

The background of the cover is a vintage map of South Asia, showing regions like the Himalayas, Punjab, and parts of India and China. The map is torn at the edges, giving it a collage-like appearance. Several green ferns are placed over the map, adding a natural, organic feel to the design. The text is overlaid on this background.

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Students, and Members of the School Community,

With the academic session now officially concluded, this is a time to pause, reflect, and appreciate the journey we have completed together. Each passing year brings with it a wealth of experiences, and the one gone by has been no exception.

The session was filled with meaningful learning, enthusiastic participation, and noteworthy achievements across academics, co-curricular activities, and personal development. Our students showed resilience, curiosity, and a commendable spirit of growth, and I am immensely proud of how far they have come.

As we reflect on the year that has ended, we fondly remember the milestones we reached—be it through classroom excellence, cultural events, sports, or school-wide initiatives. Each student has contributed in their own unique way to the vibrant life of our school.

To our Class X students, whose results are awaited, we acknowledge your sincere efforts and dedication throughout the year. You carry with you the strength of your preparation and the best wishes of the entire school community.

I also take this opportunity to thank our teaching and non-teaching staff for their unwavering commitment, and our parents for their continued trust and partnership. Your support has been a cornerstone of all that we have achieved.


As we close this chapter and carry its learnings forward, may we all continue to grow, strive, and inspire in the years ahead.

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

Warm regards,

Aditi Roy

Principal



Editor's Message

Dear Students,

As we wrap up another meaningful school year and reflect on the experiences we've shared, one word rises above all—gratitude.

Gratitude is more than just saying "thank you"—it is an attitude, a way of seeing the world that helps us appreciate not only the big milestones but also the small, everyday moments that shape our lives. It's the joy in learning something new, the support of a friend during a tough day, the guidance of a teacher, and the unwavering love of family.

This past session has been a journey of effort, discovery, challenges, and accomplishments. Along the way, we've seen your hard work, your willingness to grow, and your ability to rise to every occasion. As the pages of this newsletter turn, they celebrate your achievements—but they also whisper quiet reminders to be thankful:

Thankful for the opportunities you had, the lessons you learned, the friendships you built, and the strength you discovered within yourselves.

Let gratitude not be limited to a moment—it can be a habit, a perspective, and a source of inspiration. Carry it with you, and it will help you value not only what you have but also what lies ahead.

With heartfelt appreciation for each of you and all that this year has been,
Warm wishes for the journey to come.

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T.G.T English



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The 76th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour at Mount Columbus School. The event was graced by the presence of Respected Principal Ma'am, Coordinators, Teachers, PTA Members, Staff, and Students. It began with a heartfelt poem that reflected the spirit of unity and freedom.

Respected Principal Ma'am unfurled the National Flag, followed by the soulful rendition of the National Anthem. The sight of the flag fluttering high reminded everyone of the sacrifices made for our nation's independence and sovereignty.

Students presented a melodious patriotic song that inspired everyone to uphold democratic values. A graceful yoga performance by students of Classes VI to VIII highlighted the importance of physical and mental well-being. A student delivered a powerful speech on the significance of Republic Day, emphasizing the values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. A thought-provoking Hindi poem further celebrated the essence of the day. The dance performance showcasing India's cultural diversity was a visual delight and received loud applause.

The celebration concluded with the announcement of inter-house competition results. Indus House was awarded the prestigious rolling trophy for the session 2024-25. In her address, Respected Principal Ma'am applauded the efforts of all participants and highlighted the

importance of unity, hard work, and perseverance in building a strong nation.

The event left everyone filled with pride and a renewed sense of patriotism.



BOOK FAIR

Mount Columbus School organized an engaging Book Fair from 16th to 18th January 2025 within the school premises, aimed at nurturing a love for reading among students from Classes Nursery to X.

To ensure a smooth and disciplined experience, students were taken to the Book Fair in an organized manner by the librarian along with the teacher in charge, during pre-scheduled time slots. This careful planning helped avoid any crowding or disruption during academic hours.

The fair showcased a wide range of books, including fiction, non-fiction, educational resources, and self-help titles, catering to various age groups and interests. Students had the opportunity to explore and purchase books during their allotted time.

On the final day, 18th January 2025, which also coincided with the Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM), parents were invited to visit the fair. Their presence added to the spirit of the event, as they explored the collection with their children and supported their reading choices.

The Book Fair was a wonderful initiative to promote reading habits, encourage independent book selection, and cultivate intellectual curiosity. It was met with great enthusiasm and active participation, making it a memorable and enriching experience for all.

We sincerely thank the students, teachers, and parents for making the event a resounding success.



EMBARKATION CEREMONY

The farewell ceremony at Mount Columbus School was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy on 1st February, 2025. On this special occasion, the students of Class X were welcomed with a traditional tilak.

Afterward, everyone took their respective seats, and a few words were spoken in honor of the departing students.

As a token of remembrance, each Class X student was presented with a symbolic memento from the school.

Following this, the "Mr. and Miss Columbian" competition was organized. The first round featured a ramp walk, where students showcased their confidence and elegance.

Next, the students of Class IX captivated the audience with a mesmerizing dance performance, filling the atmosphere with excitement and energy. Their vibrant presentation left everyone spellbound.

In the second round of the "Golden and Silver Columbian" competition, participants impressed the judges with their intellectual, cultural, and confident presentations. After a tough competition, Srishti Shinde from Class X-D was crowned "Golden Columbian", while Pushkar from Class X-C earned the title of "Silver Columbian".

Principal Ma'am honored both students with bouquets of flowers.

In the final phase of the ceremony, Principal Ma'am encouraged the students to reach new heights of success in their future endeavors and appreciated their hard work.

The event filled the students with renewed energy, confidence, and inspiration, preparing them to move forward in their journey with dedication and determination.



HOLI CELEBRATION

A Splash of Joy and Togetherness

Mount Columbus School celebrated the vibrant festival of Holi with great joy and enthusiasm on 13th March 2025 for the students of Nursery and Kindergarten. The celebration was filled with colours, laughter, and learning, offering young learners a joyful and meaningful experience.

The little ones were introduced to the significance of Holi through engaging stories, songs, and discussions led by their teachers. They learned about the cultural importance of the festival and the values it upholds—joy, sharing, and togetherness.

To ensure a safe and eco-friendly celebration, Holi was played using flowers and organic colours. The celebration began with Respected Principal Ma'am showering flower petals on the children, marking the beginning of the festivities in a gentle and joyful way. The students and teachers then joyfully applied organic colours on each other, creating a colourful atmosphere filled with smiles and laughter.

The school grounds were beautifully decorated to reflect the spirit of the festival, and the environment was filled with happiness and harmony. Teachers guided the students on the importance of celebrating safely, being kind to others, and respecting nature.

The celebration not only brought festive cheer but also helped children develop a

sense of cultural awareness, social bonding, and responsible celebration practices. It was truly a delightful day that the little ones will remember for a long time.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Mount Columbus School conducted an Orientation Programme for the parents of Class 1 students to mark a smooth transition of children from Kindergarten to the Primary section. The session was thoughtfully designed to help parents understand the new environment, academic expectations, and developmental changes their children may experience in this important phase.

The Principal Ma'am welcomed the parents and emphasized the importance of collaboration between home and school in nurturing young learners. The session addressed the key differences between KG and Class 1, such as the increased focus on structured learning, development of reading and writing skills, and the need for greater independence.

Teachers shared insights into the daily routine, classroom expectations, assessment patterns, and teaching methodologies that support holistic development. The importance of emotional and social support during this transition was also highlighted, ensuring that parents feel empowered to support their child with patience and understanding.

A significant part of the orientation focused on raising awareness about the special needs that may arise at this age. Experts guided parents on how to observe early signs of learning difficulties,

speech delays, social anxiety, or attention-related concerns. They were encouraged to look out for any consistent patterns and consult with our educators or specialists when in doubt. The school assured full support and timely intervention whenever needed.

The interactive session concluded with a Q&A round, where parents actively shared their thoughts and queries. The event was informative and reassuring, laying the foundation for a strong parent-teacher partnership in the journey ahead.





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