

**MOUNT COLUMBUS SCHOOL**

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# EMBARKATION CEREMONY 2023

“May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be even at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in”.

The school ground of Mount Columbus echoed with the blessings on the morning of 4th of feb 2023 when Mt Columbus Family came together to bid farewell to the outgoing 2023 batch of class 10th students. It was the morning of mixed emotions for all present at the school ground to witness the official send-off for the class 10th students at the valedictory ceremony 2023. The day was a fiesta devoted to the years spent together with friends and teachers to reminisce joyous moments

It was a beautiful morning, the sun shining brightly as the batch of 2022-2023 showed up, dressed in their finery. The young ladies glowed in fuchsia- coloured saris whereas gentlemen carried themselves smartly in blazers. Elegantly dressed, the outgoing students entered the school premises at 10 am and they were well received by Class 9 students

The event began with welcome dance “Dance of Happiness” performed by the students of class 9th. Wherein section wise class 10 students were called upon the stage to present them a small token of appreciation. Students of class 10th walked on the ramp and introduced themselves. It was followed by a captivating dance performance by the class 9 students dedicated especially for their seniors. Principal of the school delivered the most effective, encouraging speech in which she wished all the students for their new start and also declared the result of Miss and Mr Columbian, Virdhi Dogra as Miss Columbian and Yuvraj as Mr Columbian. We ended up the programme with National Anthem.



# REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

“India marks January 26 as its Republic Day every year. In 2023, the country is celebrating its 74rd Republic Day. While India gained independence from the British Raj in 1947, it wasn't until January 26, 1950, that the Indian Constitution came into effect, and India became a sovereign state, declaring it a republic. Dr. BR Ambedkar headed the Drafting Committee of the Constitution. Additionally, Constitution Day is celebrated in India on November 26 every year, as on November 26, 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India. The day was celebrated in Mount Columbus with great élat on 25th January. The school building was tastefully decorated with flowerpots and national flags. We were beside ourselves with joy. Loudspeakers were fitted. Everyone was feeling very patriotic and happy because Basant Panchami was also on the same day and also , it was a matter of great pride for all of us. After all, on this day the constitution of India came into force and our country became a republic.



The celebration began with the unfurling of the National Flag by the Principal of the school, followed by the singing of National Anthem and the recitation of the Pledge. Many cultural performances were presented by the students like SPEECH, YOGA, POEM RECITATION, and mesmerising DANCE PERFORMANCES. Also on this day Saraswati Puja was performed by the Principal and the Co-ordinators of the school.

And at the last, the moment came for which all the students were waiting, the time to declare the result of the multifarious co-curricular activities of the academic session 2022-2023. Principal of the school declared the result, the winning house to take away the trophy was “NILE HOUSE”.

The programme ended with the speech of Principal in which she explained that “Freedom comes with Duty”. She also guided the students, how to perform their duty and to develop the Country.



# Excursion to Red Fort

On Monday, 30th January 2023, Mount Columbus School organised an Educational Excursion for Classes VI-VII to the Lawns and Gyan Path in front of Red Fort. It was a six-day mega event, Bharat Parv organized at Red Fort in Delhi from 26th to 31st of January as the part of the Republic Day Celebrations.

Students were asked to reach into the school premises by 8:00 a.m. in the school playground in proper school uniform with their I-Cards, lunch boxes and water bottles. There were three buses for the students and each bus had two teachers. The bus left the school by 9:30 a.m. due to bad weather conditions. We reached at the Red Fort around 10:30 a.m.

The event had a Food Festival, Handicraft Mela,

Folk and Tribal dance performances, Performances by cultural troupes, and illumination of Red Fort. Branding and promotion of Dekho Apna Desh, Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, G-20, and Mission LIFE had also undertaken during the events. Students were thrilled to see the real Jhanki (tableau) with their own eyes as they have never got the chance to experience or see such things in real life. It was great to see them looking or searching for their regional state Jhanki and having discussion on that.

In the end, they all moved towards the food court where regional cuisine was displayed on sale. We left for the school around 1:30 p.m. and reached in the school by 2:20 p.m.

Over all it was a great opportunity for the students to know and learn about different culture and heritage. The experience of this visit will be everlasting in their minds.



# Teachers' Column

## *HANDSOME IS AS HANDSOME DOES*

You all must have heard the adage 'Handsome is as handsome does'. Shakespeare has rightly said in Hamlet, "A man may smile and yet be a villain". We generally take the word 'Handsome' as suggesting us about the outer personality that is the way a person has dressed up & or the outer person. Everyone is attracted by a person endowed with good looks. This is very true. But simultaneously it should also be kept in mind that it also reflects those inculcated habits & values which create the real strength of character. Certain qualities of head & heart like truthfulness, honesty, cooperation, selflessness & contentment are the prerequisites for becoming handsome. In this way only we can become a perfect blend of outer as well as inner beauty. There are so many great personalities in India who may not have been very handsome physically but became exemplary due to their handsome deeds, Eg. APJ Abdul Kalam, Mahatma Gandhi, Swami Vivekananda, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, Kalpana Chawla, Bacchender Pal etc. These people hardly bothered about their looks. Rather they were fixed on

purpose & moved towards their destination without any distraction. We can also become an example by following their footprints. In modern times when more importance is given to outer personality but one should not forget that appearances can also be deceptive. A person who has taken enough care to wear a formal look can be quite hollow from within. He could be a laughing stock as he would lack substance. So priority should be given to the beautification of the intellect, mind & soul to be raised to the level of being handsome thereby making the world a handsome place to live in.



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# आओ ऐसी साधना का

## हम भी संकल्प भरें

छोड़ सुखों की गठरी को  
जब सत्य खोजने निकलेंगे,  
कठिन साधना तप करके,  
हम गागर में सागर भर देंगे।

कठिन साधना करके ही  
मनुज देव बन जाता है,  
तप को ऐसा पारस मानो,  
जो छूकर स्वर्ण बनाता है।

आओ ऐसी साधना का  
हम भी मिलकर गुणगान करें,  
बुद्ध शरणम गच्छामि,  
जग में यह संदेश भरें।

बहुत छले गए कटुता से,  
अब तो सत्य मार्ग का  
दामन पकड़ चलें,  
शीतलता, सहिष्णुता का शंख बजाकर,  
आओ प्रेम-प्रीत का मधुर रस भर दें।

विचार बदलकर हम बदलेंगे,  
ऐसा प्रण हम खुद में कर लें।  
हिंसा करना संघर्ष नहीं है,  
इस भ्रम को खुद से दूर करें,

आओ ऐसी साधना का हम भी संकल्प भरें।



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# जिंदगी का सफरनामा

आगे ही आगे बढ़ेंगे  
ना किस्मत से डरेंगे  
मेहनत का दम भरेंगे  
हर रोज कुछ नया करेंगे  
ना पीछे कभी मुड़ेंगे  
मंजिलों पर ना रुकेंगे  
आगे न दुश्मन के झुकेंगे  
धारा के विपरीत बहेंगे  
जो बस में हो वही करेंगे



सरोज  
टी.जी.टी-हिंदी

## अम्मा हमारी

दीये की रोशनी से रोशनी बनाती थी, अम्मा  
हमारी...

कुम्हार की कलाकारी में, सरसों को निचोड़,  
कपास की सफेदी को जलाती थी,

जलते हुए धुवै में फडफडाती रोशनी को समेट,  
हर रात समुंदर के किनारे बैठाती थी,

कई दफा अम्मा की उंगलिया समुंदर में गौते खा  
लेती थी,

लेकिन उसके बाद समुंदर में उठती लहरे रोके न  
रुकती थी,

सौ बार अम्मा को कोस्त इसके लिये, फिर भी  
रोशनी बटोरती थी अम्मा हमारी ...



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