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Newsletter of Union Christian Public School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It's been two years since we introduced

our Newsletter, "UCPS
Chronicles" and
its venture was
remarkable in the
past, with a smart
set of editorial
team of students
and teachers working
closely together. This year

too, our new editorial team has taken over and I wish all the members a grand topical dawning.

I recently heard someone say 'Money is the root of all evil' and this time I stopped to ponder if it is really true all the time. Maybe not. One of the living legends according to me leading an exemplary life and the one whom I consider as a paragon is Mrs. Sudha Murty, the Chairperson of the Infosys foundation. If we take her example, the above saying is only a myth. Being the

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wife of a billionaire business magnate, the amount of time and money she devotes to social work is commendable. She is a member of the Public Health Care initiatives of the Gates Foundation. She has founded several orphanages, participated in rural development efforts, supported the movement to support government schools with Computer and library facilities and established Murty Classical Library of India at Harvard University. She was awarded two of the highest civilian awards in India, the Padma Shri in 2006 and the Padma Bhushan in 2023.

Another great personality whom I admire is Ratan Tata, the great industrialist and former chairman of Tata Sons and Tata group. Mr. Tata is also one of the largest philanthropists in the world, having donated around 60–65% of his income to charity. In 2008, he received the Padma Vibhushan, the

second highest civilian honour in India, after receiving the Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian honour in 2000.

I adore Mrs. Sudha and Mr. Tata for their simplicity and humility and even more for the greatest philanthropists that they are. However, as recorded in the Bible through the parable of the widow, the value of what we give is not based on the amount that is given but the willingness and involvement of the giver. There is scope to share our income to the needy, even if it's not in the millions as in the above examples. All of us can't be a Sudha Murty or Ratan Tata but we can encourage children to keep a portion of their earnings, especially their pocket money for charity. As adults, we should teach children the value of money and how to earn it with hard work and how it should be spent judiciously.

Mrs. Nisha Anil John

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All Things New, Bright, and Blessed

"Deuteronomy 28:6 you will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.









Following the refurbishment of the East block, the South block also was given a new look as the school was all set to begin. God's blessing was invoked through a service that was led by H.G.GEEVARGHESE MAR PHILAXENOS through which the entire campus was blessed.





"TO MAKE TOMORROW BETTER, PREPARE TODAY.

HOLISTIC WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Women being the core care takers of a family often neglect to take good care of themselves, however to remind teachers the importance of prioritizing their health, they were introduced to experts in the field of Yoga and Ayurveda. Holistic wellness Workshop by Dr. Priyanka Unni and Health and Wellness workshop by Ms.Sumathi Rajakrishnan were truly valuable.





GAMIFICATION OF CONCEPTS

"Work while work, play while play; that is the way to be cheerful all day."

What if work and play coexisted in a learning environment there by making it happy everyday.

This idea and loads of other creative techniques to engage students in the learning atmosphere was the takeaway of our teachers after attending a session on

02.06.23 about the gamification of concepts for all subjects.

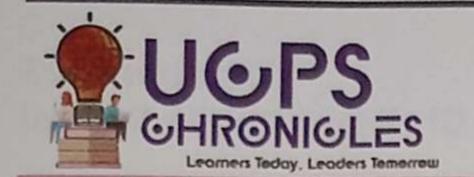
The speakers Mr.Kartic Vaidyanathan and his wife Mrs.Radhika gave the teachers insights on why games are an essential part of learning and how blending conceptualized games in academics contributes to having fun while gaining knowledge.



SESSION ORGANIZED BY MACMILLAN EDUCATION

A fun and interactive Skill Development session was organized by Macmillan Publications. The speaker threw light on "Gardner's Multiple theory of Intelligence" and helped the teachers in reinforcing this popular theory which helps in identifying the strength of each learner and catering to their needs accordingly.





Editorial

The Indian Education System

The years that follow after the 10th grade are considered to be one of the most crucial ones that have the power to shape one's entire career. One takes up the first ever round of board examinations in the 10th grade and goes on to make one of the most important decisions a student could make in their lifetime: choosing a stream. A student also faces the need to enroll themselves into a coaching centre to crack an entrance exam to one of the colleges and spends an exorbitant amount on those classes.

The goal of educating children has slowly morphed into wanting them to lose sight of who they are and moulding themselves into the persona of a workaholic rich money-minded megalomaniac that society deems as 'successful'. With the youth of the nation suffering and feeling emotionally and innately burnt out, our country as a whole can never show any sign of real progress and development. Assessing a student holistically, taking into consideration of what he does inside and outside the classroom is one of the ways where an overall idea of who the student is as a human, what beliefs and values shape their choices and decisions are considered, humanizing their profile that makes it all the more valid. Their talents and capabilities can be highlighted, adding in more dimensions to a single person.

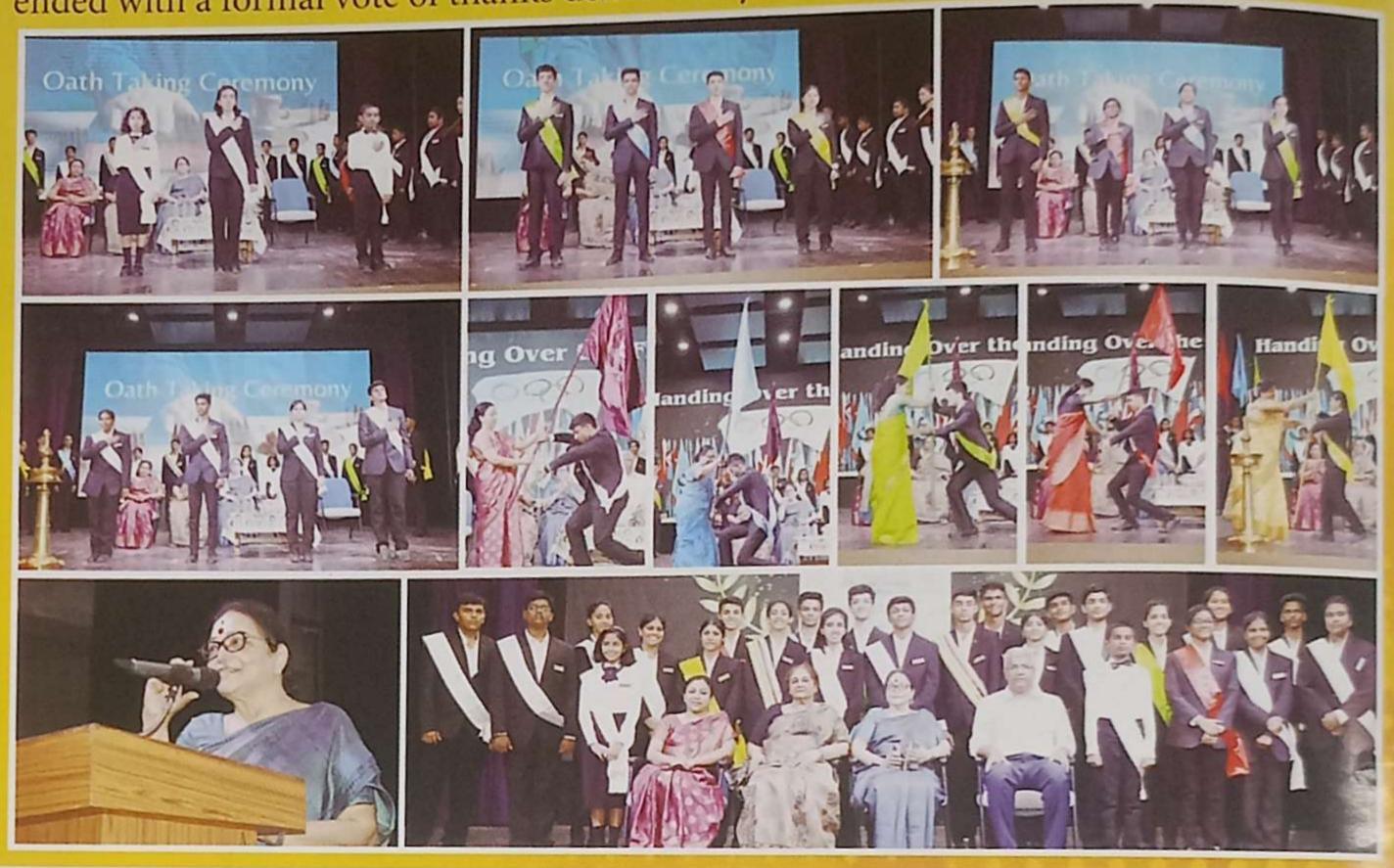
The human psyche is a highly intricate system with numerous aspects to it. Taking into account just the amount of memorizing and thinking it can do is insufficient while evaluating it as a whole. Fostering and nurturing the youth of today will give rise to an immensely growing nation tomorrow. Hence, we must start working towards a more functional education system that views students as humans, not as humanoid robots.

> Megan Grace Prakash XI - A

ALL ABOUT JUNE

INVESTED WITH RESPONSIBILITIES

The Investiture Ceremony of Union Christian Public School was conducted on the 14th of June 2023 at 9 AM. Dr. M. Sheela Priya, IAS (Retd), consented to be the Chief Guest and graced the occasion. The school was in vibrant colours, and in the faces of students and teachers alike were a bright smile. The Ceremony began with a prayer and Bible reading, invoking the blessings of God Almighty. The newly appointed Student Council for the Academic Year 2023-24 were then invested with their badges and swore to serve the school wholeheartedly. The leaders were handed the school flag that fluttered high and mightily. The Chief Guest inspired the students to believe in themselves, their capabilities, and their talents, and lead the school effectively. The event ended with a formal vote of thanks delivered by the newly elected School Pupil Leader.



MUSIC FEST

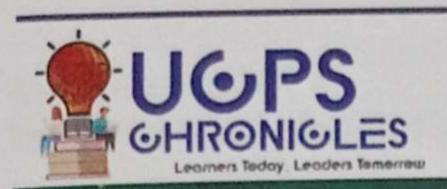
"Though we might not think we have a musical bone in our bodies, there is music in all of us to be discovered and nurtured."

The Music Festival at Union Christian Public School on June 21, 2023, was a remarkable celebration of music and talent. It took place in honor of World Music Day. The festival featured various categories, including Vocals - Solo & Group and Instrumental - Solo & Group, providing students from classes 3-12 with a platform to showcase their musical abilities.

The judging panel, consisted of esteemed dignitaries in the field of Music, namely Ms. Kamalaja, Mr. Immanuel, and Ms. Sindhuja, who brought their extensive experience and expertise to the event. The judges dedicated themselves to evaluating the performances with care through their experiences in stage shows, concerts, and contributions to renowned musicians, their presence and guidance were valuable to the participants.

The festival reached its end with the distribution of trophies and prizes to deserving winners. This served as a testament to the outstanding performances and dedication of the participants. Overall, the Music Festival was a resounding success, bringing together the school community to celebrate World Music Day in a meaningful and impactful way. It provided an avenue for students to explore and nurture their musical talents, ensuring that the spirit of music continues to thrive within them.





CAREER GUIDANCE

The students of UCPS were privileged to be granted a career guidance program on the 23rd of June, By three members of the IIT faculty, Mr. Girish, Mr. Adarsh Madre and Mr. Vishal,

These IITians updated the students with information on new courses available in IIT, Madras. They also introduced the students to their own course in Data science and engineering. The session helped students to expand their knowledge and explore more regarding the newly arising job opportunities based off IIT, which is an important aspect of modern technology and sustainable development.



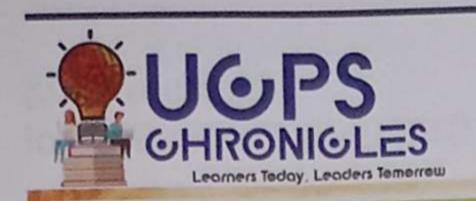


TGC TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

the honour of hosting three teachers in sessions and Q&A sessions were beneficial collaboration with Fulbright Teachers for for the host and the hostee to gain knowledge Global Classrooms by the initiation of about the nuances of teaching and learning; Mrs.Sarda Narendaranath. The Fulbright the existing difference in the same across the teacher exchange program aims to equip globe and an array of other interesting subjects. educators in bringing an international The four day Teacher exchange program was a perspective to their schools through targeted one of a kind experience for the guest teachers training, experience abroad, and global and Union Christian Public School. collaboration.

A Teacher Exchange Program provides The school management and teachers an opportunity for teachers to explore the meticulously planned a four day event where culture of a foreign country, gain further in the foreign exchange teachers had an learning, and share their experiences. opportunity to learn about the curriculum Union Christian Public School had as well as the culture. Multiple class room





Chief Guest, Lt. Col. Dr. Samuel held for sports and sportsmanship. Premkumar along with our Secretary, The stadium reverberated with the Mrs. Nisha Anil John.

5th of July, the students of the primary with life. As the entire group assembled school of UCPS gathered in the grand in front of the stage, the passing of the Rajaratnam Stadium to participate in torch began. The athletes from the their much-anticipated Sports Day, primary section carried on the torch, Gracing the occasion was the esteemed symbolizing the zeal that will always be

Mr. Vinod Simon, Correspondent, cheers and chants shouted with fervour Mrs. Elizabeth George and principal, as the participants set off to participate in various events, which included the Junior Head Boy and Junior Head Girl was the G20 parade, celebrating the triumphant end of a truly spectacular

On the bright sunny morning of the colours of each house lit up the stadium Head for the G20 summit, demonstrated came the team games for classes 4 and 5 which livened the atmosphere on the ground. A special yoga performance was demonstrated after which the final 75m race among classes 3 and 4 took place.

The Aura House emerged victorious by winning the trophy for incorporating the Best Theme in their march past.

The solemn flag was lowered, and With each of its captains and vice- 75m race for class 5 and the 50m race for with the National Anthem ringing captains leading their troops and the classes I and 2. Following these events through the stadium, it marked the



SENIOR SPORTS DAY

their athletic talents"

The 6th Annual Senior Sports Meet of Union Christian Public School was the 7th of July, 2023 at Stadium, Rajaratnam Chief Egmore. The Guest for the day was Mr. G. Augustine Paul Sudhakar, Addl. Deputy Commissioner of Police.

The event solemnly started with a prayer, after which our beloved

"Sports Day invokes Principal mam shared a the true sportsmanship few words to the ecstatic in every individual, and audience. She motivated provides a platform for the students to strive for students to showcase perfection and persevere to reach the goal. The march past was up next, as all the houses marched in perfect unison led by conducted on the School Pupil Leader. The houses had their very own thought-provoking and relevant theme that they depicted through their march past with their mascots, dressed in dashing and dazzling apparel, accessories and many more.

Excited screams filled the ground as athletes participated representing their house, and were cheered by the house members.





SPARKZ





students.

SPARKZ - Inter house cultural "DIVE INTO THE FANTASY WORLD"

"We don't create a fantasy world to escape reality. We create it to be able to stay."

SPARKZ 2023, the annual inter-house cultural program, was centered around the theme "Dive into the world of fantasy" The event provided a platform for students to express their creative interpretations of fantasy through a series of competitions. The program spanned multiple days, with different activities and events for junior and senior

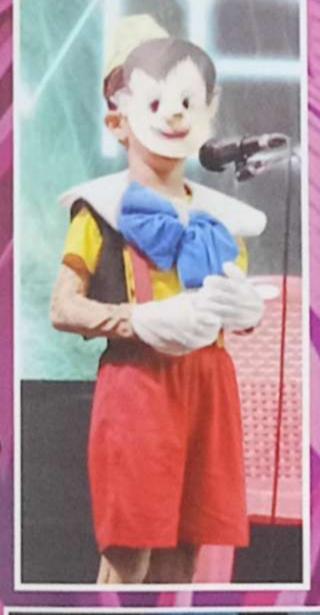
On the first day, the juniors participated in several competitions to showcase their fantasies. These competitions included "The Canvas," Magic Feet," "Dreams 'n' Themes,", "Act It Out," "Wise 'o' Waste," and "Shake It Up," At the end of the day, the Ignis house emerged as the overall champion, while the Aura house secured the second place.



SPARKZ 2023 provided an opportunity for students to unleash their creativity and immerse themselves in the world of fantasy. The event showcased the talents and imaginative abilities of the participants, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and celebration of the arts.



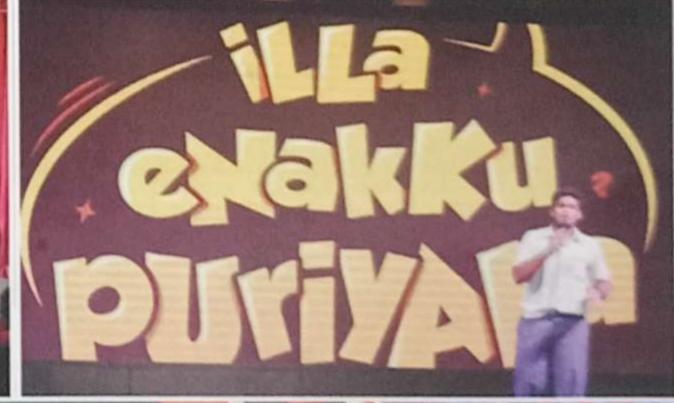
























ACHIEVEMENTS- ABOVE AND BEYOND

COMMERCE FEST

The Ecom Fiesta 2023 held at Jaigopal Garodia Vivekananda Vidyalaya on 11.08.2023 witnessed remarkable achievements by our students.

Ethan Isaiah Baldrey of class 11 B secured the 3rd prize in SMART START. Jessica Benita Immanuel from 12B and Muhammadh Saakin from 11B secured 2nd prize in ECOM PRESENTATION. The dedicated efforts of our

students, along with the guidance of our teachers, resulted in an impressive display of talent and skills across various disciplines. The success of UCPS in these competitions reflects the dedication of both students and teachers to excel in various fields. These achievements not only celebrate our school's prowess but also inspire us to continue striving for greatness in all our endeavours.



OVATIONS 2023

Proud moment for UCPS. As our Union Christian Public School students participated in OVATION 2K23 Interschool competition conducted by Sindhi Model Senior Secondary School on 30.06.23. Our students exhibited their talents and won prizes in the following events like face endeavors exchange and Beg Borrow Steel. The Teachers and Management of UCPS take immense pleasure in congratulating the children for bringing laurels to the school.









ASAN MEMORIAL

On the 11th and 12th of August, Asan memorial conducted the interschool cultural 'Genesis 2k23'. Johan Biju of 12 A emerged as the winner of the Shipwreck event. Rituvarna of 9 B won the 3rd place for Adaptune. The dancers from our school were positioned 3rd in the group dance event.



CELESTA 2K23

Our vibrant school band secured the first place in the group singing event conducted by MCC school on the 14th of July 2023. Joseph Samuel of class 9B bagged the first place in the instrumentals event under the super senior category Asher Jonathan of class 9A won the first place in the instrumental event senior category.

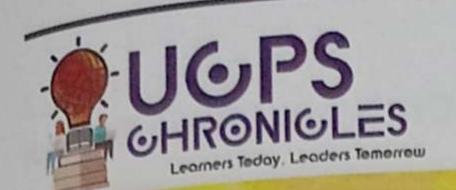


EUPHORIA 2K23

Our exuberant school band participated in the group singing event conducted by Sherwood Hall senior secondary school and bagged the first place.







CARBON ZERO CHALLENGE 3.0

In a bid to delve into the creativity of future inventors, YMCA Madras conducted the 'Science Expo- 2023'. The 1st round was on 3rd August 2023 where out of 100 online applications, 35 schools were shortlisted for the next round. Our smart thinkers of Union Christian Public School from classes 6- 10 were a part of the selected few. They created more than 18 working models based on the topic, 'Sustainable Development'. The final round was conducted on 11th August 2023 at the YMCA Auditorium, Vepery. The chief guest for the day was Mr.Eshwaran Deputy commissioner of Police, Pulianthope branch. UCPS built their way as the winners of this prestigious event. The tremendous support of the parents and the constant motivation of teachers paved the way for our school to this stage. As our students lifted the trophy, their sweat of hard work and efforts turned to smiles of success.

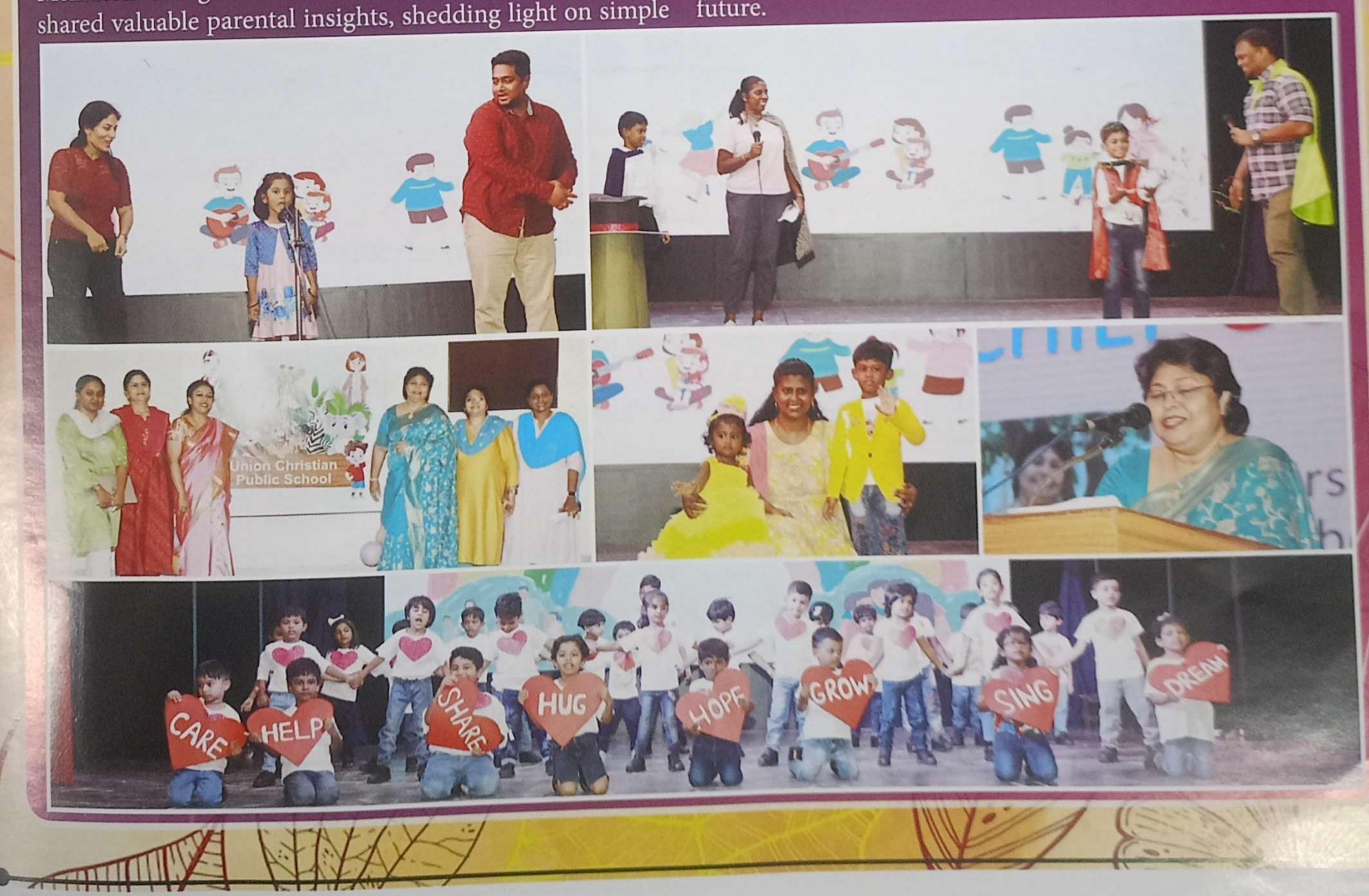


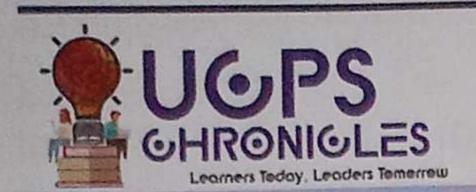
KINDERGARTEN FAMILY DAY

"Family is where life begins and love never ends."

The kindergarten department of the UCPS celebrated 'Family Day' on the 18th of August. The core intention behind this special day was to celebrate our families, a place we call "home" where we are engulfed by unconditional love and strengthened by unwavering support. The little ones, along with their parents and grandparents, gathered to celebrate Family Day. The children took charge of various parts of the event, including the opening prayer, welcome address, vote of thanks and closing prayer. The chief guest of the event was Ms. Preetha Elizabeth George, the headmistress of the kindergarten section of Lalaji Memorial Omega International School at Kolapakkam. She shared valuable parental insights, shedding light on simple

topics, from trusting children with vulnerable objects to acknowledging their questions, regardless of how trivial they are. She concluded by reinforcing that parents' presence is more important than their presents or rewards. The little nightingales sang songs on family and the young dancers rocked the stage with their captivating performance. The children danced to a song called "We are a Family," using sign language for keywords. It was indeed a feast to one's ears and eyes. Parents and children took part enthusiastically in dance, singing, fashion show, magic show, and puppetry. The program ended on a happy note, with the Principal of UCPS, Ms. Nisha Anil John, appreciating the enthusiastic participation of the parents and encouraging more in the future.





(KG COLOUR WEEK)

Colour Week was observed by the kindergarten department from the 17th of July to the 20th of July. The main intention of this special week was to encourage children to recognize the four primary colours and relate them to the objects in their environment. Colorful handmade cutouts related to the colours were hung in the KG block, arousing the enthusiasm of the little minds. Children, along with the entire faculty of UCPS, came dressed in the assigned colour, thereby adding more delight and cheer to the Colour Week. The tiny tots went around the school campus bearing a placard which conveyed a social message. They handed over small handmade takeaways to the faculty while speaking a few lines about the social message.

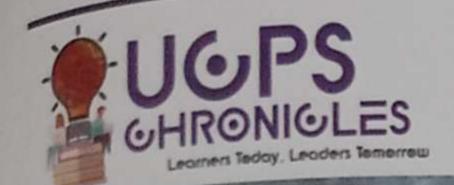
The children actively participated in all the activities that were prepared for them. Art and craft activities, such as finger printing, thread pulling, paper collage, were done and displayed on the soft board. Sorting activities were conducted to enhance their perceptual skills. Parents exhibited their enthusiasm for the colour week by packing snacks in the assigned colour every day. Thus, through the ardent and enthusiastic participation of the children, faculty and parents, Colour Week



INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Independence Day of India, which is celebrated throughout the Country on the 15th of August every year, holds tremendous ground in the list of national days, since it reminds every Indian about the dawn of a new beginning; The beginning of an era of deliverance from the clutches of British colonialism of more than 200 years. The Union Christian group of schools, celebrated this auspicious day with great joy and patriotism. The celebration began with a song and a prayer confessing our devotion to God Almighty. The Chief guest, of the day Mr. Joseph Nirmal Raj, hoisted the flag and then inscribed the true meaning of freedom amidst the gathering through his address. Patriotic speeches, Singing and Dance performances further enhanced the celebration.





PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

An orientation was held for parents of students studying in KG - Class 12 in order to acquaint parents with school's policies, programs, and expectations, thereby aiming to promote effective communication between parents and educators, and to help parents understand their role in supporting their child's education and development. Ms. Nisha Anil John, Principal of UCPS,

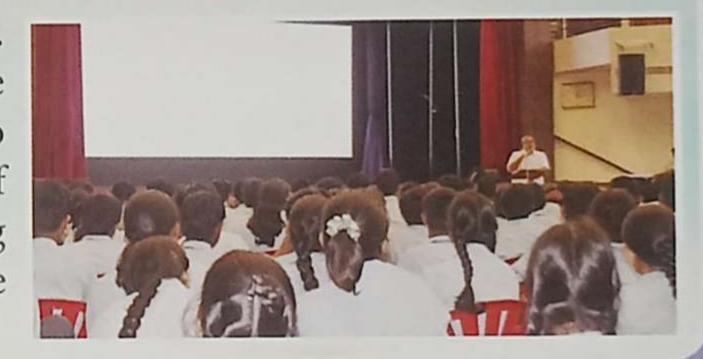
addressed the gathering by emphasizing the importance of good parenting in the holistic development of a child. The session reiterated the significance of parents' involvement in their child's educational journey. This was followed by a video presentation that compiled the milestones the school has covered so far. Parents were also given a briefing regarding the school's infrastructural improvements.





PROSPECTS OF LEGAL STUDIES (CAREER GUIDANCE)

The session was conducted by Mr. Rohan K George. His session addressed the value that Legal Studies holds as a professional course. Mr. Rohan K. George also listed a few colleges that are known to be pioneers in providing the best kind of Legal education. We are happy to announce that our school has been offering Legal Studies as one of the core subjects in the Higher secondary level for those who aspire to be in this field.



ARTIST'S CORNER





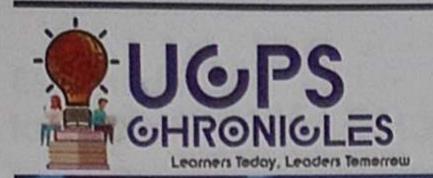
CREATIVE COLUMN

Be authentically Be 'you' tiful

Iello everyone, my name is Krithika and as you all tell I am real and not a hologram. Today I am going ak about a different type of real by this I mean being ntic and being You. Did you know that authenticity is ection of choices that we must make every day? It is the choice to show up and be real. Being real does not mean existing physically, it means that any decision or choice you make must be yours and yours alone. Choosing to behave like someone else or just blindly agreeing with whatever others say makes you an echo. Being real means standing out from the others and not being one voice among millions saying the same thing, but this does not mean that you must come up with a huge idea that does

not cause any copyright issues. It just means that you must be true to yourself. In the end this is, 'your Life'. Live it your own way. Be proud of what makes you, YOU. It could be the way you laugh that sets you apart from someone else don't ever change any aspect of yourself to 'fit in'. You must accept yourself and embrace your 'flaws' or what you consider are your 'imperfections', because you are not a blank canvas, you are a MASTERPIECE with unique brush strokes and colours so to speak. When you look in the mirror, know that you do not need to be colours that you do not need to be perfect. If you are true to YOURSELF, then you are real and that's all that really matters.

Krithika X

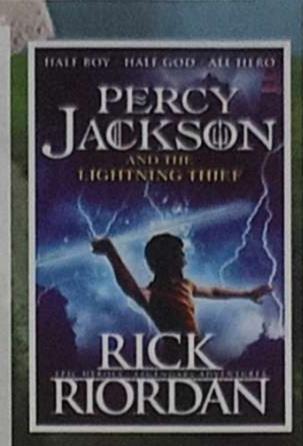


Book Review



I recently read an experience and I mean it when I say experience, called 'Time Riders' . Time Riders is a science fiction thriller which also has a blend of history and fantasy. It is a great book for intermediate readers who are trying to develop more interest in books and explore different genres passing upon this book would be a grave mistake.

Steve Harvey X A



A 12 year old boy's life turns upside down when he vaporizes his Maths teacher! Percy Jackson thinks he is the chosen one mentioned in a prophecy when he learns he is the son of Poseidon, the sea God. Percy along with his other friends go on a quest to retrieve a lightning bolt which if not discovered before summer solstice would result in a disastrous war among the Gods. The quest unfolds a whole lot of adventure. This is the book that inspired me to read more in a way that a day spent without reading brings in an emptiness.

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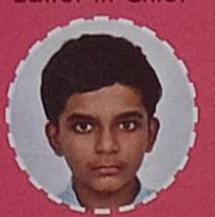
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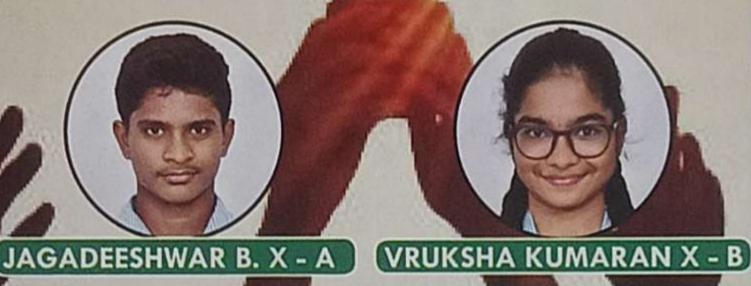
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INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN SPORTS

6 - 8 CATEGORY



9 - 10 CATEGORY





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Nature's Alarm

In a sky as blue as the ocean Flew an eagle golden and bronze In a land as brown as the desert Grazed goats both big and small

Swooped down the eagle to catch a kid Flew the kids to their mother's cover Brave mother goat challenged the eagle In came the crow squad to the mother's aid

Tried his luck the eagle did swooping in again and again

Losing the battle to the crow heroes Flew away the eagle disappointed Amazing story of courage saw I from my balcony

Goats and their kids put in danger By selfish man destroying trees, leaving no shelter

Rise up we should like the brave crows

Protect the environment and save the animals

Abigail Christina IV B

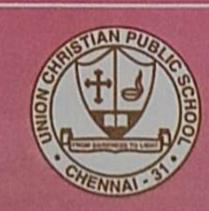
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