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DPS Megacity	1
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Dress & speak like freedom fighters



Special Assembly on Mother Earth Day

International Mother Earth Day, which is observed on 22 April, promotes harmony with nature and reminds us of the importance of protecting all the different ecosystems and species on our planet.

St Francis Xavier School organised a special assembly on the Zoom platform to observe 'Mother Earth Day' on the 22nd of April, 2021. The programme began with an introductory speech by Mr. Rahul Mojumder who spoke about how we can arrest global warming by doing our little bit for the protection of our environment. Following the introductory speech, Ahana Basak of Class VII B, spoke on the purpose of celebrating Mother Earth Day globally and highlighted the International summits and agreements that took place to save the earth, since 1970. Soumyajeet Dey of Class V B and Debarchana Dutta of Class VII B mesmerised us and inspired us with their recitation of poems on Mother Earth. A video made specially for this purpose was played to make the assembly more appealing.

W.H. Davis' rhyming couplet from his poem 'Leisure' aptly sums up the urgency we must show to protect our Mother Earth.

"What is this life, if full of care
We have no time to stand and stare"

Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)

Assembly on Shakespeare's Birthday

Shakespeare the legendary English poet, dramatist, and actor often called the English national poet and considered by many to be the greatest dramatist of all time, was paid tribute by the students of St. Francis Xavier School on his birthday, 23rd April. The Assembly began with an opening Prayer by Principal (officiating), Mr. Anil Srivastava. This was followed by a speech by Ojas Vaidya Class XII S highlighting the life of the great man. His speech was in sync with a PPT presentation by Ankit Jana Class IX S.

Asmit Palit Class XII S and Sanjibani Saha Class IX S recited the poem 'Seven Ages of Man' by Shakespeare. Ritika Khara Class XII C made a chart and a PPT was presented by Shubhrojyoti Sinha Class XII S and Priyanshu Rai Class XII SI.

It may be audacious even to attempt a definition of his greatness, but it is not so difficult to describe the gifts that enabled him to create imaginative visions of pathos and mirth, that whether read or witnessed in the theatre, fill the mind and linger there.

Ashmit Palit (Class XII S)



From the desk of Secretary and Administrator

Dear Students and Parents,

ShubhoBijoya and seasons greetings!

I hope all of you are in good health and high spirits as the festive season is now upon us. After facing closure of our buildings (schools were always open!) for the last 19 months, there is now some hope that from mid-November 2021 our buildings too will open to receive students in a graded manner.

Amidst all the hardships of conducting classes virtually, our teachers were successful in conducting all the calendar events mentioned in the diary. Never once did they deter in their duties. To find success in every sphere, we ventured into conducting Annual Prize Day, Lemonade Day, Inter House Debate and Elocution, Inter House Music competition, Farewell Ceremony of the outgoing ISC batch, to name a few. Plenty of special assemblies were held virtually over the Zoom platform on important occasions. PPTs were prepared by the students and presented during the classes to observe World Zoonoses Day, Ambedkar Jayanti etc. Activities were conducted online and celebrations like Founder's Day, Independence Day were observed by the students and teachers of our school with great enthusiasm. Festivals like Saraswati puja, Vishwakarma puja and Id ulFitr were also celebrated over the virtual mode. Our students participated in online fests conducted by various schools and won accolades which was really commendable.

Keeping in mind the rising stress levels of our teaching staff, we conducted a workshop for the teachers titled "FROM BURNOUT TO BALANCE". This was highly appreciated by one and all.

This year our ranking in the Times of India Survey was

also remarkable, we stood 7th among the top schools of Kolkata in the zonal online education. I want to take the time to recognize how amazing all the students did when faced with unprecedented challenges. Students of 2020-21 batch excelled in the ISC 2021 and ICSE 2021 Examinations. Our students scored as high as 98.5% in ISC and 98.2% in ICSE Examinations and made us proud. As many as 27 students were 100% marks achievers in different subjects.

Once again, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the parent body for their sincere involvement in the school. Without their single-minded co-operation between the school and home we would not be able to offer the holistic education towards which we are striving.

As we pass through the festive season, remember to keep yourselves and your loved ones safe by maintaining COVID-19 protocols and do not throw caution to the winds! Stay safe and healthy!

Ajay Chopra,
Secretary & Administrator

From the desk of Officiating Principal



Dear Readers,

I extend my warm regards and congratulate all those who are dedicated towards this newsletter 'Espectro' which has completed 5 glorious years of its publication. This news letter was a wondrous initiative at the behest of our Secretary &

Administrator, Mr. Ajay Chopra and its first edition was launched in the gracious presence of our late founder Mrs Sheela Chopra. This newsletter has come a long way since then and it has become very popular not only among the students and parents of St. Francis Xavier School but also among the other schools as well.

Our editorial team always does its best to compile the reports and pics of the important events & assemblies where the achievements and contributions of the students are displayed for the readers to give them an insight about the school's activities. All these activities are planned and executed by the various clubs of the school and the successful publication of the Espectro depends a lot on these clubs. I have realised that there is ample scope of improvement in the quality of the club activities which requires some serious discussion and introspection on the part of all concerned. It is necessary in this context that we must get ourselves reoriented and sensitized towards the importance of clubs in schools.

I take this opportunity to discuss about the club activities in the school. You all are aware that there are various clubs in our school as follows:

CULTURAL/MUSIC/DANCE/DRAMA (2) INTERACT CLUB (3) SPORTS CLUB (4) QUIZ CLUB, (5) PUBLIC SPEAKING /DEBATE /EXTEMPORE/RECITATION CLUB (6) PRESS CLUB (7) ART & CRAFT/ S.U.P.W (8) PHOTOGRAPHY & MULTI MEDIA and two more clubs have been formed recently as (9) NATURE CLUB and (10) SCIENCE CLUB.

As the names suggest, each club looks after the designated co-curricular and extracurricular activities in the school which are indisputably vital for the all-round development of a child. Students need to join atleast one or two clubs depending upon their area of interest and actively participate in the activities conducted under the able guidance of the teachers who are the coordinators

/members of the club. Students must treat these club functions equally important as their academic pursuit. Their participation in clubs can hone their communication skills, foster creative thinking, and teach them how to work effectively with other people.

Participation in the school clubs can prove very consequential as well. If the students take on increasing responsibility and achieve success, their extracurricular involvement will certainly help them get into good colleges. The skills honed while participating in the club activities also help the pupil throughout their professional and social life. As the students gain more experience in their extracurricular activities, they can take on increasing amounts of responsibility and assume leadership positions. Becoming a club president, team captain, or other leader provides a great way to stand out on college applications and, more importantly, taking on additional responsibility helps cultivate their 'soft skills'. The certificates, medals and recommendations issued by the clubs are valued greatly by colleges as these give an edge to the admission aspirants' portfolio.

While the students focus on activities outside of school they get to hone their time-management skills. They will have to plan in advance when to complete homework, fulfil their extracurricular responsibilities, study for tests, have a social life, and, occasionally, rejuvenate by getting engaged into recreational activities. The time-management skills are also key to success in college life as well.

In conclusion I can assure the students that no matter which clubs they join -they will have the opportunity to develop important skills and stand out in life at school or later in their college. The more they avail the benefits of their opportunities to pursue new experiences and develop new skills, the more likely their extracurricular involvement is to have an impact on their whole life's prospects. This wonderful opportunity, if availed properly is likely to add value to their high school experience and create amazing memories which shall remain everlasting in their hearts and minds.

I fervently appeal to all the students, parents and guardians to realise the importance of school clubs and ensure wholehearted participation in their best interest.

Wish you all a very happy and fun filled festive season ahead.

Anil Srivastava
Principal(0)

From the desk of Headmistress



TIME IS OF THE GREAT ESSENCE

Dear Students,

Once again, it's time to address you through our half-yearly newsletter Espectro.

Today I want to write on a very crucial topic 'Time'. Time is very precious in the life of any individual. It is considered to be the second most important thing after one's health. Unfortunately, boys and girls of your age do not realize this and hardly attach any value to this. Sometimes they even tend to misuse it.

Wasting time is a great crime. It dampens potential and affects our progress in life. Somewhere down the lane, it destroys our prosperity as well.

If we are a little observant, we will see that many people around us enjoy time by relaxing, rejoicing, eating, and playing, instead of utilizing the time at hand fruitfully. They never ponder upon the fact that all this lost time will never come back again. Money spent in such frivolous acts may be regained but not time.

My objective behind penning down these lines is to create awareness and make you comprehend the true value of time.

Since the outbreak of Covid - 19, schools have resorted to virtual mode and not more than 4 periods per day are being held, you are saving time on transportation and class timings has also been reduced, but have you utilized that extra time you have saved? Now, is the time to learn many new things, to pursue your talent, to indulge in your hobbies and the list can be unending.

Renowned author Michael Altshuler said, "The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot".

Students, be tactful pilots, be vigilant to every opportunity that knocks at your doorstep. If you

misuse time now it will affect you severely in the future. Let's hope that it is not too late.

God bless you all!

Bipasha Das
Headmistress

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON WORLD MALARIA DAY

The theme of World Malaria Day 2021 is "Reaching the zero-malaria target." 25th April is designated by WHO for this purpose, to spread awareness about malaria disease and to promote the efforts of the people and the Government in particular to prevent malaria all over the world.

At St. Francis Xavier School we also did our bit to spread awareness through a special assembly. It was held virtually on the Zoom platform for Classes VII to XII.

The programme commenced with the welcoming of one and all by Ojas Vaidya of Class XII S who was the emcee for the event, followed by a brief address by Disha Mukherjee of Class X S. Someone rightly said, 'A picture speaks a thousand words', and so, following this address, Sanjibani Saha of Class IX S, Mousumi Sen of Class VIII B and Bidyut Paul of Class XII S, displayed charts, which were not only informative but spoke volumes about malaria. Next, power point presentations with visual information, graphics, and supplemental points on malaria were shown by Priyanshu Rai of Class XII S1 and Priyanshu Shaw of Class IX S. A video was also played by Debangshu Halder of Class XII-S1 suggesting ways to prevent the dreaded disease.

Kudos to the senior students for putting up a wonderful programme and educating us on malaria.

D.Tanusree
(Class - XII S1)

Founder's Remembrance Day

St. Francis Xavier School was established by our illustrious and dynamic founder Mrs. Sheela Chopra. In a small and humble way, from a five bedroom flat it grew into the present campus where we all are studying. On the 5th of May, 2017, she left for her heavenly abode. Her sudden demise left a void and vacuum in the hearts of the St. Francis Xavier family, friends, relatives and well wishers, which will be etched in indelible ink, never to be erased with time..

Every year, on this day, we all pay tribute to Madam for her extraordinary sacrifice for this Institution. This year also amidst the pandemic we organized it virtually. To commemorate this day we all gathered and started the day by lighting a candle and garlanding Madam's portrait. Our very own Indrani Madam was the emcee of the event. Our Officiating Principal Sir, Mr. Anil Srivastava and our dear Madam, Mrs. Sudipta Sengupta gave a memorable and remarkable speech to recall the past of moments of us being with Maam. Nikhil Ray of IXS and Anubhab Chakraborty of VIII B displayed Power Point presentations on life and work of Founder Principal Madam. Pratyasha Majumadar of IX S and Ekansh Gupta of XII S1 displayed appreciable charts. D. Tanushree of XIIS1 gave a very good speech telling us about her sacrifice. Lastly our very own Secretary and Administrator Sir, Madam's worthy son, Mr. Ajay Chopra, thanked us for organizing such a beautiful programme. Then the programme concluded with the vote of thanks.

I remember Ma'am saying, "Always be true to everyone and also to yourself, because if you are true, success will surely come." Truly remarked by Maam, as our school song also depicts our motto, "Satyamev Jayate". Madam will always remain in our hearts and she will guide us forever.

Ruhit Banik (Class XI S1)

Secretary and Administrator Sir's Birthday

Teachers, students and all other staff members of St Francis Xavier School celebrated the birthday of our beloved Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra on 6th of May, 2021.

A man of vision, a perfectionist in all spheres, an individual who believes that persistence can help achieve wonders. An educationist who believes in creating all rounded personalities rather than just lopsided academicians and one who has held the mantle passed on to him by Late Sheela Chopra Madam, with grace and responsibility.

Though the students could not meet him personally, they made his day special by sending cards, flowers and warm wishes virtually.

"We, the St. Francis Xavier family pray for your long-life Sir, filled with joy, good health and prosperity. Dear Sir, your dedication, determination, and vision inspire us to always give our best. We appreciate having someone wonderful like you at the helm of affairs. Do have a happy birthday, comes from the depth of our hearts."

Nikhil Biswas (Assistant Teacher)



Rabindra Jayanti Celebration

Rabindra Jayanti is an annually celebrated cultural festival, prevalent among Tagore fans around the world, to mark the birth anniversary of the exceptional literary icon, Rabindranath Tagore.

This year St. Francis Xavier school celebrated Rabindra Jayanti virtually on 7th May, 2021 with grandeur. All the students and teachers attended the programme on the virtual platform, Zoom.

Priti Saha of Class V, began the day's proceedings delivering a short speech on the importance of the day. This was followed by a cultural programme. A Rabindra Nritya based on Tagore's song "*Megher kole rodh heseche*" was performed by Shivanshi Baidya, Navya Saraf, Sreeang Jaiswal and Tamankan Kundu of Classes I – III, choreographed by our dance teacher Mrs. Atreyee Sengupta. Rajnandini Dey of Class IV A recited a poem written by Rabindranath Tagore. A Rabindra sangeet (instrumental) was played by Sarthak Paul of Class V A and Riddhima Das of Class IV B.

In the vast collection of Rabindra sangeet, every emotion will find a song attributed to it. Be it love, devotion, celebration, separation, patriotism or some random imagination, Rabindranath Tagore has touched every aspect of a human mind and soul. These emotions were touched upon by Chandreyee Mallick Class IV C who sang "*Hey nuton dekha dik*" and "*Eso hey boishak*" under the guidance of our music teacher, Mr. Niladri De.

A wonderful tribute was paid by the students of St. Francis Xavier School to the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature and a man who composed the Indian National Anthem - Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore.

Rahul C Mojumder (Assistant Teacher)

Special Assembly on Eid- ul- Fitr

Eid ul-Fitr is also termed as the 'Festival of breaking fast'. The holy month of Ramadan ends with Eid. Eid symbolises patience, devotion, endurance and piety.

On the day of Eid, Muslims offer prayers to Allah, listen to the Khutba (sermon) and give Zakat-ul-Fitr (charity in the form of food) to the needy. Besides performing these rituals, Muslims wear new clothes, enjoy a feast (usually consisting of sheer korma and biryani) and cherish family get-togethers.

On the auspicious occasion of Eid- ul - Fitr, St. Francis Xavier School organised a special assembly held virtually on the Zoom platform on the 13th of May, 2021. This was done to enlighten students about the festive spirit and to promote brotherhood, tolerance and peace among one and all.

The programme commenced with a short speech that highlighted the beauty of the festival, followed by a poem recited by Yusra Khan of Class IV A. A power point presentation emphasizing the need to promote love and brotherhood, was prepared by Md Faiz Akhtar of Class XI S1. The programme concluded with the speech of our Headmistress madam who harped upon the importance of Secularism and Universal Brotherhood above all.

St. Francis Xavier School indeed upholds the sentiments of all religions and teaches students to respect all faiths.

Sadaf Salim (Assistant Teacher)

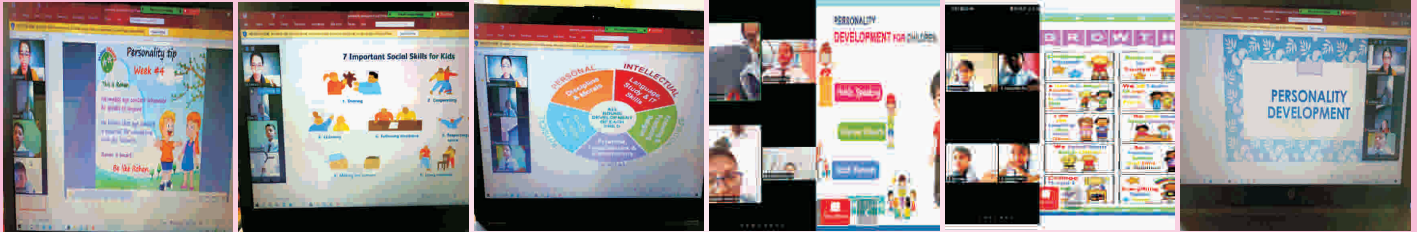
Movie Day

When we watch a film, we are not just being entertained: We are also admiring something beautiful; learning about the world and ourselves; connecting with communities; and contributing to positive social change.

The children of the Primary Section had a similar experience when a movie session was organised virtually on 13th May, 2021. Peter Pan Saves Wendy (Part 1 and 2) was screened for the students of Classes I – V. They were filled with mirth and laughter while watching the movie. This movie day came as a surprise to the students from the monotonous routine and also as it was the last day of the session before the summer break.

Kashvi Dahiya (Class VA)

Personality Development Programme (PDP)



This session a new initiative was introduced by the Primary teachers under the leadership of headmistress Mrs. Bipasha Das and Principal (officiating) Mr. Anil Srivastava for the development of the students - Personality Development Programme or PDP.

Personality Development programme covers various dimensions and facets of an effective personality. It helps to understand the personality traits and formation of those personalities. This is vital for the growth and development of students, it creates awareness of the various dynamics of personality development.

These kind of courses or programmes aim to create a basic awareness about the importance of soft skills in professional, interpersonal communications and facilitates the all-round development of the personality of an individual. Soft skills helps in grooming an individual and ensures that he/she is able to achieve excellence, which derives fulfilment and satisfaction. Here various communication skill, positive attitude, emotional intelligence, social grace is all dealt with.

St. Francis Xavier School organised PDP for the students of Classes I - V first on 23rd June 2021, virtually on Zoom platform. Topic was Communication - Oral and Aural. The second session was held on 8th July 2021, topic was Handling Emergency Situations. Third session was conducted on 2nd August 2021, topic- Respect for Elders and the fourth session on 6th September 2021, topic - Personality Development. These online workshops not only helped the students to improve their confidence level but also helped to inculcate a positive attitude towards life. We are highly thankful to our Secretary & Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra for providing us with this opportunity.

Rahul Mojumder and Sanchaita Saha

Assistant Teachers

Activity on Lemonade Day

When children learn by doing, they retain significantly more knowledge than what is gained through lecture or reading.

St. Francis Xavier School organised Lemonade Day activity in a unique way. It was done virtually. This activity was organised for the entire primary section on Friday June 25, 2021. Excitement ran high as the children scurried to gather the ingredients- castor sugar, rock salt, lemon.

They also got paper glass, straw, colour pencils, scrap book etc. Class teachers took charge of the various classes and demonstrated how to make lemon juice. Students enjoyed making lemonade at home and the parents were equally enthusiastic. The children were also asked to draw and colour a glass of lemonade and write about the benefits provided by lemon in our daily life in their scrap book.

The activity was held with the motive of knowledge sharing with the students.

Sanchaita Saha and Rahul C. Mojumder

Special Assembly on Milkha Singh

Milkha Singh lost his family in the aftermath of partition and he came to India as a refugee from Pakistan, but he had a lot of faith in himself and the belief that if you work hard, you will be remembered.

On 18th June, 2021, India lost a colossal sportsman Milkha Singh, who captured the nation's imagination and had a special place in the hearts of countless Indians. To pay homage to the 'Flying Sikh' St. Francis Xavier School organised a special assembly on 21st June, 2021. Parna Saha of Class VIIA emceed the assembly for the junior and middle school.

The day began by invoking the blessings of God through a prayer by our Headmistress Madam, Mrs. Bipasha Das. Two students from Class VII A and B, Archisman Ghoshal and Debarchana Dutta respectively, delivered speeches highlighting the struggles Milkha Singh faced in life. Anubhab Chakraborty of Class VIII B, displayed a power point presentation on the life of Milkha Singh.

The assembly for the Senior Section started with an introductory speech by the emcee for the day, Ashmit Palit of Class XII S, followed by a prayer by our Principal (Officiating), Mr. Anil Srivastava. Pratyasha Majumdar of Class IX S spoke on the life of the PADMA SHRI awardee Milkha Singh. The life of Mr. Milkha Singh was immortalised through pictures and words displayed through charts made by Shubrojyoti Sinha of Class XII S and Sanjibani Saha of Class XI S.

Priyanshu Rai of Class XII S1

&

Parna Saha of Class VIIA

ELSA

To build vocabulary and develop English communication skills through practice and study are essential. Working through various activities and regularly reviewing the new language you learn can help you accelerate your knowledge and understanding of English.

English Language Skill Activity (ELSA) is a regular activity at St Francis Xavier School. These activities aim at improving written and oral skills in children. All the students of classes I - XII participate in this activity virtually on the Zoom platform. This event is conducted by the English faculty members. In the course of this activity, students get the opportunity to learn new words with their meanings through picture composition, frequently misspelled words, extempore, comprehension etc.

ELSA is conducted on a regular basis to help students improve their skills in English.

Sanchaita Saha & Amartya Pathak

Assistant Teachers

Salad Making Activity

"Learning how to cook for yourself is a beautiful expression of self-care."

Keeping in with the spirit, students of Classes I-V engaged themselves enthusiastically in a Salad making activity organized during an online session on 2nd July, 2021 virtually. The little chefs looked adorable in their aprons. Children made different kinds of salads by using fruits vegetables, corns etc. Creativity was at its best when the children decorated and presented the platter beautifully. They not only wrote about the process of making the salad but also mentioned the nutritional benefits of healthy eating in their scrap books. The event also saw the participation of parents with great zeal. The children treated their families with a yummy and healthy salad.

Soma Acharyya (Assistant Teacher)

Annual Prize Day

"Winners are people with definite purpose in life".

- Denis Waitley

Our school organized the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony on the virtual platform, Zoom on 28th August, 2021. Mr Nikhil Biswas, a senior faculty member of our school was the emcee for the ceremony. The Programme began with an opening prayer and dance to the tune of - "Ai Giri Nandini" followed by the Lamp Lighting Ceremony.

The programme was graced by the Chief Guest - Mrs Joyita Majumder, Principal of Ruby Park Public School. In her speech she stated that St Francis Xavier School has been an eternal winner during this lockdown. Not only was she impressed by the way the school has scaled new heights but was awed in the way the programme was organised. Mr Naresh Jain, the President of St Francis Xavier School Managing Committee, Mr Pankaj Jhunjunwala, a member of St Francis Education Society and a rising entrepreneur of the city graced the occasion as special guests.

The Director of St Francis International School - Mrs Priyanka Chopra motivated the students by her speech and advised them not to feel bad when the teachers asked them to push a little further, because it was for their benefit that teachers adopt this strict role.

Thereafter, the choir of St Francis Xavier School sang a song - 'Bless the Lord'- the lyrics of which is very pertinent to the present days.

Our Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra addressed the gathering and motivated the students by his words of wisdom. In his speech he mentioned that the pandemic had stopped the entire progress. As the situation got tough, the staff and students of this esteemed Institution got tougher. Despite all hurdles, the school completed all its activities including special assemblies, inter-house competitions and conducted all examinations and kept education alive for this entire period. He also advised the students not to focus only on academics but also in all other fields. To improve their language, they should read more, to improve health they should move more. The 'more' should be the motto of their lives.

The programme was followed by the presentation of the Annual report highlighting the school's innumerable accomplishments in the past academic year. The report for St Francis Xavier School was presented by our Principal (officiating), Mr. Anil Srivastava, and the report of St Francis International School was presented by The Headmistress of St Francis International School- Mrs Titas Roy.

The most coveted Award - 'Founder's Gold Medal' for the year 2020 - 2021 was awarded to Rohan Das of Class XII S1 for his all-round performance. The academic prowess of Franciscans was proved again with the remarkable success at the ICSE and ISC examinations'2021. The total number of students who appeared for the ICSE Examinations 2021 was 102. Ayush Sur scored 98.20% and was ranked first, Arun Kr Das scored 98% and stood second, Akshat Ray stood third securing 97% marks in the ICSE 2021.

Students of 2020-21 batch excelled in the ISC Examination 2021. Out of 107 students who appeared, Aniket Gupta and Gaurav Ginodia jointly stood first in ISC with 98.5% marks. Snehasish Bar scored 97.5% and stood second. Tabassum Khatoon was the topper in the Commerce stream and secured 96% in ISC.

The Franciscans got golden feathers in their hat wherein 25 students scored 100% marks in ICSE-Science, History, Civics & Geography and Computer Applications. Aniket Gupta and Snehasish Bar scored 100% in ISC-Computer Science. All Awardees received Certificates of Merit, books and medals.

The Best Club Award (2020-21) was awarded to the Press Club comprising the members: Mrs Indrani Banerjee (Coordinator), Mrs Kshama Dam, Mrs Sudipta Sengupta, Mrs Sanchaita Saha, Mr Rahul Mojumder, Mrs Soma Acharyya, Ms Sneha Gupta and Mrs Papiya Ghosh Dutta. The programme ended with a Vote of thanks delivered by our Headmistress Madam - Mrs Bipasha Das. "A Prize day with a difference; A prize-day to remember."

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)



Inter House Debate Competition

St Francis Xavier School conducted an online Inter House Debate Competition for the second year on the trot vide the Zoom platform on 29th of June, 2021. The aim of the competition was to hone public speaking skills of the students and teach them to be articulate while expressing their thoughts and opinions.

The competition for Classes VI-VIII (Group A) had Mrs. Papiya Ghosh Dutta as the moderator with Mr. Amartya Pathak and Mrs. Joyita Acharya as the judges. The four teams were represented by Debarchana Dutta of Class VII A and Saswata Mohan Rakshit (Netaji House), Soumalyo Srimani and Iriti Vaidya (Tagore House), Ahana Basak and Prottyush Kumar Basu (Teresa House) and Archisman Ghoshal and Atreyo Bhattacharya (Gandhi House). The participants debated on the motion: "Computers will replace teachers in the future". The participants spoke strongly with some good points in favour of teachers as well as the computers. Atreyo Bhattacharya was selected the best speaker and Gandhi House declared the best house. At the end of the competition for this category, both the teams 'for' and 'against' secured the same marks. This was indeed unique as it proved that the topic selected for debate was truly 'debatable'.

The competition for classes IX & X (Group B) had Mr. Amartya Pathak as the moderator with Mrs. Joyita Acharya and Mrs. Papiya Ghosh Dutta as judges. The four teams were represented by Pratyasha Majumder and Nilesh Ranjan Saha (Netaji House), Kathamrita Chatterjee and Anjali Roy (Tagore House), Sanjibani Saha and Tania Sarkar (Gandhi

House), Tanushree Kar and Akash Kumar (Teresa House). They debated on the motion: "Attending online classes is a necessary evil". The participants were judged on the basis of the following components - Content, Argument, Appropriateness of Language, Delivery and Poise. The speakers had strong points both 'for' and 'against' the motion. Finally, it was time for the judges to decide whether the motion was won or lost. Pratyasha and Sanjibani were asked to rebut each other's stances. Pratyasha was judged the best speaker and Netaji was the best house. The motion of the house was won.

The moderator of the programme for classes XI and XII was Mr. Nikhil Biswas, the Head of the Department (English). The students of group C debated upon the topic - "Do shame and blame work to change teenage behaviour?" The competition was judged by Mrs. Indrani Banerjee, Senior faculty (English) and Mrs. Kshama Dam, Senior faculty (Biology). The teams, representing four Houses - Netaji (Priyanshu Rai and Tanisha Dugar), Tagore (Shobhit Singh and D. Tanushree), Teresa (Ayush Yadav and Sujal Gupta) and Gandhi (Ragesree Saha and Swapnonil Bose) were all well prepared and were able to convince the audience with their beliefs and views. In the end D. Tanushree (XII S1) of Tagore House and Ragesree Saha (XII S) of Gandhi House were selected by the judges for rebuttal. D. Tanushree was judged the best speaker and Netaji was the best house. The motion of the house was lost.

Amartya Pathak

Public Speaking Club Coordinator

Inter House Music Competition

"After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music." – Aldous Huxley
 Music binds our soul, hearts and emotions. It cheers the spirit and lightens the heart. To bring out the singing talents amongst students, an Inter-House Music Competition was organized on 5th July, 2021. The students put forth their enthralling performances. They sang the songs with confidence and passion. The mellifluous songs pulled the heartstrings of the audience. The names of the category wise winners are as follows:

CATEGORY	SINGING	INSTRUMENTAL
A	SHIVANSHI BAIDHYA 3B GANDHI HOUSE	KRITTIKA LAL 1B NETAJI HOUSE
B	RIDHIMA DAS 4B TERESA HOUSE	SARTHAK PAUL 5A TAGORE HOUSE
C	DEBARCHANA DUTTA 7B NETAJI HOUSE	ADRIJA DAS 6A TAGORE HOUSE ANEERUDH ROY 7A TERESA HOUSE
D	DEBANGSHU HALDAR 12S1 TAGORE HOUSE SUMAIYA KHANUN(2ND) 10C NETAJI HOUSE	DEBANGSHU HALDAR 12S1 TAGORE HOUSE

Niladri Dey (Assistant Teacher)

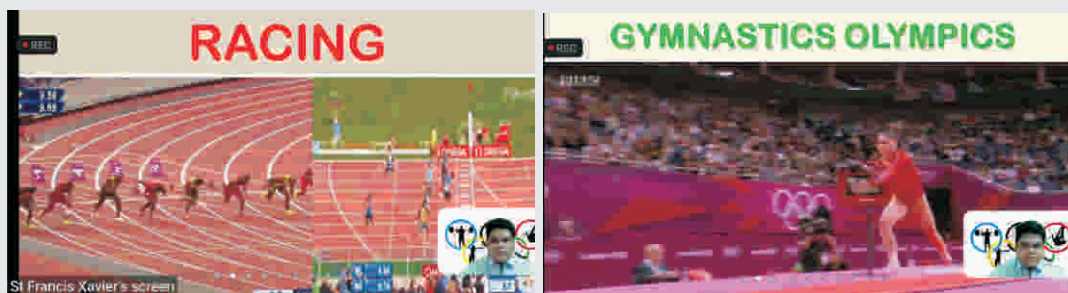
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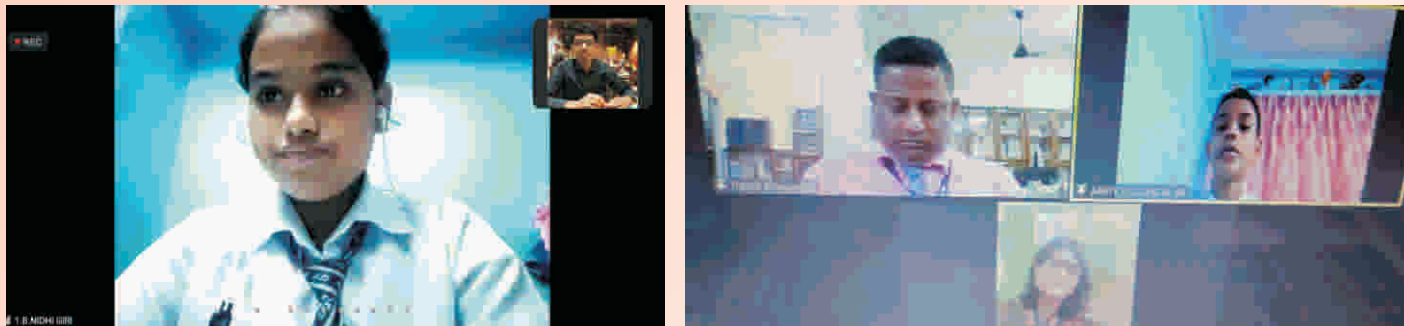
Our school organized a Special Assembly on 26th July, 2021 on the zoom platform to raise the fervour about 'The Olympic Games'. The strength of attendees was over five hundred. Ashmit Palit of Class XII S was the emcee of the day.

After the introductory speech, there was a PowerPoint presentation by Anubhav Chakraborty of Class VIII B on the history of the Olympic games. This was followed by a speech by Arkadev Pandey of Class X S who shed light upon the modern-day aspect of the Olympic games especially the Tokyo Olympics. A video presentation followed next by Swastika Singh of Class IX C which emphasized the chronology of the Olympic games. Finally, a power point presentation about India's feat in the Olympic games was shown by Subhrajyoti Sinha of Class XII S. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by the emcee and the singing of the school song.

Ashmit Palit (Class XII S)



Inter-House Extempore Competition



St. Francis Xavier School always thrives to cater to the all-round development of its students. The main focus of the school has always been on improving the Soft Skills of the students. With this intention in mind the Public Speaking Club organized an Inter House Extempore Competition for the students on 6th August, 2021. The objective of the competition was to make the students confident and better orators so that they can fearlessly express their views on any topic. Extempore is an excellent way to assist the students not only in spontaneous thinking but also in asserting their creative ideas with precision.

Some of the topics that were selected were as follows:

Class III - Sunday morning / My best birthday gift ever.

Classes IV and V - "A Cold Winter Morning", "Advantages of Online Classes" / "A day when everything went wrong".

Shivangshi Baidya of Class III of Gandhi House, Divyansh Kumar Singh of Class IV of Gandhi House, Mananya Chakraborty of Class V of Gandhi House and Sarthak Paul of Class V A of Tagore House were judged as the First position holders.

The competition for classes VI to X was graced by the presence of our Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra who encouraged the students to take part in such events to develop their confidence in public speaking. Iriti Vaidya of Class VII B of Tagore House stood first speaking on the topic 'A Day spent with my favourite Cartoon Character'. Debarchana Datta of Class VII B of Netaji House stood second and her topic was 'Things I have learnt during lockdown'. Sanjog Dutta of Class VI A of Teresa House stood third and he spoke on 'Real learning does not occur in the classroom only'.

For Classes IX and X Arkadeb Pandey of Class X S from Netaji House was adjudged first and he spoke on the topic 'A Narrow Escape'. Pratyasha Mazumder of Class IX S from Netaji House was a close second and she spoke on 'Politics as a Career'. Akash Kumar of Class X S representing Teresa House stood third. He spoke on the topic 'Impact of Media on Youth'.

For classes XI-XII, Asmit Palit of Class XII S of Gandhi House stood first and his topic was - A picture speaks a thousand words. D. Tanusree Class XII S1 of Tagore House stood second and she took up the topic 'If I were born a hundred years ago'. Pronoy Ganguly Class XI S of Gandhi House stood third and spoke on - 'If I were given 24 hours to live'.

The competition concluded successfully with great words of encouragement and appreciation from all the respected judges.

Amartya Pathak
Assistant Teacher

Report on Elocution Competition

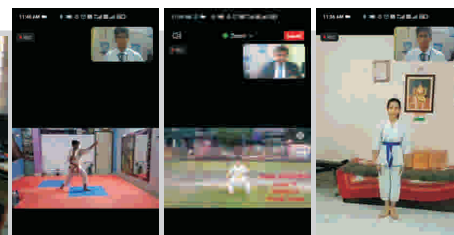
Like yester years this year too St. Francis Xavier School held the Inter-House English Elocution competition on 30th July. The competition was held virtually on the Zoom platform. Students of Classes I - V of the primary section participated. Participants were judged by teachers of the Junior and Middle school, namely Mr. Rahul Mojumder, Mrs. Sadaf Salim, Mrs. Sanchaita Saha, Mrs. Soma Acharyya and Mrs. Joyita Acharya. The students were judged on the basis of pronunciation, voice clarity, appearance and overall performance. They were allowed to recite any poem of their choice. The judges had a tough time selecting the winners as all were equally good. Following chart consists of the result:

CLASS	NAME	HOUSE	POSITION
IA	NIYANT SARKAR DAS	TERESA	FIRST
IA	ADRIJA CHATTERJEE	TAGORE	SECOND
	AISHINI MAJUMDER	NETAJI	SECOND
IA	ARADHYA RANA	NETAJI	THIRD
	SUDI KSHA PAUL	TERESA	THIRD
IB	AADHVIKA JAISWAL	TERESA	FIRST
IB	ADHIRAJ KUNDU	NETAJI	SECOND
	VEDIKA GUPTA	GANDHI	SECOND
IB	RITHWIK SHARMA	TERESA	THIRD
IIA	RAJANYA PAL	TERESA	FIRST
IIA	IJTABA MADNI	GANDHI	SECOND
IIA	SAMPORNA SARKAR	GANDHI	SECOND
IIA	SNEHANSHU DAS	NETAJI	THIRD
IIB	SWASTIK NAYAK	NETAJI	FIRST
IIB	DHRITYAPRIYA SAHOO	GANDHI	SECOND
IIB	SADIYA PARVEEN MOLLA	NETAJI	THIRD
IIIA	TANEESHA DUTTA	GANDHI	FIRST
IIIA	AHERI PAUL	NETAJI	SECOND
IIIA	HADIYA HAMID	TERESA	THIRD
IIIB	SAHISNUTA MONDAL	TAGORE	FIRST
IIIB	SATYAKIKAR	TAGORE	SECOND
IIIB	NAVYA SARAF	NETAJI	THIRD
IVA	RAJNANDINI DEY	TERESA	FIRST
IVA	SPANDAN DEY	TERESA	SECOND
IVA	DITIPRIYA BARMAN	TAGORE	THIRD
IVA	ABHARANA SAHA	NETAJI	THIRD
IVB	RIDDHIMA DAS	TERESA	FIRST
IVB	RITAM ROY	TAGORE	SECOND
IVC	RAJVEER SINGH	NETAJI	FIRST
IVC	CHANDRAYEE MALLIK	TAGORE	SECOND
IVC	SHARMISTHA DE	TAGORE	THIRD
VA	KASHVIDHAIYA	NETAJI	FIRST
VA	AFIFAH AKHTAR	NETAJI	SECOND
VA	PRITISAHA	NETAJI	THIRD
VB	BIDYANSHU JENA	GANDHI	FIRST
VB	AISHI DATTA	GANDHI	SECOND
VB	NILAM KUNDALIA	GANDHI	THIRD

The elocution competition was a grand success and it would not have been possible without the cooperation of the parents in this pandemic.

Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)

Report on Inter-house Karate Competition



The Sports Club of St. Francis Xavier School organized the Inter-House Karate Competition for Classes I to VIII on 30th September 2021 virtually over the Zoom platform. Unfortunately, previous year the competition could not be held due to the pandemic situation but this year keeping in mind all necessary precautions the competition was conducted.

Ojas Vaidya of Class XII S acted as the emcee for the event. The event commenced with a prayer and brief introduction followed by a splendid video on Karate. Ojas Vaidya highlighted the basic and foremost rules which should be followed in karate, i.e., ETIQUETTE, SINCERITY, SELF CONTROL, EFFORT AND CHARACTER. Mr. Jayanta Karmakar a former karate champion and sensei, was the chief judge along with two other judges for the event. Mr. Karmakar explained the rules and regulations of the competition to all participants at the on set of the competition.

Indeed, it was a unique way of hosting a competition as no student was called to the school to perform their talents, instead a video clip displaying the karate defense and counterattacking positions was recorded by each of the participants and based on those observations the judges gave the score.

All the participants had given their best efforts in the competition. The programme ended with the Vote of thanks by our Headmistress madam.

"It doesn't matter if you don't win but what matters is fair play with sportsman-ship and to give your hundred percent in the sport", were the concluding words of the emcee.

We are thankful to our Secretary & administrator Sir and Principal (officiating) for their guidance and support and the Sports Club members for making this online competition a huge success.

Ojas Vaidya (Class XII S)

World Nature Conservation Day

"The Earth has enough resources for our need but not for our greed."

- Mahatma Gandhi

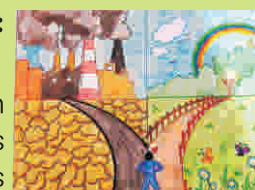
The theme for this year's World Nature Conservation Day 2021 is **"Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet"**.

Like yester years, this year too St Francis Xavier School observed World Nature Conservation Day on 28th July, 2021, to stress the importance of the co-existence of people and resources on the planet. Ritoja Das of Class V B made a beautiful power point presentation which was shown to the students of Classes IV and V, Rajveer Singh of Class IV C made a wonderful presentation on nature conservation which was shown to Class III and Rajanya Pal of Class II made a power point presentation that was shown and explained to the students of Classes I and II. Ekansh Gupta of Class XII S1 presented a PPT showing the measures we can take to conserve the resources of Mother Earth.

The day also promotes and encourages people to adopt measures to minimize the massive harm that humans have already caused to the environment.

Protecting and conserving our natural resources is integral to our very existence and we appeal to honour that sentiment on World Nature Conservation Day by acknowledging its importance and think how best we can contribute towards nature's preservation!

Nikhil Ray (Class IX S)



Founder's Day

To commemorate the birthday of our respected Founder Principal Madam Mrs Sheela Chopra, a special assembly was held on 13th July 2021 on the Zoom platform in two parts. The introductory speech on Madam was delivered with a lot of love and affection by the teachers namely Mr Rahul Mojumder of the Primary Section and Mr Nikhil Biswas from the Senior Section. Headmistress Madam and Principal (Officiating) Sir invoked the blessings of the Almighty through a short prayer.

Emotional speeches were delivered by the teachers which bore testimony to the greatness of Madam. Disha Mukherjee of Class X S paid a tribute through a speech.

The assembly came alive to the tune of 'I have a dream' & 'Hundred Miles' sung by the teachers. The senior section students paid their tribute through a dance video.

Our Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra spoke about Madam's vision and how she was instrumental in taking the school to such great heights amidst adversities. This was a true eye opener for the teachers as well as the students. We are really grateful to our Administrator Sir for sharing with us her past. She sowed a seed once and that is why we all are in the shade of that tree today.

A special tribute was paid to our founder Principal Madam on 14th of July when our Secretary and Administrator Sir Mr. Ajay Chopra, Priyanka Madam, Director, St. Francis International School, few teachers, office, support and bus staff visited school and paid homage by garlanding the bust of Late Principal Madam, Mrs. Sheela Chopra. They sang a beautiful song - "Kahin door jab din dhal jaye". Our Administrator Sir spoke about Madam's struggle, her grit and determination to set up this Institution and her journey through life.

Mrs Indrani Banerjee
Mr Rahul Mojumder
Mrs. Sanchaita Saha
 Assistant Teachers

Quit India Movement



On 8th August 1942 at the All-India Congress Committee session in Bombay, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi launched the 'Quit India' movement. The next day, Gandhi, Nehru and many other leaders of the Indian National Congress were arrested by the British Government. To make the students aware of the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters a power point presentation was prepared and shown to the students of Classes VI - XII on 9th of August.

Cultural Club Members

REPORT ON SAINT MOTHER TERESA'S BIRTHDAY

On the Occasion of the birth anniversary of Saint Mother Teresa a special assembly was conducted for the students of the Primary Department virtually on Thursday, 26th August 2021 via Zoom platform. The programme was well planned with speeches, power point presentations, recitation followed by display of charts made by the students of Classes I - V. It was a wonderful programme designed and planned by our Headmistress Madam, Mrs. Bipasha Das.

Sadaf Salim and Sanchaita Saha
 Assistant Teachers

Janmashtami Assembly and Craft making activity

Janmashtami assembly and craft making activity was held on 31st August, 2021 on Zoom platform. The introductory speech was given by the class teachers individually in their classes in the first period. The teacher started their speech with a short prayer. Then a video was shown to the students explaining the significance of Janmashtami - the birth of Lord Krishna who is considered the supreme personality or the Preserver of the Universe. A power point presentation was shown in each section where five best craft work from every class was displayed. Flute, peacock feather and crowns were made by the students of Classes I, II and III. Janmashtami card, poster, pot decoration and flute were made by the students of Classes IV and V. We are thankful to our Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra for allowing us to celebrate Janmashtami in such a grand manner.

Hassmina Khanam (Assistant Teacher)



Vishwakarma Puja

Vishwakarma the God of Architecture and Machinery is worshipped every year on 17th of September. Our school celebrated Vishwakarma puja this year too at the school premises. Administrator Sir, Principal (officiating), Headmistress Madam along with few teachers, office staff, support and bus staff offered Puja to the God. Prasad was distributed to one and all present. The students of the primary section did an activity of kite making on the eve of the Vishwakarma puja and these kites were used to decorate the school premises.

Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)

World Zoonoses Day

St. Francis Xavier School, observed this day to recognize the works of Louis Pasteur by conducting a special assembly where many students actively took part.

The term Zoonoses stands for disease which can be transmitted to humans from animals.

The assembly started with a heartfelt prayer and few enlightening words from Principal (Officiating), Mr. Anil Srivastava. This was followed by a remarkable speech by Priyanshu Rai of Class XII S1 who, through his speech brought out the importance and significance of this day. Arkadev Pandey of Class X S prepared a wonderful power point presentation on the history of the event.

There were beautiful, informative and spell binding collages and posters on Zoonoses day prepared by our secondary section students

The primary section students were entrusted with the responsibility of preparing presentations which were shown in the first period class wise.

Nikhil Ray of Class IX S delivered a speech on how we can create awareness about the communicable disease. Next, we had an enlightening speech by the Biology H.O.D, Mrs. Kshama Dam.

Our Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra, spoke few words and educated us with his words of wisdom. The assembly concluded with the singing of our school song.

D. Tanushree (Class XII S1)

Special Assembly on Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar's Birthday

Every year we celebrate Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar's birthday in our school in a grand manner. Likewise, this year also we celebrated this day but on the Zoom Platform on 27th September, 2021. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was born in Birsingha village of Midnapore district in a Bengali Brahmin family on 26th September, 1820. He was an Indian educator who fought strongly for the upliftment of women in India. He contributed a lot towards women education, social activities, women empowerment and Bengal Renaissance. He initiated the concept of widow remarriage and raised concern for the abolition of the child marriage. The special assembly was conducted in two slots.

In the first slot, the programme started with an opening speech and prayer by ParnaSaha of Class VIIA Bengali poem- 'Vidyasagar Tumi BikhatoBharate' by Michael Modhusudan Dutta was recited by a student of Class III, Tanisha Dutta. The poem was indeed very touching. There after a speech was given by Satyaki Kar of Class III. Debarchana Dutta of Class VII recited a beautiful Bengali poem - 'Sagar Tarpan'. Then there was an English poem by a student namely PratyushBasu of Class VII. A PowerPoint Presentation by ParnaSaha of Class VII. The animations of the PPT were really very attractive. The special assembly came to an end with a wonderful speech delivered by our respected Headmistress Madam, Mrs. Bipasha Das, followed by the school song. Indeed, women of Bengal are indebted to this great personality for their upliftment and we tried to pay our homage through this short programme.

In the second slot, the programme began with the of garlanding the portrait of Vidyasagar followed by lighting of the lamp by respected Principal(Officiating) and respected Headmistress Madam. Then we had a short introduction and prayer by emcee Arkodev Pandey of Class XS for senior section ad ParnaSaha of Class VII A for the junior section Assembly. Thereafter, we had a video presentation by Pratyasha Majumder of Class IX S. A speech by Swastika Ghosh of Class XI S1 was indeed commendable. We got a lot of information about the great personality of Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar from the presentation made by ParnaSaha of Class VII A. There after, we had a recitation on Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar written by Michael Madhusudan Dutta by Arjama Sanyal of Class XIS1. Charts were also put up by Anubhav Chakraborty of Class VIII B and SanjivaniSaha of Class IXS which were really very informative.

At the end of the programme, we had a very motivating speech by respected Principal(Officiating) and respected Headmistress Madam. Sir narrated a few incidents from the life of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. From those incidents of Vidyasagar's life, we learnt how charitable he was. He always used to help others anonymously but never expected any recognition in return. Women of Bengal are truly indebted to this great personality for their upliftment and this was a small endeavour by the students and teachers of St Francis Xavier school to pay a homage. The special assembly concluded with our school song.

Priti Saha and Arjama Sanyal

Class VA and XIS1

Special Assembly on Raksha Bandhan



A special assembly on Raksha Bandhan was held on 18th August, 2021 on Zoom Platform. Mr. Rahul Mojumder began the day's proceedings with an introductory speech and a special prayer on Raksha Bandhan. Then a video was shown to the students on the significance of Raksha Bandhan explaining the bonding between brothers and sisters. In a video presentation the five best rakhis from each class were displayed. To celebrate this event, a wonderful dance was performed by the students of Classes III – VII on "Chogara Tarah" a Dandia number. The programme concluded with a speech by Headmistress Madam. She reiterated the importance of Raksha Bandhan being not only a bond between brothers and sisters but also a festival which helps in spreading universal brotherhood and love.

Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)

Report on "Webinar - Joyful learning of Mathematics"

The School Management arranged for an online Mathematics Webinar for its teachers "JOYFUL LEARNING OF MATHEMATICS", on Friday 23rd July, 2021. The speaker of the webinar was Mathew K Thomas who has more than two decades of teaching experience, specializing in Mathematics. He is the founder of the All-India Educators Forum (AIEF). The aim of the forum is to empower teachers in various aspects of classroom teaching. It facilitates Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) by exposing students to the intricacies of Mathematics. It was an enriching experience for the teachers.

Department of Mathematics, STFX

Report on International Yoga Day

Yoga ('yoke' or 'union') is a group of physical, mental, and spiritual practices or disciplines that originated in ancient India, aimed at controlling ('yoking') and stilling the mind

The idea of International Yoga Day was conceived by our Honourable Prime Minister, who proposed the concept on September 27, 2014, during his speech at the UN General Assembly. The resolution to adopt June 21st as International Yoga Day was introduced in the UN by India's Ambassador, Ashoke Kumar Mukerji and it is now celebrated throughout the world.

Every year, we celebrate this day with numerous activities so that every single student in our school is able to understand the importance of yoga. This year also, amidst the pandemic we organized it virtually. To commemorate this day we all gathered via the online platform zoom and the day began with the introductory speech by Ojas Vaidya of Class XII S. Our Principal (officiating), Mr. Anil Srivastava delivered a wonderful speech and a prayer on this occasion. After this another speech was delivered by Riya Singh of Class VIII B.

Pawanee Ghosh of Class IX S and Arpita Sinha of Class XI S1 displayed and presented wonderful yoga postures which would be beneficial to remain fit and healthy. Ishita Anant of Class X S displayed a PowerPoint presentation. Pawanee Ghosh of Class IX S and Mousumi Sen of Class VIII B displayed charts and posters based on Yoga day. Paree Gupta of class XS showed a video. Principal (officiating) Sir suggested that we meditate every day or at least twice a week to improve our concentration.

Students understood the benefits of Yoga, as to how it improves strength, balance, flexibility, relieves stress and is useful for one and all.

Arpita Sinha, (Class XI S1)

Independence Day



Independence Day is significant as it commemorates the valour and spirit of the freedom fighters who fought to free the nation from British rule. The day is recognised as that of national pride and honour, with the Prime Minister hoisting the flag and addressing the country from the Red Fort every year.

Our Secretary and Administrator Sir - Mr. Ajay Chopra, Principal (Officiating) - Mr. Anil Srivastava, Headmistress Madam - Mrs. Bipasha Das and a few staff members visited the School on 15th of August and hoisted the National Flag in the school premises. The students then joined for a special Assembly on Zoom. The patriotic song 'Dhonodhanye Pushpe bhora' was sung by our office staff Mr. Subhankar Das and it touched all of our hearts. Chandreyee Mallik of Class VA sang 'Vande Mataram'. Sarthak Paul of Class VA played a patriotic song (instrumental). Students of classes III to VI put up a dance performance based on a medley of three patriotic songs. Speeches by Swastika Ghosh of Class XI S1 and Ashmit Palit of Class XII S were full of patriotic fervour. Students dressed as Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru delivered some famous quotes of those personalities. Tamanna Bandyopadhyay of Class XC recited a poem - 'The Gift of India' written by Sarojini Naidu. Students paid tribute to all the great women, who fought against the British, through a dance performance titled - 'Bharat ki Beti'. The programme ended with the singing of the National Anthem. The programme was covered by The Telegraph and a report was published in its Salt Lake edition on 3rd September 2021.

Cultural Club Members

Teachers' Day Celebration

"A good teacher is the one who can inspire hope, ignite imagination and instill a love of learning"

Every year in India, 5th September is celebrated as Teachers' Day to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Students of St. Francis Xavier School organised a wonderful programme on the virtual platform Zoom on 3rd September, 2021 to portray their love and respect for the teachers. The programme started with a prayer by Kashvi Dahiya, a student of Class V A followed by the garlanding of the portrait of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and the bust of our beloved Founder Principal Madam, Late Mrs. Sheela Chopra (a true teacher in the sense of the term) and lighting of the lamp. Archisman Ghoshal of Class VII A and Swastika Ghosh of Class XI S1 delivered speeches on Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Debarchana Dutta of Class VII B and Tamanna Bandyopadhyay of IXS recited poems on 'Teachers' Day'. It was followed by melodious songs- 'Heal the World' by Riddhima Das of Class IV B and 'Permission to dance' by D. Tanushree of Class XII S1. There were two dance performances by the students of Classes IV -V and VII-XII, on "We love you teachers" and "Thank you teachers" respectively. A power point presentation on Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was shown by Anubhav Chakraborty of Class IX S. Students of classes II - V performed a skit on the continuous effort the teachers put during this pandemic to keep the wheels of education rolling. Students of Classes IX-XII performed a short skit based on the teachings of 'Chanakya'. Our Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra addressed the gathering and highlighted the role of a teacher in the development of a child's future. He also said that the students should respect their teachers not only on Teachers Day' but every single day rightly asserted that teachers are the second parent of a child who help in their overall development.

The programme concluded with the speeches of our Officiating Principal Sir and Headmistress Madam who thanked the students for organizing such a wonderful show. The event received a proper coverage by The Telegraph and a report was published in its Salt Lake edition on 24th September 2021.

Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)

International Youth Day

Young people are on the frontlines of the struggle to build a better future for all. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the dire need for the kind of transformational change they seek – and young people must be full partners in that effort.” UN Secretary-General António Guterres

The theme of International Youth Day 2021, “Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health”, highlights the fact that success of such a global effort will not be achieved without the meaningful participation of young people.

International Youth Day is celebrated annually on 12th of August to bring youth issues to the attention of the International community and celebrate the potential of youth as partners in today's global society.

The students of our school conducted a special assembly on the occasion. D. Tanushree of Class XII S1 was the emcee. The assembly started with a prayer and few words of enlightenment by Principal (officiating) Sir, Mr. Anil Srivastava. A power point presentation made by Anubhav Chakraborty of Class VIII B and narrated by Sanjibani Saha of Class IX S was shown. This was followed by a song by D. Tanushree of Class XII S1. Posters made by the students of the Secondary section were displayed. A poem recitation by Pranoy Ganguly of Class XI S concluded the event.

D.Tanushree(Class XII S1)



Online Briefing Session

Orientation programmes are aimed at familiarizing the students to an unknown environment of a new school, its faculties and infrastructure. It enables them to make essential connection with studies and develop network among other peers

St. Francis Xavier School conducted an orientation programme on 10th July 2021, for the parents with a view to harness their maximum involvement in guiding their children towards a successful future. The Orientation Programme was held on Zoom platform in two parts. Our Principal (officiating) Sir, Mr Anil Srivastava and Headmistress Madam, Mrs. Bipasha Das addressed the gathering and gave them an insight into the various teaching methodologies and evaluation pattern adopted by the school. In this session parents were asked to encourage their children to read a lot as it would improve the students' language and communication skills, which are extremely important in today's world.

The Orientation programme was a great success as many queries of the parents were answered. They appreciated this effort and promised to extend their whole hearted support and cooperation in all the decisions of the management.

Rahul C. Mojumder(Assistant Teacher)



In Conversation With Mrs. Indrani Banerjee

Q1) How long are you associated with the school?

Answer : I have been associated with this Institution for 12 years.

Q2) What made you choose teaching as your profession?

Answer : I always feel that young generation is the future of a country and if this generation gets proper education, the country will definitely progress. Teaching is such a profession that gives you immense scope to do something for the children as well as contribute to the society.

Q3) According to you, what is unique about this school which is hard to find in other schools?

Ans : Excellent work culture, and a well structured administration.

Q4) Tell us about one of your moments which made you feel proud.

Ans : Whenever I hear the success stories of my students, I feel proud. I also feel proud when I meet some of my pass out students and they seek blessings.

Q5) How did the sad news of our beloved Principal Madam's loss affect you?

Ans : It was a great loss. I learnt a lot of things from our beloved Principal Madam. Her life itself is a great teaching for me.

Q6) Why did you choose higher secondary section for teaching?

Ans : Teaching in +2 level always gives me opportunity to learn something new and I love to accept this challenge.

Q7) How is your relationship with your students?

Ans : I have earned respect and that defines the relationship.

Q8) Describe your first day experience in this school.

Ans : I was waiting at the reception. One of our senior teachers took me to the staff room and introduced me to all other teachers. At once they made me feel comfortable and welcomed me warmly. Till date I feel the same warmth and sense of belonging.

Q9) How do you motivate your students?

Ans : Literature is the mirror of society and people. I always tell my students to read more so that they can judge people better. Secondly, I try to inculcate the basic values of life - honesty and integrity, which will take them to a long way.

Q10) After working in this institution for so many years how do you feel about this institution?

Ans: It is one of the best Institutions in Kolkata and that is why I am here for so many years. I am thankful to our Founder Principal Madam late Mrs. Sheela Chopra and Secretary and Administrator Sir Mr. Ajay Chopra for giving me the opportunity to work here.

QUIZ TIME

1. The fake news of this “Merchant of Death” in 1888 was read by the man himself which made him frame a will to appreciate the efforts of great people through awards. Who is the Merchant of Death?
2. The year of invention of this machine being 1921, it marks the centenary of its invention. It was invented by California-based policeman and physiologist John A. Larson to simultaneously measure continuous changes in blood pressure, heart rate and respiration rate in order to aid in the detection of deception. What is it?
3. This Indonesian handicraft was popularised by Rabindranath Tagore in Bengal after his trip to Indonesia. It translates into ‘a drop’ or ‘a dot’. What is it?
4. John Coltrane, the American jazz saxophonist named his son after this famous Indian musical maestro. Who is he?
5. In the architecture of the Sanchi Stupa the tree bearing this fruit is seen. The Battle of Plassey also took place in an orchard of this fruit in 1757. Name the fruit.
6. Russian astronomer Lyudmila Karachkina discovered a planetoid in 1981 and it after this great actor-cum-director. Name the planetoid.
7. She is the only Bengali woman cricketer who played the Ashes Series as a member of the English cricket team. Who is she?
8. This Assamese instrument called Pepa played during the Bihu festival is made of the horn of which animal?
9. Passion flower found in Southern States of the US, has a similar structure to that of which ‘incident’?
10. When you see a face or other such structures in the clouds or in the hills, this is what we call them.

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1. Alfred Nobel. His business was that of dynamite. 2. Lie Detector. 3. Batik. 4. Pandit Ravi Shankar. 5. Mango. 6. 3623 Chaplin. 7. Isa Guha. 8. Bull. 9. Crucifixion of Christ. 10. Pareidolia. (Greek words: para [alongside] and eidolon [image])

TRAVELOGUE

JUBILANT AT JALDAPARA

I reached Jaldapara at around noon. After settling down in our room, named Hornbill after a species of bird, I decided to book another car for the rest of the day. I was contemplating to take a jungle safari in the evening but the hotel staff discouraged us against it since I would in any case take the elephant safari the following day. Following their advice, I decided to visit the Khoirabari Nature Park in the afternoon after having lunch in one of the restaurants outside the sanctuary.

The nature park comprises a leopard rehabilitation centre. I was hoping to see leopards from close vicinity but blame it on the heat or our luck, I could only spot one of them from quite some distance and then it disappeared behind thick bushes. The driver of the battery car then took us to an earthen room with iron gates where the leopards take shelter and are given food to and I located another couple resting in the shade of the room. However, the leopards did not seem to come out of their den soon and I decided to leave without bothering them anymore.

On my way back to the Hollong bungalow, along the Falakata Road, that goes up to Joyga which is an Indian border town, I noticed large grey clouds creeping in and enveloping the blue sky. There are a few drops of rain as well. Thankfully, the rains kept away and when I was having my evening tea back in the bungalow a sudden uproar indicated that some animal had come to the close proximity of the bungalow. There was a narrow stream of water just beside the bungalow and on the other side the animals would come to eat the salt kept for them by the forest staff. At first I could not see any animal. Then after a little while I noticed some movement behind the bushes. After some more time an outline of an animal was visible and the bungalow staffs present there could distinguish it as a rhinoceros. The evening light was fading out and I had enough view of the lone rhinoceros. After quite some time I could spot a deer (not the spotted one but may be of sambar variety) but it soon ran away into the bushes once the forest guards focused search lights on it. I was feeling worn-out from the day's toil and retired to our room. Our decision was hastened by the fact that I could hear the sound of the *Thakshak* snake in the vicinity and was not feeling safe to stay any more there in the darkness. However, before returning to our room I made arrangements with the forest guards to alert us if any more animal visit the place in the late evening. From my room also I had a good view of the spot through the windows and any action from the other tourists would have made us aware.

The next morning, the bungalow staff woke us up with morning tea and after freshening up I went for the elephant ride. There were four elephants waiting for us and on each one of them a maximum of four tourists could board.

The hour-long elephant ride takes place three times in the morning one in every hour, but the probability of spotting animals is higher in the first such ride that begins at six o'clock in the morning. There is a howdah type seat with iron fencing around for the safety of the tourists. Our mahout Nurul told that our elephant was ten years old and her name was Mandakini. In one such water body, I witnessed two rhinoceros taking baths. They looked up and gazed at the elephants for a few seconds but did not seem bothered. After pausing for a few minutes at that place the elephants again continued their walk. I noticed some peacocks and parakeets and another lone rhinoceros within the bushes but did not see any bison or leopard or wild elephants. However, I was content with whatever I could see.

It was time to bid good bye to Jaldapara and to move along to our next destination and I hoped to enjoy there as I did at Jaldapara.