

# JUST NEWS



**A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE JUSTICE NEWS DESK**

## OUR MISSION

A NEWS DESK FOR AND BY THE STUDENTS OF SCS TO INFORM, INSPIRE AND INITIATE A MOVEMENT OF TRUTH-TELLING AND CHANGE IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

### Why do we have to do this?

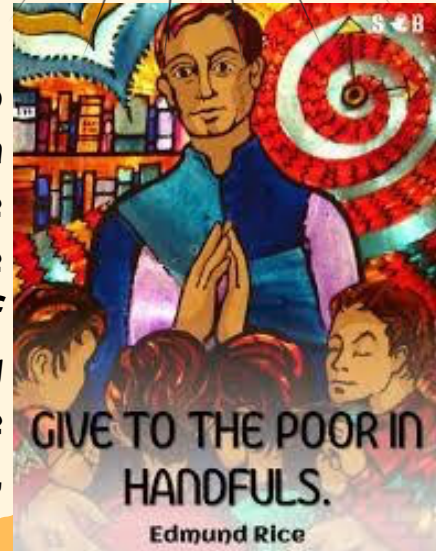
**We feel it is so important to consume and share news responsibly! It's up to us to ensure that our school community becomes News Literate!!**

# CARRYING ON THE JUSTICE VISION OF OUR FOUNDER (Mrs. Julie Varghese)

**OUR VISION**

***"Dare to know! have the courage to use your own intelligence" ~ Immanuel Kant***

**Blessed Edmund Rice, our founder, drew each person to realize their reality as children of God and he drew forth their potential to live lives of dignity. From humble beginnings in Ireland to the whole earth community, the Christian Brothers have dared to walk the path of Edmund and they have been instrumental in imparting education founded on the bedrock of sound value systems. This great journey requires presence, compassion, and liberation to empower others through one's actions.**



**As Columbans, we seek to continue the same spirit of Edmund Rice's journey of stepping outside our comfort zones in respectful service. Living out of a new consciousness of the interconnection of all life, we seek to make a difference in the lives of marginalized people through the compassionate presence and seeking mutual transformation. We have dared to be different yet stood firm during changing times to adapt and evolve as a 21st-century knowledge hub.**



**Our school's motto "Sapare Aude" - 'Dare to know' / 'Dare to be wise' encourages us to be truth-seekers, to pursue knowledge through adversity- sincerely and constantly. We need the courage to make use of our own understanding! Knowledge and truth, if sought for honestly, involve not only inquiry but perseverance despite the challenge that knowledge may present to the seeker and to those who quest for knowledge and truth. The phrase "We Care" embodies who Columbans are. We dare to care for the marginalized, and the downtrodden, reaffirm faith in humanity and assume the responsibility of building a more equitable nation.**





# EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE AT SCS

## A GLIMPSE

### *Celebrating Mother Earth*



Earth Day is celebrated every year on the 22nd of April. It is a day to celebrate our beautiful planet earth and to raise awareness about the numerous threats that have befallen it. The School organized various activities in all the three wings, such as a webinar, poster making, poem writing, assemblies, slogan writing, role-play/street play competitions, etc. to raise awareness among students. The school held these activities on the 21st of April followed by an online assembly by the Just-Ed society on the 22nd of April. The main focus was to eliminate the use of single-use plastic for which class-wise collection of plastics took place as well.



# Education Outreach with NGO PRATYeK

The Senior School started its educational community outreach from the 19th of April. Around 50 children from neighbouring slum communities are taught Spoken English every day (after school for one hour) by the students of Class 12. This outreach will continue till the month of October this year.



Together  
We Can!





# Umang Mela – Fun, Food, and Games

The Middle School organized the annual Umang Mela for 100 kids from 3 NGOs on the 24th of April. The students of Middle School organized games stalls for the children while the Just Ed boys of Senior School made sure they rocked on dance numbers and had fun after the games. Scrumptious snacks, lunch, cold drinks, and ice-creams were also there for kids to enjoy during the day.



# LABOUR DAY - HONORING OUR WORKERS



**A special assembly was dedicated to our Grade IV staff on 29th April to celebrate Labour's Day (May 1), to honour their service and affirm the dignity of labour.**





# AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH - MAY

**A notice board was created in the Senior School Foyer to raise awareness about Autism by the Just Ed Team. The team felt that it was important to sensitize the school community on **SDG 4 - Quality Education** - as every child has a right to be educated and have access to opportunities and development.**



# "SAVE SOIL" - AWARENESS DRIVE

**Contributor - Mrs. Hima Simon**

Keeping in mind the annual theme of our school 'Save Soil', St. Columba's commenced its first initiative of this academic session 2022-23. On 29th April 2022, boys of classes 4-6 wrote creative, self-made and thought-provoking slogans on Save Soil. Boys of classes 7-10 wrote letters addressing our Honourable Prime Minister raising concerns about the degradation of soil and also stating different ways to replenish the soil. Tanishq of class 8E spoke about the importance of soil and how soil erosion can also cause significant losses in biodiversity and damage to urban and rural infrastructure. Creating and spreading awareness among individuals is the first step toward this global movement. Let's pledge together to save soil for our future generations.





# **CHANGEMAKERS IN FOCUS**



## **GARVITA GULHATI**

**This 16-year-old girl, famously called the 'Water Girl of India' by CNN and the Jal Shakti Ministry, started her youth-led organization focused on water conservation after learning that over 14 million litres of water is wasted every year in the country by just the empty cups that diners leave at restaurants. In 2015 she founded "Why Waste?" which so far has worked with over 5 lakh restaurants, and 10 million people and prevented over 6 million litres of water from being wasted. She has shown the world that you can still be a changemaker and make a significant impact on the world even at such a young age.**



## **ELON MUSK**

**Today, Elon Musk is a role model for a lot of our youth. He has shown the world that becoming a doctor or an engineer is not the only option. If you think outside the box and work hard nothing is unachievable. He has completely changed the perspective of people around the globe. Most people had never even heard the term "entrepreneurship" but now every second teen wants to become an entrepreneur and that is why friends ELON MUSK is our international changemaker for the month.**

# SDGs FOCUS FOR APRIL & MAY

## SAY NO TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Kairav Emmnauel Mathur, 12E

"Single-use plastic is a ticking time bomb for the environment. Avoid it wherever and whenever possible", this quote by Jennifer Nini beautifully explains that single-use plastics are extremely harmful to the environment. It is one of the most prevalent causes of pollution including environmental as well as water pollution. We produce millions of tons of single-use plastic every year, most of which cannot be recycled. Single-use plastic includes plastic bags, polythene, straws, plastic glass, soda and water bottles, food packaging items, etc. These single-use plastics are used only once and then thrown away as garbage for recycling. Most of these do not end up getting recycled and eventually, they enter soil and water bodies and break down into small particles, however, they do not decompose. They remain in the soil and water for more than a hundred years and release toxic chemicals and thus damaging our beautiful planet and environment. The plastic bags that enter the water bodies are a major cause of water pollution. This is deteriorating our environment and ecology in every possible way.

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



15 LIFE ON LAND



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



SAY NO TO PLASTIC



**SAY NO**

SINGLE USE PLASTIC



# DIGNITY OF LABOUR

Shaun Steni, IOE

**“A nation that doesn't give importance to labour cannot prosper.” ~ Ibonio D'Souza**

Dignity is the state of being respected or honored. Just as every human has the right to live without being discriminated against (based on religion, caste, status, gender, or job) likewise work should not be a matter of discrimination. Each worker – no matter what his/her occupation or job profile – has rights, importance, and dignity. However, unfortunately in our country, we tend to form stereotypes regarding various occupations. Why do we not respect a sweeper cleaning the road but praise the hard work put in by other types of workers/professionals? Every time we see someone, we tend to judge their worth by their work! Or their occupation! The root cause of this problem is our core mindset and the way we have been taught to look down on certain groups of people and their work. Maybe we can start this change by saying to each other that we all deserve to live in a dignified way. The root of this problem is our core mindset. This problem does not exist in developed countries as people there have understood the importance and dignity of labor in their lives. Ironically, sometime back they too had made the mistake of not giving importance to their labor but they realized their mistake and changed, and it's time we do too. On this Labour Day, maybe all of us in SCS can decide to respect and appreciate every human person and their work. Maybe we can start this change by saying to each other that we all deserve to live in a dignified way. Imagine a classroom that is dusty, dirty, and full of cobwebs? Or a playground littered with waste food, polythene, and empty bottles? Our homes, school, city, country, and the world will come to a standstill if our cleaners or waste collectors stop doing their work. Now it's time for us to realise that no work is small or big – every labourer in no matter which field of work and occupation deserves respect and a life of dignity. And yes, we need to do our part too – be it like little acts of throwing the waste in the bin and keeping our class clean, and more importantly respecting people from all walks of life and being grateful to them. Remember to embody the spirit of a true Columban in the journey ahead by giving respect to all we meet and following our slogan – 'We dare to care'.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



1 NO POVERTY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



# WAR AND PEACE

KAIRAV EMMANUEL MATHUR, 12E

**"Freedom from fear is a prerequisite for peace."**

16 PEACE, JUSTICE  
AND STRONG  
INSTITUTIONS



The first world war was said to be A war for peace, a war to end all wars, to restore the world. But soon people realised that peace cannot be restored through fighting wars or creating fear amongst the people. We are on the verge of a third world war today, and the only way to solve this war is through compromise. While ordinary people around the world desire peace, political and military leaders and the arms traders seem to have unshakable faith that it is a war that will bring peace. They ignore the long history of their failures and continue to prepare for wars in the name of 'national interest', 'homeland security, and 'territorial integrity. And it is always the common people who struggle and suffer the most. Whenever there is a war, crimes against humanity are committed such as extermination, deportation, enslavement, etc. We live under the tyranny of perpetual fear. And freedom from fear is a prerequisite for peace. Understanding the demands and dealing with the disputes calmly is the only way to bring about peace. We need to understand that through fear, a war can only be contained for a short period but it is inevitable to break in the future. The Ukraine-Russia war has put us in a similar situation to that at the time of the first and second World Wars and to prevent this war, we must put aside complacency and become more realistic about war and peace and ourselves. We know a great deal about how to prevent war. We owe it to all others who sacrificed their lives and families to put into action all that we have learned and ensured peace in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia for forthcoming generations. Otherwise, there will be few left to hear our excuses.



AFTER WAR

BEFORE WAR



# THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN – A TIME FOR CHARITY & PRAYER

Atiyab Ahmed, 12D

The holy month of Ramadan is the 9th month in the Muslim calendar. It commemorates the sighting of the crescent moon and lasts for 29-30 days until the sighting of the next crescent moon. It is said to believe that the devil is locked away with the onset of Ramadan allowing people to worship Allah, the Lord Almighty with utmost devotion. Devotees are expected to refrain from hearing music, watching movies, or committing any sinful deeds to please the Lord Almighty. One must do as much

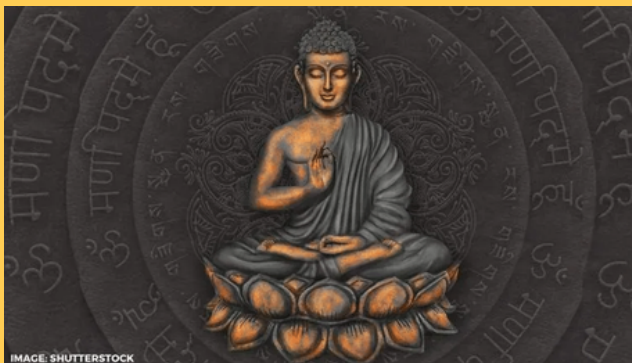
charity, known as Zakat, as possible. Zakat is calculated as 2.5 percent of the total assets that have been in one possession for the past lunar year. In the month of Ramadan, Muslims start their day with an early morning meal before sunrise and go about fasting without food and water till sunset and they break their fast with iftar, which starts with dates and water or milk followed by dinner. Eid-al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting, and is celebrated during the first three days of Shawwal, the 10th month of the Islamic calendar. This month of Ramadan teaches us about the importance of sacrifices and doing good deeds for the goodwill of others and devoting ourselves to the Lord Almighty.



## BUDHA PURNIMA

Uday Singh, 10 E

Budha Purnima is an annual festival celebrated to commemorate the birthday of the founder of Buddhism Prince Siddhartha Gautama, later the Gautama Buddha. It is celebrated on 16th May every year.

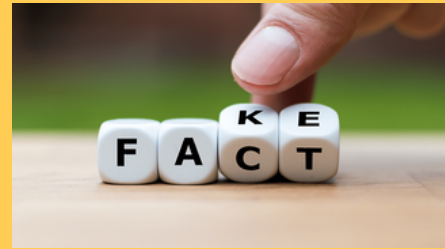


# WHAT IS FAKE NEWS?

Joel Reji, 12E

Fake news can be defined as the intentional presentation of false and deceptive claims as real facts. They may cause serious impacts and even damage to society since they may be deliberately fabricated to manipulate the orientation of people regarding important issues. While fake news has existed for a long time, the internet has made it much easier for fake news to spread or even originate in the first place. Young people are particularly vulnerable to propaganda, misinformation, and fake news. They rely heavily on misinformation circulated online for their knowledge. Many parents do not have sufficient technical competence to keep up with their children's activities. School, therefore, plays a major role to provide young people with critical thinking skills. With so much information coming at us from all angles, it is hard to identify what is false and reliable information. Here are a few measures you can take to avoid the circulation of fake news:

- Find out if the article is current as sometimes old articles are circulated online.
- Ask if the publisher/author of the article is reputable with verified credentials or not.
- Find out the purpose of the article.

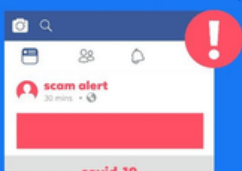


## What's missing?

Get the whole story not just a headline.

Images can be faked.

Check what other people say.



## Where's it from?

A trusted source is your safest option.

If there's no source, search for one.

If it doesn't look right, be careful.





# EXAMPLES OF FAKE NEWS

As the Covid-19 pandemic spread across the globe it was accompanied by numerous fake news. The World Health Organization stated that we're not only fighting an epidemic but an infodemic as well. We'll present some of the recent fake news passed on during the pandemic and debunk them.

1.) A video of Indian jawans collapsing wrongly linked to covid-19 vaccines

**Claim:** The video shows several Indian army soldiers collapsing with the claim that they died after being administered covid-19 vaccines.

**Truth:** The video is from pathankot where during an endurance training activity one of the soldiers died while many more were critically injured due to extreme weather conditions.

2.) India isn't the first country to administer 1 billion covid-19 jabs.

**Claim:** Several BJP leaders and spokespersons had put out tweets from their twitter handles to claim that India was the first country to administer 1 billion doses

**Truth:** China was the first country to administer 1 billion doses.

3.) Metal objects don't stick to the body after taking the vaccine.

**Claim:** Man from Nashik has said that metal objects have been sticking to his body following his vaccination. To prove his point he even uploaded a video to display plates, spoons and coins sticking to his body.

**Truth:** The typical dose for a covid-19 vaccine is less than a milliliter, which is not enough to allow magnets to attract your vaccination site even if the vaccine was filled with a magnetic metal. Experts claim that it is due to the oils on one's skin or even sweat that makes the objects stick to their bodies.

(Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/>)



# SCS ARTISTS OF THE MONTH



**FORGIVE  
&  
LET GO  
OF THE HURT**

**A PAINTING BY RIYANSH GAUTAM, 12 B**



**PEER PRESSURE**

**A PAINTING BY ASHISH PRASAD, 12 F**



# POEM OF THE MONTH

## 17

**I just turned 17 yesterday.**

**At first, I was happy that I had conquered the  
immeasurable 16,**

**but then it hit me that I was growing old.**

**I've never really been afraid of growing old  
but what do you know about growing old when you are still  
young.**

**We never realize what we have been blessed with until we  
have been stripped of it.**

**See now, I even sound old!**

**People I called friends are strangers to me now,  
people I called brothers don't even talk to me now.**

**But I guess it is ok, it is only natural, isn't it?**

**As the eternal sands of time slip by  
as I remain here with nowhere else to go  
'cause there is nowhere else to,  
and after a while, I will also wither away  
until then I continue to move on and on and on...**

**See now, I am getting old!**

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**A Poem by Stephen Sunny, 12F**

# GOOD SAMARITAN OF THE MONTH

*MR. MUKESH KR. SHARMA  
(PARENT OF SAMARTH SHARMA, 8A)*



**VOLUNTARILY SERVES THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY BY HELPING THE STUDENTS TO CROSS THE ROAD IN FRONT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE MORNING.**

**TRULY THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE & GENEROSITY.  
THANKS, SIR!**



# Poor Fund Collections

Chetanalaya & St. Columba's School  
initiate a Joint-Journey  
to support two very vulnerable communities



Chetanalaya & St. Columba's School  
initiate  
**A Joint-Journey**  
**“Sparsh : Touch and Transform”**

**What is it?**  
It is a joint-journey of St. Columba's School and Chetanalaya to journey with 100 Persons with Disabilities from 10 Villages of Nuh District, Haryana.

**Objective**  
To Touch and transform the lives of 100 Persons with Disabilities. A gentle and caring touch can transform lives.

**How can we do it?**

1. Making Profile of Persons with Disabilities in the villages
2. Home Based Training (ADL, Rehabilitation Plan, Therapies, Individual Education Plan (IEP), Learn and Earn Activity (LEA)
3. Availing the benefits from the governmental and NGOs
4. Need Assessment, Certification and Appropriate Aids and Appliances
5. Forming an Association of Families having persons with disabilities
6. Meet and Greet Programme : Students meet and greet PwDs in the villages
7. Inclusive Sports Day : Students and PwDs.
8. Day Celebration
9. Positive Impact Story Writing by the Students

**What is the support needed for this initiative?**  
The support needed for this initiative is between 385000 to 400000 (4 Lakh). With the small contributions of Students and Parents it could be easily achieved.

**Positive Impact and Sustainability**  
Our touch would surely transform not only 100 lives of Persons with Disabilities but also that of the families. The association of families having persons with disability will take them towards sustainability.

Please do contact us if you need any clarification  
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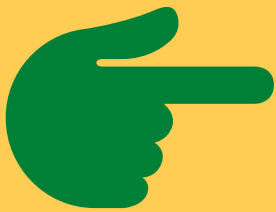
For the next 6 months, we are supporting  
100 persons with disabilities and  
a home for the elderly

**CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TO THE  
POOR FUND COLLECTIONS & POOR  
FUND BOX IN THE SCHOOL**

# HAVE SOME JUSTICE NEWS TO SHARE?

You all are invited to send in your own brilliant ideas on sustainable living, justice work reports, news articles, poems, artwork and paintings.

Send your awesome creativity or reports to the official Columban Newsdesk Email Id



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