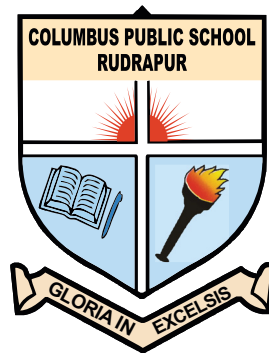


# THE COLUMBUS TATTLER

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# From Principal's Desk

Manoj Kumar



As we conclude the final quarter of 2024, I am filled with pride as I reflect on the remarkable growth and achievements of our school community. From vibrant cultural events showcasing our students' creativity to outstanding academic milestones, this term has been a true testament to our shared commitment and passion.

The October-December period offered enriching experiences, including workshops, sports competitions, cultural activities, and our much-anticipated New Year Carnival. These events not only highlighted the diverse talents of our students but also instilled essential values such as empathy, teamwork, and resilience.

As we welcome 2025, let us step forward with curiosity, determination, and a collaborative spirit. Together, we will continue to nurture an environment that empowers every student to succeed and shine.

Wishing you and your families a joyful and prosperous New Year!

Principal



Columbus Public School hosted a One Day Capacity Building Program on Life Skills, organised by CoE CBSE. The key resource persons for the event were Ms. Ruma Mehrotra (Principal, Him Jyoti School, Dehradun) and Mr. Rajesh Devrani (Principal, Mount Litera Zee School, Roorkee).

The workshop began with a welcome and introduction note by Dr. Kamesh Mittal (Vice Principal). Mr. Manoj Kumar Khara (Managing Director) in the opening address emphasised the importance of life skills, and urged active participation of all delegates.

The workshop focused on integrating life skills into teaching to enhance students' learning, including critical thinking, creative thinking, and interpersonal skills. Participants engaged in group discussions, role-plays, and activities that can be implemented in classrooms. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and mementos presented to the resource persons by Mr. Manoj Kumar (Principal).

# ONE DAY CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

1 October 2024







The Astroverse Space App Challenge at Birla Institute of Applied Sciences, Bhimtal was an exciting space-themed competition.

Participants engaged in building and testing rockets and rovers, focusing on two main areas:

1. The Rocketry Challenge: It allowed participants to explore aerodynamics and propulsion by creating rockets aiming for goals like maximum altitude or precision landing.
2. The Range Rover Challenge: It involved constructing rovers to navigate rough terrain, simulating challenges faced by planetary rovers. This encouraged problem-solving, innovation, and teamwork among participants.

The event featured workshops, expert talks, and mentorship, with projects judged on design, functionality, and performance. Students from Columbus Public School, Rudrapur, showed keen interest and worked with mentors to create solutions related to real-world space missions, promoting STEM education, teamwork, and creative thinking.

# ASTROVERSE SPACE APP CHALLENGE

6 October 2024



Columbus Public School in association with TWIN WIN, proudly hosted the inaugural session of the Yuva Skills Olympics 2024 to nurture the talents of students. The session began with a warm welcome by Dr. Parvinder Kaur, who had the honour of introducing the esteemed guests.

This exciting event fostered healthy competition, innovation, and critical thinking skills among students. Our distinguished guests, Mr. Vaibhav Pande (CEO, Twin Win), Mr. Anshul Vashisht (Co-founder & COO, Twin Win), and Ms. Aparna Bhatt (Communication Skills Coach), emphasized the importance of skill development in the modern workforce.

The winners of the Yuva Skills Olympics 2024 were awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals based on their outstanding performance. The Managing Director, Mr. Manoj Kumar Khara, took the stage to shed light on key aspects of the skills showcased and appreciated the students for their active participation.

# YUVA SKILLS OLYMPICS 2024

7 October 2024







Columbus Public School has recently partnered with iDreamCareer, a renowned career counselling platform, to provide valuable career guidance and counselling to our secondary and senior secondary students. In their first activity at Columbus Public School, iDreamCareer organised a career counselling session for students of classes X and XII. The session, conducted by Ms. Rashmi Srivastava, a partner career counsellor from iDreamCareer, aimed to guide students in exploring potential career paths. Ms. Srivastava also guided students on various career options, entrance examinations, colleges, universities offering different courses, and certification courses available after class 10 and 12. Following the session, students attempted iDreamCareer's Psychometric Assessment to evaluate their interests, personality, and aptitude - the first steps towards choosing the right career path.

# iDREAM CAREER COUNSELLING

7 & 8 October 2024





The atmosphere at Columbus Public School was charged with excitement as renowned actor Mr. Lucky Jee Gupta graced us with his presence. Known for his remarkable performance in the solo play 'Maa Mujhe Tagore Bana De', Mr. Gupta has been performing this play for fourteen years, celebrating its 1500th show across the nation.

The performance's subtlety, the moments of silence that spoke louder than words, and the heartfelt dialogues created an atmosphere that was both poignant and thought-provoking. Many in the audience were visibly moved, with tears and quiet reflection evident throughout the act. Each scene was so touching, making the audience feel fully immersed in the story. It was truly a great experience for everyone present.

# MONOLOGUE WITH LUCKY JEE GUPTA

10 October 2024







Columbus Public School, in collaboration with iEducationalize, organized a Career Counselling Session for Grade XII students. The session featured professionals from universities and fields like medical, engineering, arts, and entrepreneurship.

The event began with an introduction on aligning personal interests with career choices. Panelists shared their career journeys, emphasizing adaptability in today's job market. Students gained insights on college applications, entrance exams, and vocational training. The session ended with a Q&A session, allowing students to ask specific career-related questions. Overall, the session empowered students to make informed decisions about their careers.

# CAREER COUNSELLING SESSION

15 October 2024



The Interact Club of Columbus Public School took a noble initiative to promote blood donation awareness through Poster Making, and an Awareness Rally. The aim was to educate students and the community about the life-saving importance of blood donation.

The event sought to encourage students and locals to become regular blood donors, ultimately supporting the cause of saving precious lives. Let's unite to paint life, one drop at a time!

# BLOOD DONATION AWARENESS

18 October 2024







The school organised an Inter-House Extempore Competition, challenging students from Classes 6 to 12 in quick thinking, creativity, and eloquence. The participants delivered impromptu speeches on topics given just three minutes before their turn.

Students spoke confidently on various subjects, impressing the judges and the audience with their diverse viewpoints and creativity. The event celebrated students' talent and effective communication skills, leaving everyone inspired to improve further.

# INTER-HOUSE EXTEMPORE COMPETITION

19 October 2024

Make education a continuing, never-ending process. Keeping this notion in mind, the Interact Club of Columbus Public School proudly hosted an Adult Literacy Workshop. This visionary initiative aimed to bridge the literacy gap and uplift the underserved community. The program sought to empower these adults by motivating them to acquire essential literacy skills in order to enhance their employability and economic prospects.

This workshop also fostered personal growth and promoted social equality and inclusivity. By empowering adults, especially women, the programme had a positive impact on their ability to navigate daily challenges and create a brighter future.

# ADULT LITERACY WORKSHOP

23 October 2024







"Creativity involves breaking out of expected patterns in order to look at things in a different way"

The creative Pot and Diya Decoration Competitions were organized for the students of Classes I - V. Students of Classes I & II actively participated in decorating Diyas, showcasing their creativity with vibrant colours and unique designs. Meanwhile, students from Classes III to V were engaged in pot decoration, bringing life to simple pots with beautiful patterns, colours, and embellishments. The competitions encouraged artistic expression and provided a platform for the students to exhibit their craftsmanship and imagination in a fun and festive environment.

# INTER-HOUSE POT AND DIYA DECORATION COMPETITION

23 October 2024



An Inter-House Rangoli Competition on the theme 'Unity in Diversity' was organized. The main aim of this event was to encourage participants to showcase their artistic skills through Rangoli designs. Students from different houses displayed their creativity and teamwork by incorporating various elements from different cultures in their Rangoli designs.

# INTER-HOUSE RANGOLI MAKING COMPETITION

26 October 2024







On the occasion of Diwali, the festival of lights, Class 8 organized a special morning assembly. The students showcased a beautiful 'Bal Ramayana' - a skit-cum-dance performance depicting the triumph of good over evil and the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after fourteen years of exile. They highlighted the lessons of righteousness, courage, and love that can be learned from Lord Ram's journey. Another highlight of the event was an insightful article on the five-day Diwali celebrations, emphasizing the significance of each day. The assembly concluded with a heartfelt message about spreading light and positivity in the world. The event was a great success, allowing students to experience and appreciate the cultural significance of Diwali and fostering a sense of harmony.

# SPECIAL MORNING ASSEMBLY

29 October 2024



An insightful interactive session on Actuarial Science was held in the school auditorium for students of Classes 10 to 12. The session was led by Ms. Aprajita and Mr. Shubham, distinguished representatives from the Institute of Actuaries of India (IAI). The speakers provided a comprehensive overview of Actuarial Science and its diverse applications across several sectors, including life insurance, property and casualty, pension and benefits, banking and investment, agriculture, industry, data science, health insurance, and more. They highlighted the critical role of Actuarial Science in assessing risk, managing uncertainties, and ensuring financial security across industries. Students learned about the importance of actuarial skills in today's dynamic world, especially in complex financial and insurance systems.

# SESSION ON ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

29 October 2024







The Interact Club of Columbus Public School organised a Cancer Awareness Session to educate and sensitise Interactors about the disease. The event was a step towards fostering awareness and promoting early detection. The program began with the screening of an insightful documentary, highlighting various aspects of cancer, including its types, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment options, and prevention strategies. The documentary served as an eye-opener, dispelling myths and misconceptions about cancer. The session empowered students with knowledge, inspiring them to become agents of change.

# CANCER AWARENESS SESSION

5 November 2024



Project Pahal is an initiative by the Interact Club of Rotary International aimed at empowering students by providing them with information and inspiration about various career opportunities. The project involves interactive workshops and sessions where students can explore different career paths, ask questions, and engage in discussions about their future goals. The goal is to help students make informed decisions about their careers and foster a brighter future for the next generation.

The Interactors of Columbus Public School successfully conducted an activity under Project Pahal at Saraswati Vidya Mandir Inter College, Rudrapur. The interactive workshop began with the fundamentals of career exploration. As the session progressed, students took the lead, posing thoughtful questions and engaging in discussions on career choices, growth prospects, harnessing potential, and achieving goals. Chief District Interact Secretary, Itr. Rijjul Madaan, spearheaded the drive, demonstrating the power of collective efforts.

# EMPOWERING MINDS, ENRICHING FUTURES

5 November 2024







The school organised an Inter House Fireless Cooking Competition for students of classes I to V. The event aimed to raise awareness about the nutritional value of food cooked without flame, highlight the importance and benefits of healthy eating, and encourage students to avoid junk food. Through this activity, students learned the spirit of teamwork, honed their culinary skills, and gained an appreciation for the effort involved in cooking. The competition also provided a platform for students to showcase their talents and explore new areas of interest. They prepared delicious, mouth-watering dishes such as Krack Jack Salad Train, Cucumber Cruise, Green Apple Mojito, Bread Pudding, Club Sandwich, and Oats Shake, demonstrating their versatility in cooking without fire. Our students truly amazed us with their creativity and enthusiasm! even without fire! Our kids really amazed us!!

# NO FLAME, NO FIRE RECIPES

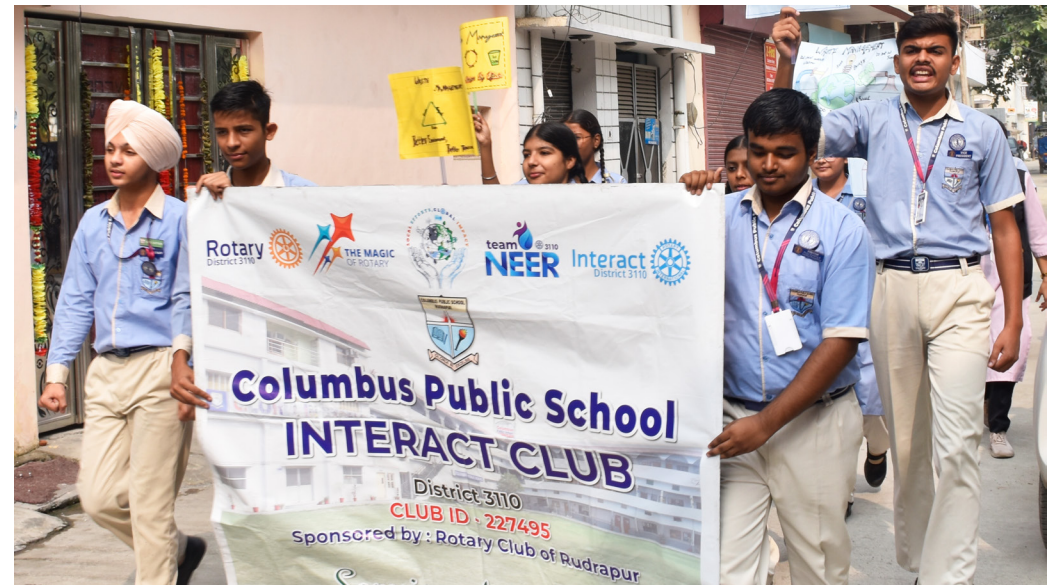
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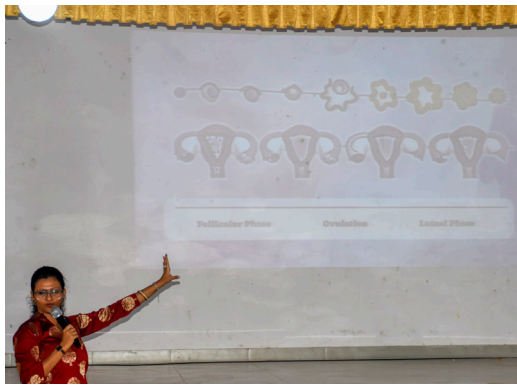
The Interact Club of Columbus Public School, Rudrapur embarked on a mission to promote cleanliness and environmental awareness. With great enthusiasm, the Interactors organized a cleanliness drive and rally, encouraging the community to join the journey towards a greener tomorrow. The Interactors actively participated in cleaning the streets, collecting trash, and educating others on the importance of a clean environment. The rally aimed to raise awareness about pressing environmental issues and advocate for sustainable living. Let's work together to create a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future!

# A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT IS A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

8 November 2024







The Interact Club of Columbus Public School hosted a Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Session to educate students on vital aspects of menstrual health. Dr. Mrinalini Chowdhury Majumdar from Katyayani Medical Centre (Rudrapur), led an insightful discussion, sharing best practices for maintaining physical and mental well-being during menstruation.

This interactive session debunked common myths, demonstrated the proper use and disposal of sanitary napkins, and highlighted essential hygiene practices, nutritional guidance, and lifestyle tips for healthy menstrual cycles. Dr. Majumdar's approachable manner and expertise created an open, supportive environment, empowering students with valuable knowledge and confidence. The session made a lasting impact, with students expressing heartfelt gratitude for the insights gained.

# MENSTRUAL HYGIENE AWARENESS SESSION

9 November 2024



The Interact Club of Columbus Public School distributed donation forms to all the Interactors, with the objectives to educate the community about polio disease, to raise awareness about the importance of polio vaccination, to promote community involvement in eradicating polio and to collect funds to support polio eradication initiatives.

# POLIO AWARENESS AND FUNDRAISING DRIVE

11 November 2024







Our senior students recently embarked on an enriching journey to the vibrant cities of Jodhpur and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan! This educational tour was packed with adventure and learning, as our students explored the majestic Mehrangarh Fort and Umaid Bhawan Palace in Jodhpur, and the iconic Sonar Fort, Salim Singh's Haveli, and more in Jaisalmer.

From the grand forts to the cultural havens, our students immersed themselves in the rich history and culture of Rajasthan. They visited key sites like Gadisar Lake, Patwon Ki Haveli, and the inspiring Longewala War Memorial, gaining insights into our heritage. This unforgettable experience blended education and entertainment, connecting our students with the incredible legacy of India.

# SCHOOL EXCURSION TO JODHPUR & JAISALMER

7 to 12 November 2024



As part of its weekly CCA routine, the school organised an Inter-House Extempore Competition for Classes 1-5. This exciting event provided participants with a platform to demonstrate their quick thinking and communication skills as they delivered impromptu speeches on a variety of topics. The competition challenged each speaker to present their thoughts coherently and convincingly within a limited time frame. Participants were given their topics just two minutes before stepping up to the podium, testing their ability to organize ideas on the spot and articulate them fluently.

# INTER-HOUSE EXTEMPORE COMPETITION

13 November 2024







On the joyous occasion of Children's Day, the school teachers organised a special assembly that celebrated the essence of childhood. The event featured lively dance performances by teachers, showcasing their talent and energy, creating an atmosphere of excitement and joy. A hilarious skit followed, humorously portraying the everyday life of students, filling the audience with laughter.

Soulful songs performed by teachers added an emotional touch, celebrating love, friendship, and the simple joys of life, bringing the entire school community together. Mr. Manoj Kumar Khara (Managing Director) also graced the occasion, offering heartfelt wishes and inspiring words about cherishing childhood and pursuing dreams.

# SPECIAL MORNING ASSEMBLY

14 November 2024



Columbus Public School had the honour of hosting Major Aman Pratap Shahi, an esteemed alumnus of the school and a serving Major in the Indian Army, for an enlightening session with students of classes 11 and 12. The session provided valuable insights into various career opportunities within the Army and how students can pursue a fulfilling career in the armed forces.

Major Shahi began by outlining the diverse career paths in the Army, such as becoming a commissioned officer, technical officer, or joining through entry schemes like NDA, CDS, TES, and UES. He emphasized the importance of physical fitness, academic excellence, and leadership qualities in preparing for a successful career in the military.

He also shared his personal experiences, providing an honest perspective on the life of an Army officer, focusing on the pride, discipline, and challenges of serving the nation. He encouraged students to embrace the core values of teamwork, dedication, and leadership. The session concluded with a Q&A, where students asked about the selection process, lifestyle, and balancing personal aspirations with a career in the Army.

# CAREER COUNSELLING BY SCHOOL ALUMNUS

14 November 2024







The much-anticipated Inter-House General Knowledge (GK) Quiz Competition was held for the students of classes 6th to 8th, 9th, and 11th. This lively event brought together participants from all four houses to showcase their intellectual prowess and teamwork.

The competition aimed to foster curiosity and encourage the pursuit of knowledge in Indian culture, religion, history, and the political world. The children were enthusiastic as they competed to answer the questions. The quiz consisted of multiple rounds, designed to challenge participants on various aspects of general knowledge. Each house fielded a team of four members. Certificates and medals were distributed to the winners and runners-up.

# INTER-HOUSE QUIZ COMPETITION

16 November 2024



The Pre-Primary children embarked on an exciting adventure to Sanjay Van for their annual picnic. Eager to explore the outdoors, they enjoyed a delightful day filled with fun, laughter, and bonding with their friends and teachers. The day began with a warm welcome and a delicious spread of food, which the children relished. After lunch, the teachers organized a variety of engaging games and activities, ensuring an enjoyable experience for all. The picnic provided an excellent opportunity for the children to strengthen their social bonds, enhance their teamwork skills, and create cherished memories. It was a resounding success, demonstrating that such outings are a perfect blend of recreation and learning for young minds.

# CELEBRATING SIMPLE JOYS OF LIFE

18 November 2024







The students of Columbus Public School embarked on one-of-a-kind Astro Picnic in collaboration with Astropathshala, where cosmic wonders met thrilling fun.

The children enjoyed leisure and recreational activities to unwind and connect with nature. As the day unfolded, they engaged in exciting team-building activities designed by Astroverse, fostering camaraderie and laughter with games like Robo Kabaddi, Tug of War, and dance battles. As the sun set, the magic began with a captivating sky-gazing session, where experts guided the children in exploring the mysteries of the universe. They had the opportunity to see Jupiter, Saturn, and the moon through telescopes, and were thrilled to learn about different stars and constellations. The unforgettable day concluded with a vibrant DJ night and talent show, where music, dance, and celebration united under a canopy of stars.

The journey culminated with a visit to a heritage village in Jim Corbett, where the children heard thrilling tales of wildlife encounters and learned about the harmonious way of life amidst the wilderness. This adventure was a perfect blend of mindfulness, creativity, and discovery, leaving our children with cherished memories and a deeper connection with nature.

# ASTRO PICNIC SCHOOL TOUR

19 & 20 November 2024



The school successfully concluded a three-day career counselling session for its 12th-grade students. This session provided valuable insights into future career options. Experienced career counsellors from iDreamCareer, Ms. Ritika and Mrs. Rashmi Talwar, conducted the sessions, offering guidance based on psychometric assessments and covering various career fields and higher education opportunities. One-on-one counselling sessions were also organised, where each student received around 25 to 30 minutes of personalised career guidance.

Mr. Manoj Kumar (Principal) emphasised that their aim is to provide clarity and direction to students regarding their careers. The partnership with iDreamCareer enables us to offer better opportunities and guidance to their students. This counseling session helped students make important decisions about their careers and higher education, providing them with an opportunity to explore various professional options.

# iDREAM CAREER COUNSELLING

20 November 2024







Our school hosted a seminar on 'Time Management' and 'Emotional Intelligence' for students of Classes 11 and 12. The session was led by Ms. Aparna Bhatt, a former media professional, internationally acclaimed poet, and esteemed communication skills coach.

The seminar aimed to equip students with practical strategies for effective time management and emotional intelligence. Ms. Bhatt emphasized prioritization, goal-setting, and balancing academic responsibilities with personal growth. She also discussed self-awareness, empathy, and interpersonal skills, providing techniques to handle stress, build resilience, and maintain healthy relationships.

# SEMINAR ON TIME MANAGEMENT & EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

22 November 2024



The Origami Paper Folding Competition unfolded, celebrating the exceptional artistic talents of our young Columbians. The children participated with great enthusiasm, folding and crafting a delightful assortment of colorful origami models, including fish, boats, birds, and flowers. Each creation stood as a testament to their imagination and creativity.

The competition served as an excellent platform for the children to develop key skills such as problem-solving, hand-eye coordination, and self-expression. Witnessing the pride and joy on their faces as they showcased their beautifully crafted models was truly heartwarming.

# KEEP CALM AND ORIGAMI ON

23 November 2024







"It's not about how much you know, but how curious you are to learn."

To ignite a passion for general knowledge among our young learners, the school organised a General Knowledge Quiz Competition for the enthusiastic students of classes 1 and 2.

The quiz was meticulously organised, ensuring a clear and age-appropriate format for our juniors. It was a resounding success, providing a valuable and enriching learning experience for all involved. It was a joy to see our students' curiosity and excitement as they navigated through the questions.

# INTER-HOUSE GK QUIZ COMPETITION

27 November 2024



Fun Races are an exciting and entertaining event where students participate in various fun-filled races.

As part of the weekly CCA Activity Routine, the school organised the Inter House Fun Races for the little athletes of classes I to V. The events included the Hoopla Race, 50-meter Race, Relay Race, and more. These activities helped students build confidence, strength, and friendships while fostering school spirit. Our Honourable Managing Director, Mr. Manoj Kumar Khera, along with Principal, Mr. Manoj Kumar, encouraged the students with their amiable presence.

# SPORTS HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD

27 November 2024







The Pre-Primary wing of Columbus Public School school was abuzz with excitement as the little stars took to the stage for the highly anticipated Fancy Dress Competition. This year's theme, "Bollywood," saw the tiny tots transform into their favorite actors and actresses.

The children's creativity and imagination shone bright as they dressed up in elaborate costumes, complete with accessories and props. From Shah Rukh Khan to Deepika Padukone, and from Salman Khan to Alia Bhatt, the children's favorite Bollywood icons came alive on stage.

As the music began, the children showcased their best dance moves, performing to popular Bollywood numbers. Their energy and enthusiasm were infectious. Children even attempted to deliver their favorite dialogues from Bollywood movies.



# FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

30 November 2024





The tiny-tots of our Pre-Primary Wing enjoyed an enriching educational field trip to the Gurudwara at Green Park. As they stepped into the serene premises, they were greeted by the warm and welcoming atmosphere of the Gurudwara. Soon on arrival, the children gathered around the Granthi Sahib, who explained the significance of the Gurudwara. He shared fascinating stories about the life and teachings of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of the Sikh faith, and highlighted the importance of Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. The children listened intently and gained a deeper understanding of the Sikhism, its values, and traditions. They were also served with Langar.

# EXCURSION TO GURUDWARA

3 December 2024







Our talented Class 6 students hosted a remarkable assembly dedicated to World Soil Day, highlighting the vital role that healthy soil plays in sustaining life on Earth.

The event featured a captivating dance performance illustrating the journey of soil, and a touching drama underscoring the importance of soil conservation. An inspirational message about cherishing our Earth was delivered, and students engaged everyone with a fun and informative quiz on soil awareness. It was a meaningful and inspiring event that instilled environmental stewardship in our students, reminding us all that healthy soil is the foundation of a sustainable future.



# SPECIAL MORNING ASSEMBLY

5 December 2024





Columbus Public School, under the aegis of the Centre of Excellence for Teachers, CBSE Dehradun, organized a one-day Capacity Building Programme on 'Learning Outcomes and Pedagogies.' The workshop was led by Dr. Madhu Sharma (Principal, Bright Start International Academy, Jaspur) and Dr. Shwetangana Santram (Principal, Wilsonia Scholar's, Moradabad), who shared their expertise on modern teaching methodologies and strategies to enhance student learning outcomes.

The primary aim of the workshop was to equip teachers with innovative pedagogical techniques to improve the learning process for students. Participants engaged in various practical activities and discussions, gaining valuable tools to enhance classroom teaching and student performance.

In his opening address, Mr. Manoj Kumar Khera (Managing Director) emphasized the importance of continuous professional development for teachers to meet global standards. Around 60 participants took part, making the session a great platform for sharing ideas and improving teaching practices.

This workshop marked a significant step towards strengthening the teaching framework at Columbus Public School, ensuring the provision of high-quality education in line with CBSE guidelines.

# CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR TEACHERS

6 December 2024







The UKG children participated in a fascinating traffic light activity that was both entertaining and educational. The young learners demonstrated their understanding of traffic rules and signals with great enthusiasm. Dressed in colorful attire, the children took turns role-playing as pedestrians, drivers, and traffic police. They meticulously followed the traffic light sequence, halting at red, slowing down at yellow, and moving forward at green. This activity not only taught the children about road safety but also helped develop essential life skills like obedience, self-discipline, and responsibility.

# TRAFFIC RULES AWARENESS ACTIVITY

7 December 2024





UKG students participated in an engaging Hindi language activity. They learned to create new words by adding prefixes and suffixes to existing ones, similar to the popular Antakshari game show. With enthusiasm and excitement, the children took turns adding syllables to form new words, developing their Hindi vocabulary, phonetics, and creativity skills. This interactive activity made language learning a fun and enjoyable experience. It was a resounding success, bringing enthusiasm and joy to everyone present.

# SHABD BANAO ACTIVITY

9 December 2024







The Pre-Primary Wing organised an array of fun races that electrified the atmosphere with excitement and enthusiasm. The little ones participated with boundless energy, showcasing their spirited eagerness. From hopping like bunnies to running with hoopla, balls, and glasses, each race was meticulously designed to draw out the children's innate joy and playfulness. The event was an outstanding success, with every child beaming with delight. It was heartwarming to witness the children laughing, playing, and bonding with their peers. The fun races not only promoted physical activity but also helped develop essential life skills like teamwork, sportsmanship, and perseverance. It was a day to remember, filled with laughter and lasting memories.

# FUN RACES

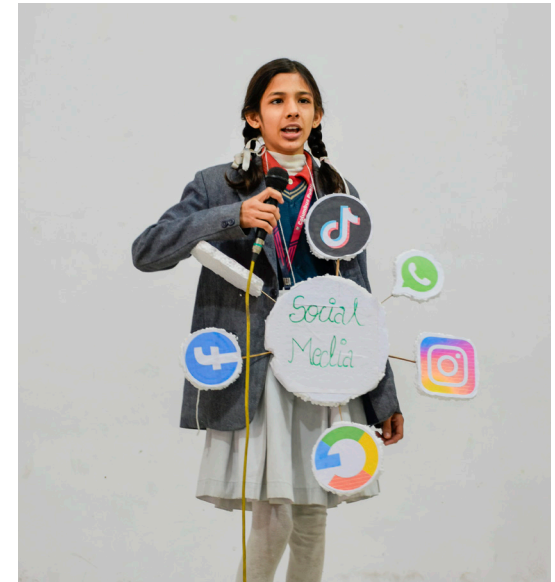
11 December 2024



As part of its CCA calendar, the school organised an inspiring Fancy Dress Competition for classes 6-8, focusing on crucial social issues. Our creative students highlighted important topics such as child labour, girl education, corruption, and cyber crimes through their imaginative costumes and powerful messages. The competition encouraged participants to freely express themselves and captivated the audience. It was a day filled with fun, celebrating talent, culture, and imagination.

# FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

14 December 2024







As part of its annual sports calendar, Columbus Public School recently organized an exhilarating Inter House Kho-Kho Tournament. Boys and girls from various classes participated enthusiastically, showcasing their skills in Sub-Junior, Junior, and Senior categories. The tournament was a thrilling display of athleticism, teamwork, and sportsmanship, with each match filled with nail-biting moments and impressive performances.

The event not only highlighted the students' dedication and hard work but also fostered camaraderie and promoted an active lifestyle. The winning teams were celebrated with prizes and accolades, recognizing their exceptional efforts and achievements.

Overall, the tournament was a resounding success, leaving both participants and spectators energized and inspired. It was a day of fun, excitement, and unforgettable memories, underscoring the spirit of sportsmanship at Columbus Public School.

# INTER-HOUSE KHO-KHO TOURNAMENT

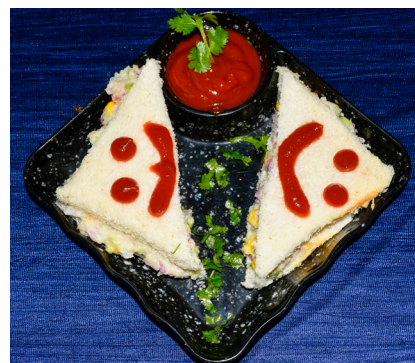
14 December 2024



The Pre-Primary classes enjoyed an exciting 'Fireless Cooking' activity. The young learners creatively prepared a variety of delicious dishes without using any heat or flames, using ingredients like fruits, biscuits, and bread. Guided by their teachers, the children discovered that cooking without fire can be both fun and tasty. They prepared simple yet appetising treats such as fruit salads, Oreo biscuit cakes, sandwiches, corn and cheese sandwiches, papdi chaat, and coconut sweets. This engaging activity not only introduced the students to the concept of fireless cooking but also promoted teamwork, creativity, and healthy eating habits.

# FIRELESS COOKING ACTIVITY

16 December 2024







The Interact Club of Columbus Public School organised an Inter School Rapid Chess Competition. The event drew enthusiastic participation from 80 students representing 21 reputed schools from across the district and around. The inauguration ceremony was a grand occasion, highlighted by the traditional lamp-lighting ritual. This momentous event was graced by the presence of distinguished dignitaries, including Mr. Jay Prakash Agrawal (President, Rotary International Club of Rudrapur), Mr. Manoj Kumar Khera (Managing Director), Mr. Hem Pant, and Mr. Manoj Kumar (Principal). Their inspiring words motivated the participants and set the stage for an engaging day of chess battles.

After a day of intense competition, Jaycees Public School emerged as the overall champion, claiming the prestigious 'Champion School' Trophy. The atmosphere throughout the event was electric, as participants exhibited exceptional strategic thinking and commendable sportsmanship.

# INTERACT INTER-SCHOOL RAPID CHESS COMPETITION

20 December 2024



The Pre-Primary students embarked on an exciting visit to the church to mark the joyous occasion of Christmas, where they were warmly welcomed by the priest. The priest shared the significance of the birth of Jesus Christ, sparking the children's curiosity and fascination. They were mesmerized by the beautiful decorations and the serene atmosphere of the church. To make the experience even more enjoyable, refreshing treats were served, bringing big smiles to their faces.

The outing was a wonderful opportunity for young learners to explore and discover the true spirit of Christmas. It was a day filled with warmth, joy, and the essence of the festive season, leaving lasting memories for all.

# VISIT TO CHURCH @ CHRISTMAS

23 December 2024







Christmas is amongst the most eagerly awaited festival at our school, celebrated with great warmth and joy. This festive occasion brings teachers and students together, creating a vibrant and joyful atmosphere. To mark the occasion, a special assembly by Class IX was organised, featuring a captivating skit depicting the birth of Jesus Christ, melodious carol singing, and lively dance performances.

Students came dressed in festive attire, and the arrival of Santa Claus was the highlight of the day, spreading cheer and distributing sweets. The event concluded with a heartfelt message from our honourable Managing Director, Mr. Manoj Kumar Khera. He encouraged everyone to carry the spirit of Christmas throughout the year by spreading kindness and goodwill.

# SPECIAL MORNING ASSEMBLY

24 December 2024



The New Year Carnival at CPS, was a joyful celebration of unity and new beginnings. The event, graced by CA Jaiprakash Agarwal Ji, President of Rotary Club, Rudrapur began with the lighting of the diya and the release of balloons. The chief guest inaugurated the stalls with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, marking the start of the festivities. The school ground transformed into a festive wonderland featuring exciting games, delicious street-style snacks, and thrilling rides like Mickey Mouse, which brought endless smiles to children. Teachers worked tirelessly to make the event unforgettable, a contribution acknowledged by school authorities. The lucky draw was a crowd favourite, with grand prizes like Acer Laptop (won by Aakarshit), Lenovo Tab (won by Zyaan), and Kross Xplod Double Disc Brake Bicycle (won by Ansh Ch.). Ten consolation prizes added to the excitement. Winners in games included Vrinda Khera in "Exploring the Senses" and Aradhya in "Tol Mol Ke Bol."

# THE NEW YEAR CARNIVAL

30 December 2024







**STEPHANIE  
URCHICK**

Rotary International  
President 2024-25



**Rtn. Neerav  
N. Agrawal**

District Governor  
RID-3110 2024-25

**Congratulations!**

**Itr. Vrinda  
Khera**

(IC- Columbus Public School,  
Rudrapur )

For being appointed as the

**AZIR- Bareilly**

Additional Zonal Interact  
Representative- Bareilly zone  
2024-25



**Rtn. Anil Joshi**  
DICC 2024-25



**Itr. Maulik Kalkar**  
DIR 2024-25

**CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR  
ACHIEVEMENT**

**Congratulations!**



We are proud to announce that **Arnima Sharma 10th (B)**  
has qualified for the **National Level Round of**



**National Open Oratory Contest**  
**SPIRITUAL ELOQUENCE**

*to be held on*

**2nd October 2024**

*at*

**Satyug Darshan Vasundhara**  
**Greater Faridabad (Haryana)**

*organised by*



Under the aegis of

**SATYUG DARSHAN TRUST (REGD.)**

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The school feels immense pride to congratulate Pratishtha Pandey of Class X for being selected for the State Level Exhibition and Project Competition (SLEPC) of the INSPIRE (MANAK) Awards.

INSPIRE Manak, an acronym for "Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge)," initiated by Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt of India aims to cultivate innovation and scientific curiosity among school students nationwide. This program empowers young minds to address real-world challenges through support, resources, and acknowledgment.

Our students participated enthusiastically in the District Level Exhibition and Project Competition (DLEPC) after earlier qualifying the Block Level Round of the INSPIRE (MANAK) Awards. Four of our talented students—Pratishtha Pandey, Aditi Bhatt, Anushka Garkoti (Class X), and Nayan Singh (Class IX)—showcased innovative prototypes. Out of 290 participants, Pratishtha Pandey's 'Portable Door Stopper' stood out and secured a spot in the State Level Competition (SLEPC), to be held in Dehradun.

# CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT







CPS Family takes immense pleasure to congratulate Jiya Bhatt(Class 9A) for winning the Gold Medal in the U-14 Category of Basketball Tournament at Uttarakhand Khel Mahakumbh-2024. Her outstanding performance has earned her a well-deserved spot at the State Level. Well done, Jiya! We are proud of your achievement and wish you continued success in your Basketball journey.

# CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT



We are delighted to announce that our Chairman, Shri Kesar Das Khera Ji, was recently honoured for his long and distinguished services in the field of education by the Udham Singh Nagar Association of Independent Schools (Regd.). This honour was bestowed at the School Leaders' Conclave & Felicitation Ceremony organized by the association. The event was graced by Mr. Manish Agarwal Ji (Regional Officer, CBSE, R.O. Dehradun) as the Chief Guest. During the conference, senior school founders and managers from across the district, who established private schools during the 1980s and 1990s, were recognized and felicitated. Chief Guest Mr. Manish Agarwal honoured them for their outstanding contributions to education by draping them with shawls and presenting mementos. This grand ceremony witnessed the attendance of approximately 130 managers and principals from CBSE-affiliated schools across the district.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHAIRMAN SIR







Our esteemed students recently showcased their immense knowledge and determination by participating in the Inter-school 'Bharat ko Jano' Quiz Competition organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad. Competing against several other schools, our students secured the Second Position in the Senior Category and the Third Position in the Junior Category. This remarkable achievement is a testament to their hard work and dedication in learning about our country's rich culture, history, and heritage. We are immensely proud of our students and congratulate them on their success. This competition has not only enhanced their knowledge about India but also instilled a sense of patriotism and pride.

# BHARAT KO JANO





The Shabad Kirtan Competition is a wonderful platform where students connect with their spiritual roots, express devotion, and celebrate the timeless teachings of Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. It offers young minds the opportunity to showcase their talent, enhance their understanding of Sikhism, and immerse themselves in the rich traditions of Gurbani.

The 8th edition of the Inter-School Shabad Kirtan Competition was organised at Jaycees Public School, attracting enthusiastic participation from 25 reputed schools across the district.

A standout performance was delivered by Columbian Vidit Singh Rana (Class 9). His exceptional skill on the harmonium earned him the prestigious 'Best Harmonium Player' Award at the competition, bringing great pride to our school and reflecting his dedication and hard work.

This competition not only provided a platform for students to showcase their musical talents but also encouraged a deeper connection with cultural and spiritual values. A heartfelt congratulations to Vidit Singh Rana and all the participants for their commitment and hard work!

# SHABAD KIRTAN COMPETITION

