

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear readers,

Our teachers constantly try to enhance their own skills for the betterment of the students. The students have shown immense enthusiasm in contributing articles and literary pieces which gives us an innocent vision of their creative mind. As it is said, 'A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination, but when you add to that a literate tongue or pen then you have something very special, this is proved by our young writers through this newsletter. As you unravel the pages of this newsletter one will certainly get a clear vision of all the happenings in our school. It also highlights events, activities, academic achievements of the school. I thank our Editorial Board, Students and Teachers who have been of immense help in breathing life into these pages. We are looking forward for your creative ideas and suggestions to make EDITORIAL better with each issue. Children should be motivated to grab every opportunity that comes their way which would not only help in their holistic growth but also strengthen their belief in teamwork, which is important in this fast-paced world. Our pedagogy which is holistic and comprehensive complements this. We have a team of fabulous faculty members who display boundless energy and intense commitment which keeps the ethos of our school shining brightly. There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; the other, wings! One is offered by our loving parents and the other is offered by us. At UPS, each day that unfolds, is a wonder and a miracle! When we see our children engaged in multi-skilled activities, we often think:

'Let us keep alive the child's inborn sense of wonder, let us arouse their curiosity to discover the mystery of the world we live in! As they do, the experiences simultaneously fuel emotional, social, intellectual, physical, and ethical development!

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## WORLD SOIL DAY CELEBRATION

“Family is the soil in which we grow the next generation”

World Soil Day is held annually on 5th December as a means to focus attention on the importance of Healthy Soil and to promote the sustainable management of soil resources. Soils: Where food begins- is the theme of World Soil Day this year. To spread awareness for the importance of the soil, Primary section of Universal Public School celebrated World Soil Day on Thursday 22nd December. On this day students pledge to protect soil. This was followed by sapling plantation. For this student prepared creative miniatures for planting. The miniatures for planting were prepared from plastic bottles, old Diya's or pots, empty coconut shells, egg packing trays etc. The activity created not only awareness to conserve soil but also love towards Mother Earth.



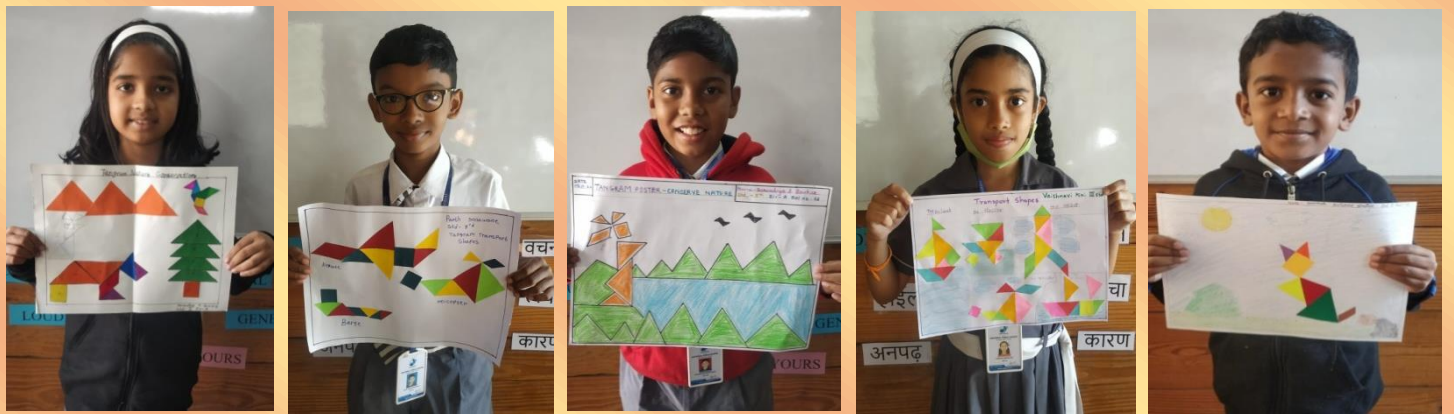
## TOPSY TURVY DAY

The pre primary section celebrated “TOPSY TURVY DAY” on Wednesday, 7th December 2023. It was an enjoyable day for the pre-primary kids as all of them were dressed up. Our creative pre primary kids with the support of the creative parents have made the “TOPSY TURVY DAY” a great success at universal public school. Hats off to the students and parents for being so creative.



## MATH-TANGRAM COMPETITION

“The power of mathematics is often to change one thing into another, to change geometry into language.” Mathematical skills are crucial for a wide array of analytical, technological, scientific, economics and soft skills application. Maths and creativity go hand in hand. To foster the sense of geometry, improve spatial skills and boost mathematics performance, a Tangram making activity was arranged on Monday 12 December 2022 for grade 1 to 5. Tangram is a Chinese Puzzle made up of seven pieces which are joined together to form different shapes or pictures. To enhance the creativity, the students were encouraged to form the figures using the cut outs of the complete set of seven tans that included two large triangles, two small triangles, a medium sized triangle, a parallelogram, and a square in such a way that all the tans were used and each tan laid flat on the workspace without overlapping. The competition was conducted in two round-Round one poster making and Round two of assembling tangram pieces to form the pictures. The themes for Tangram Posters are as follows - Grade 1- Animal Kingdom, Grade 2- Types of Houses, Grade 3 & 4 - Modes of Transport Grade 5 - Conserve Nature. This activity focused on the precision, detailing and pre - requisite knowledge of shapes.



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas is for joy, for giving and sharing, for laughter, for coming together with family and friends. The school wore a festive look with bells, snowman, joystick, stocking and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. The children were told about the birth of Lord Jesus through the Nativity. A dance performance on "I'm a happiest christmas tree" was performed by the primary students. The boundless joy of celebrating the festival was amply visible on the faces of the children especially when Santa moved around distributing sweets to them. The spirit of giving and sharing was inculcated among the tiny tots. The essence of Christmas came alive when Santa Clause himself went into the classes. The delightful celebration included children coming in red, green and white colour party dress, bringing their favourite food in the lunch, dancing and sharing the merriment together.

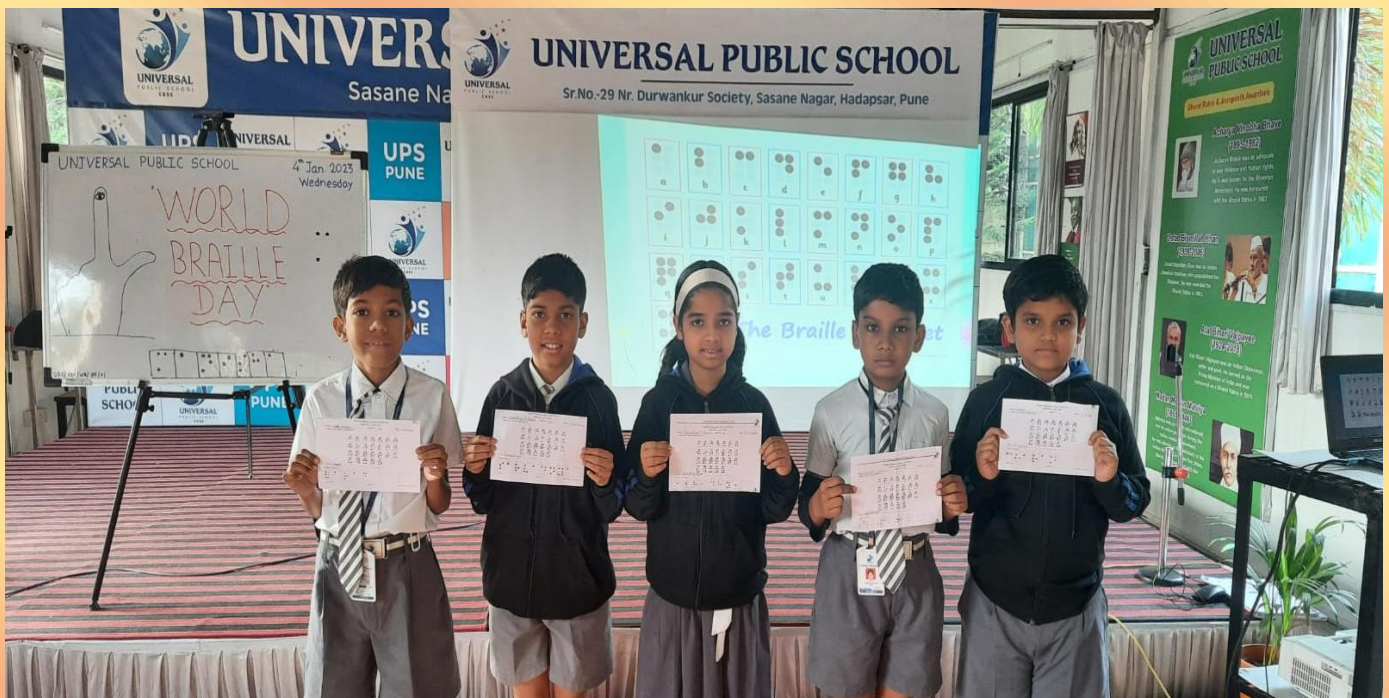






## WORLD BRAILLE DAY

World Braille Day is an international day on 4 January and celebrates awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication in the full realization of the human rights for blind and visually impaired people. The date for the event was chosen by the United Nations General Assembly via a proclamation in November 2018, and marks the birthday of Louis Braille, creator of this writing system. The first World Braille Day was celebrated on 4th January 2019. The theme of World Braille Day 2023 is 'To spread awareness about the important of Braille.' Braille is a code that enables us to read with our fingertips using a system of six raised dots. The primary section celebrated "World Braille Day" on 4th January 2023 followed by importance of the day, video on the life of Braille Louis was shown to the students, the children also did the hands on of writing their names in Braille Lipi.







## BROWN COLOUR DAY

As part of the colour day celebrations, the pre-primary celebrated "Brown Colour Day" on 6th January 2023, Friday. Shades of brown primarily connect us with earth-friendly and natural substances. So, in a process to make pre-primary kids learn about the colour in an engaging and interesting way, our young minds were made to celebrate the brown colour day, during which the little ones were introduced to brown colour objects especially found in nature such as wood, soil, dried leaves and also some relatable things like chocolates, cupcakes, biscuits etc. The little ones were dressed up in brown colour clothes. They really enjoyed doing various fun activities related to brown colour.





## PAJAMA PARTY

What an amazing amalgamation of colourful pyjamas, mushy pillows, soft toys and fun it was, during the 'Pyjama Party'. The children played with their favourite toys and watched their favorite cartoons. The objective behind the Pyjama Party was to assert independence amongst children, to develop social connections and to inculcate the habit of sleeping without their mommy. It was truly mesmerizing to see the little tots energetic and cheerful



## ENGLISH ELOCUTION COMPETITION

“Speech is power, speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel”.

Elocution helps children to improve their communication skills and become more persuasive when they speak. It helps to increase their confidence and ensure that they become more assertive to join or even steer conversations. Elocution plays an important role in the formation, articulation and pronunciation of speech. Elocution is the study of formal speaking in pronunciation, grammar style and tone as well as the idea and practice of effective speech and its forms. English Elocution focuses on clear speech, pronunciation, voice control and content. English elocution competition was held on 9th January 2023, Monday at Universal Public School for the students of Grade 3, 4 and 5. The topics for the competition varied grade wise.

Grade 3- Save water

Grade 4- Importance of Education

Grade 5- Value of Time.



## KITE DAY

Kite flying is synonymous with the harvest festival celebrated in January throughout the country. Traditions and customs may vary from state to state but the sheer excitement and thrill of tugging at a Kite string is undeniable. The students of Universal Public School from grade Nursery to Ukg made their own kites and decorated them with strips and triangles. Shapes and colours came into play making it an enjoyable experience! The students practiced their motor skills using glue to stick colourful chart papers to form a kite. They were happy and excited to see their kites. They also enjoyed the day by playing with the kites they made. It was a very enjoyable day for them





## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

**“A NATION’S CULTURE RESIDES IN THE HEARTS AND IN THE SOUL OF ITS PEOPLE.”**

India marks January 26 as its ‘Republic Day’ every year. On 26 Jan 2023, the Universal Public School was celebrated its 74th Republic Day. While India gained independence from the British Raj in 1947, it wasn’t until January 26, 1950, that the Indian Constitution came into effect, and India became a sovereign state, declaring it a republic. Dr. BR Ambedkar headed the Drafting Committee of the Constitution. Additionally, Constitution Day is celebrated in India on November 26 every year, as on November 26, 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India. The day was celebrated in Universal Public School with great eclat. The school campus was tastefully decorated. We were beside ourselves with joy. Everyone was feeling very patriotic and happy because it was a matter of great pride for all of us. After all, on this day the constitution of India came into force and our country became a republic. The main attraction of Republic Day celebrations was an Inter- House Dance Competition by primary students, ramp walk by pre-primary students on different traditional dresses of India. This event begins with flag hosting by Ms. Manisha Chindarkar. Teachers sung very inspiring patriotic song in chorus. These were followed by dance performances by the students. All the students had performed beautifully. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity by their performances. All the parents were enthralled by the mesmerizing performances of the tiny tots. In the end, the program was concluded by distributing snacks to all the students.









