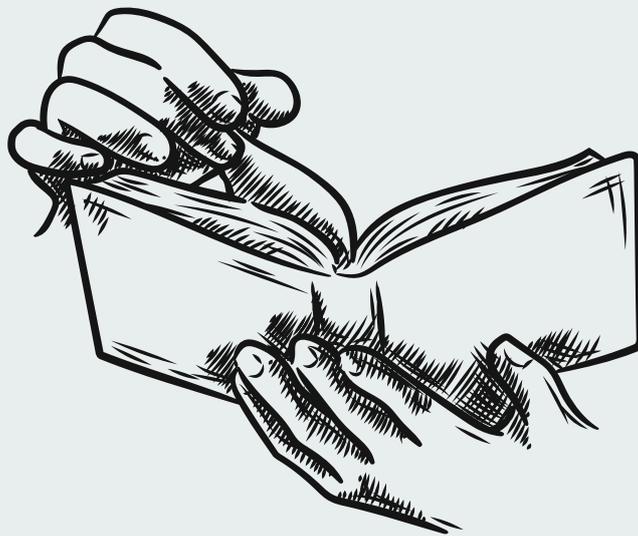


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Principal's Message

Dear Students,

As this academic quarter comes to a close, it is a good time to pause, reflect, and prepare yourselves for the responsibilities that lie ahead. Every classroom experience, assignment, and assessment during this period has been a step in your learning journey—shaping not only your academic understanding but also your character and confidence.

Over the years, I have observed that students who succeed are not always those who are the most gifted, but those who are consistent, disciplined, and sincere in their efforts. Learning is a gradual process, and progress often comes quietly through regular practice and perseverance. What matters most is not comparison with others, but steady improvement within yourself.

To the students appearing for final and board examinations, remember that these examinations are an opportunity to demonstrate what you have learned with clarity and confidence. Preparation done with focus, honesty, and calmness always yields results. Avoid unnecessary pressure; instead, plan your study time wisely, revise regularly, and maintain a balanced routine. Believe in your abilities and approach each examination with a composed and positive mindset.

Challenges are a natural part of any meaningful journey. Moments of doubt, fatigue, or anxiety are common, but they also teach resilience and self-belief. Face them with courage and determination. Every effort you make today contributes to the person you will become tomorrow.

Move forward with confidence, purpose, and integrity. Give your best, stay committed to your goals, and remember that true success lies in sincere effort and continuous growth.

With best wishes,

Principal

Ms. Aditi Roy

Editor's Message

As we pause to reflect on the academic journey of this quarter, one belief continues to resonate strongly—every effort counts. In the daily rhythm of school life, progress is often shaped not by dramatic achievements, but by the consistent and sincere efforts made by students in classrooms, study hours, and moments of self-reflection.

Learning is a gradual process. It is built through regular attendance, attentive listening, thoughtful questioning, and the willingness to improve after feedback. Students may not always see immediate results, but each attempt, revision, and correction adds to understanding and confidence. Over time, these small efforts come together to create meaningful growth.

For students preparing for final and board examinations, this phase can feel demanding. It is important to remember that success does not come from last-minute pressure, but from steady preparation and disciplined routines. Effort invested with focus and honesty builds clarity of thought and reduces anxiety. Even on difficult days, continuing to put in effort strengthens resilience and self-belief.

Education is not only about marks or ranks; it is also about developing patience, responsibility, and perseverance. When students learn to value effort, they learn to respect the process of learning itself. This attitude prepares them not just for examinations, but for future challenges where consistency and determination matter most.

Through this, I wish to encourage students to remain committed to their goals, trust in their preparation, and continue moving forward with confidence. Every sincere effort—no matter how small it may seem—has purpose and value in the larger journey of learning.

Ms Usha

T.G.T English

WORLD FOLK DANCE

The World Folk Dance Inter House Competition for Classes VI–VIII was held on 31 October 2025 with the vibrant theme “Folks Around the World.” The event aimed to celebrate global cultures through traditional dance forms and highlight the diversity of folk traditions across different countries. Each house presented a unique folk dance representing a specific country or a creative fusion of cultures, showcasing colourful performances with authentic costumes, cultural props, and pre-recorded traditional music that created an immersive and culturally rich atmosphere. Every team consisted of 6–10 students, and each performance lasted 3–5 minutes, blending rhythm, coordination, and cultural storytelling. The competition was judged on the basis of authenticity of dance and costume, coordination and energy, cultural understanding through narration or introduction, creativity in presentation, and expression and stage presence. All houses delivered energetic and well-prepared performances, making the competition lively and enjoyable. After a close contest, Onyx House secured the 1st position, followed by Hudson House in 2nd position and Amazon House in 3rd position. Overall, the World Folk Dance Inter House Competition proved to be a vibrant celebration of global cultures, creativity, and teamwork, encouraging cultural awareness, confidence, and a

collaborative spirit among students while leaving the audience inspired by the beauty and diversity of folk dances from around the world.



Animal Parade

A Celebration of Creativity, Nature & Learning

On 3rd November, the Primary Wing of the school organised the Animal Parade Activity for students of Classes III to V, transforming the campus into a vibrant display of creativity, colour, and learning. Students enthusiastically paraded in self-designed animal costumes and props, representing a wide range of habitats such as mountains, deserts, savannahs, oceans, and forests, and confidently shared interesting facts about their chosen animals, thereby enhancing their research skills, presentation abilities, and environmental awareness. The event revolved around engaging themes including Mountain Wonderland, Desert Dancers, Savannah Showcase, Oceanic Odyssey, and Forest Fiesta, offering children a joyful platform to explore biodiversity while expressing imagination. Participants were assessed on creativity, presentation, and content, and after a lively and engaging parade, Onyx House secured the first position, followed by Hudson House in second place and Amazon House in third place. The Animal Parade proved to be a memorable educational experience that nurtured confidence, curiosity, and appreciation for the natural world among young learners.



Green Entrepreneur Challenge

The Green Entrepreneur Challenge was successfully conducted on 6th October for students of Classes IX and X as an inter-house competition aimed at promoting innovation, environmental responsibility, and entrepreneurial thinking. Participants enthusiastically presented 3–5 minute business pitches proposing practical and eco-friendly solutions related to renewable energy, waste reduction, recycling, biodegradable products, and community awareness initiatives. Teams effectively used posters and visual aids to support their ideas, followed by an engaging Q&A round where judges assessed feasibility, cost, implementation strategies, and environmental impact. Each team also submitted a one-page Sustainability Report outlining environmental benefits, long-term impact, and possible challenges with solutions, reflecting strong research and critical thinking skills. Students were evaluated on innovation, environmental impact, feasibility, presentation, communication, and cost-effectiveness. The event proved to be a meaningful platform that encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, creativity, and confidence, inspiring students to think as future green entrepreneurs committed to building a sustainable tomorrow.



Super Hero Skit Competition

The Primary Wing came alive with colour, creativity, and excitement on Wednesday, 17 October, during the Super Hero Skit Inter-House Competition for Classes III to V, where students confidently stepped into the world of imagination by creating and performing as their own superheroes. Each house presented an engaging 3–5 minute skit based on meaningful themes such as environmental protection, kindness, healthy habits, technology, dreams, and wildlife care, blending humour, action, and strong moral messages. The event opened with a lively dress-up parade in which young participants introduced their superhero identities and special powers, instantly capturing the audience's attention. The skits reflected excellent teamwork, expressive dialogue, creative costumes, and thoughtful storytelling, while also helping students develop confidence, coordination, and awareness about important social values. Overall, the competition was a joyful celebration of imagination and learning, where young heroes impressed everyone with their enthusiasm and left the audience inspired.



Young Musicians in the Spotlight

The students of Mount Columbus School, Dakshinpuri, brought great pride and laurels to the institution with their outstanding performance at the 6th Season of the “Battle of Bands” competition organised by Torrins on 3 November 2025. The prestigious inter-school musical event was hosted by Narayana Techno School, MG Road, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from 20 reputed schools, making the competition both vibrant and highly competitive. Showcasing remarkable musical talent, coordination, and stage presence, the senior school band of Mount Columbus delivered an energetic and well-synchronised performance.

Under the expert guidance of the school’s dedicated music teachers Mr. Bijoy, Mr. Kshitij, and Mr. Monu, the band presented a captivating fusion of Bollywood melodies blended with Rock music, which was highly appreciated by the judges and the audience alike. Their innovative musical arrangement, confident performance, and strong teamwork earned them the 3rd position in the competition. The achievement reflects the students’ hard work, discipline, and passion for music, as well as the school’s commitment to nurturing artistic excellence. The event proved to be a memorable learning experience and a proud moment for the entire Mount Columbus School community.



Columbian Arena 2025: Courage & Karma

The school successfully organised its annual cultural programme, “Columbian Arena 2025,” on 18 and 19 December 2025 on the school campus with great enthusiasm and participation. The two-day celebration showcased students’ talent, creativity, discipline, and cultural values in the presence of parents, teachers, and distinguished guests, including Ms. Komal Yadav, ACP Delhi; Dr. Iram Chaudhary (IFS); Dr. Dhaniya; Mr. Aman Puri and Mr. Rakesh Krishan

The programme began with a Guard of Honour, welcome of the guests, and the Lighting of the Lamp by The Chairman. Mr. Harish Chinai, the Principal, Ms. Aditi Roy and the guests followed by reading of the Annual Report by the Principal. Day 1, themed “The Lion King,” came alive through vibrant dance dramas and performances highlighting courage, unity, and responsibility. Day 2, themed “Destiny and Karma,” conveyed powerful moral and motivational messages through expressive cultural presentations.

Melodious musical performances, Gayatri Aradhana, delightful dances by Nursery and KG students, and a graceful yoga presentation added charm to the event.

The celebration concluded with a Prize Distribution ceremony, colourful Grand Finale, Christmas celebrations, inspiring guest addresses, and a Vote of Thanks, ending with the National Anthem.

Columbian Arena 2025 was a grand success and a memorable celebration of talent, values, and togetherness.



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