

# JUST NEWS

Newsletter from The Justice News Desk

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## Young Voices Sing for Unity and Sustainability at Rhapsody in Resonance

On November 13, 2024, Class 2 students captivated the Junior School with **Rhapsody in Resonance**, a remarkable blend of poetry and music celebrating creativity and talent. The program showcased musical and poetic brilliance alongside a unique segment of creative advertisements, reflecting themes such as **friendship, unity, environmental conservation, and Sustainable Development Goals**.



These performances highlighted the students' imagination, logical thinking, and communication skills, leaving the audience inspired. The show was an unprecedented success, demonstrating the boundless potential of young minds.

## Kindergarten Leads the Way in Recycling with Newspaper Drive

*Kindergarteners led a Newspaper Collection Drive as part of Value Education on the 3 R's. Grouped for teamwork, they collected newspapers from Classes 1-3 during Value Education periods and across the Junior School, ensuring they were sent for **recycling**, promoting sustainability and responsibility.*



# Junior Section







## Young Voices Rise for Climate Action in 3E's Assembly

Class 3E captivated the audience with a powerful assembly on **climate change** on **September 12**. Through prayer, dance, and role-play, they highlighted its causes and solutions. Aligned with SDG 13, their performance stressed urgent environmental action, leaving a lasting impact on all.



## Class 2C Nurtures Young Minds with a Jar Full of Gratitude



Gratitude took center stage as Class 2C discovered its impact on mental health on September 30. Through **discussions**, students explored **self-care**, **seeking support**, and **staying active** as tools for **resilience**.

The interactive session reinforced emotional well-being as key to a balanced and fulfilling life.

## Junior School Spreads Peace with a Heartfelt Drive

Carrying cutouts of doves representing peace, Junior School students championed non-violence on **October 1st, 2024**. They shared messages of peace, pledged kindness, and embraced **compassion over conflict**. The Peace Drive became a heartfelt commitment to making the school a haven of harmony.





## Classes 2 and 3 Foster Mental Health Awareness with Creative Activities



Marking Mental Health Awareness Month on **October 5, 2024**, Classes 2 and 3 engaged in creative activities to promote emotional resilience. Class 2 crafted **'Positive Self-Affirmations,'** while Class 3 designed a **'Gratitude Tree,'** fostering a supportive environment and reinforcing the importance of well-being for all.

## Class 2E Inspires with Assembly on Environmental Conservation

On **October 10, 2024**, Class 2E delivered a compelling assembly on environmental conservation, emphasizing the theme **"Nurture Nature for a Better Future."** Celebrating Principal Br. Robert's birthday, the students presented a skit, songs, and poems to promote sustainability, urging their peers to adopt practices like **"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle,"** and commit to a cleaner future.



## Class 1 Presents Krishna's Eternal Odyssey Musical



**October 16, 2024**, saw Class 1 enchant the Junior Wing Hall with **Krishna's Eternal Odyssey - A Musical**. Through dance, music, and performance, students depicted Lord Krishna's life and teachings on justice and righteousness. Praised by Principal Br. Robert and Mrs. Kaushal, the event left a **lasting impact**.





## Saree and Dupatta Drive Turns Tradition into Art at Junior School



On **October 19, 2024**, the Junior School of St. Columba's launched a unique sustainability initiative by collecting **sarees and dupattas** from students, parents, and teachers. These fabrics were upcycled into **vibrant buntings**, adding **eco-friendly flair** to the Art Fair. The initiative highlighted creativity, responsibility, and commitment to sustainability.

## Wellness Takes Center Stage at Junior School Self-Care Workshop

The Junior School teachers participated in a Self-Care and **Mental Health workshop** on **October 25, 2024**, led by Counselor Miss N. Khilwani and Protection Officer Mrs. P. Guglani. The session focused on **practical self-care strategies**, fostering community building and highlighting how teacher well-being positively impacts the overall school environment.



## Kindergarten Sparks Change with Eco-Friendly Cloth Bag Initiative



October 29 saw Kindergarten students launching the "**Little Hands, Big Change**" initiative, promoting the use of reusable cloth bags made from old fabric. The students educated their families about the dangers of single-use plastic and inspired their community to adopt eco-friendly practices, earning praise for their **environmental advocacy**.



## Junior School Sports Day A Celebration of Talent and Teamwork

The Junior Wing Sports Day on **December 14, 2024**, brought together students, parents, and teachers in a vibrant celebration of athleticism and teamwork. The event began with a grand march past and an inspiring oath-taking ceremony, attended by Chief Guest **Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi**, Principal Br. Robert, and other dignitaries.



Students showcased their talents in skill challenges, races, and creative drills like Ribbon Drill, Pom Pom Drill, and Dandiya. Parents and teachers joined in, embodying inclusivity. The event concluded with prize distribution and inspiring speeches, leaving everyone feeling motivated and proud.

## Junior School Celebrates National Unity Day with Spirit of Togetherness

On November 6, 2024, the Junior School celebrated National Unity Day, honoring Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's legacy of uniting India.



The assembly featured a prayer, an inspiring story, and vibrant performances, encouraging students to embrace diversity and harmony. The event concluded with a pledge, inspiring unity for a better future.





## Creating Eco-Conscious Mindsets: Children's Rights Activities in Classes KG & 1

On December 16, 2024, KG and Class 1 students engaged in creative activities to explore their right to freedom of speech. Through storytelling, visuals, and interactive discussions, they learned to express their feelings and needs confidently.



The session, integrated with **Comprehensive Sexuality Education**, included crafting slogan cards like “I am free to speak,” promoting self-confidence and understanding of their rights.

## Creative Explorations of Children's Rights in Classes 2 & 3

On December 19, 2024, Classes 2 and 3 participated in activities to explore children's rights. Class 2 created impactful slogan badges, while Class 3 engaged in an **art activity** contrasting a world with and without rights. These exercises fostered critical thinking and creativity, deepening students' understanding of the importance of **protecting children's rights**.





# Empowering Young Voices: Children's Rights Activities in Classes KG & 1

To foster neat handwriting habits, a competition was held for Classes 1 and 2 at the Junior School on **January 29, 2025**. Organized in collaboration with **Hindustan Pencils**, the event combined learning with sustainability.



Students copied a passage from a story, refining their letter formation and precision. They also watched an **educational video** on pencil manufacturing and attended a brief demonstration on proper grip techniques.

Promoting eco-consciousness, each participant **exchanged a used pencil stub for a new one**, reinforcing sustainable practices. The event concluded with **twelve students** being recognized for their exceptional handwriting skills, making it both a rewarding and environmentally mindful experience.





# Middle Section





# 12 Schools Come Together at SCS Climate Meet to Champion Clean Air and Sustainability



The **Fourth Edition** of the **SCS Climate Meet** took place on **January 30, 2025**, at St. Columba's School, uniting **12 schools** under the theme '*Clean Air & Green Schools: Shaping a Sustainable Future.*' Organized by the Middle School's Eco Club, the event emphasized collective action for environmental sustainability.

The meet began with a lamp-lighting ceremony by Br. William Dsouza, Br. Robert Fernandes, and Mrs. Aparajita Pal, followed by a hymn and prayer. Our Principal, Br. Robert encouraged **small yet impactful actions**, while Headmistress Mrs. Pal addressed **Delhi's AQI crisis**.



Learning partners **Tatva Essence** and **GreenSizz** engaged students in hands-on activities like **DIY planter-making** and a **kitchen garden initiative**. Resource person Mrs. Rama Tyagi guided students in creating green nooks in classrooms.

In the latter half, students analyzed **case studies on air pollution**, engaged in discussions, and proposed solutions. The event successfully fostered *awareness, collaboration, and actionable steps* toward a greener future, leaving participants inspired to champion environmental change.





# A Kaleidoscope of Culture Festive Fiesta 2024-25 Mesmerizes All

On December 17, Festive Fiesta 2024-25 transformed St. Columba's into a vibrant hub of artistic brilliance. Showcasing the creativity of students from Classes 4 to 10, the exhibition themed Hues of Rajasthan seamlessly blended Rajasthani heritage with the festive spirit of Christmas.



The Middle School premises came alive with paintings in acrylic, watercolor, and pencil shading, along with traditional folk art and innovative crafts using recycled materials.

Distinguished guests, including Chief Guest Mrs. Meenakshi Yadav, graced the event, inspiring young artists.

Workshops by Pidilite nurtured creativity, while a puppet show captivated younger students. Spearheaded by dedicated teachers and staff, the event was a resounding success.

Festive Fiesta 2024-25 not only celebrated artistic talent but also instilled a deeper appreciation for culture and craftsmanship.





## Students Emphasize Environmental Responsibility through class assembly.



On October 14, 2024, Class 10E's assembly, Nurturing Our Planet, highlighted the importance of environmental conservation. Through prayer, a skit, and an inspiring thought for the day, students reinforced their commitment to a greener, sustainable future.

## Students celebrate Human Rights Day by pledging against inaction.

On December 10, a powerful assembly marked Human Rights Day, emphasizing equality and fundamental freedoms. Through poetry, reflections, and a pledge, students committed to kindness, fairness, and inclusivity, reinforcing the importance of protecting and advocating for human rights daily.



## Eco Club's Nature Walk at Lodhi Garden



Lodhi Garden became an open-air classroom for the Eco Club on **October 10, 2024**, as students set out on a Nature Walk to explore **Delhi's green heritage**. Led by a resource person, they identified diverse tree species while uncovering the **garden's historical significance**.

The excursion was both *educational and inspiring*, reinforcing the need for sustainable living.



# Panchatatva Week Inspires Students to Embrace Sustainability

The Middle School at St Columba's celebrated Panchatatva Week from October 15 to 19, fostering environmental awareness through engaging activities. Students explored sustainability in quizzes, debates, and hands-on crafts like wind chimes and lanterns.



The event culminated in an exhibition during the Parent Teacher Meeting, where the Eco Club showcased student creations, highlighting their commitment to nature.



# Senior Section







## “Empowering the youth for a better tomorrow” SCS hosts 3 day Human Rights Training Program.



From **December 6th to 8th**, St. Columba’s School hosted the **first-ever ERI Youth Ambassadors’ Residential Program**, bringing together students and teachers from **six prestigious schools**: St. Edmund’s School (Shillong), St. John’s High School (Chandigarh), St. Patrick’s Higher Secondary School (Asansol), St. Columba’s School (New Delhi), Holy Cross School (New Delhi), and various government schools around St. Columba’s (nominated by PRATYeK).

This **three-day immersive program**, led by the Province Team of Social Justice Education and PRATYeK, included interactive discussions, advocacy training, and cultural exchanges. The resource team featured Br. Tino D’Abreu (ERI Geneva), the Province Core Team (Social Justice Education), and PRATYeK.

Participants explored the **principles of the UN**, delved into **Gandhi’s philosophy** during a visit to Gandhi Smriti, and **practiced mindfulness** to understand the interconnectedness of politics, nature, and society. With a focus on empowering young voices, the program equipped attendees with essential skills for fostering positive change.

# Spreading Warmth and Hope: Class 11 Catechism Students Lead Donation Drive



On **December 18**, the catechism students of Class 11, accompanied by **Br. William D'Souza**, visited Bethany Convent Road, Saleempur Majra, North Delhi, Burari, to **distribute blankets and dry rations** to underserved communities.

Their efforts brought warmth and relief to many in need during the winter season.

Additionally, donations from the **Poor Fund** were contributed to children from slums and marginalized communities through **NGO Pratyek**, and **Navjyoti Centre**, Najafgarh. This initiative reinforced the values of compassion and service, inspiring students to continue making a meaningful impact in society.





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