

UGC NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2024

CYCLE PARADE AND WALK

What a day of excitement it was! The sun beamed upon Uduvil Girls' College on the 22nd of November, having hidden himself for a couple of days. In fact, there was such heavy downpour the previous day that many were starting to have doubts as to whether the parade could be held the following day. Nevertheless, preparations went on the previous day—the floats were decorated, the band practiced, and the evening was full of excitement even though it was raining cats and dogs. On the great day, the kids and the staff started arriving at the wee hour of 5am, dressed in their bicentenary t-shirts and

caps. The skies had cleared completely! All praise belongs to God Almighty, who gave us good weather that day!



Joined by Board members, the three immediate past principals—Mrs. Suneetha Jebaratnam, Mrs. Shiranee Mills and Dr. C.V. Chelliah, past and present pupils, parents and well-wishers, the cycle parade began where it all began—at Union College Tellipalai. It is noteworthy that Mr. John Erlandson, a great great great grandson of our dear founder Ms. Harriet Winslow came all the way from the US to celebrate with us, along with Dr. Victoria Phillips and her husband.



The statue of Rev. Daniel Poor was garlanded to commemorate the life of this great missionary. A pray was said by the Chair of the Board Rt.Rev. Dr. V. Pathmathayalan and the principal welcomed the participants. The College Western Band lead the parade, followed by the main float, depicting the Bicentenary logo and the iconic College Hall. The Board members and principal cycled, followed by prefects. The other floats depicted the four Houses named after the four missionary principals and attempted to showcase the achievement of the school during their respective tenures. It incorporated a life-size picture of the principals as well.

The cyclists were joined after 3km at Chunnakam junction by the walkers. These were children from grade 6 upwards, carrying banners that represented the various extracurricular activities of the school.

With just 1 km to be covered, the parade was joined by grade 3 to 5 kids who waved their little flags and giggled with excitement. The tiny nursery, grade 1 and grade 2 kids joined us closer to the school. **It is significant that nearly all 1600 children participated!**

The parade concluded at the school with prayer and songs of gratitude. Prayers were also said at the missionary graveyard opposite the school and a wreath was laid in memory of all the missionaries who served the peninsula.

Excitement was written in the face of everyone that day, especially the children and the past pupils, many of whom

had come from various countries for the celebrations.

Felicitation

Dinner for Past Teachers



The felicitation of Past teachers of the school who have served the school for one year or

more was held the same evening o(22nd November) from 6 pm .

The event was organized by the school, but the Past Pupils Association of Jaffna was very helpful in organising the programme. They helped to locate the retired staff, led them in procession with their Western Band, and performed various items of entertainment. They also recognized the long service of their beloved teachers by giving them bouquets and a memento. Our sincere thanks to the Jaffna PPa for their assistance in conducting the event.

It's Out!

We are extremely proud to have been able to launch the Bicentenary Edition of the College Magazine on the evening of the Past Teachers' Feliciation. Limited copies

were handed out to special invitees.

More copies will be available for sale from the beginning of next year. Make sure to grab yours!

Christmas Carols

The glorious voices of the primary , junior and senior choirs of the school rang out in praside of the Christ Child on the 12th of November as they sang 'Glory in the Highest'. For the first time, the senior choir was attired in choir robes and looked stunning as they walked down the aisle in procession singing 'To God be the Glory', a suitable song praising God for the grat things He had done these 200 years of existence of the school.



Art

Competition

6 students participated in an art competition organised by American Corner. This was an initiative to raise awareness among students about gender – based violence against women, women's rights and empowerment.



Christmas gifts for support staff

Our support staff are our unsung heroes and heroines. They keep the premises spotlessly clean, and all visitors have commended the cleanliness of our premises. This is solely due the hard work of our support staff. The kitchen staff work tireless preparing tasty meals for our hostel students. So, as has been the custom in the past, the kids gave sacrificially of their pocket money to buy dry rations for Christmas for these staff members. They recipients were so happy.



Projects

- *Painting of music room and corridor*
- *Installation of 5 solar street lights and 1 porch light within the school- Jaffna PPA*

UPDATE ON ELIZA AGNEW BUILDING PROJECT

Work on the Eliza Agnew Building is progressing rapidly. Most of the roofing sheets have now been put up.



Completion is expected to take 6 months.



WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

Next Edition of the Newsletter will be in January 2025

❀THANK YOU❀

Vision

To be the foremost institution in providing holistic education for women in a Christian environment.

Mission

Committed to providing a conducive environment for excellence in curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities whilst ingraining Christian values

Motto

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