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UWS Jaisithok & Dubai College

April 2021



103 students enrolled, of whom 47 are male and 56 are female.



7 teachers, 3 recruited and trained from the local community,

Thank you for supporting UWS Jaisithok School

Jaisithok School Update



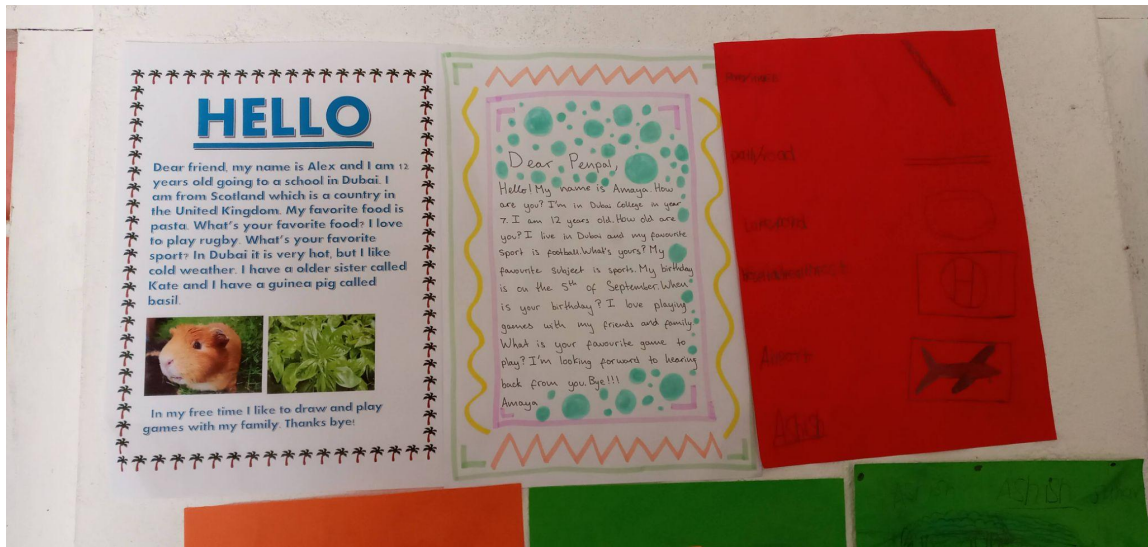
Students learning, using PPE, UWS Jaisithok School

In late November, we successfully reopened schools in Nepal after school closures due to the Covid-19 pandemic. All schools in Nepal are open and have been running well since reopening.

Back in December, across all UWS schools in Nepal, 93% of students returned to school (retention rate) with 79% student attendance in January, which was promising and represented the clear desire of families to see their children continue with their education, despite all the surrounding challenges. As of February, retention rates have risen to 96% and student attendance to 84% due to the success of the 'drop-out mitigation' programmes which were run by teachers and local volunteers to help engage children who did not return to school. **In March, we recorded that 103 students were enrolled at UWS Jaisithok School (56 girls). Through the first two months of the year, the students you support had recorded an average with an average monthly student attendance of 89%.** Through developing customised retention plans for each 'at risk' child, we have successfully supported these children to return to school and continue with their life-changing education.

Lastly, to give more time to cover the learning material required by each School Grade and to close of some the learning gaps that last years' school closures caused, the start of the new academic year has been extended until June for this year; previously this would have commenced in April.

LATEST PHOTOS



Dubai College Pen Pal letters on the wall, UWS Jaisithok School



Student washing their hands at a school hand wash facilities, UWS Jaisithok School



School support committee meeting, UWS Jaisithok School

Meet Chaha*

Chaha* began attending UWS Badagaun School in 2018, in our Grade Four class. Now she is 9 years old and dreams of becoming a doctor.

Before we developed a school in her community, Chaha's nearest primary school was a two hour walk away. She rarely made it to school, as the long journey meant she would not have time to help her parents. They needed her to look after her younger brother while they worked, and to collect water and to feed the family's farm animals.

Now, nine-year-old Chaha has the time to study for her future and still help her family.



Chaha's father is a carpenter and occasionally earns extra money to support his family through construction work. Her mother rears animals, such as goats and hens, and grows crops on a small plot of land they own. Chaha's parents never had the opportunity to go to school.

Living in a remote village in the Gulmi region of Nepal, they have always faced extreme hardship, struggling to make enough money to survive. Without basic literacy and numeracy skills, they are trapped in a relentless cycle of poverty.

Thanks to education, the future looks brighter for Chaha.

A normal day for Chaha begins at 6am when she helps her mother collect water from the village well, which is half an hour away from her house. She also helps cut and collect fodder to feed the animals. Chaha then walks to UWS Badagaun School with her older sister, who is in the Grade 7 class there. The walk takes them ten minutes. They receive breakfast at school which helps gives them energy to take part in lessons.

Chaha told us she loves coming to school because she "enjoys learning with her friends." Her favourite subject is English. During breaktime, Chaha plays skipping games and *chungi* with her best friend.

When she is older, Chaha says that she would like to be a doctor so she can help people in need. With the support of her teachers and community, Chaha has the opportunity to follow her dream. Her education is giving her the skills she needs to continue on to secondary school and access job opportunities that were not an option for her parents.

*Name has been changed to protect identity

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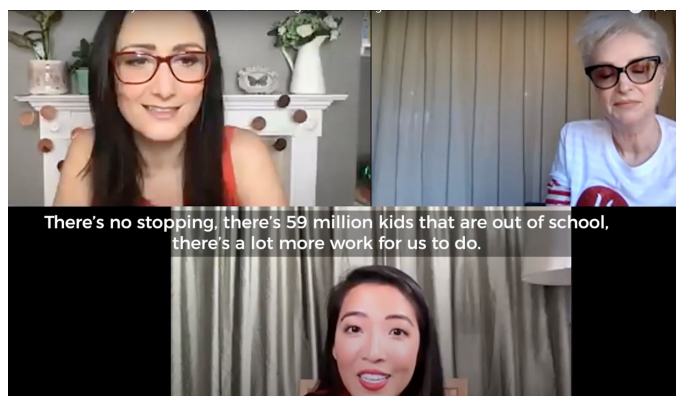
What else has been happening in 2021?

Despite the challenges we have faced during the Covid-19 pandemic, thanks to your support and ongoing belief and support of our work we have been able to achieve major milestones this year that we are extremely proud of.

Celebrating International Women's Day

This year, for International Women's Day 2021, we #ChooseToChallenge the stereotypical perception of entrepreneurs, activists, philanthropists, by celebrating women who are innovating, driving social change and giving young girls access to education.

On 9th March, we hosted an inspirational event, celebrating pioneering women like multi-award-winning presenter Zara Janjua, Tropic CEO Susie Ma and Hey Girls Founder Celia Hodson, as well as our incredible staff and teachers from Nepal and Myanmar. If you were unable to attend, you can still watch the highlights [here](#) and keep an eye out for more fantastic events coming soon!



Nepal Fellowship Training

We are always looking for ways to improve our model and further support the most at-risk students enrolled in UWS schools. In 2017, we launched the Nepal Fellowship Programme, which aims to improve the quality of teaching in UWS Schools whilst providing an opportunity for young Nepali graduates to gain valuable teaching experience and make a real impact on the lives of remote and marginalised communities.

Since then, the programme has gone from strength to strength, with Fellows taking on key leadership roles within the communities they serve, such as playing a central role in the daily [radio learning programme](#) during Covid-19. At the moment 15 new Fellows are completing a training course in Kathmandu, prior to their placement in a UWS school.



Keeping Children Safe

Our primary focus is always the well-being of the students, teachers and wider school communities which we support. We're delighted to have achieved Level One Certification from Keeping Children Safe (KCS), the internationally recognized child safeguarding organisation.

According to KCS, "UWS has a comprehensive framework in place that meets the International Child Safeguarding Standards for protecting children from hardships, and can respond appropriately to concerns should they occur."

We have achieved the Level One Certification for the UK office at present, and we are currently undergoing the certification process for country offices. We will continue to collaborate with KCS and other recognised humanitarian leaders to make continuous improvements to our child protection strategies in order to ensure the safety and happiness of the children we serve.



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Happily ever smarter



UK Aid Match: Happily Ever Smarter

Every child has the right to an education, but globally, one in every six children are still out of school.

Covid-19 has exacerbated this education crisis making it even harder to reach these children and the UN estimates that 24 million children worldwide may never return to school after the pandemic falling victim to early marriage or a lifetime of poverty. Vital progress made in access to education worldwide will be pushed back by a decade.

Our mission is to end this education crisis and get more children into education. We are breaking the cycle of illiteracy in one generation across Asia, empowering children to realise their full potential and build a better future - for them and their families. Because every child deserves to live Happily Ever Smarter. Together we can make going to school a reality for thousands of primary-school-age children, for the very first time in their lives.

Last year UWS was delighted to have been selected as a successful applicant for the UK Aid Match programme. UK Aid Match brings charities, British people and the UK government together to change people's lives.

Happily Ever Smarter, is our UK Aid Match campaign and live until 29 July 2021. During this time the UK government will **double donations** made by UK individuals so that together we can provide a life-changing education for 10,000 girls & boys for the very first time. Donations matched by the UK government will be used to support children currently out of school in Nepal. Public donations will be spent across all our projects across Myanmar, Nepal and Cambodia.

How can you get involved?

- **Give** - donate before 29th July, and the UK government will double your donation
- **Spread the word** - share our Happily Ever Smarter campaign on social media, encourage friends to attend our events and help spread the word about this incredible opportunity
- **Take on the 180 Challenge** - it takes some children we work with 180 minutes to get to school and back every day - take on the 180 challenge during the month of June in whatever way you like; cycle 180 miles, knit 180 rows, or bake 180 cupcakes for 18 of your friends! Help us pull a 180 on the education crisis and turn children's lives around

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UWS IN NUMBERS

Thanks to your help, we have achieved the following milestones as of March 2021

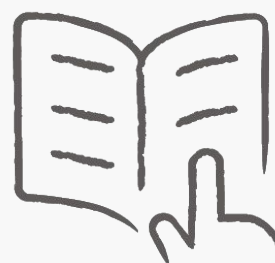
43,000

children have enrolled into
UWS schools since 2009



250

schools have been developed in
remote communities across
Cambodia, Myanmar and Nepal



1,200

community and government
teachers are employed across
UWS schools



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With sincere thanks to Dubai College for your invaluable ongoing support, helping us protect our communities now and for the future.



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