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From the Principal's Desk



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CASTELINO

Prosperity, honour, power, none of these bring peace of mind. In the modern world with its tensions and conflicting personal relationships, peace of mind has become a dream. It can be acquired by love and consistent efforts.

To find peace of mind you have to stop worrying and start living. If you have personal or emotional problems, make a timely decision either by yourself or with the guidance of others, but do not let them keep eating you.

Too much of a driving ambition, like a runaway horse can drag you and injure you. Set your targets within the bonds of your capabilities.

Do not put off the work you have to do today. Postponement of work will rob your peace of mind. Do not struggle against problems of life that cannot be overcome. Try to ride with them. Make use of your leisure time properly. Adopt a hobby- a pleasure pursuit for spending your spare time.

Give enough rest to your body. Your body is a delicate machine that cannot be operated at top speed all day.

Above all, have faith. There is no peace of mind without faith in something-oneself, one's work, a noble cause and above all in God. A genuine attempt to live by some principles is a familiar path to peace of mind.

Wish you all a very happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Francis Castelino

COMPETITIONS & WORKSHOPS

Enlightening Session By Maulana Syed Zaki Baqri

The morning of 11th October 2018 dawned at the College with the graceful presence of Maulana Syed Zaki Baqri from Canada. He was warmly welcomed by the College Principal Mr. Francis Castelino. Also present at the function was the College Founder and President Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq and other managing committee members.

Maulana Baqri commenced his speech stressing on the pious humanitarian vision of Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq. He told that the meaning of learning is to serve humanity. He also stressed on the fruitful utilization of time and modern gadgets.

He then expressed his concern about book reading which is becoming null and void among youngsters and it has rightly been categorized as a catastrophe on the hi-tech Y-Generation. He also proposed for monthly competitions of book reading in the college to promote healthy reading habits among students. He further exhorted the students to recite the Quran daily, with translation and bring the teachings into practice in their daily lives. He also advised the students on trying to be a good human to gain success in this world and the hereafter. It was followed by a very informative and interactive session with the students.

The enlightening session concluded with a vote of thanks by College Jt. Secretary Dr. Mohd. Talha.

Bravo Unity @ Philately Diwas, Postal Service Lucknow

Unity College marked its winning presence at Philately Day of the National Postal Week 2018 on 12th October. Around 75 students from different schools across the city actively participated in the events like letter Writing, Quiz and Exhibition Competition.

In the letter writing Nitin of Class VIII B clinched the 1st prize in category I while Syed Nazre Ali Faraz of Class XII-A bagged the crown place in Category II. Later, in the Quiz Competition too, Nitin was adjudged 2nd in Category I whereas all the three places in category II were bagged by Unity students. Syed Nazre Ali came 1st, followed by Mohd. Meesam of Class X-B and Ahmad Ali of Class XII-D as 2nd and 3rd winners respectively. The winners received trophies and certificates from the Chief Guest Mr. Krishna Kumar Yadav, Director- Postal Services Lucknow. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino applauded the winners and motivated all the students to come forward and give exposure to their hidden talents.

Counselling Session

On 12th October, 2018, the College organized a counselling session for Class XII students conducted by College Vice-Principal Mr. Anoop Raj and Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima.

Reminiscing the session with Mr. Piyush from Azeem Premji University, Pune, they once again told them about the various career avenues including a number of novel fields available there and good placements too. They motivated the students to determine their future course towards a bright career as per their aptitude and interest.

Class 1 Yoga Session

The evergreen saying goes 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy'. In keeping with this philosophy of practical teaching Class I teachers organised a brief Yoga session on 12th October, 2018 for their classes.

The session was based on a lesson from EVS. The highlights of the session were stretching exercises aimed at building a strong body and mind so that the students might flourish in academics as well as sports.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the session as was evident from their radiant smiling faces and the effect of it could be seen throughout the day as they bubbled with energy.



'Tying A Tie' Workshop

'Tying a Tie' Workshop was held on 12th October, 2018 for Class XII boys. The session was conducted with a very practical approach as the students learned how to make the knot of a tie in a perfect manner. This initiative was taken by College Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima

Career Counselling For CS

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) held a Career Counselling Session for the Commerce students of ISC at the College on 25th October 2018. ICSI personnel Ms. Samra abreast the students with the vision and mission of the organization - 'A transformative journey from student to modern day corporate professional'. Besides, she gave all details regarding programmes, eligibility, and subjects to be offered for the Company Secretary course. She also told about further academic pursuits and employment prospects. In the end, she answered the students' queries and cleared their doubts. The session concluded on the confident note of a promising career ahead.

Annual Inter-House Debate Contest

Debate is an academic activity that gives students the exposure to critical thinking and out of the box views, besides honing effective communication skills. With the same perspective in view, the College organized the Inter-House Debate Contest on 17th October, 2018 in two categories—Junior for Classes IX and X, and Senior for Class XI and XII. The teams were presented with the resolutions - 'Social networking is making us anti-social' and 'Community service should be compulsory for all students' respectively.



The occasion was graced by the presence of Founder President Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq and Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi. Dr. Sadiq was overwhelmed to see the college flourishing towards the zenith. He stressed on equal enthusiasm for active participation among boys and girls.

The Judges Ms. Farha Naqvi- Academic Advisor of UEP and Ms. Shabana Ahmed-Principal of Unity College II shift applauded the young debaters and expressed their amazement by acknowledging the creditable performances by the students.

In the Junior Category, Nabila Idrisi of IX-A was declared the 'Best Speaker For', while S. Ali Jibran of X-B, the 'Best Speaker Against'. The Runner-up place was bagged by Andleeb Rizvi of X-B. In the Senior Category, Alisha Rizvi of XI-D was adjudged the 'Best Speaker For', while Ahmed Ali of XII-D, the 'Best Speaker Against', followed by Saima Batool of XI-A receiving the Runner Up place. The Champion Trophy was proudly lifted by Tagore House.

Addressing the students Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi said that effective communication is very important in the present age. Winning or losing is not so important in such events, as learning about one's flaws and weaknesses. The vibrant day concluded with a vote of thanks by Principal Mr. Francis Castelino.

Class-1- Outdoor Class On Air

Innovation is taking the world by storm, keeping with this trend Class 1 did some out of the box thinking and introduced a new chapter to the history of the College by conducting a combined SCT class in the lap of nature, and it wouldn't have been a better choice as the topic was AIR. Faces beamed with elation and it kept on growing with each experiment, based on uses of air. The students got hands on learning experience and conclusions were drawn instantly by the students. Presence of the College Secretary, the Principal and the Headmistress with her inputs during the session, boosted the excitement of teachers and students manifold. The class looks forward to holding more such sessions.



Hindi Declamation Contest

The Hindi Declamation Contest was organized by the Secondary Section of Unity College on 26th October with an aim to offer a tribute to the legacy of great orators of India and to hone the public speaking skills in students. The junior most, Class VI delivered the last speech of Former PM Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Class VII took former PM Mr. Rajiv Gandhi and lastly, Class VIII chose the first PM of free India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The declamation witnessed a fierce competition with dexterous articulation among the students.

It left the audience deeply impressed. In conclusion, the winners were honoured with certificates and prizes.

Principal Mr. Francis Castelino applauded their meticulous performance. He laid stress on the importance of such events that particularly hone the communicative skills.



Inspirational Lecture

Eminent Maulana Aleem Meer from United Kingdom graced the portal of the College with his benign presence. Addressing the students, he said that education without a good character is useless. They should be perfect in all aspects of life- an obedient child, a sincere learner, and a good citizen. They should respect parents and teachers as they are the benevolent force to success. Lastly, he stressed on gender equality and its importance.

Visit To Science City

Educational excursions in schools are actually a learning experience out of classrooms. In compliance to this notion, the College arranged a visit to the Regional Science City, Lucknow for Class IX on 27th October, 2018. The excited students were awe-struck to see the sprawling gallery of oceanic exhibits and other amazing scientific models and experiments. The Sci-Max show was another attraction. They watched a documentary on RIMPAC 2018 that concluded with the message saying 'NO' to war. Then they watched the mesmerizing 3-D show of pre-historic species of dinosaurs. The beautiful landscaped park was the next destination where the children played merrily on swings and performed simple physics experiments as well. Lastly, strolling in the light showers of the rain forest added more colour to their already wonderful visit. Overall, it was an enriching as well as pleasant experience.

Hindi Recitation Contest @ Primary Section

On 6th November, 2018, the Primary Section held the Hindi Recitation Contest with an aim to instill a love for poetry and to develop recitation skills in the young students. The beaming students of Class I were first in the row to present beautiful lines on Nature, Class II chose the topic 'Dharti' and Class III, 'Maa'. Classes IV and V presented a wide range of thought provoking poetry like 'Hindi Bhasha', 'Nar Ho Na Nirash Karo Man Ko', 'Mera Naya Bachpan' and 'Karmveer' to name a few. Their innovative and creative props enlivened the enthusiastic performances and made the whole contest a treat to watch. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino applauded the awesome performance of students and also the teachers who prepared them for the event.



Unity Cheers For Winning Baitbaazi @ UP Urdu Academy

The College lifted the Best Performer Award at the Bait Bazi Contest at Uttar Pradesh Academy, Lucknow on 6th November, 2018. The competition was between eight reputed colleges of the city. Unity team comprising Syed Samin Raza XI-B, Aalisha Rizvi- XID, S. Ali Jibran- XB out did other teams in eloquence, expression, delivery and lastly their choice of rich and classical poetry. They were honoured with a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- each besides trophies and certificates. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino applauded the talent of the enthusiastic students and the efforts of the devoted teachers.

Extramarks Counselling

The Right Career Choice is the stepping stone to career success. The College religiously complies with this faith. Career

Counselling programmes for aspiring students are arranged and coordinated on a regular basis by College Counsellor



Ms. Nisar Fatima. 'Extramarks Career Counselling Programme' had been in progress since August, 2018. The first leg of the programme 'Awareness' was conducted by resource person Mr. Asif on 15th and 16th August. He addressed classes X and XI of the College and Class XII of Unity College II Shift. He said that every child is unique and special; the need is to recognize your talent and pursue the same. At the same time, he guided the students about various career options, and stressed that no job is low or high; your excellence in the field makes you great. The sessions proceeded to 'Career Aptitude Test' (CAP) on 25th and 26th September. A five day individual counselling from 29th October to 3rd November followed the written round of Personality Assessment. Senior Counsellor Ms. Parameshwari and her team talked to each student and their parents, personally and guided them to the best possible academic / career choice that favoured their personality and abilities. The team also conducted the 'Brushing Up' programme for Class XII. They made the students abreast with the multiple career avenues available and the leading universities for higher studies and courses. Ms. Parmeshwari emphasized on the importance of making informed decisions. On the concluding day, Principal Mr. Francis Castelino thanked the Extramarks Counselling Team for the informative and enriching session that benefitted the students as well as their parents.

Unity Strikes At 'BLITZ' At Mount Carmel College

On 6th November, 2018, a group of students of the College participated in 'Blitz' -an interschool cultural event at Mount Carmel College. A plethora of events were hosted, all very unique in nature and spell binding too. The students took part in the Nukkad Natak Competition which was penned by Mohd. Fras and Nazre Ali Faraz of Class XII A. The play received a huge applause both from the audience and the judges. Though they were not the best, they got a stage to showcase- their tremendous talent. It was, indeed, an enriching experience.

Orientation Programme For Class VIII

Orientation Programmes are a key to students' overall success, especially at the threshold of Class IX when they opt for a particular stream as per their aspirations in life. In keeping to this pragmatic approach, the College organized the Orientation Programme for Class VIII parents and students on 24th November, 2018. It commenced with the welcome address by Principal Mr. Francis Castelino who announced that Mathematics would be a compulsory subject for both Science and Commerce students, w.e.f. 2019-20. Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi stressed on excellence in every stream or field the students choose. College Counsellor highlighted the significant role of English, Mathematics and Computer Application in the present age. In conclusion, parents shared their views and problems with Mr. Rizvi. The programme was a successful step before introducing Mathematics as a compulsory subject from the next session.

'Times NIE & Topper'-Quiz Competition 2018-2019

'Times NIE & Topper' – Intra School Quiz Competition 2018-19 was conducted at the College on 24th November, with the prime objective to keep the learners ahead with the new cutting edge-knowledge and to boost their passion for learning. Classes IX to XII appeared in the written tests of 30 minutes. The quiz papers were aligned class wise based on Science Aptitude and Mathematics. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino appreciated the dynamic approach and endeavour of Times NIE in grooming the students to reach the top notch of success.

Unity Boy Receives Times NIE 'Letter of Honour'

The Times NIE Website – www.toistudent.com is the first-ever website exclusively for students that provides them with an opportunity to read, engage and contribute. It provides a platform for students to express their views on important issues.

It honours one student across India with the title of the 'Star Achiever of the Month', and it was a proud moment for the College when Syed Ali Jibran Rizvi of Class X-B emerged as the –'National Winner of the Honour Roll Prize' for the month of September, 2018. He was gifted a tablet- 'Lenovo Tab 7 Essential' and a letter of Honour from the Editor. College Principal congratulated him and wished him all the best for his bright future.



Measles And Rubella Vaccination

In compliance to the Indian Government's campaign against contagious diseases like Measles and Rubella, a team of doctors and trained staff from Sewa Sadan, Husainabad, conducted the vaccination drive on 27th November, 2018. The students from Pre-Primary to Class IX were given the shot under the supervision of their respective class teachers. Pre-Primary students came along with their parents to get the MMR Vaccine. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino appreciated the government's preventive measures to ensure a healthy society.

Dental Workshop At Unity

On 18th December, 2018, Dr. Hasnain Dewji and his wife Mrs. Fatemah Dewji from Canada conducted very lively, interactive workshops for Primary Classes I to V individually. The highly captivating sessions commenced with a mind boggling quiz on the importance of teeth, the parts of the mouth, the causes of tooth decay and lastly the need to brush the teeth and tongue twice a day-morning and night. The children were told how to brush their teeth and keep them healthy. Two interesting videos on brushing the teeth were also screened. The learning sessions concluded on a note of smiles and resolutions.

Counselling Session For The Students of Class XII

A Counselling Session was organized by College Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima for the students of Class XII on 14th of December, 2018. It was an interactive session between the College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi and the students of Class XII. Firstly, he motivated the students for their board exams and advised the students to focus on their goals and utilize all the opportunities. He stressed on hard work and concluded with best wishes to all the students for their future endeavours. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino motivated the students to excel in their chosen fields.

In conclusion Ms. Fatima exhorted the students to avail the vital opportunities and guidance rendered by the College, with determination and diligence.

Unity Marks Presence At Annual ICS Painting Competition 2018-19

On 21st December, a number of senior students of the College visited the spell binding ICS Painting Competition 2018-19 through which the winning paintings earn an exclusive place in the ICS International Calendar. The exhibition consisted of over 400 enthralling works of great budding artists of the country. Among the paintings two entries were of Unity students namely Anamta Ali of XII A and Tehreem Fatima of XI A. Their art pieces were highly appreciated by the viewers and the standees.

Later, some activities took place in all the classes. It was all together a memorable event for the whole section.

Unity Boy Shines At Quiz Contest At UP Urdu Academy

Arsh Ali of Class XII, emerged the winner in the Inter School Quiz Contest held at UP Urdu Academy, Lucknow on 27th December 2018. He surpassed a number of city schools by a good margin of 18%. He was honoured with a cheque of Rs. 5000/- and a certificate. The audience poured in appreciation and acknowledgement with roaring rounds of applause. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino was proud to have Arsh Ali bringing laurels to the College. He warmly congratulated him and wished a brighter future.

CULTURE

A Tribute To Gandhiji

The College celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with full gusto and zeal on 1st October 2018. A special assembly was organized with an aim to pay a reverend homage to the 'Father of the Nation' and also to abreast the students with this legendary figure and his exemplary feat of peace and non-violence. At the onset, Qais Abbas of Class X B gave an inspiring speech and the Head Boy Fras Abbas recited a short self-composed poem with eloquence. It was followed by Class VIII B students presenting some interesting facts about Mahatma Gandhi.

Lastly the school pledged to keep their homes, school and surroundings clean and free of open defecation.

On this auspicious occasion, a masterpiece of a brilliant artist, Jalal Abbas of Class XI Unity College II shift was released by College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi. This amazing nail-art piece gave a 3 D effect as nails were very finely fixed in sequence to give a lively picture of the Father of the Nation. It left the on-lookers awe-struck. Mr. Najmul Hasan applauded the artist and urged the students to come up with their unique talents. He stressed on 'Shram Daan' and exhorted the students to lend a hand in making their home, school, country and the world a better place to live in. In conclusion, Principal Mr. Francis Castelino proposed a vote of thanks and advised the students to put into practice the things they listened to.

Unity Set Sabeel @ Arbreen

On 31st October, 2018, the ISC (Science) students of the College arranged a Sabeel at Nazim Sahab ka Imambara, Nakhas on the somber occasion of Arbreen. A group of 15 zealous students tirelessly served cold drinks and cold water to the people who were proceeding in the procession along with the Taboot from Imambara Nazim Sahab to Karbala Talkatora. This kind gesture was in solidarity with the immortal martyrs of Karbala who sacrificed their lives for the great cause of humanity. College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi highly applauded the students for the generous social-service and the College Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima who took the initiative.

Unity Joins 'Daan Utsav'

College students and teachers came together to celebrate the 'Festival of Giving'. Each, brought a fistful of grains equating the notion 'Fistful of Joy' and contributed for the noble cause.



The weeklong Daan Utsav concluded on 8th October, 2018 when some student representatives along with Headmistress Kainaat Mansoor, College Counsellor Nisar Fatima and escort teachers visited the slums at Rahim Nagar and distributed the donated grains to each family. This kind gesture aimed to sensitize each one towards the significance



of giving gifts to the poor and the needy. The students from the Primary and the Secondary Sections spoke to the slum dwellers and explained to the children the

importance of education.

Addressing the event Principal Mr. Francis Castelino exhorted the students to be kind and compassionate towards the downtrodden.

The Final Year School Picnic

On 22nd December, 2018, the ISC students went to Nilansh Water and Theme Park for a fun and frolic picnic. The students and their class teachers set out early in the morning. Excitement was writ large on their faces. They kept singing songs in the bus till they reached the venue. As they entered the park premises, they were served refreshments. Their first attractions were the enormous swimming pools. They rushed to plunge into the water, unabated by the chilly waves. The bright and warm Saturday sun energized the whole environment.



After rejoicing and sporting in the water, playing on the thrilling water slides, they looked forward to relish the yummy lunch. Then they enjoyed a pleasure ride on the fun train and other adventures like flying walk, boating, shooting, rope-sliding, etc. The memorable day ended with a photo shoot and a lot of beautiful memories to be cherished afterwards

Children's Day

It is rightly said, "God is the closest to children because their hearts and minds are pure and innocent." To laud the blessed childhood, the College celebrated Children's Day in a special assembly conducted by teachers. The programme proceeded to wishes and greetings of Children's Day. A short speech was delivered abreasting the children with the significance of the day and a brief life-story of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. A number of funny games were also played by the teachers.

In conclusion, Principal Mr. Francis Castelino warmly greeted the children and urged them to maintain their simplicity and innocence that are the very characteristic traits of their angelic- selves.

Unity Shines At Eid Meelad Un Nabi And Hafta-e-Wahdat @ Chhota Imambara

The College enthusiastically participated in the program of unity and brotherhood between the two sects of Deen-e-Islam 'Eid Meeladun Nabi and Hafta-e-Wahdat' at Chhota Imambara on 2nd December, 2018. Primary and Middle School students presented a melodious Naat and a thought provoking skit on the theme of unity and integrity. Their performance was widely appreciated. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino lauded the remarkable performance of the students and the keen efforts of the teachers.

EVENTS

The Association Of Muslim Professionals Honour ISC Topper

The ISC 2018 topper of Unity College, Butool Fatima scoring 98% the highest ever, was honoured by the AMP (Association of Muslim Professionals) on the occasion of Sir Syed Day, 16th of October. In lieu of this prestigious award, a special assembly was conducted to honour Butool's Father, Maulana Manzar Sadiq as the awardee is currently pursuing higher education in Iran. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino proudly shared that Butool had been excellent in all the college activities and lived up meticulously to her office of Head Girl. She passed out with flying colours and made a new bench mark of 98% in ISC. He blessed her for a brighter future. College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi congratulated the proud Father and bestowed honour on him with the trophy and certificate. Addressing the students, Maulana Manzar expressed profound gratitude to the school, especially the teachers for Butool's glorious success. He urged the students to work hard so that they can achieve something substantial and blessed them to be good human beings.



First Aid Day

With an aim to promote the need and importance of First Aid, the Pre-Primary section of the College organized an awareness programme to mark the World First Aid Day on 10th October 2018. The training focused on teaching First Aid to students, providing them with some essential skills that can be lifesaving. Various activities were carried out in the classes under the guidance of the class teachers who demonstrated the implementation of First Aid in different situations. Overall the programme was informative and enlightening for all.

Unity Visits Post Office

Excursions at school have always been a welcome idea especially when it is an educational trip. The College began this exercise with Class III going on a wonderful visit to the Post-Office. Visiting GPO was something out of the ordinary for the children. They enjoyed and learned

how letters are segregated according to the address and pin code and stamped in the Hub House. They learned how important it is to write the pin code along with the address. A small model of the letter box was a thrilling sight for them. They had a glance of the various counters catering to the public namely selling stamps, envelopes, postcards, etc. They also learned about the delivery of parcels to different places. Lastly, they sang the school song with the senior employees. Their excitement became two fold as they received chocolates from the GPO staff.



It was all together a great learning experience especially in the times of email and fax.

Victory For Cricket Players

The College cheered for the novel accomplishment of four students who represented Lucknow Region in AISCE UP-UK State Cricket Championship held at St. Joseph College, Greater Noida. The senior squad included Unitians namely Mohd Razi -XI D, Adnan Rizvi XI D, Abbas Raza XII C and Shabeen Hasan XII-D. Cracking the test of Mileage, they led the Lucknow Regional Team get the III place in the tournament. In this way, they have brought glory to the College as now they will represent the state team at the National level championship. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino warmly applauded the young cricketers and their coach Mr. Pradeep Ojha.

Mariyam Zehra Earns Gold At Ekta 2018, Eram Public School

Mariyam Zehra of Class XII D, emerged as the Sport Star in Ekta 2018 – Inter School Athletics Championship organized by Eram Public School, Indira Nagar. The Competition was nail-biting as a number of brilliant athletes from 40 schools were on the field. Mariyam performed exceptionally well in Shot Put by throwing 8.89 m. She maintained a noticeable lead of 1 m. in the event and was honoured with a Gold Medal. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino congratulated her and blessed her to perform better in future.



Say 'No' To Plastic

A special assembly on 19th November was dedicated to the awareness movement against the use of plastic. A short skit penned and directed by Head Boy Mohd. Fras portrayed the sad demise of a cow due to plastic consumption. It subtly highlighted the harmful effects of the non-biodegradable plastic giant. It was followed by a power-packed action song on the sprightly tune of 'tik-tik plastic'

The students were also told in detail about the ills of using plastic. In conclusion, the College took an oath to say 'No' to plastic bags. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino asserted that taking a pledge is never enough if you don't put it in practice. It's a very crucial time when



every individual needs to shun the use of plastic. It would surely be a great service to the College and the Nation as well.

La Martiniere Model United Nations 2018

A students' delegation of Unity College including Wafi Zehra, Nazre Ali, Fras Abbas, Ali Jibran, Zaufishan and Nabeela Idresi attended the La Martiniere Model United Nations at La Martiniere Boys College on 2nd, 3rd and 4th of November 2018.

They debated for two days on the issues like Money Laundering, Developing Transnational Transportation, Solving Jordan River Crisis, etc., and finally drafted the solutions to the problems along with other school students on the third day.

They also attended the keynote addresses of some of the great personalities like Mr. Salman Khursheed, Politician and Nabeela Jamshed, International Security and Global Government Professional- United Nations.

The students got a distinctive feel of attending the Parliamentary procedures of the United Nations.

NCC Cultural Feast

"Unity students are enthused with so much talent that we should have granted permission to the College long before", said Chief Guest Col. Chinmay Verma, Commanding Officer of the 19 UP Girls Battalion., who



was very much impressed to see the captivating cultural programme put up by the first batch of College NCC cadets on 19th November, 2018. The students were trained and guided by NCC Teacher Ms. Nilofer Jafri. They showcased a short, impressive programme in lieu of the NCC week that is celebrated in the first week of November. Their first performance was a silent mime that voiced a genuine appeal to save water. Next item to strike the very chord was the patriotic song 'Aye Vatan, Aye Vatan'. The immediate response was overwhelming as Col. Verma selected the programme for the NCC week. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino and Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi thanked the senior NCC Officers of the 19 UP Girls Battalion.

Mushtaq Naqvi Memorial Inter School Debate Competition 2018

The much awaited interscholastic meet of words- Mushtaq Naqvi Memorial Inter-School Debate Competition 2018 hosted by the College witnessed a chirpy gathering of enthusiastic, young debaters from the leading schools of the city on 3rd November, 2018. The contest sponsored by Mr. Shahab Husain offers a warm tribute to his legendary uncle Late Mushtaq Naqvi Sahab who was not only an excellent teacher but also a renowned author and orator. He was a Gandhian in principles and a renaissance man in true spirit.

Two esteemed dignitaries graced the occasion as Chief Guests- Sister Sylvie, Principal Mount Carmel, at the inauguration and Ms. Sunita Gandhi, Founder Global Council of Education, at the Prize Distribution. Also present were Ms. Suraiya Naqvi, W/o Late Mushtaq Naqvi, College President Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq, Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi and Jt. Secretary Dr. Mohd. Talha. College Principal Mr. Francis Castelino warmly welcomed the honoured guests and the august gathering. Addressing the students, Sister Sylvie said as a debate brings together the young intellectuals of schools, they should learn to put forth their opinion frankly and learn to accept others' opinions as well. College President Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq honoured Sister Sylvie with a memento and enlightened the young minds. Dr. Sunita Gandhi encoded the mantra for success in exam and life.

The programme commenced with the divine rendition reciting the verses from the Quran, the Bhagwat Geeta and the Bible. An hour prior, the topic for the debate was picked up by a lottery followed by the busy preparation. The proposition read "Exam only measures the memory of students, not learning." The participants earnestly and hotly debated the motion, putting forth a lively battle of witty, ingenious arguments and powerful rhetoric. The rebuttal round added spice to the arguments. The event was minutely judged by the panel of judges comprising Ms. Naheed Varma, Senior Journalist and Project Coordinator, ICS (Institute of Career Counselling) and Mr. John Ramble, English Lecturer Christian College, Lucknow. The judges were pleased to see the intelligent minds presenting the high standard debate. Ms. Naheed Varma exhorted the students to carry forward the spirit of debate, and to confront gracefully the person having conflicting ideas. The winners were honoured with trophies, gift vouchers and certificates. The winner's enumeration is given below:

BEST SPEAKER 'FOR'	Rishabh Agarwal	St. Francis College
BEST SPEAKER 'AGAINST'	Mihir Dey	St. Francis College
1 st RUNNER UP 'FOR'	Bhavini Mishra	St. Agnes' Loreto Day School
1 st RUNNER UP 'AGAINST'	Alisha Rizvi	Unity College
2 nd RUNNER UP 'FOR'	Andeleeb Rizvi	Unity College
2 nd RUNNER UP 'AGAINST'	Shrishti Srivastava	Gurukul Academy
BEST TEAM	Rishabh Agarwal Mihir Dey	St Francis College

The fabulous debate culminated with the vote of thanks by College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi.



Unity @ NCC Week

NCC Girls of Unity College joined the NCC Week celebrations in the very first year of its initiation in the College. Class VIII girls were given training under the supervision of Coordinator Ms. Nilofer Jafri. The energetic cadets namely Sania Zehra, Wajiha Fatima, Adiba Fatima, Aiman Abidi and Madiha participated in the 5 km Marathon (Juniors) in the early morning hours of 25th November, 2018. On 26th, another group of enthusiastic learners performed a Mime Skit in the NCC cultural programme that was attended by Governor Ram Naik. All the cadets were awarded with certificates. The marathon racers received T- shirts also. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino lauded the meticulous presentation of strength and skill by the NCC girls and appreciated the devoted endeavour of their teacher.

Transport Day @ Pre-Primary

The Pre-Primary section of the College observed Transport Day amidst buzzing activities and enthusiastic display of the trio-Air, Land and Water Transports on 24th November, 2018. The prime objective behind this panoramic replica of ways and means of travelling was



to introduce children with the moving world around them. The nimble hands of L. N. worked curiously on Land transport while Upper



Nursery on Water and Prep on Air Transport. They also expressed their innocent perceptions in their scrap books. Their joy turned nine folds to see their hand-made vehicles and carriages set in the picturesque presentation of a railway station, a beach and an airport with the security check point too. Overall, the fun filled day was a learning experience to be cherished afterwards. Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Principal Mr. Francis Castelino & the Headmistress Ms. Kainaat Mansoor were all praise for the attractive exhibits. She applauded the students and their resource persons.

A Rainbow Of Indian Festivals @ Unity

Just ahead of the pleasant chilly break for Christmas, Pre-Primary Section of the College sparked off a rainbow of festivals on 18th of December, 2018. The toddlers put up a



superb show of virtue. The string of cheerful celebrations commenced with the mesmerizing presentation of Eid-ul-Fitr followed by Ed-ul-Azha, Diwali, Holi, Christmas and Dussehra. The awesome show vibrantly brought home

the fervour of universal brotherhood, and the glory of loving compassion. They exhibited unity in diversity, cultures and religions. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino abundantly praised the efforts of the teachers and their tiny protégés.

Sports Day: A Gargantuan Fiesta

The subtle wintry morning of 8th December, 2018 witnessed vibrant energy and athletic exuberance at the College ground on the spectacular occasion of its Annual Sports Day.



College Principal Mr. Francis Castelino warmly welcomed the Chief Guest Prof. Abbas Ali Mehdi, Vice-Chancellor Era Medical College and other dignitaries present at the occasion.



Addressing the august gathering, Prof. Mehdi highly appreciated the superb show. The Meet commenced as the Chief Guest Prof. Mehdi released the myriad coloured balloons which is a mark of healthy competition of skill and

vigour. It was entailed by the meticulous March-past. The icing on the cake was the NCC girl cadets marching fabulously with military precision.

The event further rolled on to the lively eye-feasting drill of the tiny toddlers of Pre-Primary. They swayed with ebullient moves accompanied by scintillating notes of 'Chale-Chalo'. Next was Class I & II presenting the eye feasting drill 'Indiya waley'. Class III drill 'Baadal Pe Paon Hai' transported the onlookers to the highly charged world of aspirations and resolutions. Middle school girls came up with a very impressive dupatta drill which was orchestrated on the emotional appeal



'Betiyaan, Betiyaan' with the message to 'Save The Girl Child'. It rendered the spectators awestruck. The Meet graduated a notch higher when classes IV & V presented the power packed pomp-pomp drill 'Daastan-e-Itihaad' with the great message of brotherhood and unity. It was followed by the impeccable, patriotic pyramids, breathtaking ring of fire, thrilling tug of war between classes XI and XII girls, and various races including 400 m., 200 m., 100 m and relay races. Events like shot-put, long jump and girls' races were conducted a day prior to the Sports Day. All the winners of the track and field events were awarded with medals, trophies and certificates.

The lively fanfare of vivacity, accolades and applause culminated with the vote of thanks by College President Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq. He warmly applauded the winners and their coaches and also wished success in the upcoming events.

Mock Parliament

“Vision leads to change, change leads to difference and difference leads to progress”. With such a frame work of ideology and to promote the working of the government, the College organized the Mock Parliament 2019 on 21st December. The power packed session of the Lok Sabha witnessed the honourable Prime Minister and his team vs. the opposition. The proceedings commenced with the introduction of a bill regarding the purchase of machines with the clauses to manufacture in the country or to buy/import from foreign countries. The busy session was all through very engrossing and captivating. The confident participants had a feel of the responsible leaders of tomorrow. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino congratulated the students and their teachers for the marvelous show.



UNITY COLLEGE II SHIFT

Career Counselling By Extra Marks

A Career Counselling Workshop was organized by the school for the students of Class XII. The speakers were from the Extramarks. The counsellor laid particular emphasis on the planning for a career well in advance,



most probably at class IX level. He also told the students about the new avenues opening up, apart from the traditional ones, and advised not to come under peer pressure while choosing any career. The students really benefitted from the workshop.

Declamation Competition

The Declamation Competition was held on 22nd November, 2018 for the Juniors and Seniors. It was indeed an opportunity to witness some great speeches ever made in the history of mankind. The performances of the participants were incredible. The seniors declaimed the speeches of Martin Luther King and Priyanka Chopra while the juniors declaimed the timeless speeches of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. Although each of the participants declaimed marvelously, special mention must be made of Md. Saqib Rizvi Class VI, Ghazi Husain Class VII-B, Samana Fatima Class VII-B, Inayat and Azra Class IX who bagged the 1st position.

A Picnic To The Zoo By Amar Ujala

The students of Class VI were taken to the zoo for a picnic organized by Amar Ujala. The children were very excited



since morning. As soon as they reached the entrance of the zoo, their joy knew no bounds. At first, they saw some flamingos. They were thrilled to see the apes and their acrobatic stunts, and other animals too. Children then boarded the train for a ride across the zoo. They also had a lot of fun on the various swings in the park. The children returned with a pleasant as well as an enriching experience to be cherished afterwards.

Recitation Competition In Primary Section

A poetry recitation competition was organized by the College II shift for the Primary Section on 6th November, 2018. The competition inspired the children to come forward and recite on stage with the beauty of expression, thought, feeling, rhyme, rhythm and music of words. Students were adjudged on the parameters of confidence, voice, expression, voice modulation and overall presentation, Prep-B, I-C, II-A, III-A, IV-A and V-C emerged winners.

Workshop On Good Touch And Bad Touch

In today's time we hear a lot about child abuse and molestation. As a precautionary step, the College II Shift organized a Workshop on "Good Touch and Bad Touch" by "Who is Husain" organization to help prevent more damage. Most of the time, targets are very young children. Hence it was important to tell them what is right and what is wrong, through a 'quiz' followed by a video. Children also learnt not to be scared of any such person or situation and not to feel bad about themselves. The Workshop helped them to understand that there are good and bad people around them. The session boosted confidence as well as awareness among the students.

Off Campus Achievement At ECLAT 2018

The College II Shift participated in ECLAT, 2018: the Literary Fest of Eram Public College on 15th and 16th November, 2018. Students got a chance to unveil their incredible talent through various events such as Debate, Rangoli, Mehndi Competition, Collage Making and sketching. Sagheer Husain of Class XII bagged the 2nd prize in Hindi Debate whereas Jalal Abbas got the 3rd position in sketching. All the participants received certificates, while the winners lifted the shields as well. These events inculcate the much needed confidence, by providing a bigger platform to the skilled and the talented.

Montessori Class Presentation

A class presentation was put up by the students of Montessori (Lower Nursery-A) on 20th December 2018. The students showcased their skills and talents by displaying a number of activities which they had learnt throughout the year. The activities were dressing a frame, pouring of water, transferring of rice, roti making and many more kinesthetic lessons. The teacher Ms. Meraj Fatima, Ms. Mahnoor Zaidi and Ms. Aziz Fatima really worked hard to make the programme a success. College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi and Jt. Secretary Dr. Mohd. Talha graced the occasion, and were extremely delighted to see the awesome programme. They encouraged them to continue working hard to do even better in the next session. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by the Principal Ms. Shabana Ahmed.

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Inter House Basketball Competition

The two day Inter House Basketball Tournament on 28th & 29th December 2018 witnessed a lot of close contests with each team jumping and leaping to score baskets. The semifinal matches were as exciting as the final one, each team putting in their best foot forward. Mohd Ali Shah House scoring 17 baskets lifted the trophy. Asifuddaula House followed by scoring 16 baskets. The competition was conducted under the guidance of the PTIs Mrs. Shaheena Jafri and Mr. Zafar Zaidi.

College Fete-2018

The Annual Fete at Unity College II shift was a lively day filled with much laughter, fun and frolic. The fete committee and teachers worked tirelessly to prepare for the day.

The subtle wintry sun of 24th December, 2018, ebbed away the chilly cold as the parents and students rushed in to enjoy on the sprawling ground. There was a crowd of visitors with so much to see and do. The ground was packed with a variety of stalls & rides. The live announcements for the stalls gave out extra excitement to the crowd. Principal Ms. Shabana Ahmed and Office Superintendent Mr. Shahid Husain were the people behind its commendable success.

Unity Condoloes The Passing Away Of Dr. R.K. Mittal

The Unity family was shocked to hear about the sad demise of Dr. R.K. Mittal who had been an active member of the College Managing Committee and Ex-Commissioner of Lucknow and Founder of the Kabeer Peace Mission - a cultural and social organization.

In the afternoon of 13th Nov, 2018, the college condoled his passing away and observed two-minutes silence in his fond memory.

College President Dr. S. Kalbe Sadiq, in his message, said that he will always be fondly remembered for his incredible positive influence and zest for service to humanity besides his remarkable academic career. Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi said that Dr. Mittal was a man of genius, and it is an unrepairable loss for us.

Jt. Secretary Dr. Mohd Talha, Principal Mr. Francis Castelino, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff and Students prayed to the Almighty that his pious soul may rest in peace, and the happy memories of his exemplary life bring peace and solace to the bereaved family.

