



SAFARI TRAILS

A Quarterly Newsletter

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FROM THE FOUNDER'S QUILL



“Curiosity is the root of learning.” This simple belief became the guiding light when I founded Curious Cubs. Over the years, as we nurtured young, inquisitive minds, I discovered that our little cubs aren’t the only curious ones; their parents are just as eager. They have a curiosity to know what unfolds within our classrooms each day.

This is where the vision for our newsletter was born. It is not just a collection of updates; it's a bridge between you and your child's world. Through this publication, we hope to make you true partners in your child's learning journey.

‘Safari Trails’ is a heartfelt reflection of the vibrant life within our school community. It captures the joy of learning, celebrates creativity in its purest form, and honours the everyday moments that shape each child's journey. From milestones big and small to the stories of growth, kindness, and resilience, every page is a tribute to curiosity, compassion, and character, values we hold close to our hearts.

It is our way of sharing the magic of early childhood and the meaningful connections that make Curious Cubs a place where young minds truly thrive.

As you turn each page, I hope you feel more connected, more informed, and more proud, because everything we achieve, we achieve together.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Debashri Debjani Pansari

Founder and Chairperson,
Curious Cubs



DIRECTOR'S DEN

Mrs. Sheetal Agarwal

It fills me with pride to witness the journey Curious Cubs has taken, from a dream to a growing community of joyful learners across multiple centers. Every milestone we've reached is a reflection of our passionate educators, curious little minds, and the unwavering support of our parent community.

As we expand into new cities, our goal remains unchanged: to nurture a strong and joyful learning culture. With new centers opening, we are committed to ensuring that the soul of Curious Cubs, that is, our values, our approach, and our attention to every child, remains at the heart.

I would like to appreciate our teachers, who bring energy, creativity, and patience to every classroom. And to our parents who place their trust in us and are active partners in the child's journey.

With each step forward, may our Cubs grow stronger, wiser, and more curious in their pursuits.

Together, let's continue this wonderful safari of learning.



Mrs. Poonam Kedia

At Curious Cubs, we believe in shaping lifelong learners and explorers of the future. Through hands-on experiences, child-led discovery, and meaningful engagement, our children are growing into confident, adaptable thinkers who love to learn.

What we offer goes beyond academics. We aim to futureproof every child with life skills, empathy, resilience, and an endless curiosity about the world. In every classroom, we see our explorers asking questions, solving problems, and discovering who they are.

A special thank you to our parents for their involvement and encouragement, which forms the backbone of this institution. Your child is evolving every day, and your belief in our approach helps them soar.

Let us raise a generation that doesn't just prepare for the future, but is ready to shape it.



ROAR TO RECOGNITION

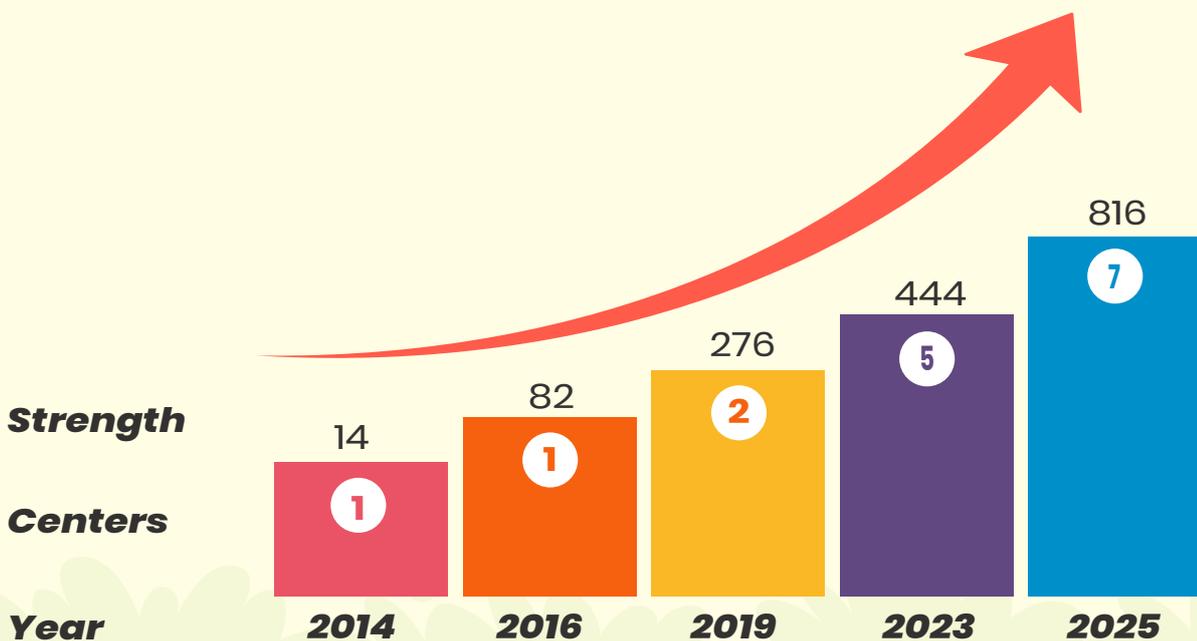


Curious Cubs began with a simple dream to nurture young minds through curiosity-led learning. From a single preschool, we've grown into a trusted name in early education with seven thriving centers across Odisha and Chhattisgarh, including our newest in Raipur.

Our unique approach combines play-based learning, global methods, and Indian values. Through sensory play and STEM activities, we spark joy and confidence in every child. Recognized by Education World's India Preschool Rankings 2025-26, we're proud to be ranked #5 nationally, #1 in Odisha, and #2 in Bhubaneswar.

Now, in 2025, we proudly launch Vivitsa World School, our K-12 extension built on the same values of creativity, care, and excellence. With top-tier infrastructure and future-ready learning, Vivitsa ensures a seamless educational journey. We also added two new Curious Cubs centers, one at the educational hub of central India, Raipur. The other is in Vedanta Township, our second center in the powerhouse of Odisha, Jharsuguda.

This graph not only reflects our growth and success, but it also represents the increasing trust and confidence families have placed in us. Each upward curve is a testament to our rising reputation and the quality we strive for every day.



SPOTLIGHT

Expanding our horizons beyond Odisha



We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of our 7th Curious Cubs Preschool center in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, marking a major milestone in our journey of nurturing young minds. Located at G5, Sales Tax Colony, Shankar Nagar, the new center was inaugurated on March 30, 2025, in the presence of MP Shri Brijmohan Agrawal, Founder Chairperson Mrs. Debashri Debjani, and Directors Mrs. Rita Pansari, Mr. Saransh Pansari, and Mrs. Shital Agarwal.



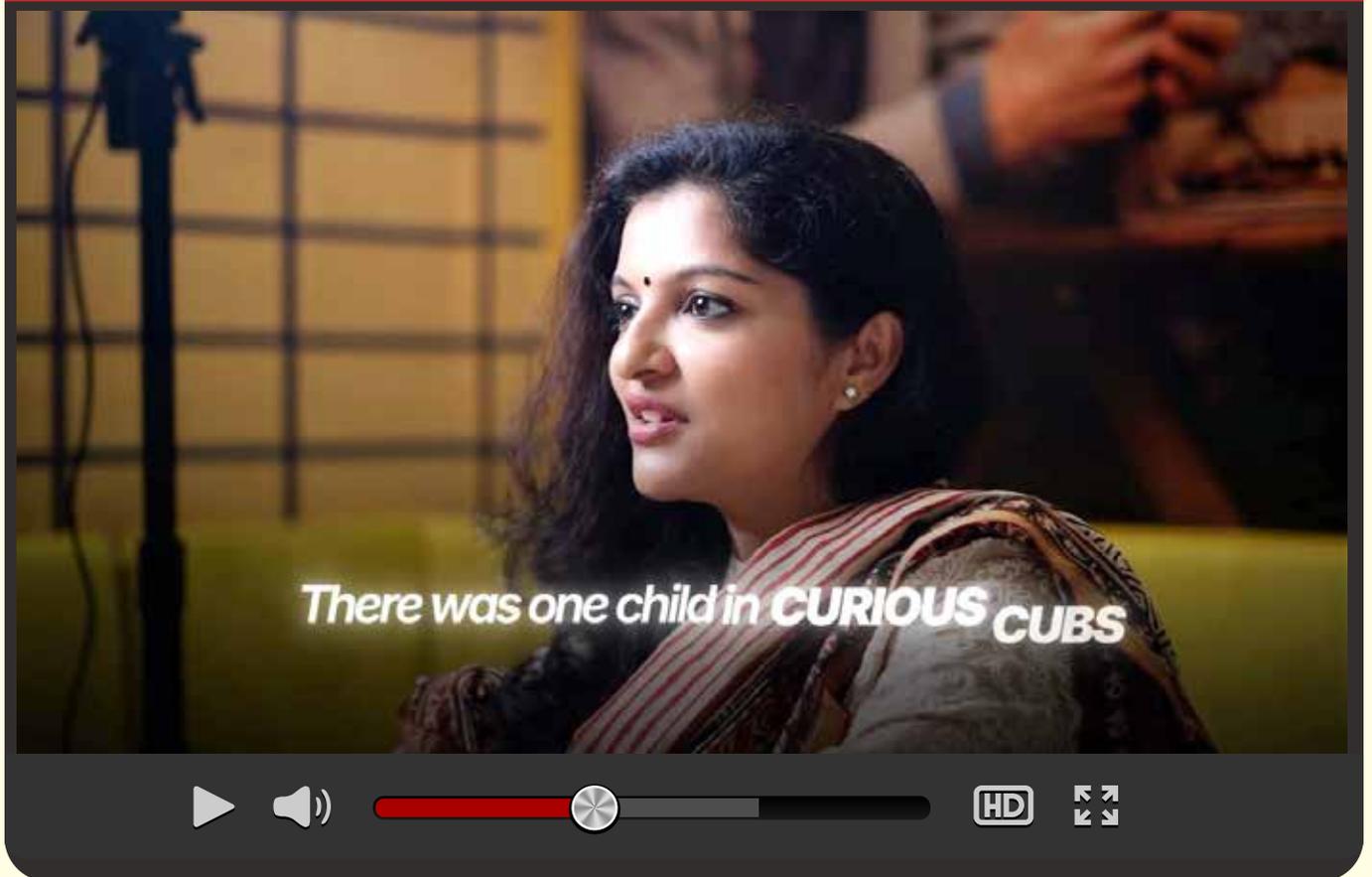
This expansion brings our award-winning early education philosophy to a new region. With play-based learning, child-centric design, sensory corners, and trained educators, the Raipur center promises a safe and joyful space for holistic development.

We're excited to welcome Raipur families into the Curious Cubs community where children grow not just academically, but emotionally and socially too. Together, we're shaping the future one curious cub at a time.





A PODCAST FOR EVERY PARENT



In this engaging episode of the OD Podcast, Curious Cubs founder Debashri Debjani discusses the growing concern of formalizing education too early. She emphasizes that rushing children into structured academics can hinder their natural growth and emotional readiness. Instead, she advocates for play-based learning that fosters curiosity, creativity, emotional resilience, and communication skills. Her message is clear: early education should be thoughtful, humane, and centered on the child. Tune in to the full podcast for deeper insights.



**See the full
video here**



THE REWIND



First school day of Raipur branch- 02.04.2025



One day with mom- 01.04.2025

April



Red day- 17.04.2025



Daddy n me - 26.04.2025



Summer fun day 25.04.2025



Earth day- 22.04.2025



June yoga day 21.06.2025

June



Rathayatra 26.06.2025



Ram Navami 06.04.2025



July Election



CANVAS OF THE FOREST



CUB OF THE QUARTER

Vedika Priyadarshini, UKG, Cheruapada, Sambalpur



Vedika is an obedient and disciplined student who shows great responsibility. She excels in drawing with creativity and talent. As a class assistant, she ensures smooth learning and

displays strong leadership, inspiring peers and setting a positive example.

Avni Mishra, UKG, Bhubaneswar



Avni Mishra, once a shy LKG student and now in UKG, has shown remarkable growth! From struggling with oral skills, she has become a confident communicator. Along with

interactions, she learned important self-care habits like speaking up for her needs.

Aadvik Karan, LKG, Jharsugda, Mangalbazar



Aadvik shows a positive attitude toward learning, bringing creativity and enthusiasm to every project. Kind and empathetic, he actively participates and supports peers.

With steady academic and co-curricular growth, along with discipline and respect, he stands as a true role model.

Atharva Agrawal, LKG, Raipur



Atharva has shone brightly this quarter with his cheerful spirit and active participation. Always enthusiastic, he adds energy to every activity and celebration. From excelling in storytelling to kindly

guiding younger kids, he sets a wonderful example at Curious Cubs.

Aadvik Agarwal, LKG, Rourkela



"Aadvik is doing exceptionally well in class. He's very active and involved in everything. His crankiness has reduced significantly, and he's answering questions.

I've seen a lot of positive changes in him.

Vitthal Sharma, UKG, Sambalpur, Khetrajpur



Vitthal is the Student of the Month because he answers questions in class, helps his friends, listens to the teacher, shares with others, follows rules, always shows a positive attitude, and has full attendance

THE MENTOR'S MEADOW

Mrs. Deepti Marothia
Center head, Rourkela



I have been working at Curious Cubs for the past 4 years, and while challenges are part of the job, I once faced a unique situation when I noticed some students struggled with sharing and teamwork. After discussing this with our Director Ma'am, we came up with a creative solution - Team Building Activities, held every Wednesday. In these sessions, teams are formed with children from Nursery to UKG, and they engage in different activities each time, such as craft work, life skills tasks, and non-fire cooking. These activities encourage friendship, cooperation, helping each other, and seeking help when needed. This initiative has not only been fun but has also helped our children develop essential social skills for life.

Mrs. Pragnya Gayatri Panda
Center head, Bhubaneswar



Working with Curious Cubs for the past two years has been an incredibly rewarding journey. I've seen many little ones who started their first days with tears, hesitation, and nervousness. With patience, encouragement, and small celebrations of progress, those same children soon walked into school with bright smiles and excitement. During the busy admission season, managing teachers, non-teaching staff, and parents taught me the importance of clear communication and teamwork. I realized leadership isn't about giving directions, but about empathy. When children feel cared for and teachers supported, the entire school functions like a family—creating the best environment for every child to grow.

Sasmita Meher

Sambalpur, Khetrajpur



My Experience at Curious Cubs

I began my journey with Curious Cubs on **1st November 2016** as a fresher, and today I stand proud as a senior team member. This journey has been truly enriching, giving me opportunities to grow in confidence, face challenges, and find joy in meaningful solutions.

From playful children to supportive colleagues, every moment here has been a learning experience. Even during the challenges of the COVID times, the love and dedication of our organization, guided by Debashri Ma'am, kept us strong and united.

The teamwork and bond we share at Curious Cubs make it feel like a family. I am truly grateful and proud to be part of this wonderful organization.

Rashmi Chouhan

Jharsuguda, Mangal Bazaar



Being a teacher at Curious Cubs is truly special to me. Every day feels like a new adventure -filled with laughter, curiosity, and tiny discoveries that remind me why I love teaching. The joy in my students' eyes when they learn something new, the supportive team I work with, and the nurturing environment we've built together make this more than just a school - it feels like home. I feel valued, inspired, and constantly growing - not just as a teacher, but as a person. Curious Cubs isn't just where I work... it's where I belong.





Backbone of the pride



She is Ambika Massi. She is the oldest and longest working non teaching staff in our school. She is very sweet and caring who is always ready to help. She looks after everyone with genuine care. She treats everyone like her own family. She checks multiple of times that every teacher had their tea and now all teachers eagerly wait for the tea made by her. She deserves all the respect she receives. For us she is like the eldest head of our Khetrajpur family.





Final Fun Stop

RAINBOW FRUIT YOGURT PARFAIT

**A healthy, colorful treat little hands
can help make!**

Ideal for: Ages 3+ (with light supervision) Non-fire cooking

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 cup thick yogurt or Greek yogurt (plain or vanilla)
- 1 tsp honey (optional, skip for children under 1)
- ½ cup chopped bananas
- ½ cup chopped strawberries
- ½ cup chopped mangoes
- ¼ cup blueberries or grapes (cut into halves)
- 2 tbsp granola or crushed cornflakes
- A few mint leaves for garnish (optional)

Instructions

1. In a small bowl, mix the yogurt with honey (if using).
2. Let the child help layer ingredients in a transparent glass or cup:
 - Spoon some yogurt at the bottom.
 - Add a layer of bananas.
 - Add more yogurt, then a layer of strawberries.
 - Continue layering with mangoes and blueberries.
 - Finish with a final spoon of yogurt on top.
3. Sprinkle with granola or crushed cornflakes.
4. Garnish with mint leaves.
5. Serve with a smile!

Riddle of the month



I have hands but no arms,
I have a face but no eyes.
I can tell you the time,
But I never speak or cry.
What am I?

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