

A festive end to a lively Term 3!



Important Dates in School

December 25, 2024

School closed for Christmas Day

December 27, 2024

Last day of Term 3

**December 28, 2024 -
January 5, 2025**

School closed for Winter Holiday

January 6 -10, 2025

Winter Camp (complimentary for all children already enrolled in school)

January 13, 2024

First day of Term 4

January 24, 2024

Republic Day event in school

Upcoming Events - January

January 6 -10, 2025

Winter Camp - (Complimentary for all children already enrolled in school)



A message from our Executive Head

The Voices of our Children: A Global Stage for Our Young Creators

We are delighted to share that artwork created by children from Healthy Planet Schools was proudly showcased at the *1st Voices of Children International Gallery*, held at University College London, (UCL) East, London, from 22-24 November 2024! This special exhibition celebrated young voices and their right to lead, inspire, and create change. It was heartwarming to see their artwork displayed on an international platform alongside children from eight other countries around the world.

By nurturing their creativity, we are helping them grow into confident and thoughtful explorers of tomorrow. Let's keep supporting our children as they amaze us with their imagination!

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Voices of Children Pedagogy™ INTERNATIONAL GALLERY

NOVEMBER 22-24, 2024, UCL EAST LONDON



INDIA



“Little bird”

I made a bird, I made a grass.

Meesha Anand, 4.6 years old
Healthy Planet Schools



“Green bird”

I made a bird and it is green colour. And I made two legs and one made a face, eyes and I made blue sky and green grass.

Tanish Gupta, 4.5 years old
Healthy Planet Schools



“Bear family”

I make a bear because I love this eyes. Mumma kiss me, mumma bear, little baby bear, papa bear, dadu, dadi bear.

Aarvi Bansal, 3.11 years old
Healthy Planet Schools



“Rainbow leopard”

I made a leopard, it's a rainbow leopard. It can leap.

Amodini Nigam, 4.6 years old
Healthy Planet Schools



"Family time"

Our family in the garden. We are playing catch and I caught my brother.

Mira Soraya Mustafa, 4.5 years old
Healthy Planet Schools



"Mumma and I"

This is mumma and this is me and this is pool and this is dark sky and these are stars. And me and mumma went to the pool. And I never sleep and be awake in the morning.

Ibrahim Halder, 4.10 years old
Healthy Planet Schools

As part of the exciting journey ahead, UCL and the Bright Start Foundation will be launching the next *Voices of Children Virtual Gallery* in May 2025, where artefacts from Healthy Planet Schools will be featured again, inspiring the world with the voices and imagination of our young explorers!

Stay tuned for more updates as we celebrate the limitless creativity of our young stars!

Kind regards,
Ms. Susan Holmes,
Executive Head of School



A message from our Head of School

Dear Families,

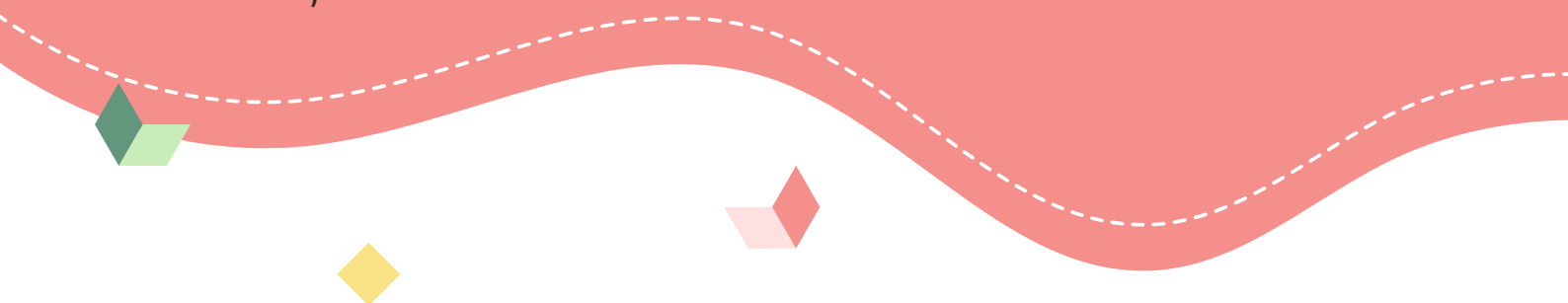
I think this may well be my favourite term so far this academic year.

As a relatively new resident of India, the last 3 months have been filled with wonder and colour and new festivities that I have never encountered before.

Around school, what I have also been impressed by is the courage and growing self-confidence of our little ones, so evident, first, in our vibrant *Diwali* presentation in October and then by the *Winter Wonderland Gala* performance this week!

I am also proud and grateful for those of you who have so kindly volunteered to be *Mystery Readers* this term, enthusiastically nurturing a love of books in our young children and sharing your time in such a special way with us in class.

Another highlight this term was the 3-day visit from our knowledge - partners from The Glasgow Academy (TGA), Mr Mathew Pearce, School Rector and Mr Sandy Mathewson, Head of Preparatory School. They last visited us a year ago and were delighted to see how much our school has grown and how much its 'personality' has evolved! A large part of this growth is thanks to your kind support and participation in important aspects of our school life, dear families!





Here are excerpts of the final comment our TGA guests left us with until their next visit in 2025.

"The Healthy Planet TGA School demonstrates a strong commitment to providing high-quality early childhood education. The whole school community deserves a huge amount of praise for getting the school to where it is in such a short period of time."

Looking ahead, please keep warm and rest well over the upcoming *Winter Holiday*. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready on Monday, January 13, to begin Term 4, our final term of this exceptional school year!

Wishing you all joy and good health this festive season and a wonderful 2025.

Very kind regards,
Mrs. Shayne and our school mascots, Titu and Laddoo



A message from the Parent-Child Programme



Dear Families,

This term, our tiniest children explored shapes and colours in their environment.

They engaged in a variety of enjoyable activities and created beautiful artwork using different shapes and colours. Their creativity flourished as they experimented with various materials, and they were able to point out basic shapes like circles, squares, triangles, hearts and primary colours like red, green, blue and yellow.

In the morning batch this term, Naksh was seen feeding our



elephant, Vayu loved rolling things and developed an interest in paints, Yashvardhan explored play dough, Nitara was often seen at the book corner and Samaira was focused on making art. Additionally, Aisha enjoyed sticking things, Naomika made marks and shapes on the easel, Viraaj was often engaged at the sensory tray, Nyra sorted shape puzzles, Eera played in the kitchen corner, and Adhrith played with our moving toys. This term, Agastya was seen caring and making everyone feel loved, and Vihana had fun playing with soft toys and paint!

In the afternoon batch, Nivaan explored paints, Kaveer made marks on our light table, Nysa was often seen cutting our wooden fruits and vegetables independently, Nemat and Ammyra enjoyed music time, Jaisvik and Viraaj prepared tea in the kitchen corner, Nivanshi played in the sand, Shivay enjoyed gross motor play, Tanush and Kiana explored the new environment, Aviraj liked being outdoors, and Ehad enjoyed play dough.

Well done little ones!

Ms. Srishti and Ms. Rukmani



A message from the Toddlers-Blue



Dear Families,

This term, our children enjoyed a journey through a winding jungle path!

They learned about the parts of plants, animals and insects, as well as the fascinating way animals and insects use their skins, what they like to eat and where they live.





This term, we saw Abeer play with transport toys, Agastya Garg explore our outdoor learning spaces, Agastya Bahl enjoy listening to different animal stories, and Aida and Ajuni paint happily with watercolours!

We also watched Viransh decipher puzzles, Krishang and Samaira flip through storybooks and Shrinika crawl through play tunnels and balance on toy bridges.

Nirvair enjoyed our sensory play activities this term and Kavir danced happily to the song, *Dancing with Teddy*! Well done everyone!

Kind regards,
Ms. Harshmita, Ms. Parakh and Ms. Diksha

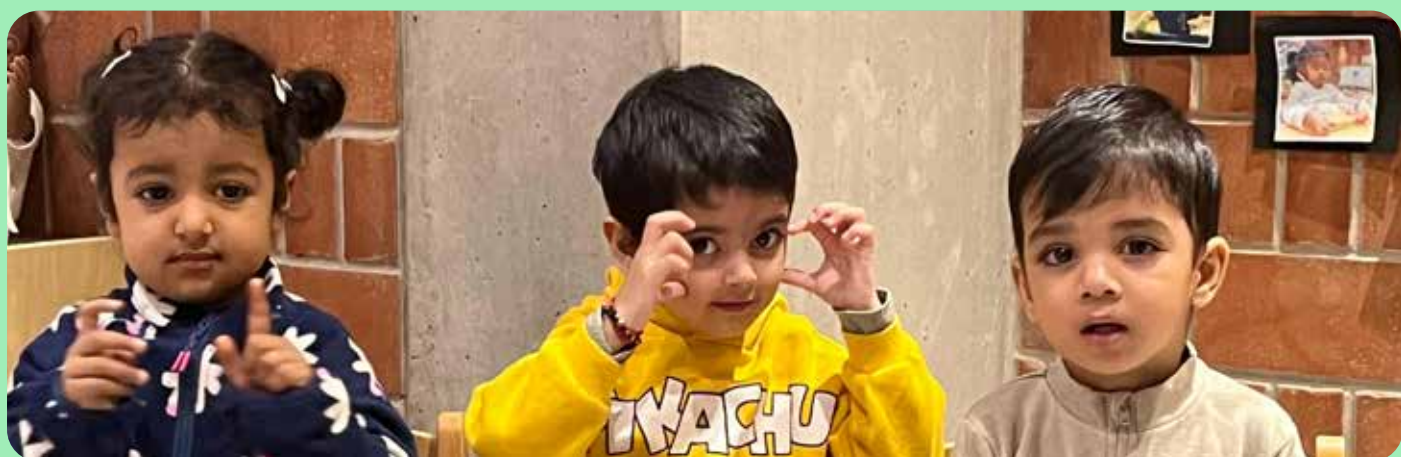
A message from the Toddlers-Green



Dear Families,

In December, our class came alive with joyful activities and shared experiences.

Each child shines in their unique way while forming bonds over shared interests. This term we saw Agastya actively connect with peers, and Amayra, Atharva, and Mehr delight in tap-and-clap activities and action-filled rhymes. Anahat and Arzoi loved painting, enjoying the creative sensory experience and Aryaveer was especially drawn to spray-painting. Naomika explored her



creativity through the sensory fun of playdough, while Shivana and Vinaaya engaged in pretend cooking in the kitchen corner. Krishnn lights up around animals, enjoying playful interactions with them. Kartavya build imaginative towers with boxes, whereas Rishik remained fully engrossed in *tinker table* activities. During music and movement sessions, Viya captivated everyone with her enthusiasm for dancing, and Gurshabad took pride in searching for the *magic wand* and counting children during attendance! Together, these shared moments of joy create a nurturing environment where every child blossoms!

Well done everyone!

Ms. Kshama, Ms. Nitya and Ms. Anshu



A message from the Adventurers-Blue



Dear Families,

Let's dive into the wonders of Term 3, where the theme of *Ocean Treasures* has guided our learning journey! As we near the end of this term, we celebrate the milestones we've reached.

From exploring the depths of the ocean and discovering its hidden treasures to engaging in creative activities, this term has been an ocean of exploration!

This term, we observed that Aadhya enjoys sharing stories about her time spent with Papa, Aarshya loves to make pretend 'ice creams', and Aavya is full of energy and loves outdoor play. Dev kindly offers to help his teachers whenever he can, Leonard loves listening to stories, Maanvik loves to explore colours and paints, Sanvika practises using English words, Simar loves to do



the book orientation, Suhaana loves to talk about her toy characters, Vallari enjoys preparing pretend meals, Vanraj enjoys the bug rides in the *Butterfly Garden*, and Vani enjoys our music and movement sessions!

Well done, everyone!

Kind regards,
Ms. Sakshi and Ms. Swaranjali

A message from the Adventurers-Green



Dear Families,

This term, we had so much fun learning all about the sea! We explored beautiful beaches, met amazing sea creatures, and even imagined what it's like in the deep, dark sea! We walked through magical seawoods, and we even pretended to scuba dive under the water!

This term Aadya loved to tell stories, Ahaan made strong bonds



with his peers, Ahad explored everything, and Ameyaa was caring and made everyone feel loved.

Anahita sang songs to our teddy bears, Veer shows us his playful personality, Anayra made joyful pictures, and Ayaansh did lots of colouring. Avi asked lots of questions, Ivaan danced happily, and Kabir ran happily outside. Mehr was kind and helpful, and Namah settled in fast! Pranit loved to sing, and Sumer liked sharing his feelings. Vanya proudly showed us everything she made each day, Jashvi loves dancing and dear Advay has just joined our class!

Well done everyone!

Kind regards
Ms. Nandita, Ms. Aayushi, Ms. Megha

A message from the Explorers & Discoverers



Dear Families,

This term, our children took on the role of brave animal rescuers and little veterinarians! Through our unit, *Animal Rescuers*, children explored the theme of wildlife and habitats from all around the world.



Our class is getting bigger! This term, we welcomed the very independent Diana and confident Chaitanya, who walks into school with a bright smile each morning.



Tanish was proud to be a veterinarian and enjoyed learning about camouflage. We had a great time celebrating Aarvi's 4th birthday, and Mira made a beautiful *Bath Area* drawing for our class rescue centre. Meesha was thrilled to spot animals during the *African Safari* activity, and Ibrahim made for a brave rescuer, deciphering maps and number codes. During our outdoor activity, Amodini made a lovely rainforest frame by decorating it with leaves, twigs, and flowers.

Here's to Term 4 and more wonderful memories ahead!

Well done everyone!

Ms. Aarti

Around School



Promoting a sense of inclusion and cultural awareness was an intrinsic theme this term, with so many of our joyful events and activities devoted to such a wide variety of cultural experiences. These included *Gandhi's Commemoration Day*, *Dussehra*, *Diwali*, *Children's Day* and *Guru Nanak Jayanti*. Cultural awareness also came during the recent visit to our school by our esteemed guests from The Glasgow Academy. Of course, cultural and creative

awareness were present in large quantities too, in our *Winter Wonderland* performance and *Santa Claus's* visit from the *North Pole*!

Here are some lovely photo memories of our events this term!



Healthy Planet Library and Imagination Studio

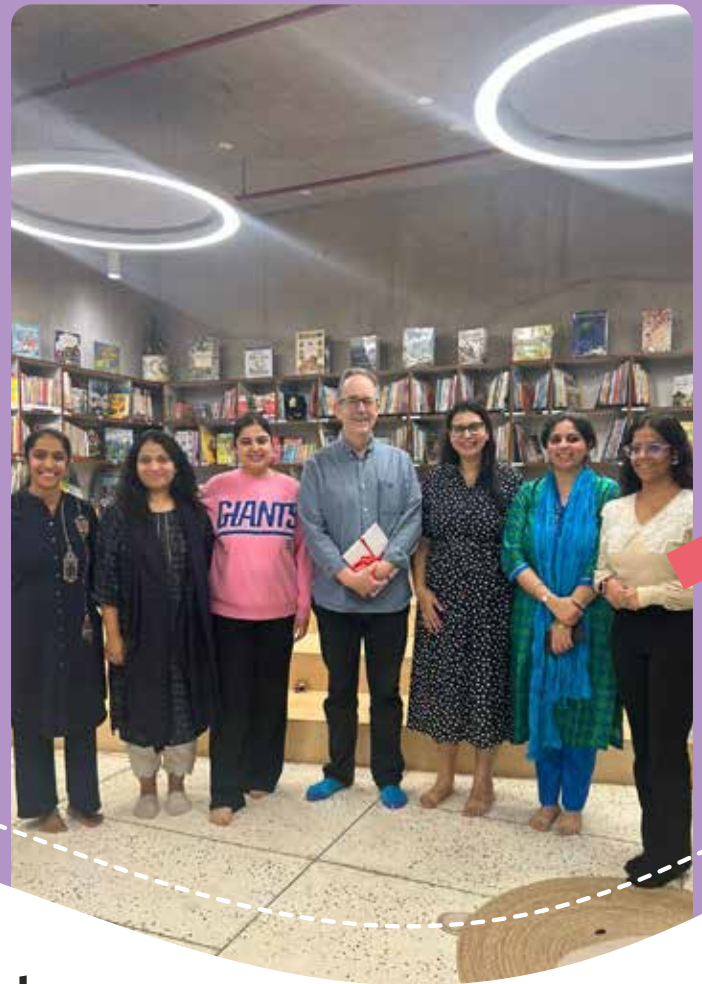


Dear Families,

This term has been exciting at the library, filled with stories, creativity, and a wonderful sense of community. Here's a look at the many engaging activities that made the last few months special.

Halloween Spook-tacular

Our Halloween celebration was a roaring success! Children crafted spooky pumpkin faces in the *Creepy Craft Corner*, bowled down ghost pins with a 'haunted' ball, and raced to assemble skeleton puzzles in a thrilling competition. *The Witch Hat Ring Toss* brought plenty of laughter while spooky read-aloud, including *Room on the Broom* and *Creepy Carrots*, added a delightful chill to the festivities.



Art Exploration with Raza's Bindu


This event brought abstract art to life! After a read-aloud of *Raza's Bindu* by Raza Tehsin, the children played a lively game of charades, expressing emotions through movement. They then collaborated on vibrant artworks inspired by S.H. Raza's signature dots, using bold colours and geometric patterns while gentle flute music played in the background.

Author Visits

We were thrilled to host author Himani Dalmia, who read from her heartwarming book *Thammi's Gift*. She engaged young readers with insights into her creative process and answered their curious questions about storytelling. Each participant received a signed copy of the book, making the experience unforgettable.

We also had the incredible privilege of hosting Ross Welford, the acclaimed author of *Time Travelling with a Hamster* and



other bestsellers, for a captivating and inspiring creative writing workshop at the library. Ross shared storytelling tips, including crafting cliffhangers and exploring character perspectives. He also encouraged students to use personal memories as story inspiration. Interactive exercises, such as imagining stories from intriguing images, sparked creativity. Ross offered thoughtful feedback on students' writing and concluded the session with personalised book signings. 

A Taste of Scotland

Our Scottish experience, led by Mr Sandy Mathewson and Mr Matthew Pearce from our knowledge-partnership school, The Glasgow Academy, brought a delightful cultural touch to the library. Older children (ages 8–12) explored Robert Burns *To a Mouse*, reflecting on humanity's connection to nature, and created posters envisioning a sustainable world. Younger children (ages 4–7) enjoyed the whimsical story of *Hamish the Highland Cow* by Natalie Russell, followed by a tartan-making activity using colourful paper strips. Parents joined the cultural celebration with tea and Scottish shortbread, creating a perfect blend of learning and togetherness. 



Spectacular Stories

Books like *The Spectacular Suit* and *Mitford at the Hollywood Zoo* inspired children to embrace self-expression. After the readings, children dived into costume designing with glitter, ribbons, and bold cutouts, bringing their imaginations to life.

International Cookie Day

On *International Cookie Day*, our young member Aira Sankhayan, alongside Chef Praveen, led a delightful baking session. Children mixed dough-shaped cookies and listened to *The Cookie Maker of Mavin Street*. The day ended with the delicious aroma of cookies and happy, satisfied smiles.





Thank you for being part of these magical moments. We look forward to many more!

Ms. Avvantika, Ms. Bhumika and Ms. Vidhi (Library and Imagination Studio team)

Community News



A lovely *buzz* or *vibe*, as our young people say emanates from our cosy co-working space most days! We have now created designated spaces for socialising and spaces for getting on with those important meetings and tasks. We hope this enhances the atmosphere even more.

Important things are happening in this space we know. Friendships are being made between children and families, families are quietly enjoying our reading corner, and parts of a movie script have even been written there by one of our recent co-working space guests!

Our Library and Imagination Studio is 1 year old!

We saw how kind and caring our growing community is, during our Library and Imagination Studio's recent 1 year birthday



celebration party held in the courtyard. We were so humbled by the many congratulatory messages we received. Thank you!

Art Cart

Following through on a parent's very welcome and creative suggestion we now have an *Art Cart* set up in the co-working space. Please feel free to dip into the resources and enjoy creating things! A display board can be provided too if you would like to share your works with others.

Wisdom Wonders Club

We are looking for volunteer grandparents to join the *Wisdom Wonders Club* we would like to start, offering monthly activities between grandparents and our children that enhance the learning and knowledge partnership we foster at our school. Please let Mrs. Shayne know if you would like to join the club!



Best Newcomer Award

Around our school community, we would like to congratulate learning mentor, Ms. Aarti Verma on receiving an award for *Best Newcomer* by the International Early Years Curriculum Association!

CFORE

To end on another happy note, we were recently voted 1st, for the *Most Admired Preschool in India* in the CFORE school ranking awards for 2024!



Tips for happy and safe children!



- ★ Greeting little ones as they arrive in the mornings, we see several children sitting without seat belts on their parents' laps in the car's front seat. We also see many children arriving at school standing in front of the passenger seat unattached, leaning for support on the car dashboard with their faces near the windscreen, with nothing to hold them back in case of sudden braking or stopping. Often, parents say, "But we live very nearby" or "He/she does not like to wear a belt" in response to our concerns about safety.
- ★ We all want our children to be happy and have fun, but sometimes boundaries must be set with love for their own well-being and security, even if it means a temper tantrum! The consequences of not sitting safely might even mean you are obliged to cancel an outing, turn the car around, and return home or pull to the side of the road and wait patiently until your little one agrees to sit securely, but maintaining your stand is surely worth it.



- ★ The best kind of support is a child-adapted car seat set in the middle of the back seat. These seats can be made fun with a basket of toys next to it and a teddy bear or two.
- ★ Books to look at can be an addition, but be aware that looking very closely at print and the pictures in a book may make a child feel motion-sick.
- ★ If a 'child-adapted car seat' is not available, an alternative is to ensure an adult is sitting next to the child in the back seat, with both wearing seat belts at all times.
- ★ Journeys can also be made more enjoyable with children's songs or instrumental music playing at a peaceful volume.
- ★ You can also play games as a family, such as... "*Can you tell me what you can see?*" Or for older children, "*I spy with my little eye, something beginning with....*" (when playing this game, give your child the letter sound rather than the letter name as a clue.)

This term, we celebrate:

These twinkling stars!
Well done, everyone!



Amodini



Agastya



Atharva



Dev



Diana



Krishang



Namah



Sanvika



Viransh



Veer



Kavir



Ahad



Leonard



Kabir



Dheeraj Bhayia and
Santosh Bhayia

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