

ALADDIN



ALADDIN - A MUSICAL PLAY

We were very much honoured to be a part of the play Aladdin and it was one of the most enriching and unforgettable experiences. Working under the guidance of Mr Michael Muthu who is an actor, director and a popular set designer was a lifetimes' opportunity and experience. His vision and creativity brought the story to life, making it the most memorable play we have ever staged in the history UC. The best part was working with an incredible crew and feeling the audience's energy. From the time of the auditions to the time of practice and finally performing on stage taught us to truly embody our characters. It opened our eyes to the hidden details in acting and helped us understand other emotions. We learnt and gained the reality of putting together a successful play and the hard work behind it. Practice time also came as a good break from studies. All the scenes were filled with warmth and humour. We also learnt how to be patient, wise and the value of cooperation and time. The whole play and all the four shows were very well executed. We are beholden to the school for giving us this big opportunity and privilege to showcase our talent and for being a part of this incredible and fascinating show. Thank you, UC!

On behalf of the cast and crew of team Aladdin...
Poorva M, Josh Aaron, Rajul A P & Cedric Joshua N
Class XI

Museum Theatre, Egmore
25-27 OCT 2024

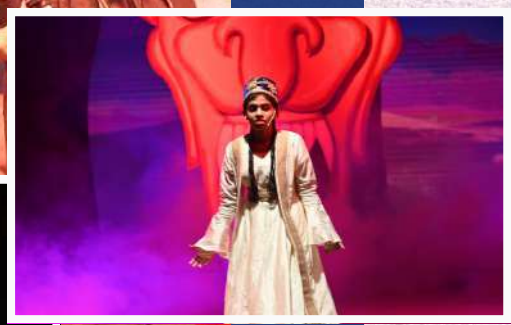


THE DEBT

On November 22nd, our school organized a trip for 9th graders to watch a Christmas musical called 'The Debt,' conducted by Mellow Circle at Egmore Museum Theatre. The journey was uneventful, but the excitement grew as we joined six other schools in the audience. The play began on a light hearted note, with students snacking and chatting with friends. The humorous storyline, filled with jokes, kept everyone giggling throughout the show. There were three main characters - Adrien, Jack, and Juliet. Adrien and Jack, are brothers, deeply in debt. They face the menacing Freddy Fingers - a villain who brutally punishes defaulters by chopping off their pinky fingers. A comedic highlight was Freddy and his bodyguards breaking into dance before each gruesome act. As the story unfolded, Jack's fear of losing his finger led him to convince Adrien to steal from Juliet, who was saving for her mother's cataract surgery.

Although the show was enjoyable, it ran later than expected, leaving us hungry and restless. However, the evening ended on a sweet note - literally! As we exited the theatre, we were handed candy canes. We took advantage of the moment to capture memories with our friends and teachers, snapping photos together. After a quick return to school, we gathered for a late lunch, relishing the rest of the day with our friends. The outing created a treasure trove of lovely memories that we'll cherish.

The Girls Of 9A



06 DECEMBER 2024

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY



Gloria





The Kindergarten Annual Day of Union Christian Matriculation Higher Secondary School was celebrated with joy on Friday, 14th February 2025. Our Chief Guest, Ms. Nancy Ramesh, Senior Headmistress of MVM Bala Bhavan School graced the occasion.

With Seasons as the theme, our little performers showcased nature's beauty through song and dance. The LKG girls opened with a Spring Dance, followed by the LKG boys' energetic Summer Song. Grade 1 students captivated the audience with a play on seasons. The UKG girls delighted everyone with a Rain Dance, and the UKG boys wrapped up with a lively Winter Dance.

The event was a grand success, filled with talent, joy, and creativity. We extend our gratitude to Ms. Nancy Ramesh, our Management, teachers, parents, and young stars for making it memorable.



KG FANCY DRESS



CHAPEL SERVICE

The traditional Chapel Service was held on 27th January for the students who will be appearing for the boards this year. Mrs Meghala Ratnaiya, Co-founder of the Legacy of Life Ministries was the guest speaker.

An inspiring message based on the acronym RACE, standing for relationships, accountability, completion and example was a timely reminder that was an encouragement to all.

The outgoing batch of 2025 performed the auspices of lighting their candles from the lamp and sang the school hymn for one last time, pledging their allegiance to the values and moto of their Alma Mater.





Fashion Show



Fancy Dress



News Reading

Our young stars put their best foot forward in an array of exciting competitions, including Trash to Treasure, Cooking Without Fire, DIY, Western Dance, and Fashion Show. Adding to the excitement, for the first time, we introduced News Reading, a unique addition that captivated everyone.

Students displayed their creativity and skills to the fullest, making Junior Splash a truly memorable event!



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Junior Splash

A Fusion of Imagination, Creativity, and Talent!

Moments of Junior Splash



Prize Distribution



Public Speaking





RENNY MEMORIAL INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 2024

The annual interschool basketball tournament hosted by the Union Christian Matriculation School saw unprecedented growth this year, attracting over 50 teams from across the city. Held between the 20th and 22nd of November 2024 the event started off at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium on the first day with over 24 pre quarter matches and continued with the quarterfinals and semifinals at the school grounds on the second and final day.

Mihir Pandey, Senior Manager IOB and former Indian International BasketBall player presided over the closing ceremony and gave away the trophies and cash awards. Also present were the General Secretary of the UCA Mr Vinod Simon and the Correspondent of the Union Christian Matriculation School Mrs Sheeba Ninan, Principal Mrs Nameeta Sarah Kurian and Vice Principal Mrs Annie Joyson.

In the U14 category Chettinad Vidyashram won the trophy in both the boys and girls category while the Vidhyodaya Girls and the Casa Grand International School were the runner up in the girls and boys category respectively.

In the U19 the Velammal International secured the trophy in the boys category and the Vidhyodaya Girls Higher Secondary School in the girls. Runner up were the MCC boys and St Kevin's Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School among the girl's teams.



JOHN K JOHN ORATORICAL COMPETITION



The John K John Oratorical competition was held on 3rd December, 2024. Fifteen schools from across the city participated in this competition. The topic this year was 'Empowering the Future, the role of youth in nation building through social media.'

Ms. Aeli Mammen, senior trainer and public speaker at Miyagi Learning, Ms.Vijayshree Mahesh, a seasoned public speaking coach, and Mr Vinay Pushpakaran, President of the Professional Speakers Association of India were the judges for this competition. Isaac Joe of Spartan Matric, Sanskrithi Aravind of Bhavans and Laya Nandkishore of Sir Mutha school won the first, second and third place respectively. Spartan Matric represented by Isaac Joe won this year's John K John Rolling Trophy.

For the inaugural Debate competition, four teams participated in the event. The topic was 'Traditional Learning methods provide better comprehension than AI driven education.' Samirtha Sivakumar of Alpha school CIT Nagar and Akash Allen of Union Christian Matriculation Higher Secondary School were the winning team. Katrina John of Sacred Heart School was adjudged the best speaker of the competition. All the winners received cash prizes and certificates.



CHILDRENS' DAY



ACCOLADES



GOETHE Science Exhibition



Shiv Nadar School Cultural (Steamphony)



TEACHERS' WORKSHOP



MARITIME ORATORICAL COMPETITION



LOYOLA COLLEGE : MATHS COMPETITION



LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM FOR STUDENT COUNCIL



Metamorphosis to Excellence. A cutting-edge boot camp shaping the leaders of tomorrow!

A leadership training program for our school leaders conducted by Col Prof Dr Paul Pratap Jayaraj and Mrs Sheeba Jayaraj.

- Leadership Training Program Modules :
1. Cultivating Resilience: Fostering a Positive Mindset
 2. Time Management & Goal-Setting Strategies
 3. Effective Communication & Teamwork Skills
 4. College Readiness: Seamless Transition
 5. Inspiring Responsibility & Ownership



This highly motivational and fun filled session was held on Children's day for our student leaders.



BIDDING ADIEU



Mrs. Sunderathai Lazarus (Principal)



Mrs. Beena Koshy (KG Teacher)



Mrs. Tina Koshy (High School Science Teacher)



Mr. Purushothaman (Non-Teaching Staff)



CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF Mr. P V VARUGHESE FORMER PRINCIPAL - UCMHSS (1983-1994)





CLASS FIELD TRIP

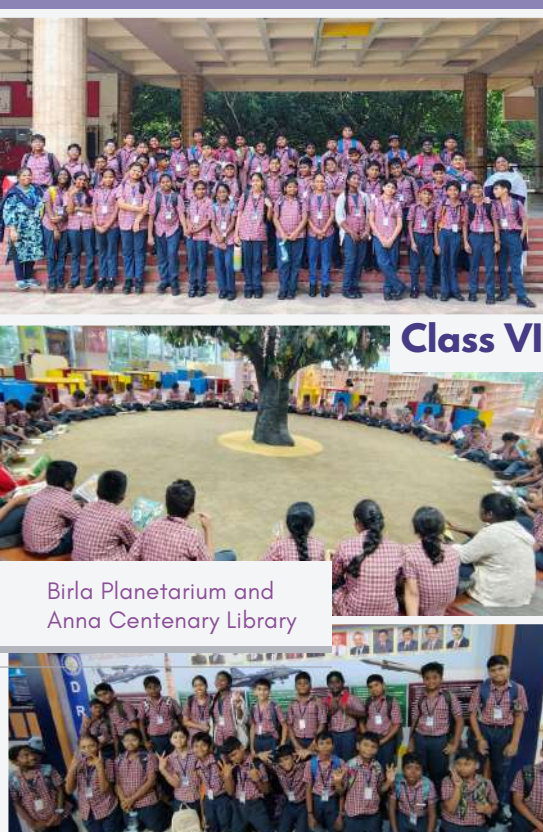
Classes I - III

Kalaingar Centenary Park



Farm Guru

Classes IV - VIII



Class VI

Our students had the privilege of attending 'The Institute Open House', an exclusive event hosted by IIT Madras, designed specifically for young learners. This enriching experience provided our students with a unique opportunity to explore the institute's cutting-edge facilities, interact with experts, and gain insights into the latest innovations in science and technology.

Egmore Museum

Class V



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UNION CHRISTIAN MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Dear Children,
As I reflect on this academic year, I am filled with gratitude to God Almighty for protecting and guiding us to complete this year fruitfully. It has been an absolute privilege to be your Principal, witnessing your growth, passion, and love for learning.



This year has been filled with countless opportunities, and I am proud of how each of you has seized them with open minds and hearts. Your commitment, energy, and active participation have made this experience unforgettable.

As you embark on a well-deserved break, I wish you a period of rest, relaxation, and enjoyment. Remember, learning is a lifelong journey, and every experience holds a valuable lesson.

Thank you for making this year special!

I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to our parents for their unwavering support and trust in our institution.

I eagerly look forward to welcoming you back next year for another exciting journey of learning and success.

Wishing you a safe, happy, and rejuvenating holiday!

With love and blessings,
Nameeta Sarah Kurian
Principal

Celebrate Our Journey, Looking Ahead to New Beginnings

Dear Students, Teachers, and Parents,
I feel an overwhelming sense of pride, gratitude, and hope for all that we have accomplished together. While the school year has come to a close, the memories, lessons, and experiences we've shared will stay with us, shaping the journey ahead..



It has been a true privilege to step into the role of Vice Principal and witness the growth and achievements of our students. I firmly believe that every one of our students has the potential to excel and make a meaningful impact on the world. I assure to provide you a supportive learning environment that promotes academic excellence, creativity, and character development.

I express my heartfelt thanks to the management for their constant support and forward-thinking leadership. Their commitment to creating an environment where everyone can grow has truly made a difference, and their guidance has had a lasting positive impact on our school.

Our students have consistently proved their academic prowess, their passion for extracurricular activities and sportsmanship. This success is a direct reflection of the dedication and hard work of our incredible teachers, who continuously strive to create a positive and encouraging space for learning.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our parents for their support, and trust in our educational endeavours. Your active involvement in your child's education has been invaluable, and I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure each child's growth and success.

Thank you for your continued trust and I wish you all a refreshing break. I look forward to seeing you in the new academic year, ready to take on new challenges, explore new opportunities, and continue to grow together.

Mrs. Annie Joyson
Vice Principal

To Our Readers...

From the Editor's desk...

The great British writer and literary scholar, C S Lewis once said, "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

Life is never a constant, and change is a positive sign of progress. Embracing the new culture be it in the field of education or any other is a welcome change.

At UC we deeply believe in creating opportunities and instilling values alongside academics, culminating in the holistic development of every child's creative genius. And, true to itself, art becomes the catharsis of self expression.

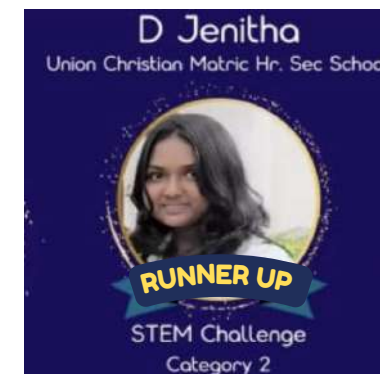
Keeping up with this cycle of evolution, every edition of the newsletter is a record of the milestones achieved in our journey towards excellence.

Hope it makes an enjoyable read.

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Mrs. Nameeta Sarah Kurian (Principal)
Mrs. Anita Karali
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Mrs. Annie Joyson (Vice - Principal)
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Union Christian Matric is proud to announce that our student, D. Jenitha of STD VIII B of UCMHSS was awarded the **FIRST RUNNER-UP** in the Science Contest Category 2 (STD 6 to 10) out of 73 contestants who participated in the Maker Olympiad Competition conducted by Maker Zone, Infinite Engineers on 11th January 2025 (the first Competition that we took part after the inauguration of our Tinkering Lab).

A huge thank you to our Management for providing us our Tinkering Lab LEAP SPACE, where Curiosity meets Innovation!

Competition highlights:

30 participating schools
284 participants

- 3 STEM challenges
- 1.Science Contest
- 2.Coding Contest
- 3.AI ChatBot Contest

Congratulations to D. Jenitha and all our participating students! A big thanks to our Leap Space mentors Ms Aishwarya and Ms Saranya for the tremendous efforts taken.



Union Christian Matric is thrilled to announce that our talented team from Class V, comprising of Darsh Chawla, Marcus Abraham, Tony Danyl, Mohammed Zaheen, and Christo, emerged victorious by winning the **First Place** in the **RoboQuest 2025** - Inter-school Robotics Competition organized by MCC Nursery and Primary School on 8th February, 2025. Our young innovators showcased their exceptional skills by designing and presenting an impressive Obstacle Avoiding Robot.

We just cannot be without expressing our heartfelt gratitude to the Management for providing us with the state-of-the-art LEAP SPACE, where Curiosity meets Innovation. We truly appreciate the efforts and guidance rendered by the LEAP SPACE mentors Ms Aishwarya and Ms Saranya

Congratulations to our junior school team on bringing laurels to our institution! We couldn't be prouder!