

ULLENS NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move through the academic year 2082, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the experiences, milestones, and challenges that have shaped our journey at Ullens School Kathmandu so far.

Our students have continued to pursue learning beyond the classroom, with Grade Eight visiting China, Grade Nine traveling to northern India, and Grade Ten exploring eastern India. These international trips offered not only exposure to diverse cultures

but also valuable lessons in adaptability, empathy, and global awareness—qualities essential for nurturing well-rounded, confident individuals.

Within the school, our younger students brought vibrancy and energy to daily life. Grades Four and Five celebrated class milestones with enthusiasm, and the Indra Jatra celebrations provided an opportunity for students and staff to engage with and appreciate our cultural heritage. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to host the Grade One 100 Days of School celebration, though our students were fully prepared and excited to mark this important milestone.

This year has also tested our resilience. Following incidents of vandalism after the protest on September 8 and 9, the school faced significant challenges. Despite these setbacks, the strength, unity, and determination of our students, teachers, and families have allowed us to continue focusing on learning and growth. The unwavering support of our parents and guardians has been invaluable during this period,

reinforcing the importance of our collaborative, caring community.

The spirit of Ullens School Kathmandu—supportive, committed, and resilient—remains at the heart of everything we do. Together, we celebrate achievements, navigate challenges, and create an environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Looking ahead, I am confident that our students will continue to grow, learn, and embody the values of empathy, responsibility, and resilience that define the Ullens community.

Thank you for your trust, encouragement, and ongoing support.

Bunu Karki Thapa

Principal

Ullens School Kathmandu

ULLENS APPROACH TO EDUCATION



- Diversity is valued and respected.
- Student autonomy and initiative in learning are encouraged.
- Deep understanding is fostered.

- Learning is collaborative.
- Teaching is concept based.
- Whole child development is the focus.

OUR GUIDING
PRINCIPLES

Rebuilding Ullens

Earlier this year, Ullens School Kathmandu faced an unexpected incident that caused structural damage to part of our campus. The situation required immediate safety measures and adjustments and the school responded promptly and transparently. A detailed account of the incident and our initial steps can be found in the official statement released by the [Ullens Education Foundation: Final Public Statement, UEF](#).

Reconstruction work is progressing steadily in line with engineering recommendations and safety standards. In-person classes resumed from Mangsir 1, 2082 and we are pleased to share that the transition back to school has been smooth. We anticipate returning to full-fledged, regular operations before December 15. We remain committed to keeping our community informed and ensuring a smooth and secure transition back to regular school operations.



Before



After

During the transition period, students continued learning through Outdoor Learning Programmes (OLPs), PE classes, and online sessions, ensuring that academic engagement remained uninterrupted. The necessary assessments have been completed, essential areas have been prepared for use, and only a small section of the building remains under maintenance.

We deeply appreciate the patience and support shown by our parents and guardians throughout this period. We also thank our students for being the kind and resilient individuals the school is determined to nurture. Their courage, resilience, and trust have made us immensely proud. During these testing times, the support of our students and parent community has been our greatest strength. Our team remains committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for every learner.

The Journey of Resilience



Vehicles burnt during the protest at the school premises



Cleanup and reconstruction underway



Grade 10 classes resume in the auditorium



First day back to school on Mangsir 1



Students enjoying meals in the rebuilt cafeteria



Children having fun in the playground

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall" - Nelson Mandela

Building Digital Awareness: Professional Development Sessions on AI and Cybersecurity

In today's fast-changing digital landscape, understanding technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and cyber safety is not just important—it is essential. To strengthen this awareness, Ullens School Kathmandu, in collaboration with Ullens College and the Ullens Center for Educator Development (UCED), organized a series of Professional Development (PD) sessions focused on AI and Cybersecurity in August.



Participants explored practical applications of AI in education—learning how it can enhance classroom interaction, simplify academic tasks, and foster innovative teaching methods. The discussions also emphasized the crucial role educators play as digital guardians, helping guide and protect students in the online world.



The sessions were facilitated by Mr. Saroj Kumar Dhakal, Director of IT; Mr. Monil Adhikari, faculty member at Ullens College; and Mr. Himalaya Kakshapati, also from Ullens College. These sessions were both informative and empowering, providing teachers and administrative staff with valuable insights into the realities of data and password breaches, secure online practices, and the evolving opportunities of digital advancement.

By integrating these learnings into classrooms and daily operations, Ullens educators are now better equipped to create a safer, smarter, and more innovative digital environment where students can learn, explore, and grow with confidence.





Curricular Activities



Maths Bee

Ullens School Kathmandu turned into a world of numbers as students from Kindergarten to Grade Five took part in the vibrant and fun-filled Maths Bee. From solving puzzles to showcasing sharp problem-solving skills, our young learners embraced mathematical challenges with enthusiasm and teamwork.

What a joy it was to witness curiosity, logic, and creativity come alive!



युलेन्स नमुना प्रदेश सभा



युलेन्स स्कुल काठमाडौंमा युलेन्स नमुना प्रदेश सभा सफलतापूर्वक सम्पन्न भयो। उक्त कार्यक्रमका लागि कक्षा ७ का विद्यार्थीहरूले आवश्यक पूर्व तयारी गरिरहेका थिए। उनीहरूले प्रदेश सभाको गठन सम्बन्धी खोज, अनुसन्धान जस्ता कार्यमा सक्रिय सहभागिता जनाएका थिए।

विद्यार्थीहरूले सभासदको भूमिकामा रहँदै कानून निर्माण प्रक्रिया, छलफल, र बहसको अभ्यास गरे। यसले विद्यार्थीहरूलाई नेतृत्व क्षमता, बोल्ने आत्मविश्वास, सहकार्य, र जिम्मेवारी सिक्न मद्दत पुर्यायो।

STEAM Exhibition

Grade Six to Eight proudly hosted the STEAM Exhibition in the school auditorium, transforming it into a vibrant space of discovery and imagination in August.

The exhibition featured a wide range of projects that combined Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, each one reflecting not only the students' learning but also their creativity, problem-solving skills, and innovative ideas.



From thoughtful experiments to artistic displays and technological models, the event highlighted the power of young minds to connect knowledge with imagination.

A heartfelt appreciation to our students for their hard work and to the teachers for their guidance and support in making this event a success.



साहित्य जीवन्त बनेको दिन



पठन संस्कृतिको विकास गर्ने उद्देश्यका साथ कक्षा १० का विद्यार्थीहरूले भदौमा विशेष प्रस्तुति दिएका थिए। विद्यार्थीहरूले नेपाली साहित्यका उत्कृष्ट कृतिहरू अध्ययन गरी, आफूलाई मनपर्ने पात्र छानेका थिए। उक्त पात्रको भेषभुषा, बोलिचाली, लवज जस्ता कुराहरूलाई उनीहरूले जीवन्त रूपमा प्रस्तुत गरेका थिए। त्यसपछि उनीहरूले सो पात्र मनपर्नुको कारण प्रस्तुत गर्दै, साहित्यसँगको आफ्नै अनुभव र दृष्टिकोण साझेदारी गरेका थिए।



“सेतो धरती” की तारा, “मुनामदान” की मुना, “कर्णाली ब्लुज” का बुवा, “बसाइँ” की झुमा, “रूपमती” की रूपमती, “एकलव्य कथा” का एकलव्यसम्म, नेपाली साहित्यका विभिन्न पात्रहरू त्यो दिन मञ्चमा जीवित बनेका थिए।

यस प्रस्तुतीकरणले विद्यार्थीहरूलाई पठन संस्कृतिप्रति अझै नजिक्याएको मात्र होइन, साहित्यलाई आत्मसात् गर्ने गहिरो अवसर पनि प्रदान गरेको थियो।

Mystery Reader

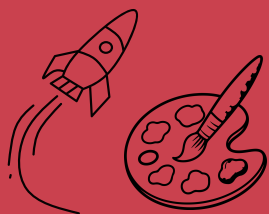
Imagine this: you're sitting in class with all your friends when suddenly a mystery reader steps in, storybook in hand. Who could it be? And what adventure are they about to take you on?

That's the magic of our Mystery Reader Program where classrooms transform into story worlds and every page turn is a surprise. Our Grade Three students have been thrilled by Mystery Readers who brought characters to life, sparked giggles, and filled the room with wonder.

From bursts of laughter to wide-eyed curiosity, every session has been a celebration of stories, imagination, and togetherness.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible in-house readers for weaving these unforgettable moments and helping nurture a lifelong love for reading!





More Knowledgeable Other



Story from an Elder

Grade Three students enjoyed a heartwarming “Story from an Elder” session with wonderful grandparents.

The grandparents brought the past to life by sharing treasured childhood memories, including the games they played and stories of simpler times, along with old photographs and cherished keepsakes.

We are truly grateful to our grandparents for making this day so special and unforgettable!



Empowering Students with Financial Literacy

Grade Nine and Ten students participated in an engaging session on various aspects of financial literacy, facilitated by Mr. Saswat Karki, Officer – Customer Experience, and the team from Laxmi Sunrise Bank Ltd. Students learned about managing personal finances, including saving, budgeting, investing, and managing debt, as well as developing the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to make informed financial decisions for long-term stability.

We extend our sincere thanks to Ms. Shreela Shrestha, Chairperson of our school's Action Team for Partnership (ATP), and her team members for initiating this important step toward instilling essential financial literacy skills in our young learners.





Extra-Curricular Activities



१० हजार बिरुवा रोपण

युलेन्स एजुकेशन फाउन्डेशन र बनेपा नगरपालिकाको सहकार्यमा काँसी भन्ज्याङ्ग क्षेत्रको सार्वजनिक जमिन तथा युलेन्स एजुकेशन फाउन्डेशनको जग्गामा करिब १०,००० बिरुवा रोपेर बृहत् वृक्षारोपण कार्यक्रम सफलतापूर्वक सम्पन्न भयो। सगरमाथा संवादमार्फत सुरु गरिएको २० वर्षे राष्ट्रिय वृक्षारोपण अभियानलाई टेवा पुर्‍याउनुका साथै बालबालिका र युवालाई वातावरण प्रतिको जिम्मेवारी बुझाउने, वातावरण संरक्षणका लागि प्रेरित गर्ने र विद्यालय बाहिरको प्रयोगात्मक सिकाइमा संलग्न गराउने यो अभियानले हरित भविष्यतर्फको मार्ग प्रशस्त गरेको छ।



CELEBRATIONS AT Ullens School Kathmandu

Grades Four and Five Celebrate Creativity and Confidence

Students of Grades Four and Five lit up the school auditorium with their much-awaited Class Day celebration. Parents, guardians, and grandparents filled the hall, turning it into a sea of smiles and applause. The stage came alive with music, dance, and drama as the young performers poured their hearts into every act. From graceful moves to playful skits, the children radiated confidence and creativity, their faces glowing with excitement.

The proud audience — their biggest cheerleaders — clapped, laughed, and cheered, making the hall echo with joy. It was not just a celebration of talent, but a showcase of how young minds can turn stories, music, and dance into pure magic.



इन्द्रजात्रा

युलेन्स स्कुल काठमाडौँको प्राङ्गणमा भव्यतापूर्वक इन्द्रजात्रा मनाइयो। विद्यार्थीहरूले उत्साहपूर्वक नेपाल भाषामा नाटकीय प्रस्तुति दिए। नेपाल भाषा पाठ्यक्रमअनुसार काठमाडौँको कला, संस्कृति र परम्पराको अनुभव दिलाउनका साथै सिकाइ र बुझाइलाई जीवन र जगतसँग जोड्ने उद्देश्यले उक्त कार्यक्रमको आयोजना गरिएको थियो। धिमे बाजाको प्रदर्शन, लाखे र पुलुकिसिको नाचले साँच्चिकै इन्द्रजात्राको अनुभूति गरायो। कुमारी, गणेश र भैरवका प्रतीकलाई रथमा विराजमान गराई तानिएको दृश्य अत्यन्तै प्रशंसनीय थियो। अन्त्यमा प्रसादको रूपमा समयबजी ग्रहण गरी कार्यक्रमको समापन गरिएको थियो।





Learning Beyond BOUNDARIES



संसद भ्रमणमार्फत अनुभवात्मक सिकाइ

कक्षा ७ का विद्यार्थीहरूले नागरिक सरोकारसम्बन्धी आफ्नो चलि रहेको एकाइको एउटा महत्वपूर्ण अंशका रूपमा कक्षाकोठाको भित्ताभन्दा बाहिर सिकाइको अनुभव लिए। उनीहरूले संसद भवनको भ्रमण गर्दै प्रत्यक्ष सत्रको कार्य अवलोकन गर्ने दुर्लभ अवसर पाए — जसले पाठ्यपुस्तकका अवधारणाहरूलाई जीवन्त रूपमा बुझ्न सहयोग गर्‍यो।

यो अनुभवात्मक सिकाइ भ्रमण सोचविचारपूर्वक योजनाबद्ध गरिएको थियो, जसले विद्यार्थीहरूलाई नमुना संसदको कार्यप्रणालीको प्रत्यक्ष अवलोकन गराउने मात्र होइन, लोकतान्त्रिक शासनमा प्रान्तीय सभाको भूमिका सम्बन्धी बुझाइलाई पनि थप गहिरो बनायो।

युलेन्स स्कूल काठमाडौंमा, हामी विश्वास गर्छौं कि यस्ता वास्तविक जीवनमा आधारित सिकाइ अनुभवहरूले विद्यार्थीहरूलाई विचारशील, सूचित र सक्रिय नागरिकका रूपमा सशक्त बनाउन महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका खेल्दछन्।



Bridging Cultures: Grade Eight's Educational Journey to China



Our Grade Eight students embarked on a memorable educational trip to the neighbouring country, the People's Republic of China, experiencing both its timeless heritage and modern wonders.

In Beijing, they explored iconic landmarks such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, Shichahai Park, Beijing Zoo, the Bird's Nest Stadium, and more. They also immersed themselves in local culture at the Silk Market and Wangfujing Street, and visited the Miaoying Temple's White Pagoda—an architectural marvel designed by the renowned Nepali craftsman Araniko during the Yuan Dynasty.



In Shanghai, highlights included The Bund, a scenic Huangpu River Cruise, the Shanghai Tower, Jade Temple, Shanghai Natural History Museum, and an unforgettable full day at Disneyland. Students also visited Langxia Middle School, where they engaged in a meaningful cultural exchange with their peers. This journey not only enriched their understanding of Chinese history and innovation but also broadened their global perspectives.

Grade Nine's International Trip to India



Our Grade Nine students embarked on a week-long educational tour across India, exploring its rich heritage, architectural marvels, and vibrant cultural landscapes. The journey began in Delhi with a visit to Akshardham, where students enjoyed the stunning Fountain Show before heading to Agra. In Agra, they witnessed the timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal and explored the historic Agra Fort—both iconic UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Their adventure continued as they traveled to Dehradun, taking time to experience the local market and the warm charm of the city. The next morning, students visited the Balbhadra Khalanga Nalapani Fort Memorial, honoring the bravery of Gorkha soldiers during the Anglo-Nepal War. From there, they made their way to Amritsar, where the spiritual serenity of the Golden Temple and the powerful narratives preserved at the Partition Museum left a lasting impression.

A highlight of the trip was the Wagah Border ceremony, where students observed the electrifying Parade and Lowering of the Flags—a unique display of tradition and patriotism. Returning to Delhi, they explored the Nehru Planetarium, Science Centre, and the Red Fort, blending scientific curiosity with historical discovery. The tour wrapped up with visits to India Gate, Rashtrapati Bhavan, and Rajghat before the group flew back to Kathmandu.

This immersive journey offered invaluable learning beyond the classroom—broadening global perspectives, deepening historical understanding, and creating memories that the students will carry for years to come.

Grade Ten's International Trip to India

Our Grade Ten students embarked on a remarkable educational and cultural journey across Eastern Nepal and India, exploring breathtaking landscapes, rich traditions, and diverse communities.

The tour began with a flight to Bhadrapur, followed by a scenic drive to Ilam, where students visited Shree Antu Danda and explored the lush tea gardens of Fikkal and Kanyam—gaining firsthand insight into tea cultivation and agricultural practices. Crossing into India the next day, they continued to Darjeeling, stopping at Simana View Point, Batase Loop, and Ghoom Monastery before settling in for an immersive stay.

In Darjeeling, students witnessed the magical sunrise at Tiger Hill and spent the day discovering key landmarks such as the Himalayan Zoological Park, the Ropeway, Tenzing & Gombu Rock, the Mountaineering Institute, and the Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Center. A meaningful school visit to St. Joseph's North Point added a layer of cultural exchange to their learning experience.

The journey then took them to Pelling, where they walked across India's first glass skywalk and visited the serene Kanchenjunga Falls and Khecheopalri Lake. From there, students traveled to Gangtok, exploring Handicrafts & Handlooms, Bakthang Falls, Chorten Stupa, Ganesh Tok, Tashi View Point, the Orchid Sanctuary, and the vibrant MG Road.

Their adventure continued with a visit to the stunning Changu Lake before heading down to Siliguri. Along the route, they paused at Teesta Khola and later enjoyed an evening at the local mall. On the final day, the group crossed back into Nepal through Kakarbhitta and even engaged in a meaningful service activity—distributing first-aid kits to the local community—before flying back to Kathmandu.

This enriching journey offered students a blend of natural beauty, cultural immersion, service learning, and cross-border understanding—creating unforgettable memories and a deeper appreciation for the region's shared heritage.



ULLENS APPROACH TO EDUCATION

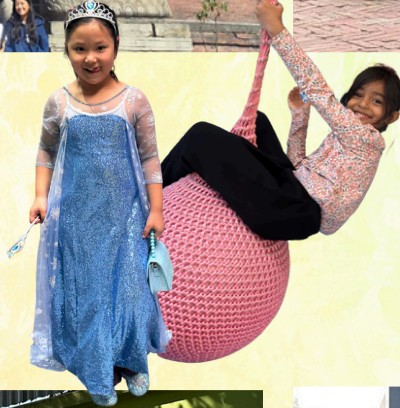


- Interaction between students, between students and teachers, between students and the physical world, and between students and the community is encouraged.
- Learning is a life-long process.
- Raw data and primary sources drive student learning.

- Students' curiosity is nurtured by making connections with real life and the real world.
- Equity over equality is prioritized.
- Students' learning and understanding are expressed in various ways.

OUR GUIDING
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Glimpses of Outdoor Learning Programs (OLPs)



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