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# Principal's Message

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

Warm greetings to all!

As we step into the vibrant new academic session of 2025–26, I extend my heartfelt wishes to each one of you. A new session brings with it fresh opportunities, renewed goals, and the promise of new beginnings. Let us walk together on the path of learning, growth, and excellence.

I take immense pride in congratulating our Class 10 students for their commendable performance in the CBSE Board Examination. Your dedication, discipline, and perseverance have brought laurels to the school and made us all proud. I also appreciate the tireless efforts of the teachers and the constant support of parents in this success story.

To all our other students – remember, success is not a destination, but a continuous journey. Stay curious, stay motivated, and always give your best. Learn not just for marks, but for life. Let this academic year be a stepping stone toward discovering your true potential.

May this new session be filled with enthusiasm, achievement, and purposeful learning. Let us build a culture of kindness, excellence, and collaboration in all that we do. Wishing you all a joyful and productive year ahead!

Warm regards,  
**Aditi Roy**  
Principal





# Editor's Message

## Resilience in a Changing World

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the very first edition of our school newsletter for the academic session 2025–26!

As we navigate through a world that is constantly evolving — with rapid advancements in technology, environmental challenges, shifting global trends, and new ways of learning — one quality stands out as essential for every student: Resilience.

Resilience is more than just bouncing back from setbacks; it's about growing stronger, thinking deeper, and moving forward with hope and courage. In classrooms, on the sports field, or in daily life, resilience helps us stay focused, embrace change, and rise with confidence, no matter the challenge.

This edition celebrates the spirit of resilience — through stories of student achievements, creative expressions, reflections, and school happenings that showcase how we are adapting, learning, and thriving together.

We hope this newsletter becomes a mirror of our journey — one filled with purpose, progress, and positivity.

Thank you to all students, teachers, and contributors who brought this issue to life. Keep reading, keep learning, and above all, keep growing.

With warm wishes,

Ms Usha  
T.G.T English



# Mural Art Painting Competition

A Kerala Mural Art Painting Competition was held on 22nd April 2025 for students of Classes VI to VIII with the aim of nurturing artistic excellence and promoting India's rich cultural heritage. The competition focused on introducing young learners to the traditional art form of Kerala murals, known for their mythological themes, vibrant natural colors, and intricate detailing. Originating in the temples and palaces of Kerala, this ancient art form reflects scenes from the Ramayana, Mahabharata, and other Indian epics, characterized by bold outlines, earthy tones, and divine imagery rooted in Indian spirituality.

Before the competition, students were oriented about the unique features of Kerala mural art. They learned about traditional elements such as lotus motifs, peacocks, Kathakali faces, and depictions of gods and goddesses, which commonly appear in this art style. During the event, participants demonstrated their talent using traditional color palettes and meticulous brushwork to create beautiful and culturally inspired artwork. The competition turned into a vibrant celebration of creativity, discipline, and cultural learning. Judging was based on originality, technique, color composition, theme relevance, and overall presentation.

The judges were highly impressed with the dedication and creativity shown by all participants. The top three winners were Lavisha from Hudson House who secured the first prize, Lipsita from Thames House who won the second prize, and Aditi from Onyx House who came third. Their artworks stood out for their precision, beauty, and authentic representation of the Kerala mural style. The winners were awarded certificates and appreciated during the school assembly for their commendable efforts.

This competition not only allowed students to explore an indigenous Indian art form but also helped enhance their fine motor skills, concentration, and aesthetic sense. It encouraged

students to connect with Indian culture and heritage in a hands-on, expressive way. Overall, the Kerala Mural Art Painting Competition proved to be an inspiring and enriching experience, offering students a meaningful opportunity to showcase their artistic abilities while deepening their appreciation for traditional Indian art.



# Summer Party

A Summer Party was joyfully celebrated on 9th May 2025 at Mount Columbus School for the Nursery and KG students. Organized with great enthusiasm, the event aimed to welcome the vibrant season of sunshine while giving the little ones a fun and interactive learning experience about summer. The children arrived dressed in cheerful summer attire, including floral prints, hats, and sunglasses, perfectly capturing the bright and happy spirit of the season.

The day was packed with delightful activities that kept the young learners engaged and excited. They relished a Fruit Party where they enjoyed seasonal fruits like mangoes, watermelon, and bananas, learning about their taste and benefits. A Tang-making activity allowed the children to actively participate in preparing a cool summer drink, giving them a hands-on learning experience. The party room was filled with laughter as children sang summer-themed rhymes and danced freely to fun music, creating an atmosphere of pure joy and energy.

The celebration not only brought big smiles to the children's faces but also contributed to their holistic development. It enhanced their sensory experiences through the taste, touch, and visual appeal of fruits and summer-related objects. Their fine motor skills were developed through craft and practical tasks like juice preparation, while group activities encouraged social interaction and built confidence. Most importantly, the children gained awareness about the summer season, including knowledge about appropriate clothing, seasonal fruits, and refreshing drinks.

Overall, the Summer Party was a perfect blend of enjoyment and learning. It created beautiful memories for the little ones and made the season of sunshine even more special through playful exploration and creative fun.



# Puppet Show

A Puppet Show based on the timeless tales of Panchatantra was held on 19th April 2025 for students of Classes III to V at Mount Columbus School. The event aimed to enrich students' moral understanding while nurturing their creativity and storytelling abilities. Each house participated with great enthusiasm, presenting different Panchatantra stories through self-designed puppets and expressive narration. The stage came alive with vibrant visuals, voice modulation, and lively movements, all woven around meaningful life lessons.

Indus House, the first-place winner, performed *The Brahmin and the Crooks*, conveying the message that one should not believe everything they hear without using their own judgment. Their stick puppets and dialogues creatively depicted the contrast between innocence and deceit. Nile House showcased *The Sparrow and the Elephant*, emphasizing how even the smallest beings can overcome the strongest through unity and intelligence. Hudson House, which secured the second position, enacted *The Clever Rabbit and the Proud Lion*, delivering the moral that wisdom triumphs over strength, with humor and strong expressions that captivated the audience.

Amazon House, the third-place winner, performed *Four Friends*, a heartwarming tale of loyalty and friendship, where a deer, crow, turtle, and mouse support each other in adversity. Onyx House's performance of *The Elephants and the Mice* taught the lesson that kindness is never wasted and even the weakest can be helpful. Thames House delighted the audience with *Five Fools and the Golden Fish*, a humorous story that underlined the importance of common sense and thinking independently.

The students crafted their puppets using eco-friendly materials such as fabric, paper, and sticks, and narrated their stories with confidence, creativity, and well-synchronized teamwork. The

We extend our sincere gratitude to the school authorities for their steadfast support in organizing and facilitating this enriching competition. Their use of background music, colorful props, and expressive storytelling added charm and depth to each performance. Teachers played a vital role in guiding students through the process of puppet making and narration techniques, ensuring a polished and meaningful presentation.

The puppet show offered students valuable learning experiences. They absorbed important moral values, improved their artistic and language skills, gained stage confidence, and developed teamwork and coordination. Additionally, it helped them connect with the rich cultural tradition of Indian storytelling.

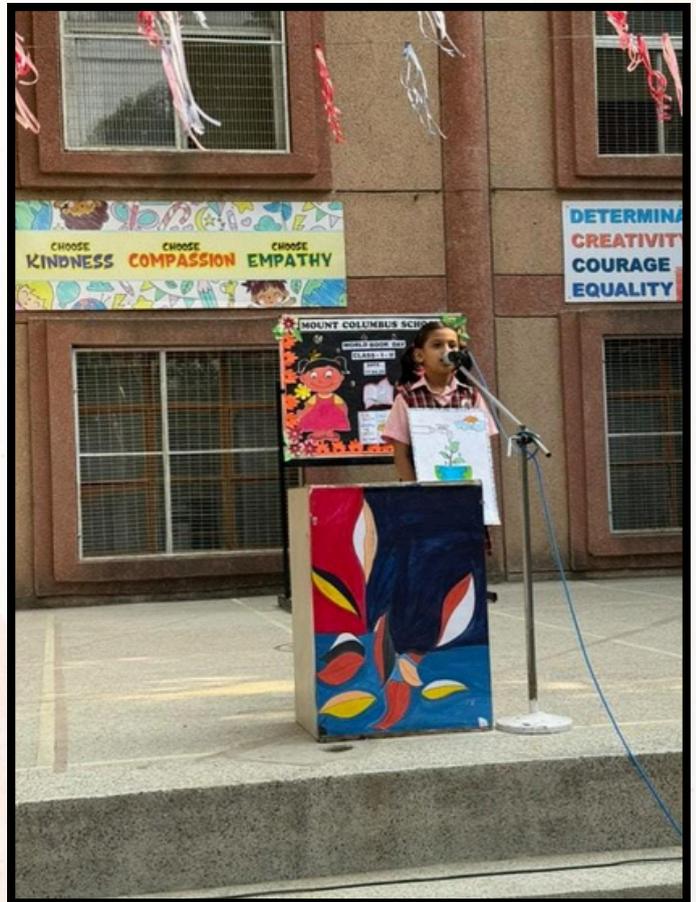
Overall, the Puppet Show was a huge success and received much appreciation from the Principal and teachers. It proved to be an engaging and educational event, demonstrating that learning can be fun, creative, and deeply impactful. Events like these play a vital role in shaping young learners into thoughtful, expressive, and value-driven individuals.

encouragement and guidance have been instrumental in providing students with opportunities for growth and learning beyond the classroom.



# World Book Day

Mount Columbus School celebrated World Book Day on 17th April 2025 with a delightful and heartwarming assembly presented by the students of Class I and II. The event was aimed at instilling a love for books and reading among young learners. The assembly began with a short and meaningful speech by the class teacher of Class I A, who spoke about the importance of books in our daily lives. The stage soon came alive as the little students confidently stepped forward one by one to share joyful and thoughtful lines such as, “Books are our best friends,” “Reading books makes us smarter,” and “Books take us to magical places.” Their enthusiasm and expression reflected their growing fondness for reading storybooks, picture books, and learning new things through words and imagination. A touching highlight of the assembly was when the children, along with their teachers, invited Principal Ma’am to the stage and presented her with a beautifully wrapped book as a token of gratitude for always supporting and encouraging the habit of reading in school. Principal Ma’am appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers and expressed her joy by saying, “A book is a friend you can always rely on.” She motivated everyone to read more and to take care of books as valuable treasures. The celebration provided a meaningful learning experience for the students, helping them understand that books are powerful sources of knowledge, creativity, and fun. Through their participation, they developed confidence in public speaking, improved their listening and comprehension skills, and were inspired to explore the world of books further, both in school and at home. The World Book Day assembly proved to be a memorable event that not only highlighted the importance of reading but also nurtured expression, curiosity, and a lifelong love for books among the young learners.



# No Bag Week

Mount Columbus School joyfully observed No Bag Week for students of Classes VI to VIII from 13th May to 17th May 2025, aiming to provide a stress-free and joyful learning experience beyond textbooks. The week was thoughtfully planned with a variety of engaging and skill-based activities that encouraged holistic development and experiential learning.

Each day began with calming Sahaj Yog sessions to help students start their day with mindfulness and inner balance. This was followed by hands-on Art and Craft activities where students unleashed their creativity through sketching, painting, and crafting.

To nurture artistic talents, Dance and Music sessions were conducted, allowing students to express themselves through rhythm and melody. The week also featured Taekwondo training, which instilled values of discipline, focus, and self-defense in a fun and energetic environment.

To challenge their logical thinking and cognitive abilities, Sudoku-solving activities were organized, promoting concentration and mental agility. Physical fitness was given equal importance with daily Physical Education sessions involving various fun games, fitness exercises, and sports, ensuring students remained active and energetic.

The initiative turned the regular school week into an exciting and enriching experience. Students participated with great enthusiasm and looked forward to each day's unique offerings. Overall, No Bag Week proved to be a refreshing break from traditional academics and was highly appreciated by both students and parents for its focus on overall personality development and joyful learning.



# ATL Circuit Designing Competition

Mount Columbus School proudly participated in the RPM ATL Community Day 2025 organized by Lovely Public Senior Secondary School, Priyadarshini Vihar, on 19th April 2025. The event was conducted to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and aimed to foster innovation, creativity, and problem-solving among students through hands-on activities and collaborative thinking.

With the theme "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat," the ATL Community Day brought together young minds to explore local solutions to global challenges. The event provided an excellent platform for students to showcase their talent in two categories: Model Making (Classes VI–VIII) and Circuit Designing (Classes IX–XII).

Three students from Mount Columbus School represented the institution with great enthusiasm and dedication. Among them:

- Athrav, Class IX-B, secured the Second Position in the Circuit Designing category, making the school proud with his innovative circuit model and confident presentation.
- Aniket and Kartik, the other two participants, received participation certificates for their active involvement and commendable efforts during the event.

The event was graced by esteemed guests, including Dr. Nitin Jain (Assistant Professor, School of Computer Science Engineering & Technology), Dr. Manoj Kumar (Chairperson, LPS), and Ms. Viji Sridhar (RMOC Delhi, GEM Mentor India), who inspired the students with their words of wisdom and encouragement.

Overall, the event was a resounding success and provided a valuable experience to the students by nurturing their curiosity, creativity, and collaborative spirit. Mount Columbus School appreciates the opportunity and looks forward to participating in more such innovative initiatives in the future.



Stay Tuned for The Next Issue

