



SAFARI TRAILS

A Quarterly Newsletter

(August to October) 2025





SPOTLIGHT

PRABODH 2024 -25:
One Team, one goal, one vision

September 5-6, 2025



Prabodh, Sanskrit for awakening, is the annual event where teachers from Curious Cubs and Vivitsa World School came together as one learning community. Rooted in the belief that we grow when we grow together, Prabodh 2024 - 25 offered a two-day journey of learning, collaboration, and shared purpose. Serving both as a Teacher Training Program and the Annual General Meet, it provided a space to strengthen skills, exchange classroom management strategies, and align with the goals of the upcoming academic year.

Educators engaged in enriching sessions on Effective Communication, Classroom Management, Storytelling Techniques, and Understanding Curriculum. Insightful workshops like From Chaos to Clarity: Self-Management and How to Observe a Child deepened understanding of mindful teaching and child psychology. Teachers also exchanged classroom experiences and ideas while gaining wisdom from industry experts, including our founder, co-founders, directors, principals, and academic coordinator.

With sunrise yoga, team-building activities, and a panel discussion on How to Raise a Thinking Child?, Prabodh celebrated professional growth and unity, truly embodying our motto:

One Team, One Goal, One Vision.



Sports week

10.10.25 to 16.10.25





THE REWIND

AUGUST

Blue Day

Dive Into Blue Vibes



2nd August - Friendship Day

Celebrating the precious bond



27th August - Ganesh Puja

Welcoming Bappa to our classes



15th August - Independence Day

Celebrating India's 79th Birthday





16th August - Janmashtami Krishna's Birth, Our Joy



Mismatch Day - Mix It Up Today



9th August - Raksha Bandhan - Threads of care



School Elections Your Voice, Your Vote





SEPTEMBER

5th September - Teacher's Day
Gratitude for Our mentors

Grandparents Day
Wisdom, Love, Timeless bond



27th September Navaratri
Nine Nights of Devotion

Hindi Week
Celebrate Our Hindi Pride





OCTOBER

Cleaning Day

Cause it's our second home



Joy of giving

We grow by lifting others



18th October - Diwali

Lights, Joy, New Beginnings



31st October - Halloween

A spooky end to October



CANVAS OF THE FOREST



CUB OF THE QUARTER

Vedanshi Sablaka, LKG (Sambalpur, Cheruapada)



Ahaan Meena, UKG, Bhubaneswar



Aira Agrawal, Toddler (Rourkela)



Saransh Kushwaha, LKG (Jharsuguda 2)



Nishika Suri, UKG (Sambalpur, Khetrajpur)



Bhavya Kejriwal, Grade 1 (Mangal bazar, Jharsuguda)





THE MENTOR'S MEADOW

Pooja Giri

Branch, - Jharsuguda
Working Since 2018



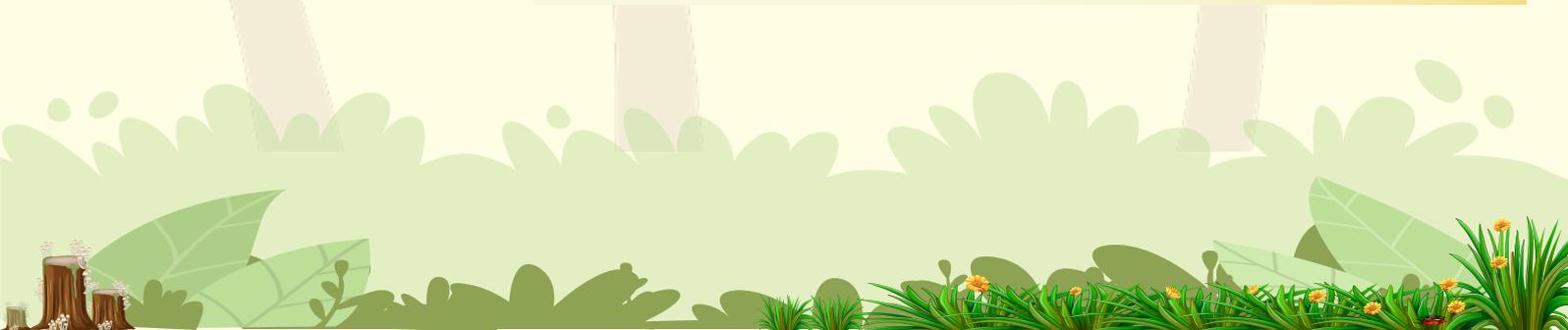
Being part of the Curious Cubs family since 2018, first as a part of the Rourkela team and then heading the Jharsuguda Center, has been a journey of purpose, patience, and people. I've witnessed our center transform, growing stronger through every challenge. We navigated phases of uncertainty together, from managing hyperactive children and addressing parental concerns to adapting to changes in support staff like our Massi. Yet every challenge brought us closer as a united team. With empathy as our foundation, we foster trust through open communication, personalized care, and collaborative teamwork. Those who once doubted us are now our strongest supporters. My vision ahead is simple-continue nurturing a space where children flourish, parents connect, and educators grow as one family.

Asmita Khanduja

Branch - Sambalpur, Khetrajpur
Working Since 2014



Life leads us where we belong. When I joined Curious Cub in 2014, I stepped in with uncertainty but a heart full of hope. Debashri ma'am believed in me even before I believed in myself. Guided by my grandfather's words, "Knowledge grows only when shared," I embraced teaching. I learned to connect with children, simplify learning, and build joyful classrooms. The lockdown tested our spirit, but we adapted, shifted to Zoom, and kept going. Today, I proudly lead 15 teachers and 10 support staff, shaping 100 young lives. Curious Cub didn't just give me a job; it revealed my purpose.





Iris Sahu

Branch-Cheruapara
Working Since 2022



I have been associated with the school for three years, with a 1.5-year maternity break in between. Returning after that period, I immediately felt a strong sense of belonging, like being welcomed back into a family. The nurturing and supportive environment here has allowed me to grow both personally and professionally.

Becoming a mother deepened my understanding of what young children truly need, such as care, curiosity, and comfort. It made me realize that Curious Cubs is the perfect home for little ones to explore, learn, and thrive. Teaching here is deeply fulfilling, especially when I see children's eyes light up with curiosity and joy as they discover something new.

Nitisha Prajapati

Branch-Raipur
Working Since 2025



When I first joined the school, I'll admit I was a little nervous -new place, new faces, and so much to learn. But right from the first day, the warmth of everyone around me made me feel at home. The management was incredibly supportive, and my colleagues were always ready to guide me, whether it was figuring out classroom routines, planning lessons, or simply understanding each child better.

Over time, I've had so many moments that made me realize how special this place is. I still remember the first time one of my students proudly showed me their improved handwriting; the sparkle in their eyes said it all. Moments like these remind me why I love teaching. The school encourages me to experiment, to be creative, and to bring out the best in my students. I've learned patience, empathy, and the joy of celebrating small victories. This journey has shaped me not just as a teacher but as a person, and I truly feel proud to belong here.





Backbone of the pride

Basanti Biswal

Branch-Rourkela
Working since : 2018



If you've ever wondered who has the secret of turning tears into smiles, it's undoubtedly Basanti Maasi. For the past six years, she's been the quiet hero of our mornings, possessing a genuine "magic touch" that settles even the most distressed little ones in seconds-often with nothing more than a gentle hug and a soft word. While her commitment to being prompt and responsible is unmatched, it's her deep, quiet nurturing heart that truly defines her. She's always eager to bridge the communication gap, constantly practicing the few English phrases she knows to connect better with every child. We are incredibly fortunate that Basanti Maasi chooses to share her warmth, dedication, and six years of irreplaceable experience with our children every day.





Final Fun Stop

Sitaphal Suji Ladoo

A healthy, colorful treat little hands can help make!

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

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup roasted suji (semolina) – pre-roasted and cooled
- 1/4 cup sitaphal pulp – seeds removed
- 1 tablespoon grated coconut – fresh or desiccated
- 1 tablespoon powdered jaggery or honey – adjust to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon cardamom powder
- 1 teaspoon ghee – optional, for flavor and binding
- Finely chopped nuts (optional) – almonds, cashews (only if safe for your child)

Instructions

1. Prepare the sitaphal pulp: Scoop out the flesh and carefully remove all seeds.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine roasted suji, sitaphal pulp, jaggery/honey, coconut, and cardamom powder.
3. Mix well until a soft, pliable dough forms. Add a few drops of ghee if needed for binding.
4. Let your child help roll small balls using clean hands.
5. Optionally, roll the balls in extra coconut or garnish with tiny nut bits.
6. Chill in the fridge for 15–20 minutes to firm up (optional).

Parent Tips

Ensure all sitaphal seeds are removed- this is a great sensory task for kids.



Riddle of the month

I wear a crown, but I'm not a king,
I'm full of spikes, but I don't sting.
I'm yellow inside and rough outside,
Cut me open, and I'm sweet with pride.
I don't grow on trees, I grow on land-
Guess who I am, juicy and grand?

Pinapple