS Chronicles, our tri-annual newsletter was introduced last academic year with a vision to keep all the stakeholders updated about the various highlights of our school and also provide a forum to showcase different talents and facets of our students. It was well received by all. Continuing with our news-worthy journey, we have a new Editorial Team of students and teachers to bring you the next few editions. I wish them all a great year ahead.

In line with the school's vision and having a dream of contributing to the growth of my institution, I am well aware of the goals and objectives we have to target. As a CBSE institution we have to encourage innovation and collaboration with experts and quality institutions to enrich our knowledge in imparting quality education to our children. We have to focus on developing 21st century skills among children and that includes experiential learning, embracing technology, inculcating positive attitudes, enhancing life skills to promote healthy behaviours and helping our children emerge as messengers of change in the community. So along with academics, extracurricular activities, participation in inter-school cultural and sports events, gender sensitivity, respecting all religions, celebrations of special days etc are given priority.

Simply teaching to test or learning for exams is not going to help a student's holistic development. We also understand that every student is different and so, we create a facility for students to develop skills based on their interests and capabilities. In

this context, the role of the teacher is to create the conditions for invention rather than provide ready-made knowledge, by employing the latest pedagogical tools to encourage our students to think out-of-the-box and innovate in and out of the classrooms.

Ideas can help you inspire, innovate and create. To nurture young minds to innovate, we have set up a Tinkering Lab in the campus which is called 'i - Zone'. We believe that curiosity, creativity, critical thinking and imagination are the real skills for the future and this initiative will provide the ecosystem to develop these skills and allow students to experiment and convert their ideas into action.

Schools should have a conducive atmosphere for learning. That's why we thought of a revamp of its infrastructure to facilitate futuristic learning. Our carefully planned classroom design and cutting-edge infrastructure provides students a great learning environment.

The East Block which was constructed around 40 years back had to be given more aesthetic appeal along with more of ventilation, pleasant lighting, storage space for both teachers and children and comfortable seating so that we can reshuffle the classroom dynamics to drive student engagement.

On the whole, our school is going to be a trend-setter for other schools to emulate in the near future. After all, we are doing this for our children who are going to be future ready citizens of tomorrow.

Mrs. Nisha Anil John

PRACTISE KINDNESS



It is a universal law that one reaps what one sows. A person is a bundle of thoughts, words, and deeds which define one's character. It is important to inculcate characteristics of love, compassion, and concern for the other. It doesn't take much time or effort to be kind to someone, help another in need or feel gratitude for all one has. Once you practice these values, the universe shall ensure you give what you have given. When the heart is open to giving, our hands become the instruments of sharing. Even if it is just a smile, it is multiplied by sharing.

Mother Teresa was able to light up the lives of many downtrodden and neglected people through her ability to see God in everyone. She is an inspiration that everyone should look up to and try to be like by helping the needy, wiping the tears of the broken-hearted, and showing love to the elderly. Her selfless love emancipated all who were in need physically, mentally, and emotionally.

It is not an easy practice since we all try to weigh the advantages we will gain from performing an act. To practice selfless, unconditional acts of kindness, we must begin experiencing it in our lives. Spread positivity, and it will reach you back like a boomerang. I have found that the quote "Give the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you" points to the truth that is evident in life. I do not have the tactics in my words to coerce you into practice. You must take step one and find that it will become an experience that will shape your life for the better. Take on the project of kindness, and you are sure to succeed!

Mrs. Neena Shaju
Primary Co-ordinator, Class Teacher Std II A

**SCHOOL TOPPERS OF CLASS X A
2021-22**

I RANK



M. HANNAH FELIN
487/500
(Topper in Social Science,
English and Tamil)

I RANK



S.M SIDDHARTH
487/500
(Topper in Science)

II RANK



JANIA SUSAN KURIAN
484/500
(Topper in English &
Mathematics)

III RANK



**JOANNA RACHEL
GEORGE**
481/500

CONGRATULATIONS!

**SUBJECT TOPPERS OF CLASS X A
2021-22**



JOEL MANOJ
99/100
(English)



MOHAMED SULAIMAN
99/100
(English and Mathematics)



EFANIO JENS
99/100
(Tamil)



**R. IMMANUEL
JACOB** **99/100**
(Science)



**JOANNA PEARL
REDDIPOGU** **98/100**
(Social Science)



**ARON GREG
THOMAS**
98/100
(Social Science)



**DHIYA SARAH
ARUN**
92/100 (Hindi)

SCHOOL TOPPERS OF CLASS XII – 2021-22 (SCIENCE & COMMERCE GROUP)

I RANK



Jefin Mathew Kurian
(Group 1 & 2) **483/500**
Topper in English,
Mathematics,
Physics & Chemistry

II RANK



Mahati Krishnakumar
(Group 1 & 2) **471/500**
Topper in Physics &
Chemistry

II RANK



V. Susena
(Group 1 & 2)
471/500

I RANK



Neil Josiah Benjamin
(Group 3 & 4) **462/500**
Topper in Economics &
English

II RANK



J.S. Jeberson Immanuel
(Group 3 & 4) **454/500**
Topper in Accountancy &
Business Studies



E. Roshan Manuel
(Group 1 & 2) **466/500**
Topper in
Computer Science



E. Alena Mariam Mathew
(Group 1 & 2) **98/100**
Topper in Biology



Jeditha Jebamalar
(Group 1 & 2) **96/100**
Topper in English



**Rebecca Catherine
Devakirubai**
(Group 1 & 2) **96/100**
Topper in English
& Physics



Keziah Sarah Sunil
(Group 3 & 4) **428/500**
Biology



Rhea Ahmed
(Group 1 & 2) **99/100**
Topper in Psychology

CONGRATULATIONS!

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Investiture ceremony for the academic year 2022-23 was held on June 18th at the school auditorium. Mr. Reji Abraham, President of UCA was the Chief Guest. Our Correspondent introduced the Chief guest. The ceremony began with the march by all the elected leaders which set the mood for the event. Chief guest and Secretary donned the sash and Correspondent and the Principal pinned up the badges for the captains. The students took an oath of leadership and promised to discharge their duties entrusted to them. Parents of the student council members were also invited. Chief guest addressed the gathering and encouraged the student council members to excel in their roles. Miss Arpita Susan Cherian, the SPL shared the council's plans for the school and Master Johan Biju, the Assistant SPL delivered the vote of thanks.



STUDENT COUNCIL 2022-23



**ARPITA SUSAN
CHERIAN**
SCHOOL PUPIL
LEADER



JOHAN BIJU
ASST. SCHOOL
PUPIL LEADER



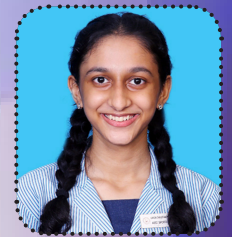
JOTHAM PAUL P.
JUNIOR HEAD BOY



**SELENA
MARIAM JACOB**
JUNIOR
HEAD GIRL



AMITH MATHEW
SPORTS SECRETARY



**JANIA SUSAN
KURIAN**
ASST. SPORTS
SECRETARY



YEGAMMAI M.
CULTURAL
SECRETARY



**ARON GREG
THOMAS**
ASST. CULTURAL
SECRETARY



JORDAN MATHEW
IGNIS HOUSE
CAPTAIN



S. SHAJITHA
IGNIS HOUSE
VICE CAPTAIN



J. AUSTIN JOEL
TERRA HOUSE
CAPTAIN



JOANNA PEARL R.
TERRA HOUSE
VICE CAPTAIN



K. JOEL SAM
AURA HOUSE
CAPTAIN



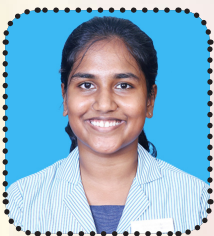
**M. HANNAH
FELIN**
AURA HOUSE
VICE CAPTAIN



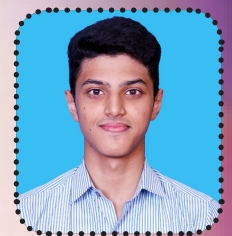
**MICHAEL J.
KURIAN**
AQUA HOUSE
CAPTAIN



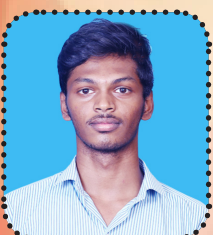
**D. DAMITA
HEPHZIBAH**
AQUA HOUSE
VICE CAPTAIN



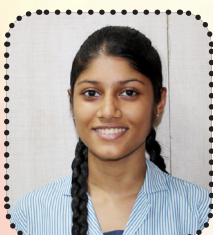
N. SEMMOZHI
SEWA
LEADER



JOEL MANOJ
ASSISTANT
SEWA LEADER



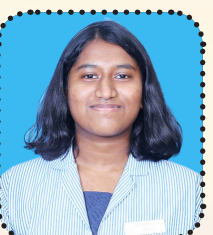
M. SANJAI
ENVIRONMENTAL
LEADER



**R. CHAITHRA
DAS**
ASSISTANT
ENVIRONMENTAL
LEADER



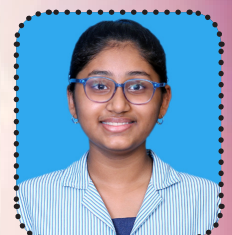
**KEVIN THOMAS
GEORGE**
PREFECT
CLASS X



**MEGAN GRACE
PRAKASH**
PREFECT
CLASS X



**MOHAMMED ISHAQ
IBRAHIM**
PREFECT
CLASS IX



**ALONA ANN
THOMAS**
PREFECT
CLASS IX

Editorial

Every opportunity counts!

'Today is the opportunity to build the tomorrow you desire.'

Opportunities! Every life is full of them. UCPS Chronicles was the most incredible opportunity I could have ever asked for. Thus, my friends and I are thrilled and delighted to keep the ball rolling and continue creating newsletters for the academic year 2022-23.

If you wonder what the purpose of this very special newsletter is, well, it is largely to highlight the various underlying talents of our school and appreciate the efforts of our students as well as our teachers. I truly believe that every individual has an innate talent, ability, or skill either hidden or manifested. Talent does not necessarily have to be only in the field of sports, music, public speaking, etc. but in turn, talent can also include good humor, great memory, being a fine gamer, or even listening and understanding other's feelings. You know how unique that is!

Now, what's new this year? I assume, everything! Students returned to school and finally met their friends in person instead of in an online classroom. From brand new changes in the infrastructure to hosting our first-ever inter-school cultural, Union Christian Public School has truly evolved. These events are an exceptional opportunity to showcase one's inner talents and as the saying goes 'Opportunity rarely knocks twice. So, grab it!'

I cannot conclude this article without addressing the extraordinary editorial team and the teachers whose all-out efforts are the reasons for you reading this newsletter today. Let us look forward to what the future holds and let's make the best use of the opportunities approaching our way.

Ammaar Yacoob
Editor-In-Chief

PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING

10th July – Parents and students of Classes X and XII were addressed by the Principal Mrs. Nisha Anil John. She highlighted the school rules, she briefed about the new amenities and infrastructural changes brought by the school this year. It included the SENSES smart board, i-Zone lab, open classrooms. She elaborated on the allocation of marks for Classes X and XII.

23rd July – Parents of classes 1 to 5 were instructed by the Principal on the school rules. She emphasized hygiene practices for the primary students. She emphasized on NO EXAM for classes I and II but ensured that they will be evaluated on continuous comprehensive evaluation pattern.

24th July – Parents of Class VI to IX and Class XI had their orientation programme where the Principal addressed them and spoke about the expectations from students regarding academics and behaviour. She reiterated that there is detention in Class IX & class XI. Class teachers and subject teachers were introduced to the parents. The Forum was open to parents to clear their queries.



TEACHERS' RETREAT & ORIENTATION

'It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.' - Albert Einstein. At the onset of the academic year 2022-2023 a 3-day orientation programme was organised for the teachers of UCPS.

The Programme for the teachers began with a staff retreat lead by Pastor Manoj Samuel on June 1st which rejuvenated them. Our Correspondent Mrs. Elizabeth George formally introduced our new Principal Ms. Nisha Anil John to the faculty. The Principal updated the staff regarding academics, various competitions & events planned for the year along with other specifics.

An ICT session was organized where Dr. Angelina Geetha, the Dean of Academics from Hindustan University on 2nd June gave a brief introduction on new technologies which are applied for interactive teaching and learning. It was helpful to ease the fears and equip teachers with fresh ideas for a great school year.

A resource person from Infinite Engineers briefed the staff on the real purpose of i-ZONE lab during the Orientation Programme. The purpose is to ignite imagination, innovation and inspiration in the students.

A workshop on 21st Century Skills was organised by the Oxford University Press. This session aimed at equipping the teachers on how to derive ideas from limited resources for effective teaching learning experience. It was quite an interactive session.



SUNFLOWERS

Can skilled be anything more impressive,
Than the radiance of a subject of sunflowers?
Her petals waving side the wind,
Dancing carefully
The substance of her soft roots,
That evolves a conduct deep into the ground.
She holds on every talkative windstorm,
For all that she is valued.
Status association and powerful,

Along with her head stolen extreme.
She refuses to bow, to bend or smash,
But reaches nearly the vault.
The splendour of pride inside,
As she grasped her supervise excessive
Her calm pliable spirit aside,
Grew wings and found to flee.

V Susan Chrysolite, IX B

CAREER VS PASSION

Having money in today's world is a superpower. But the crucial question is 'Are you going to earn it by doing what you love or gain it by compensating in terms of respect, recognition, and money?'

Passion can be described as a strong desire or interest in an activity/cause that people love to do. On the other hand, a career can be described as a journey that everyone pursues throughout their life to survive. Finding your passion is important, and someone passionate about their professional work is happier and more satisfied than someone who's stuck doing a job they have no interest in.

We often face confusion when choosing between passion and a career. Whether you choose to chase your dreams or focus on a career, there are some disadvantages to both. Monetary constraints may force you to settle for boring jobs. Committing yourself to do the same thing every day of the week is harder than you think. Being under a lot of obligations can turn your career into a survival pack for you and your family. Apart from obligations, deadlines, bosses, and clients ruin the fun of it. On the contrary, some passions may not have any surety of achievement, leading to financial problems, not being lucrative, and losing interest. 'Follow your passion' is not bad career advice, but it's not enough to guarantee a satisfying career. Finding and turning your passion into a career only motivates you to do better. Being passionate about your career does not necessarily bring happiness. What it does do is give you an avenue to keep engaged and be a better performer. Those who can marry the two, are truly lucky.

Bernice Daphne, XI B

WATER MATTERS

Water plays an important and integral part among lives of living beings. Water covers 71% of earth's surface, but 96.5% of earth's water present in seas and oceans which are saline. About 1% of the water is present in the form of glaciers and in the atmosphere as water vapour. The rest are present as fresh water which is used by us. Water is used by us in various day-to-day activities and also is essential for our survival.

Many livelihoods [be it human beings, animals, plants] are dependent on water. 70% of India's population is in the rural areas and with depleting availability of water, the farming community is on the wane. With the farming sector a source of livelihood, 41% of Indians depend on water for farming.

Therefore, there is an imminent need in the conservation of water by constructing check dams, desilting lakes and growing trees. Water in dams and reservoirs, apart from farming activities would also help in generating electricity thereby making hydroelectricity, a renewable form of energy.

With rapid urbanization not only in metro locations but also in Tier 1 and Tier 2 towns, there is an excess demand for water, more importantly with the kind of urbanization that we get to see there has been a decrease in the visibility of the flora and fauna leading to less rains. This emphasizes on the importance of planting trees providing green cover which may lead to sufficient rains in the place where we live. Urbanization also resulted in the eroding of water bodies, rapid industrialization leading to depleting groundwater availability and polluting the environment thereby endangering the living beings. Hence, WATER MATTERS!!

It is time that we the, young citizens of the country create awareness and spread the importance of conserving water, sustainable method to be adopted to conserve water, keeping the environment clean and tidy, periodic desilting of stormwater drains to store rainwater.

Let us all come together to help ourselves and the future generations to lead a happy life by protecting the natural resources available with us.

Aman Rajan, XI A

New Look for UCPS



SPORTS DAY

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships" - Micheal Jordan. Good days end with happiness but the best days end with memories and July 15th was one! Union Christian Public School celebrated its 5th Annual Sports meet on the 15th of July. The bright sunny day started with a prayer and flag hoisting. The chief guest Tmt. Ramya Bharathi IPS, along with the Correspondent Mrs. Elizabeth George, the Secretary Mr. Vinod Simon, and the Principal Mrs. Nisha Anil John witnessed the marching of all the four houses: Aqua, Aura, Ignis, and Terra with all its reigning glory. Tmt. Ramya Bharathi IPS delivered a small yet strong message saying "Trophies carry dust, but memories carry nostalgia" inviting us to participate in events and influencing us to concentrate on extracurricular and health with fitness activities! As Emerson said, 'The world belongs to the energetic' Taekwondo, Pyramid formations, fan drill, and drill with Aerobics were displayed as part of the cultural event. Further races and sports events were held and the individual championships and the overall trophies were given. Aqua House emerged as the overall champions.



INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

JUNIORS



Othniel Robin Mathew VIII A



R. Jerusha VIII A

SENIORS



Aryan S Kumar X



Rhea Isabel Joseph X

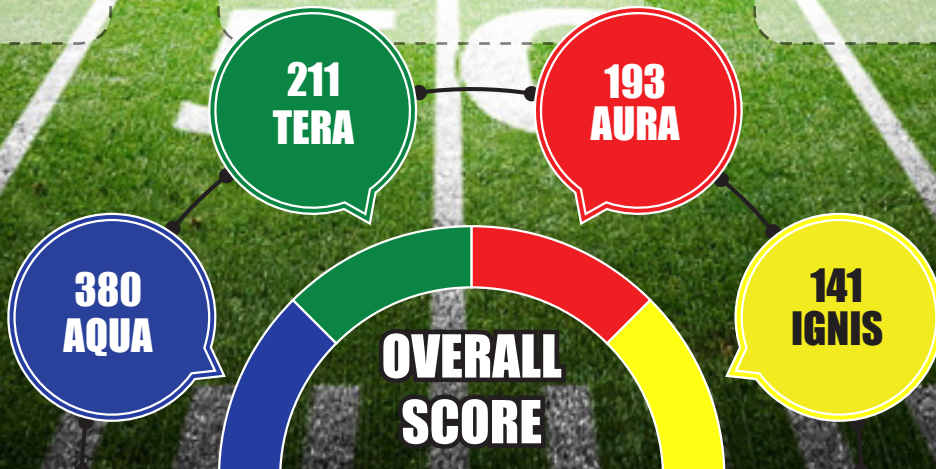
SUPER SENIORS



Nithin Krishna XII A



Yegammai N. XII B



KG - Colours Day



My Favourite Toy



Show & Tell - My Family



BEST FRENEMIES!

There was a girl named Claire who desired to be a famous fashion designer. Every year, she won the fashion designing competitions held at her school. Her best friend was Bella. One afternoon, while Claire was designing her dress, Bella saw how gorgeous Claire had designed her dress. Sophie walked in and snatched away Claire's design and said, 'Oh my gosh, I hope you are not planning to compete with this... Uh... drawing'. Claire got frustrated and said hesitantly, 'Well yeah, what is wrong with this?' Sophie threw the design on the floor. Claire got annoyed; she picked her bag and left immediately. Claire had got an expensive Italian cloth to make her dress. When she opened her locker, she found her extravagant cloth all ripped up and stained. Claire was devastated. Claire has tears in her eyes but she didn't give up and started making her dress with a normal cloth. But she couldn't find her pink shears and her design notebook. She saw Sophie using the same exact pink shears. She got so mad at her and screamed as much as she could till, she began to choke but Sophie kept refusing. Later, Bella came and tried to comfort Claire. She asked Claire, 'you and Sophie were best friends, right? But why is she sabotaging you?' Claire said, 'You know as they say "It's the people who are closest to you who turn out to be your biggest enemies"'. Bella responded, 'You got that right'. Claire decided to give up on the contest and wished Bella good luck. On the day of the contest, Claire turned up in a glamorous and gorgeous looking gown. Bella was shocked; she asked her, 'How did you make such a pretty dress?' Claire said, 'My luxurious cloth wasn't actually ruined, I made the spilled dye as a pattern and made this sweet gown'. Not surprisingly, she won! Claire went to her bully, Sophie and said 'Sorry, your little sabotage plan didn't work' Sophie asked 'What plan?'

Claire explained about it and Sophie said reluctantly 'I would never sabotage you, if you recall we were best friends before you got another best friend' and she showed proof that those shears had her name embedded on it and she doesn't own a single dye of the colour which was split. Their teacher walked in with your design notebook and pink shears. Her teacher insisted her to follow her. She was led to Bella crying in the corner of the staff room. Her teacher explained that Bella was the culprit behind it all. Claire asked 'Why?!' Bella was angry and said 'You are always the spotlight and I feel left out so I thought you might finally lose but something went wrong'. Few days later, Sophie asked if she could join Claire for lunch at the cafeteria. Claire agreed and they both sat together and talked well. Finally, they compromised and became best friends forever. They promised to be loyal and never ever sabotage each other.

N. Liana Sheryl, IX B



Magnum Opus

Union Christian Public School's first ever inter-school cultural Magnum Opus '22 event was a grand masterpiece just as the name suggests. At the daybreak of the 20th of July, students from various schools gathered to participate in a plethora of exciting competitions such as Battle of the Bands, Dance it Out Loud, Polka Dots & Popcorn (Fashion show), and offline events including Table Decor, Tamil Debate, and Meme - O - Mania. The Correspondent, Mrs. Elizabeth George inaugurated the function and witnessed the event along with the Principal, Mrs. Nisha Anil John. The school also exhibited an array of food stalls.

The closing ceremony was attended by the popular internet sensation, Mr. Kishen Das, who was impressed and praised the event. The efforts of the teachers, students, and cultural captains were well appreciated by the audience and the occasion concluded with Don Bosco School of Excellence taking up the overall trophy and Velammal Bodhi Campus as runners-up.

Altogether it was truly a memorable experience that will remain embedded in our hearts forever.



OUR GLITTERING STARS

Tom Glazer stated 'Participation is one of the best methods of educating'. A few students from our school had participated in Inter School competitions conducted by Kola Saraswati, St. Bede's & Chettinad Vidhyashram. In 'Spectra' organized by Kola Saraswati on 29th and 30th of July, our school had participated in various events like Shipwreck, Instrumentals, Block & Tackle Surprise event, Group Dance, Final Showdown etc. In 'Festa di Talenti' organized by St. Bede's on 12th and 13th of August, our school had participated in various events like Adzap, Spin a yarn, Lawyers up, Light & Rock Band, Group Dance, Adaptune, 'Mr. & Miss. Talenti' etc. The students were enriched with new ideas and even won the 4th overall shield at the event. The students enjoyed the exposure as they were able to enhance their knowledge and skills with a healthy competitive spirit.

St. Bede's School - Festa di Talenti

SHIPWRECK

Rhea Ajith George IX - B
Second Place

SPIN A YARN

Johan Biju XI - A
Second Place

JAM

Aron Greg Thomas XI - A
First Place

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Mathew Anu Joy XI - A
Jabez Immanuel XI - A
Second Place

CASE IT

Hannah Felin XI - A
First Place

BEST DANCER

Bernice Daphne XI - B

BEST LAWYER

Hannah Felin XI - A

MS. TALENTI

Rhea Ajith George IX - B

Miss Talenti of St. Bede's Culturals, Festa di Talenti:
Rhea Ajith George of IX B receiving a cycle as the prize.



Kola Saraswathi School - Spectra

SHARK TANK

Shiloh Hewins XII - B
Third Place

BLOCK & TACKLE

Michael J. Kurian XI - A
Second Place

SURPRISE EVENT

Johan Biju XI - A
First Place

JAM

Mathew Anu Joy XI - A
Third Place

INSTRUMENTAL

School Band
Second Place

LIFE TO THE OLD BOOKS

The English Department of UCPS celebrated World literacy day on the 8th of September 2021. It was an online program. The program had a noble cause behind it. Children donated their old story books, the books were all packed and ready to get a new life.

We contacted Mr. M.V. Abraham Hon. Secretary of St. Thomas nursery and primary school and also St Thomas care home, Sriperumbudur. They were glad to know about our offer. That's when our books got a new life. Mr. Abraham came in person to collect the books from our school on 5th July 2022. We at UCPS were elated to be part of this noble initiative.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Name of the Student	Class	Achievement
Mohammed Izaan. I	1 B	1 st in tiles breaking, 2 nd in KATA – 15 th Tournament at Adyar
D. Koshika	2 A	1 st Prize Marvellous Performer - Video Jockey for her own YouTube channel videos conducted by Wonder Buddies
A. Adhveka	3 A	Velammal Sports Festival 2022 - Interschool Speed Skating Competition: 2 nd place in 200 mts Quad Skating, 7-9 category. South Zone Roller Skating Championship 2022 conducted by Bridges Learning Vidyalaya Higher Secondary School – 3 rd in 200 mts Quad Skating 7-9 category. 10 th Tamil Nadu Speed Skating State Meet 2021 conducted by Tamil Nadu Speed Skating Association (TNSSA) affiliated to Speed Skating Federation of India – 2 nd in relay.
V. Vishnu	3 A	1 st place 4x25 mts relay U/8 and 2 nd place 75 mts U/8 in Inter School Athletic Meet held by V Sports Academy
Naren V.	5 A	Participated in SIKA Karate Championship 2022 organised by Shotakan India Karate DO Association and secured Second Place in KATA. Participated in the event 'Universal Achievers Book of Records' to perform Silambam Martial Arts forms for 20 Minutes and 20 seconds in multiple locations all over India.
Kavipraja P.	5 A	Gold in 75 mts sprint (junior) in Indian Bank Sports Fest, Meenakshi College, Kodambakkam.
Jotham Paul P.	5 B	2 nd in Ramyam Learning Academy Drawing competition. 2 nd in Kalaa Turuvam Fancy Dress Competition. 5 th in Sketch Masters '22 (art competition) 5 th in LDOAC (labour day art competition)
Hannah Jessica Clement	6 A	Guinness World Record for participating in Most People Performing a Rain Dance, organized by D. Sowmya Rajesh and Niruthia Nithyalaya Institute of Fine Arts. Best Performer of Classical Dance, World Records Festival.
Jane Neorah	6 A	Winner of Girls Badminton Tournament at Chitra Avenue Residential Complex.
K. Saideepan	7 B	One gold and one bronze medal in National Vovinam Martial Arts conducted in Jalandhar City, Punjab, with and without weapon. 2 nd prize in state level Silambam competition. Won silver medal in district level Silambam competition.
S. Nithyashree	7 B	State topper – Indian Talent Olympiad
Joseph Samuel	8 B	First place in Music Production in Generation 360 Media Carnival, 2022.
Ryan George Mathew	8 B	Champion in the 7 th International Abacus Competition – Brain O' Brain Skill Development Programme Best Student of the Chennai Region Sunday School – 1 st in Solo Singing, Elocution and Bible Verses Writing.
R. Chaithra Das	11 A	3 rd in 100m district level. School Individual Championship for 3 consecutive years. Represented school in zonal level multiple times.
Pratibha S.	11 A	2 nd in Kho-Kho, Annual Sports Meet, Maharishi Vidya Mandir Senior Sec. School. Grade 3 certification for basketball from Leapstart.
S. M. Siddharth	11 A	Has represented Tamil Nadu in under-12 and under 14 categories. Has played u-15 district tournament and won the best fielder award. Achievements: Man of the Match, best fielder, best performer, promising cricketer, promising youngster.

RIDDLES

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| <p>1. What has to be broken before you can use it?
An egg</p> <p>2. What is always in front of you but can't be seen?
The future</p> <p>3. Where does today come before yesterday?
A dictionary</p> | <p>4. What gets wet while drying?
A towel</p> <p>5. What has many keys but can't open a single lock?
The keyboard</p> <p>6. What is yours but everyone else uses it?
Your name</p> |
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Muhammad Ashaz IV B

i-ZONE INNOVATION LAB

It's school time again! So many new things. New teachers, new friends, and this year, a new subject!

Union Christian Public School introduced 'i-Zone' to empower the upcoming generation with skills in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). i-Zone Maker space is designed to lay a foundation for 'innovation' and to provide a hands-on learning experience.

The general objective is to drive the four Cs:

1. Creativity
2. Critical thinking

3. Communication
4. Collaboration.

This course enables the children to brainstorm a wide range of ideas improving and maximizing creative efforts. When a project goes wrong, we do not consider it a failure but instead an opportunity to learn.

In conclusion, i-Zone has been designed to promote a constructive learning approach to help and nurture innovation among young minds.



CALLIGRAPHY ORIENTATION

Calligraphy orientation session was held on 17th June at the UC auditorium. Ms. Meghna from Callistyle introduced the art of calligraphy to students. She taught the students the ABCs of calligraphy. Finally, the students were made to create small bookmark with calligraphy.



LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

'That's the thing about books. They let you travel, without moving your feet.'

To commemorate the birthday of the renowned librarian, Mr. S. R. Ranganathan, we at UCPS celebrated library week between the 12th and 18th of August. The children were provided with books to read written by popular authors. Activities were done based on the books including word search, crossword puzzle, arrangement of story sequence, and questions based on the story which wakes their imagination. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activities.



AI - GAMECHANGER WORKSHOP

Dr. Susan Elias, Dean from VIT who completed her doctorate in Anna University is highly motivated and working in the research area of Federated and Lifelong learning. She discussed the past and future of artificial intelligence technology on the topic: AI - Game Changer. She enlightened students of classes 11 and 12 with her vast knowledge of Computer Science, machine learning, artificial intelligence, and data science. She shared how they gained popularity, how they were helpful to

mankind, and how they gave way to the development of new technologies. Her projects to develop underwater unmanned submarines, cost-effective insulin pump that is an alternative to multiple daily injections of insulin for the treatment of Diabetes 1, and a jammer to interfere with transmitting signals through drones from Pakistan were overwhelmingly impressive. It was indeed a beneficial and insightful lecture for all students.



CLUB & FIELD ACTIVITIES

'All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy.'

To instil creativity in the minds of young ones, Union Christian Public School has organized a set of club activities for students between grade 1 to 8. These include chess, public speaking, calligraphy, karate, silambam, cooking/baking, reading and storytelling, dance, marching band, skating, and play zone. The participants are trained by experienced individuals who have mastered their art throughout the years and are glad to coach their skills to the upcoming generation. They enhance the students' concentration power and guide them develop their personality. The children shall cherish these moments at school, learning what motivates them.



RENDEZVOUS WITH PROF. JOHN VARGHESE

On Saturday, the 6th of August, the Union Christian Association was lucky enough to have amongst us Prof. John Varghese, the principal of St. Stephen's College of Arts and Science, Delhi. Students of grade 8 and above from both Matric and CBSE assembled in the school auditorium for this seminar.

The program started with a beautiful prayer song, followed by the Bible reading and prayer. The gathering was formally welcomed and the principal of UCPS, Ms. Nisha Anil John was called upon to introduce the Chief Guest, Professor John Varghese. He was invited to the podium to share his words of wisdom. His seminar was categorized into three basic necessities for achieving a great future. He spoke of how one must first have a vision, additionally set his priorities straight, and finally have motivation to fulfil the vision, which the Professor further classified as discipline, diligence, and determination.

Once Professor Varghese concluded his words, there was a Q & A session which was followed by Mr. Vinod Simon, the Secretary asking how a student can enter St. Stephen's College. The Professor then gave the necessary obstacles to overcome to enter St. Stephen's College. The Secretary gave his thanks to the Chief Guest for his time and presented him with memento.

Towards the end, the UCPS quartet was called to perform the special song, "Carry Your Candle" after which the vote of thanks was delivered. The program then concluded with both schools singing the School Hymn.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

August 15th is a predominant day in the history of India. 75 years back, on the eve of Independence Day, Nehruji stated, "At the stroke of midnight when the world sleeps India will awake to life and freedom!" Yes, this year, India celebrated her 75th Independence Day.

The Union Christian Group of schools celebrated the Independence of India with absolute pride and patriotism. The day began with a song and prayer surrendering our souls and country to the Almighty. The national flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest, Ms. Neenu Iyerah, Southern Railway's first head of operations. Ms. Iyerah, soon shared her thoughts on Independence and stressed the fact that India's true Independence comes only by eradicating the bondage of poverty. She spoke about the freedom fighters of our nation who sacrificed their breath to make India breathe!

The school was beautifully decorated with lights for this auspicious occasion. Dance and singing performances heightened the celebration. Soon, the gathering stood in attention to recite the National Anthem. As the beautiful words of the anthem rippled through the grounds, every soul present could feel the familiar shiver again with deep reflections upon their faces. The program concluded with the school hymn followed by the vote of thanks. After which tricolour sweets were distributed. With Freedom in our minds, Faith in our words, and Pride in our souls, let's salute our nation. Jai Hind!



FINANCIAL LITERACY - ICICI FOUNDATION

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."
-Benjamin Franklin

The ICICI Foundation had taken a great initiative to enlighten the students of UCPS regarding financial literacy. Students were addressed by Mr. P.S.T. Rajkumar, Financial Education Counsellor from the ICICI Foundation. He instilled awareness among students regarding student loans and free internships available at ICICI that can help boost a child's early career.

Students were also introduced to concepts such as cyber security, fraud, scams, and CIBIL score. The presentation certainly engendered curiosity among students to learn more about the financial resources available and was vastly insightful.



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FUN FACTS THAT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND!

1. There was a laughter epidemic in Tanzania in 1962. Yes, you heard that right. This epidemic of uncontrollable laughter was no joke!
2. The longest traffic in the world lasted for twelve whole days. This incident happened in 2010 at Beijing, China. It was sixty-two miles long and that's a hundred kilometers!
3. Australia has more than ten thousand beaches. If you were to visit a new beach in Australia every day, it would take you over 27 years! So, if you're a beach lover you must visit Australia.
4. Movie trailers were originally shown after the film and that's why they're called 'trailers'. Get it?
5. There's a room in the Microsoft headquarters in Washington that holds a world record of being the quietest room in the world. It's so quiet that you can even hear your own heartbeat. Yes, it's downright eerie!

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THE THINKING CAP

Here are some cool facts about numbers that many of us might not have noticed.

- The letters 'a', 'b', 'c' and 'd' do not appear in the spelling of the numbers between 1 and 99.
- The letter 'd' comes for the first time in "Hundred".
- The letter 'a' comes for the first time in "Thousand".
- The letter 'b' comes for the first time in "Billion".
- The letter 'c' does not appear anywhere in the spellings of English numbers!

Do You Know?

1. The leaves of a tree in Madagascar are 20 ft. long.
2. Snails are said to possess 14,175 teeth laid along 135 rows on their tongues.
3. Certain spider webs when drawn out

would reach a length of 300 or more miles.

4. Some whales can stay without food for 6 months.
5. A female angler fish is 20,000 times heavier than the male.
6. Poison extracted from a single golden arrow poison frog is sufficient to kill 2,200 people.
7. An Octopus lays 3,25,000 eggs in 2 weeks.
8. There are as many chickens in the world today as the number of human beings.
9. When the pike fish swallows another fish, the head is already digested before the tail enter the mouth.
10. The longest worm 'Lineus Longissimus' measured 55 metres in length.

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