

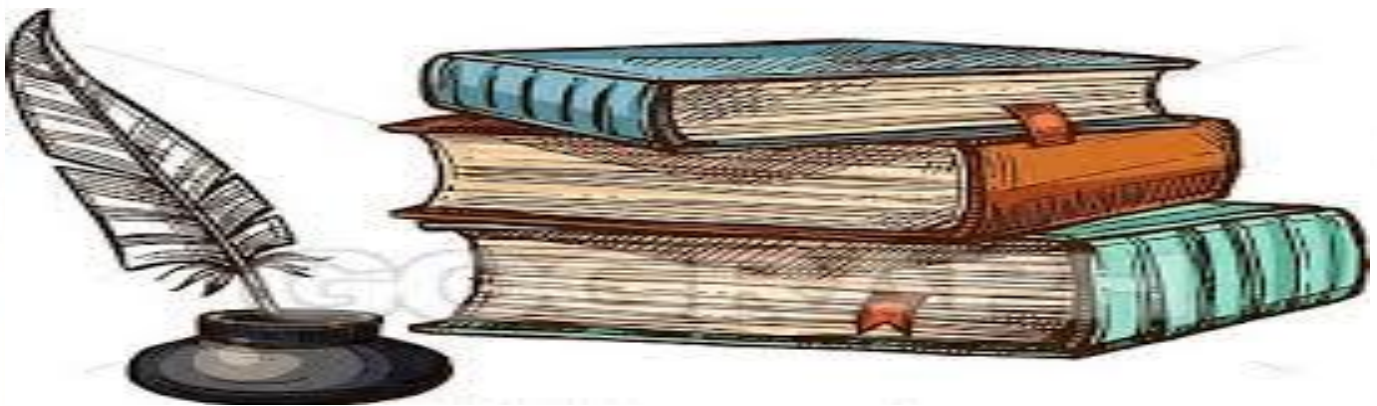
MOUNT COLUMBUS SCHOOL



COLUMBIAN CHRONICLES

JULY 2021 – SEPTEMBER 2021

A Glimpse Into The World Of Mount Columbus



From the Principal's Desk

Greetings Parents, Guardians and Columbians,

It is a matter of great pride for Mount Columbus School to bring in the second edition of *Columbian Chronicles* for the session 2021-22. The school has made tremendous progress in academics, non-academics, capacity building of staff and students' performance. Last year, when first faced with the pandemic crisis, our Columbian community rallied together and found new ways of supporting each other, like never before. Even from a distance, our focus on strengthening relationships and building community continued with our core expectations of PRIDE (Promote, Respect, Intelligence, Diligence and Ethics) embedded throughout every experience. Through assemblies/slide shows, zooms, virtual field days/field trips, class meetings, activities and competitions our community persevered. We are committed to providing the same level of connectivity and care along with the academic rigor that is necessary for our students to achieve at high levels ahead. Many thanks to those parents who have helped in our activities.

I also want to take some time to recognize and honor the victims of the corona, our first responders, our military and their families.

I feel proud to announce the hundred per cent result of Columbians in class X CBSE board exams 2020-21. I expect such satisfactory academic results in the coming years too.

Stay safe, stay healthy!!!

Aditi Roy

Principal

Inter House Competitions

YOUTH JOURNALISM

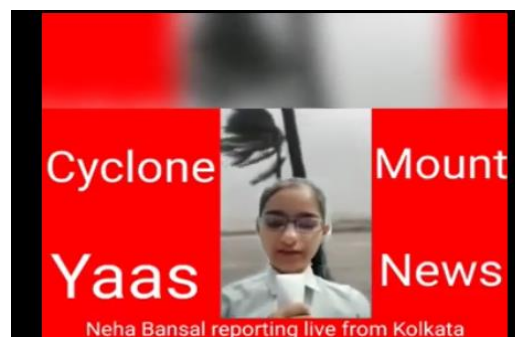
Journalism is the production and distribution of reports on current events based on facts and supported with proof or evidence. Mount Columbus School organised Inter House Youth Journalism Competition 2021 on 28th July for class IX-X on a virtual platform.

It aimed to spotlight the exceptional journalism of our students and attention to the best work done by them and further its mission of promoting the essentials of journalistic ethics among the students. It is yet another way to showcase the voices of the next generation. The competition promoted media literacy and train aspiring journalists. Students explained the importance of journalism. Informed about journalistic ethics and capable of articulating an ethical decision.

Two Students from each house were asked to choose one topic from the given option. They had prepared and collected the information about the chosen topic and prepared a video. One of the students' performed as a reporter and the other one played the part of an anchor. They dressed up

according to the theme making it a worthy experience.

All the six houses participated actively and showcased their skills. First position was secured by Onyx house, second position was secured by Thames house and Third position was bagged by Indus House. It was a great learning experience for the students.



BOTTLE ART & SEED ART

Craft activities might get a little messy, but don't worry art and craft activities are brilliant for developing little minds and bodies. So, what's a few paint stains compared to burgeoning creativity! Art and craft activities help instill a sense of achievement and pride in children and boosting their self-confidence. The opportunity to create whatever a child desires, helps foster creativity. A child will learn to make correct and effective decisions by facing and solving artistic challenges.

Craft activities foster *communication, listening, attention, and imagination*. These activities enhance mental health and well-being as well as fostering a whole range of developmental skills. Enhancing child's hand eye co-ordination and building levels of manual dexterity. With this thought in mind, Inter House Bottle art Competition for class IX-X and Seed art Competition for class VI-VIII, was organised on 24th July 2021.



Independence Day Celebration-

Emancipation 2021

Independence Day is adulated each year on the 15th of August in India to celebrate the country's freedom from the British domain on the same day in August 1947. Every year, a sea of school children adds youthful energy to the grand event but amid the corona virus scare, physical presence was not practical this year.

Unlike previous years, celebrations have been restricted to virtual mediums this year which was organized by Mount Columbus School on the occasion of 75th Independence Day with unprecedented patriotic fervor on 14th August, 2021.

Keeping in sync with the theme, the students of Classes Nursery to X participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. All the competitions were conducted online and students showcased their immense talent, imagination and creativity.



The students of all the six houses were at their best. Spontaneity and confidence were the hallmark of the competitions. Students of Class Nursery and K.G performed ramp walk on the theme 'National Symbol'. Their costumes were made from reusable material available at home.



Students of Class I and II prepared healthy dishes without using fire and recorded the process of making it carefully. The colour scheme of the dishes matched the colours of the flag of India.

Students of class III and IV made a 3-D model of soldiers using easily

available materials at home. They also delivered few lines to thank our loving soldiers, dressed up in the sync to the theme, 'Tribute to soldiers'.

Class V-VI participated in, 'Dancing Enthusiast' competition on the theme 'My Country, My Pride' where the students performed a patriotic dance.

Eye-catching and beautiful art, i.e. E-posters were made on the theme 'History and Heritage' by the students of class VII-VIII by using the software 'Canva'.

The students of class IX- X acted like journalists and narrated a struggle story from our freedom movement of their choice.

The participants of all the six houses participated whole heartedly in this event.



The first position was bagged by Nile House, second by Hudson and Indus and Onyx bagged the third position. Emancipation was a success. It was successful because the students enjoyed these competitions.



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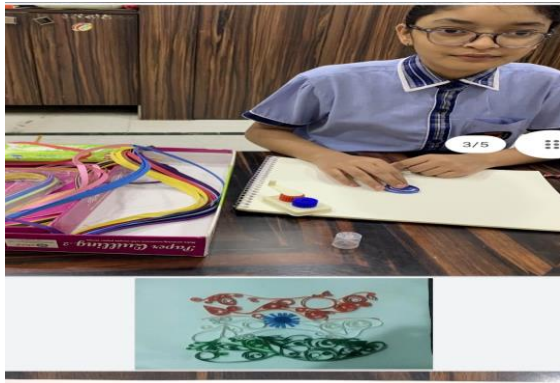
**“Patriotism is not just a feeling,
it’s a commitment,**

**providing a platform to
compete is a way towards self-
enrichment ‘**

An online Inter-School competition 'AVENIK 2021' was organized by Mount Columbus school in such a way that the students not only enjoyed but also learnt a great deal from it. With the same perspective in view the inter-school competition was held in commemoration of our freedom fighters in the month of August 2021 and unfurled the patriotic feeling among one and all.



guidance of our honorable principal ma'am, for the classes I to X. All the students were at their best. Spontaneity and confidence were the hallmark of the competition. To award the position holders, we invited judges from various fields and integrated all the subjects to judge the competition. All the participants were awarded with E-certificates of participation and all the position holders were awarded with E-badges and the E-certificates both.



In a nutshell, it was simply great that we received many responses from the schools. All the students showcased their creativity and artistic skills and revealed their hidden talent. They also expressed their love for the country by participating. This was not just an event for us, organising such activity is actually a proud feeling for all of us.

The school witnessed an ample of online activities organised by our social science department under the

Nelson Mandela International Day



Social Science department of Mount Columbus School, Dakshinpuri

successfully conducted activities on 'Nelson Mandela International Day'- July 18th 2021'. This day is celebrated all over the world as anniversary of Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa. Theme of 2021 is 'One Hand Can Feed Another'. The day is meant to remember the services of Mr. Mandela and honour them through volunteer work, awareness and

community service. Different activities and online quiz were organised by the Social Science department for classes III to X. Class-III to V participated in 'Collage making activity on Nelson Mandela', class VI to VIII in Mosaic painting and class-IX and X in Portrait making of Nelson Mandela (Quilling Art).



Students of all the classes actively participated in these activities and showcased their talent. It was very good to see that our Columbians are too expressive and they fulfilled the objectives of conducting these activities. They shared photographs and videos of their activities with their respective teachers. Today as we all know that everyone needs a role model that can inspire. Sharing work of great people like Nelson Mandela gives a positive enforcement among young minds. Our staff members are continuously providing various opportunities and platform to the Columbians to show their talent and enhance their capabilities. Mount

Columbus School's ultimate goal is all round development of each child. Step by step we are moving towards this goal as a team. We are pleased to see that our Columbians are continuously learning new skills, developing moral values and enhancing their creativity.

Mystical Day

Young children are naturally inquisitive, full of questions about the world around them and the drive to investigate how things work. Science experiments are the perfect way for the children to become more aware about how the world around them works. So with this idea in mind the Science Department of MOUNT COLUMBUS SCHOOL conducted an activity "MYSTICAL DAY" in the month of August 2021.

In this activity the students were encouraged to perform science experiments or magical tricks. The activity was conducted for the students from Class III to X.



Technodium

Science Department of Mount Columbus School, Dakshinpuri organized a virtual event TECHNODIUM - National Science Day on 11th July 2021. Students of classes VI to X participated in this departmental event. The objective of this event was not only to inculcate scientific attitude and research mindedness but also create interest in science. Class wise different activities were organized on virtual platform on that day. Students were excited to perform the activities assigned to them.

The students of class VI participated in Robotics Model Making using waste materials. They were asked to prepare their Robotics individually. It was fascinating to observe young minds working with such a spirit. This activity not only helped students to revise the concept done so far but also gave them a platform to develop their fine motor, social, cognitive and linguistic skills.

To develop scientific temper, attitude and values such as open mindedness and intellectual honesty, an Essay Writing Activity was organized for class VII. Students came forward to take part in the activity with a lot of vigour and enthusiasm. They acquired understanding of Science and Technology for sustainable future and technology around us. It involved the students to participate in activities so

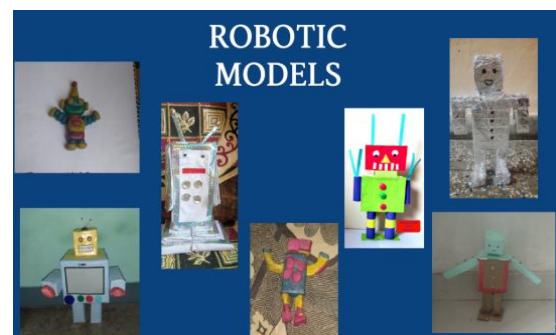
as to understand the cognitive, affective and psychomotor aspects of the task.

The students of class VIII participated in STEM Activity. All the students eagerly participated in the competition. Students presented their model.

The event included PowerPoint Presentation Activity for class IX in which participant has to present a PowerPoint presentation on Role of Artificial Intelligence in any one of the topics given - agriculture, cyber security, health, transport, education.

To enhance the confidence and speaking skills of the students, Deliberation Activity for class X was organized on the topics- Are advances in technology positive or negative? Can technology replace book? The participants, armed with statistics and data validated and made their arguments more emphatic with right facial expressions, body movements and gestures. The debaters displayed confidence in presenting their arguments.

Our respected Principal ma'am appreciated the efforts put in by the students and the teachers. .





TEACHER'S COLUMN

Education: Embracing The Digital Learning

Education is the stanchion for any society to build a strong nation. Education is a synonym of civilization. Nelson Mandela has rightly said that 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' It is the chief defence of life and enhances the activity of a person. Intelligence plus character is the goal of true education. School is the temple of learning, we learn not only what is prescribed in our syllabus but also to be sensitive to our immediate surroundings. It is a pharos that attempts to explore the concealed spark in the students. Today's education system is very modern, informed and tech savvy whereas back in the 90's children struggled to find the particular book which they wanted. Little did we know that this Covid-

19 pandemic will affect us so much that it will disrupt our daily routines. As of April 2020, schools have been suspended nationwide and since then they have accelerated adoption of digital technologies to deliver education. Students are at home and attending lectures. Educational Institutions have shifted towards blended mode of learning. Schools are providing an opportunity to the students and the faculty to express their views on challenging issues being faced by the society today.

We are living in a world that demands us to be more adaptable to the ways as the situation arises to achieve greater horizons. With the time passing by, technology has become more and more personalized, smart and efficient. It is being used prevalently in every home and becoming popular on everyday basis. It is helping people to connect with each other. This pandemic is reshaping education and has taught us to think critically. Online classes have taken the place of school and students are attending their scheduled course online in the comfort of their homes. E- learning has its own pros and cons but it has benefitted us in ways that go far beyond learning. It has increased digital literacy, learning materials are shared among the students easily and students are able to manage their time effectively. Teachers have also adopted one of the fast and best learning method of teaching. But there are some disadvantages also as students might not understand the concept much when they attend the classes online, the effort needed to complete a given task decreases, due to extended screen time, children's eyesight get spoiled as the radiation that emitted through these devices are really harmful. To conclude face to face learning is better than digital learning as the

students develop concentration and interest throughout the session.” A pandemic’s effect on mental health, even among those who are unaffected by it could be bigger”, doctors suggest. Anxiety, depression and fear are some of the most common symptoms that require attention, says DR. Nimesh Desai, director of the Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences. “The virus is omnipresent in our minds”, adds psychiatrist Praveen Tripathy. “Through overexposure to information, we are getting to see a lot of aggravated mental health cases”. It is an extraordinary situation and it is difficult for parents to make their children understand the restrictions. Whenever the situation will be bit normal, schools are likely to reopen in a staggered manner. The foremost challenge in reopening of schools is Safety, as mass awareness on the need for children to be back in school is important. Going forward in the new post pandemic environment, what will be required is a huge shift of mindset. The other challenge is to revise the curriculum as after reopening of schools, one cannot jump straight away on teaching. Managing tensions and counselling children would be an additional task when schools reopen. The latest Ed-Tech trends in 2021 are being revolutionized with a strong focus on connectivity, versatility, and student-centered learning. Ed-tech is basically a process of integrating technology into education for better results. It improves the collaboration between a student and a teacher and bringing out innovative teaching methods.

I often hear children taking about boredom, What is Boredom? It is a mental state in which an individual feels restless or worn out because they are unoccupied at that

moment. Lockdown has brought an opportunity for us to judiciously utilise the unlimited time and explore our ‘mini labs’ ie. an area where you can experiment on your areas of interest. There are some homeschooling tips that parents can teach their kids at home. Students must be provided with their learning space which is away from the Television, video games etc. proper routine must be followed so that their other activities like eating, sleeping etc remain fixed. Parents need to allow children to come up with solutions on their own to develop critical thinking skills. Children can also help their parents in the household chores and teach their parents how to meditate. There are some online classroom etiquettes that must be practiced by the students before taking up their virtual classes. A child must be well groomed and be on time before the class begins. Online classrooms have limited time so brevity in your question and answer is a must and last to take up these online classes seriously. Certain technologies have come up where a smart voice assistant app educate you. Firstly, If children have lot of questions in mind then don’t run to your parents, ask that app and make it useful. If children are running from one room to another because they have too much pent-up energy then ask the app to tell you workout exercises. These technologies have been made things easy for us. Global outlook towards education is that it is the functional area which has been affected the most worldwide. Keeping in mind that learning must not stop in any situation, The Global Education Coalition launched by UNESCO, is a platform for collaboration and exchange to protect the right of education during this unprecedented disruptions and beyond.

Closing with an inspirational quote, “The purpose of education is to make good human beings with skill and expertise. Enlightened human beings can be created by teachers” - Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Quality of the education determines the strength, versatility, future and independence of a Nation and any compromise on this would be fatal and self-immolating. New challenges and new solutions only will make our educational system effective and more competitive.



Ms Anchal Gupta
T.G.T English

Yes I Admit

Yes I admit I'm not cute as a child
But I deny that I'm not naughty as a child

Yes I admit I'm not beautiful as a child
But I deny that I'm not joyful as a child

Yes I admit I'm not intelligent as the world
But I deny that I can't solve childish equation

Yes I admit I'm not an excellent cook
But I deny that I can't satisfy your hunger

Yes I admit I'm not soft spoken
But I deny that I can't hear your emotions

Yes I admit I can't purchase expensive dress

But I deny that I can't dress up myself elegantly

Yes I admit I can't be brave as a lioness
But I deny that I'm afraid to keep my words in front of others



Yes I admit I can't be dark as night
But I deny that I can't paint with black

Ms Saroj
T.G.T Hindi

“JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION”

To seek the blessings of Lord Krishna, Mount Columbus School celebrated Janmashtami virtually on Friday, 27th August, 2021 with mirth and joy. The tiny tots of Nursery and KG donned themselves in the attire of Lord Krishna and Radha, frolicking around with flutes, peacock feathers and matkas. Students displayed beautiful garland of natural flowers and flutes modeled out of clay.



A colourful dance performance by students who were dressed up as Krishna and gopis added to the

delight. The happy and excited students enthusiastically participated in craft work and made flutes. The virtual celebration was indeed truly informative, enlightening and entertaining.

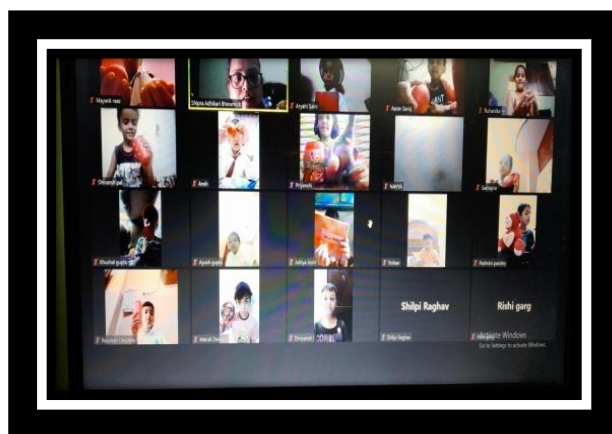
GRANDPARENT' DAY



Mount Columbus School celebrated Grandparents' Day with gratitude and compassion for all the grandparents of students on a virtual platform due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation. This annual event holds a significantly special place in our hearts as it is a great time to remind ourselves of what our elders mean to us. It is a celebration of selfless and limitless love and it is an opportunity for both grandparents and grandchildren to express affection for each other. Grandparents play a pivotal role in grooming young minds, passing n values and chiseling wisdom with their valuable guidance.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Scavenger hunts allows students to practice problem-solving in a tangible way. It helps to reinforce and act-out methods they have been taught by parents or teachers in a physical way, leading to increased retention of the lessons. Scavenger hunts are easy to customize to child's abilities and interests. This scavenger hunt allows students to enhance their listening and understanding skills. This activity organized virtually in class I-II as this pandemic doesn't allow playing it physically. The students used their sensory development – simply exploring and becoming aware of their different senses to help keep child regulated, for example- finding something green and soft, something wet and cold, or something fast and noisy. Above all the children learn the different things by playing games.



Cleanliness Drive for Swachh Bharat

“Cleanliness is next to Godliness.”

It is the mantra of Mahatma Gandhi ji, Father of the Nation. He demonstrated, propagated and insisted for individual and community cleanliness throughout his life. Following his footprints, Swachh Bharat Mission campaign achieved encouraging results which was started by our respected Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.

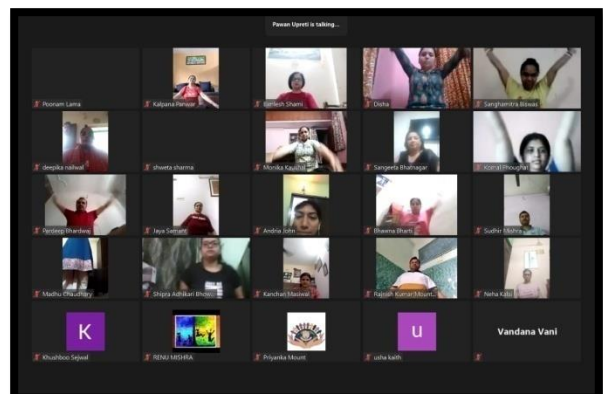
It is everybody's responsibility and one should keep themselves and their surroundings clean and hygienic. It also brings good and positive thoughts in the mind which slows down the occurrence of diseases. Due to Pandemic, an online programmed was held. All the students had participated. Even teachers were the essential part of this drive. As a part of cleanliness drive; both students and teachers took the pledge that they will work towards swachh bharat and use the reusable things. Students also performed various activities on Green School Drive Day, Hand wash Day, Personal Hygiene Day and Swachhta Action Plan Day to spread Knowledge about Swachh Bharat the programme was very engaging.



Students were taught to distinguish dry and wet waste into separate category and dispose off the garbage into specific bins meant for them. Some important aspects like students awareness regarding cleanliness and health were also discussed at large.

The Fit India Movement

Amongst the many initiatives adopted by government for a healthy way of living during the pandemic is the “Fit India Movement”. Columbians are no way behind when it comes to keeping up with a healthy nation. Every morning Columbians warm up their day with spirited exercise to keep themselves energetic and charged for the entire day.



Tuningस्थान 2021

“The important thing in science is not so much to obtain new facts as to discover new ways of thinking about them.” -William Lawrence Bragg

All great things begin with a small step and one such endeavor of Mount Columbus School is the Inter School Science Competition, ‘Tuningस्थान 2021’. A virtual platform for a brighter future which started as an initiative to encourage curiosity and originality in thinking has become primary motive celebrating the wondrous world of science.

This year the Inter School Science Competition was held from 20th-30th July on a digital platform with each day celebrating the imagination and efforts of the budding scientists of classes VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI and XII respectively. Teacher Incharges were present, for the smooth coordination and execution of work. VI & VII class was taken care of by Ms. Renu Mishra, VIII & IX was taken care by Ms. Monika Kaushal and for X, XI & XII was taken care by Ms. Komal Bisht.

The competition included Ad Matazzfor class VI in which participant has to present a humourous advertisement on a product of their choice. The theme for this activity was Healthy food/ Hygienic products/ Eco-friendly fuel. Virtuoso for class VII, in which participant presented Art work on A3

sheet. The theme for this activity was Healing Nature/ Space Exploration. STEMification was conducted for class VIII in which participant has to use eco-friendly and recycled material available at home. Demonstrate the working of STEM project properly in video. The theme for this activity was My Futuristic Vehicle/ Mini Robot. For class IX Constructathon was organised in which participant has to present MP4 video explaining the game of 3-4 min in which they are supposed to use eco-friendly and recycled material available at home. Mine-O-Game was conducted for class X in which participant has to Make a video using mine craft game and include clear audio descriptions about the Space Exploration/ Resource management for sustainable development. Participant should add humor/ mimicry in the video. For class XI -XII Earth's Crusader a sort of documentary was conducted in which participants were supposed to present Video should include the problem, proposed solution, prototype.

‘Tuningस्थान’ was an enriching experience for both children and teacher. This competition helped the students to understand the concepts of science in a better manner

EXCELSIOR 2021

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go...”

Mount Columbus School, Dakshinpuri organised an Inter-School Competition, Excelsior 2021, an event which aimed at providing a platform for the young students to unleash their creativity and inbuilt talents.

“EXCELSIOR” an inter school event comprising of five competitions- Cadence, Raconteur, Fashionista, Ad-Mad Show and All the World Is A Stage was hosted by our school in September, 2021. Students from renowned schools across India participated in the competitions.

In this inter-school competition, the students from classes Nursery to XII grade have participated in all the competitions with a great Zeal and enthusiasm. Teacher incharges- Ms. Poonam Lama, Ms. Andria Fredrick John, Ms. Meghna Prakash, Ms. Sanghamitra Biswas and Ms. Aanchal Gupta showcased their immense coordination and cooperation in

handling the queries raised by other schools.

The honourable judges were Ms. Vaishali Sharma, Ms. Sakshi Nagpal, Ms. Modhulina Choudhary and Ms. Khushboo Sejwal who made their significant contribution to the field of creativity and education and judging the events.

In ‘Cadence’, the first position was bagged by Vandana International School, the second position by Kamal Model Sr. Sec. School, Mohan Garden and the third position by Birla Open Minds International School, Jammu.

In ‘Raconteur’, the first position was bagged by Shri Ram Global School, Delhi West, the second position by SDPS, East Punjabi Bagh and the third position by G.D. Goenka Public School, Rohini.

In ‘Fashionista’, the first position was bagged by Kamal Model Sr. Sec. School, Mohan Garden, the second position by Kamal Kindergarten School, Mohan Garden and the third position by SDPS, East Punjabi Bagh

In ‘Ad Mad Show’, the first position was bagged by Vandana International School, Dwarka the second position by Himalaya Public School, Rohini and the third position by Birla Open Minds International School, Jammu.

Each performance was full of vim and vigour and the event was prospering exuberantly with the buoyant and energetic performances. After the competition, it was a tough time for the judges to decide the winners.

The event ignited optimism and infused positive competitiveness amongst the students. E- certificates were given to both the participants and the winners.

STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

