

# MOUNT COLUMBUS SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



## COLUMBIAN CHRONICLES

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*A Glimpse Into The World  
Of Mount Columbus*



# Principal's Message

**MOTIVATION IS WHAT GETS YOU STARTED,  
HABIT IS WHAT KEEPS YOU GOING**

*Parents and students,*

*As we head towards normalising school chores, with time everyone is learning to survive with pandemic in a much better way.*

*With this message, I would like to extend my best wishes to all the students who are appearing for board examination this year. I have no doubt that you all are very hard working and talented and I am very confident that your determination and talent will help you achieve success in your examination.*

*This has certainly been an unusual start to the school year but it's been a successful one. We are proud to see students and staff taking steps every day to keep each other safe and healthy.*

*We are dedicated to helping students stay on track with their virtual and non virtual classes and exams. It is our mission to see all our students do very well. Our teachers are dedicatedly maintaining and improving our students' readiness for learning at home. In doing this, students are able to revise and refine their skills and the teachers have the opportunity to see how their students respond to the work they provide, and how communication can be improved. I am hopeful of a smooth and rewarding*

*journey through to the end of this year.*

*I encourage all of our students to become involved with school activities, make a commitment to academic excellence, and be a contributor to the special spirit that exists on our beautiful campus.*

*I pay my thanks to the parents who encourage us and support the decisions we make to manage the changes the pandemic has inflicted on us. I offer my gratitude to them for their faith in us.*

*Consistency is the key, Keep working hard and stay safe.*

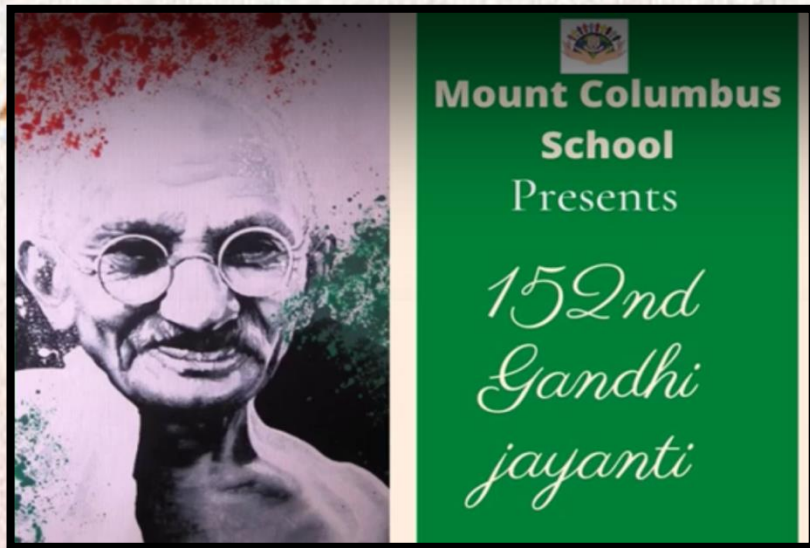


*- Aditi Roy*



# GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATION

We celebrate Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October every year in remembrance of our beloved Father of Nation. This year 2021 is remarked as the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. We recall his struggles for getting us free India and pay our heartfelt tribute to Gandhi Ji for all his sacrifices made for the country. He was the most prominent leader of the Indian Independence struggle.



Mount Columbus School celebrated GANDHI JAYANTI with great pomp where the school organized several activities through a virtual platform to make students understand the true essence of this day and to recall the innumerable sacrifices Gandhi Ji made for our country.

Keeping in sync with the theme, the students of Class NUR - X participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. All the activities were conducted online and students had shown their immense talent, imagination and creativity.

The students of all classes were at their best. Spontaneity and confidence were the hallmarks of their activities.

The tiny tots of Nursery and KG did 'Paper Craft' activity where the former made the Eye-glasses and the latter made three monkeys with ice-cream sticks at home



Students of Class I recited poems based on Harmony/Truth/Honesty etc using props. Class II students depicted a 3-D picture on Cleanliness. A 3-D model of the spinning wheel (charkha) was made by the students of class III. A video of 2 to 3 minutes was shot by the students of class IV where they had to depict the Gandhian Values through the story or act. A short skit on 3 monkeys of Gandhiji was prepared by the students of class V by using props.



The students of class VI had to make a poster on any theme based on Gandhi ji's principles/Cleanliness/ Made in India and click beautiful pictures of it. Their posters were made from reusable material available at home.

Class VII students had to write a slogan on Gandhi Ji's ideologies/ way of thinking. A self-composed poem had to be recited by the on their inspiration / Gandhi Ji and basic education/ Gandhiji and non-violence and shoot a beautiful video on it by the students of class VIII.

event.

Class IX students had to do a role play depicting Gandhi Ji's freedom struggle. Students of class X had to prepare a short speech on Truthfulness/ Women empowerment/ Health and fitness for 40 seconds

These activities were conducted to inculcate the love for one's own country in the students. The students participated whole heartedly in this





# INTER HOUSE COMPETITION

## STORY TELLING IN SANSKRIT

“A good story can imbibe the right values in the most impressionable age.”

Storytelling describes the social and cultural activity of sharing stories, sometimes with improvisation, theatrics or embellishment. Every culture has its own stories or narratives, which are shared as a means of entertainment, education, cultural preservation or instilling moral values. Brightening the day of the students with wonderful stories and to encourage the skills of listening and reading.



A story telling session was conducted where life and expression was in abundance. It was organized on **12<sup>th</sup> November 2021** for classes **VI-VIII**. Participants were required to present a moral story in Sanskrit language with appropriate props or heard gears. The participants were judged on the bases of presentation, creative innovation, pronunciation and props. The participants from all the six houses did a fantastic job but the first position was bagged by Nile house, Second position bagged by Indus house and the thirds position was bagged by Hudson house.

## FLOWER POT ACTIVITY

Art is an expression of our thoughts, emotions and desires. It's about sharing the way we experience the world. MCS empowers students with their powerful medium of expression. To develop a healthy competition among the learners and to cultivate their interest in art work, an Inter-House Flower Port Art Competition was held on 24<sup>th</sup> November for classes VI-VIII wherein participants presented their crafts in a very appealing way. It reflected student's dedication and passion towards art, aimed at achieving excellence. Students were required to decorate a flower pot in creative way. They could paint the pot or they can decorate it with other decorative items. This activity surely boosted their confidence, creativity and interest in art. The participants from all the six houses did a fantastic job but the first position was bagged by Nile house, Second position bagged by Thames house and the third position was bagged by Hudson house.





# YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The school achieved yet another milestone by successfully organizing the second online MCS Youth Parliament on October 08, 2021, organised by social-science department. Students from class VI to X enthusiastically participated in the event. The activity started with the welcome speech prepared by our students for our respected principal ma'am, our co-ordinators and supervisors.

The Lok Sabha speaker initiated the parliament session and opened the debate platform for all the member of the parliament of both the houses. The Delegates discussed over the farmers bill and also the impact of current pandemic on the life of the farmers. After a long discussion and debate two bills 'The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020' and 'The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020' had been passed and approved by the houses.

Our young ministers took the discussion so well and talked about the benefits and privileges we can give to our farmers and protect their rights. They also discussed about the MSP and the entry of foreign companies into India. The effort was to save our farmers from the exploitation.

The students were enthralled to be a part of an extravagant platform for debating over such crucial and delicate topic of our country.



Reporters covered and reported every single major point in the speeches given by the ministers; our principal ma'am gave a powerful speech at the end of the meeting and encouraged our students to show their caliber with full potential. The Junior Supervisor Ma'am and the co-ordinator ma'am appreciated the efforts of the students and the Social Science Department and congratulated them of the success of the session. MCS Youth Parliament experience created a lifetime memory for all the young leaders.





# FIESTA 2021

## **'INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION'**

*"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch Excellence."*



*Diwali Means Row of Lights. It is the festival that symbolizes victory over darkness and evils. In India, it is one of the famous and widely celebrated festivals.*

*"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."*

*Keeping this quote in mind, MOUNT COLUMBUS SCHOOL believes in enriching the young brains with new and valuable*

*information that improves the ability to think, analyze and process the world around them.*

*The school not only focuses on celebrating a festival but it also teaches the values that are beneficial for the students from that festival. Like, the school teaches its students that Diwali stands for-*

**D- DISCIPLINE**

**I- INGENUITY**

**W- WATCHFUL**

**A- ACTIVENESS**

**L- LOYALTY**

**I- INDEPENDENCE**

*The knowledge opens our minds to new perspectives, ideas, beliefs, and cultures. In pursuit of the same, the school organized an Online Inter – House Competitions on 31st October 2021.*

*The competitions were a fusion of talent, imagination, creativity and alertness.*

*Due to the pandemic spread all around the world, students were locked in their homes and were not able to do any stage activities or performances in the school premises. The school was a witness to the myriads of activities that were conducted for the juniors as well as the seniors. Various Inter-House Competitions were held to mark the occasion.*



*Whether it was the melodious solo song and dance instrumental, art, a creative mime act, the activities helped to bring out the uniqueness of each individual.*

*The following activities conducted were–*

1. EDIBLE RANGOLI
2. INGENIOUS
3. VENTRILOQUISM
4. QUINTESSENCE
5. RENDITION
6. BEACON
7. WARBLE

Judgement criteria of these events were – Confidence, Costume, Clarity of Content, Props, Originality of work, overall presentation etc.

Students shared their charismatic videos and photographs with their Event Incharges. Spontaneity and confidence were the hallmarks of the competition. The students left everyone awe-struck as they presented their talent so immaculately and effortlessly.

This event was organized to give children a platform at Inter-School level and also it was a great opportunity for the schools to collaborate even during these troubled times.





# TEACHERS COLUMN

## **DON'T TAKE ENGLISH FOR GRANTED**

*English is the most widely read language in the world. One in every seven human being(s) can speak it. English has the largest vocabulary perhaps as many as two million words. English is also a crazy language. There is not 'egg' in the 'eggplant'. Neither 'pine' nor 'apple' in 'pineapple' and no 'ham' in the 'hamburger'. Sweet eats are candy, while sweet breads, which are not sweet are meat. And why do 'writers write' but 'fingers do not fing', grocers do not groce and hammers do not ham? If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat? In which language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Why do 'wise man' and 'wise guy' differ in meaning? Why are 'over look' and 'oversee' antonyms? Why are 'quite a lot' and 'quite a few' alike?*

*Don't you marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which your alarm clock goes off by going on! English was not invented by computers. It is the creativity of the human race (which is not a race at all). That is why, when stars are out they are visible, but when lights are out they are invisible. And why, when I wind up my watch I start it, but when I wind this essay I end it.*



BY AANCHAL GUPTA  
T.G.T English

## **घबराओ नहीं**

घबराओ नहीं मेरे होनहार वीरों  
यह मुश्किल दौर सबका है  
कहीं मंद काम तो  
कहीं मंद हृदय की गति है  
तुम विचलित और शंकित मत हो  
विकास करने का दौर नहीं अभी  
अभी जीवित रहने की कसौटी है  
मुस्कुराओ कि तुमने यह भी देखा  
कि ऐसे हालातों के लिए क्या तैयारी होनी है  
घबराओ नहीं मेरे होनहार वीरों  
यह मुश्किल दौर सबका है  
कहीं दबी-दबी-सी हँसी  
कहीं रुआँसा मन है  
तुम विचलत ना हो!



By Ms. SAROJ  
T.G.T Hindi



## LIFE

*Life is all about, growing up  
Learning lessons easy and tough  
each day As an infant, I was in my mother's womb  
Now I want my own space. A totally another world  
Everyone told me life changes gradually, But does it actually  
changes?  
I never left my mom's side, But now when she looks for me I  
try to hide!  
My love and respect for her have not changed!  
It's just at a different range Today my life is not at all a  
child's play  
It's surrounded by tests and challenges And whatever else  
you say  
These voices say 'you are no longer the same 'I always feel  
'why to grow' Can I have my good old days as a child?*



**Ms. Disha Popli**  
P.R.7

## उत्साह अभी बाकी है

माना रास्तों पर बिछे शूल हैं !!  
पर तेरा मन उनके भी अनुकूल है,  
कांटो में भी खिले हजारों फूल हैं !!  
कुछ करना है तो उट कर चल,  
इस दुनिया से हटकर चल !!  
राह नहीं काफिर की आसान,  
मत सोच अकेला है तू !!  
जब खुदा है तेरे साथ,  
कहां अकेला रह जाएगा तू !!  
ना कर किसी का इंतजार,  
जो चले थे अकेले,  
आज हैं उनके पीछे मेले !!  
अर्जुन-सा निशाना होगा,  
ना कोई बहाना होगा !!  
एक दिन ऐसा आएगा,  
तुझे तेरी मेहनत का  
फल मिल जाएगा,  
कर बुलंद तू हौसला  
कुछ कर गुजरने का !!  
माना रास्तों पर बिछे शूल हैं,  
पर तेरा मन उनके भी अनुकूल है !!



**मधु ठेनुआं**  
टी.जी.टी. हिंदी



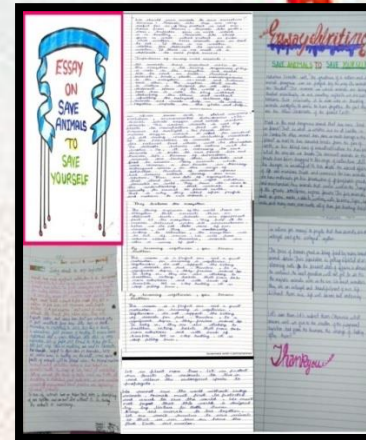
# ECO CLUB

## WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

**We don't own the planet Earth, we belong to it**

**And we must share it with our wildlife.**

*Wildlife is an important part of the natural resources and they play an important role in balancing the environment. Wildlife and nature have been largely associated with humans for emotional and social reasons. The importance of wildlife can be categorized as ecological, economic and investigatory importance as well as conservation of biological diversities and so on. Plants give shelter to the animals and together they maintain our ecosystem for our survival. So students have learnt that our life is almost impossible without the support of wildlife. It plays a very crucial role in our life.*





# AARAMBH 2021

*“Children’s world is full of fancy, wonder, excitement and uniqueness.”*

Annual Day forms an integral part of our school activities. It is an occasion of celebration, felicitation, feast and festivity when students present their wonderful performances. MOUNT COLUMBUS SCHOOL, DAKSHINPURI celebrated its virtual Annual Day on 18TH DECEMBER 2021.

The Annual Day 2021 was woven around the theme ‘SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS’. It was decided to conduct that event online to kindle the spirit of togetherness and to showcase the talent even during this Covid-19 pandemic to believe in the notion that what may come, the show must go on.

The function was presided over by honorable Chairman Sir, Mr. Harish M. Chinai who appreciated the tremendous efforts put into conceptualization and presentation of the profound idea inherent in “AARAMBH”. He congratulated the school for taking such an edifying topic which requires quick moral action on everybody’s



The event unfolded, with the screening of the Title page of the virtual Annual Day. Principal Mrs. Aditi Roy extended a warm welcome to all the dignitaries present. Talking of the theme of the Cultural Show – AARAMBH, she expressed that purposeful learning culture is the greatest aim of the school. She articulated that each member of the society has to take a strong decision to sustain the natural resources and on which the economy and society depend. Ma’am also presented the Annual Report and read out the achievements of the school – both Academic and Co-curricular.





The one-hour long Cultural Show held the audience in awe and left them enlightened as the show culminated. The students participated in the event and performed enthusiastically to convey important lessons to everyone and spread awareness that even a phase like this pandemic has taught us so much and helped each one of us to evolve. The students performed with great zeal and enthralled the audience. The astounding visual treat held the audience in awe.

The Virtual Annual Show commenced by invoking Goddess Saraswati and kindling the ceremonial lamp. The spiritual performers of class 9 sought the eternal blessings of Lord Ganesha through a melodious dance performance.

The tiny tots of NUR-KG showcased their talent by dancing on the theme that hunger is not an issue of Charity, it's an issue of Justice.



The students of class 1 students danced to the song Dhak-DhakDharti and class 2 on the Education song. Kindness is a characteristic of good people, so to showcase this theme students of class 3 performed on the kindness song.

The ambiance buzzed with hopefulness and avidity. The students of class 4 danced to show that a clean environment is essential for the existence of all living beings.

Only when we are united we can enjoy the taste of success, the students of class 5 danced merrily on Deewaren- the unity song and class 6 students on Together we can change the world. The

energetic performers unveiled their limitless dynamism through a blend of euphony and rhythm which was a cynosure of all eyes.

Class 7 and 8 danced on the song Bekhuff azad hai jeena mujhe that shows Women Empowerment & the latter danced on the song Muthi main kuch sapne lekar respectively.



The dynamic Columbians took the audience aback with their phenomenal and awe-inspiring performances. The students were also recognized for their hard work in academics.

The event echoed the message -- Sustainability, It's a Lifestyle. Sustainable living means a successful life. Take care of the natural resources. The choice is yours- Save it or Waste it.

The Show got hold of everyone's adulation and plaudits. "Legacy is not leaving something FOR people, it is leaving something in people."



## PAPER MACHE

*Paper Mache is one of the oldest crafts of Kashmir of over 700 years and since that time it has been used to craft paper pulp objects as richly decorated artifacts. Today paper Mache sculptures are used as an economical building material for a variety of traditional and ceremonial activities, as well as in arts and crafts. This activity helps the students to develop cooperative skills, sensory skills and cognitive skills. Paper Mache is a composite material consisting of paper pieces bound with a glue, starch or wallpaper paste. Students were taught the making of paper Mache mixture and how it can convert into beautiful forms like bowls,*







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