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# JUST NEWS

**THEME: CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

This edition's theme is inspired by the letter of Pope Francis that inspires ecological activism and sustainable living. The opening of the letter is 'Praise to you, God' (Laudato Si, in Latin) which is also the title of the Pope's letter.

To learn more see- <https://www.laudatosi.org>

## TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH

### FORMATION OF JUST ED- SENIOR SCHOOL



#### READ MORE ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES ON PAGE 4

The new team for the Just Ed Society was formed in May with 19 members. The first meeting was held on the 19th of May and the team has started its work on the mega-event, The Edmund Rice Justice Meet.

#### READ MORE ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES ON PAGE 2 & 3



Eco Clubs in schools are now no more an extracurricular activity but a necessity and a priority subject in the global curriculum. The club empowers students to participate and take up meaningful environmental activities and projects like Earth Day celebration, Tree Plantation drive, plastic bottle painting, paper bag making, Say No to Plastic campaign, cleanliness drive, morning assembly talks, etc. The aim is to spread awareness, thereby raising environmentally conscious citizens.

### FORMATION OF ECO CLUB- MIDDLE SCHOOL



# EARTH DAY

## ➤➤➤ MIDDLE SCHOOL

In MIDDLE SCHOOL students were engaged in various activities such as making bird feeders, pebble art, eggshell planters, decoration of classes with various species of plants, making eco-friendly cards, posters on cleanliness, letter writing on sharing concerns of the environment and cleanliness drive in the campus.

## ➤➤➤ JUNIOR AND SENIOR SCHOOL

An assembly took place in senior school to celebrate earth day. while in junior school, in Elocution Classes, short rhyme recitals were organised in class followed by a class discussion about how each student can do his own little bit to save our planet.



# EARTH HOUR

March 31 was marked as a symbolic event with a voluntary power cut of one hour by all classes and offices at 12 noon.

Earth Hour is all about electric usage, so what better time than this day to discuss renewable and non-renewable energy resources?

**EVERY YEAR ON  
APRIL 22, EARTH  
DAY MARKS THE  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE BIRTH OF THE  
MODERN  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
MOVEMENT IN  
1970.**

# ECO CLUB FUNDRAISER- MS

Eco club organised a fundraiser during the PARENT-TEACHER meeting on the 20th of May 2023.

Eco enthusiasts collected paintings, created book marks, gathered old books to collect funds for the club. The collected amount will be used for various club activities. This activity also made the students aware of the ways in which they can upcycle old products and stop them from going to the city's landfills.



# ECO CLUB ACTIVITIES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

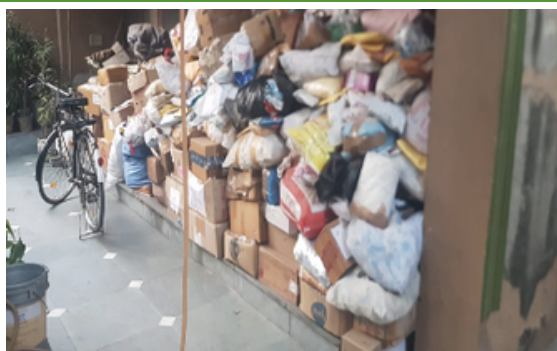
## ➤➤➤ MILK PACKET COLLECTION DRIVE

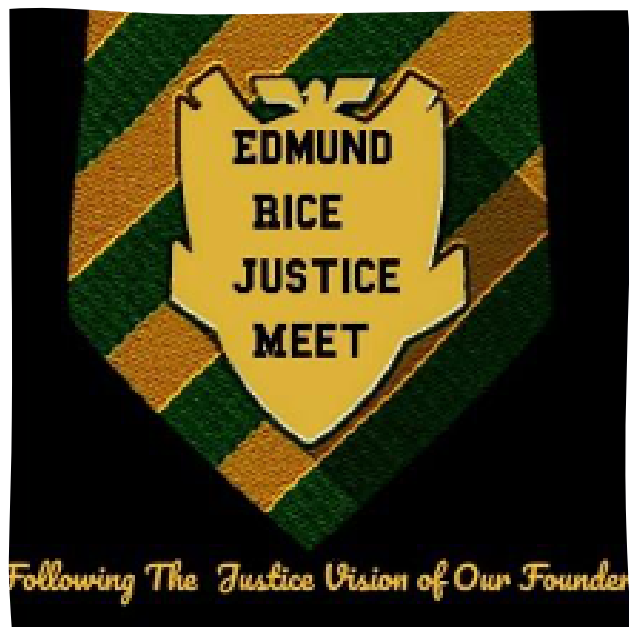
Delhi generates 1,060 tonnes of plastic waste every day, which is roughly 10.10% per cent of the total municipal solid waste that the city disposes OF daily. Eco club initiated to reduce this waste. Eco club members joined hands to recycle plastic waste by collecting milk packets. A video related to THE usage of the milk packets was circulated in the month of April. the students from classes 4-10, came forward to do their bit. 7,145 milk bags were saved from going to landfills. Later, the collected packets were sent to the collection centre and then, to the recyclers. These packets are recycled and turned into many useful products.

## ➤➤➤ 'NEST MAN OF INDIA'- 17TH MAY 2023

Dwindling number of sparrows in Delhi is a cause for concern. To address this, the eco club students were sensitised about ways in which BIRDHOUSES can be created using basic MATERIAL. Rakesh Khatri, 'The Nest Man of India' was invited to share his ideas with the Eco club students. After a brief Eco quiz, Mr. Khatri ALONG WITH his son, Animesh Kapoor (an ex- columban) guided the young learners ON the need to conserve the biodiversity in simple ways. Using a small piece of cloth, a rope and a few bangles, he created a safe and beautiful abode for the chirping delights.

**"WE CAN'T BUILD  
OUR HOUSES BY  
TAKING AWAY  
THEIR HOMES" ~  
MR KHATRI  
- NEST MAN OF  
INDIA**





# THE EDMUND RICE JUSTICE MEET 2023

## FOURTH EDITION

**THEME: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE, INCLUSIVE & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES : THE LAUDATO SI WAY.**

The Annual Edmund Rice Justice Meet is a novel online platform that was launched in the year 2020 by St. Columba's School, New Delhi. The program was designed to raise awareness on our foundational values of liberation and compassion as Edmund Rice Schools and on the global principles of Social Justice, Human and Earth Rights as enshrined in the UN SDGs. • The Justice Meet also wants to encourage the school communities to work together to realize their vision of embedding justice and advocacy in all their academic endeavors and also in their personal and social lives.

**THE THEMES FOR THE JUSTICE MEET IN THE PAST THREE YEARS HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS:**

- # Our Guiding Light - The Justice-Vision of Blessed Edmund Rice (2020)
- # Building Inclusive and Resilient Communities in the Covid Era (2021)
- # Creating Safe Spaces & Building Inclusive, Resilient Communities (2022)

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ON CARE FOR  
OUR COMMON HOME



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ENCYCLICAL LETTER



# WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ACTIVITIES



## ➤➤➤ "NURTURE NATURE TODAY"

On world environment day, Aaron Adrian Chug of class IXC on behalf of the Eco-Club shared with us a three stepplan towards restoring our God-given gift of Mother Nature.

He reminds us of her Majestic, Harmonious, Nurturing nature and spreads a message that is key for her survival, we must all care for nature as she has cared for us.

## ➤➤➤ MOVE FOR THE PLANET CAMPAIGN

Greetings,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. This morning, on the 7th of June 2023, I and the Adidas runners community Delhi (me being a part of the same), came together for a morning run at Lodhi art district and I am proud to share with you all that our collective efforts have contributed significantly towards the \*MOVE FOR THE PLANET CAMPAIGN initiated by Adidas.

Today, we together did a "Plog Run", as we noticed a lot of garbage lying on the road and decided to take action. With everyone's help, we collected about 8-9 bags of garbage and disposed of them responsibly. This small act of ours not only made our surroundings cleaner but also contributed towards the larger goal of preserving our planet. Furthermore, I am pleased to share that I personally contributed about 7 hours and 15 minutes towards the MOVE FOR THE PLANET CAMPAIGN. \*As you all know, Adidas has pledged to donate 1 euro for every 10 minutes of activity, and our collective efforts will go a long way in supporting this noble cause.\*

Let's start contributing whatever we can as individuals to save our beloved Mother Earth and encourage others to do the same. So, let's come together and continue to make a positive impact on our planet and inspire others to do the same. Regards, Ojas Khanna.

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY PUTS A GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT ON THE PRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES OF OUR TIMES. THIS UN INTERNATIONAL DAY IS HELD ON 5 JUNE. THIS YEAR MARKS THE EVENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY.**





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