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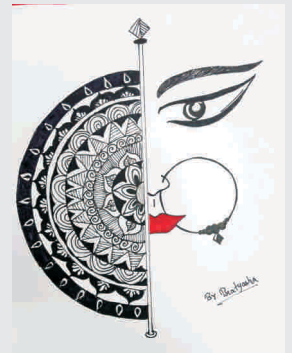
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## Special Assembly on Durga Puja

A special assembly on the occasion of Durga Puja was held on the Zoom platform on 8th October 2021. The programme began with an introductory speech by Priti Saha, a student of Class V, followed by the lighting of the lamp. Then a Bengali song- 'Ashwineri Shewli Fuler Fotar Naiko Sesh' was sung by Debarchana Dutta of Class VII. Rajnandini Dey of Class IV mesmerised and inspired us with her recitation of the poem, 'Ma Durga Ke Ahaban' by Soumokanti Chakraborty. A group dance by the students of the Primary Department followed thereafter. A video on 'Mahishasurmardini' specially created for this occasion was displayed to make the assembly more appealing. A speech explaining the importance of Durga Puja was delivered by our Headmistress Ma'am, Mrs Bipasha Das. She reiterated that Durga Puja signifies the victory of good over evil. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Soma Acharyya, an Assistant Teacher.

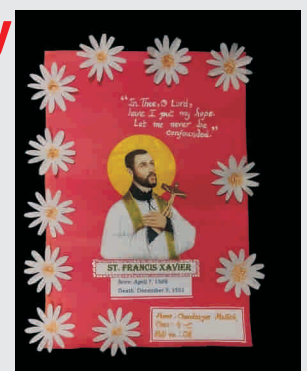


**Sanchaita Saha**

(Assistant Teacher)

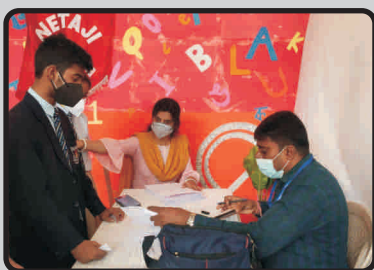
## Report on St. Francis Feast Day

The Feast of St. Francis Xavier was celebrated on 3rd December'2021. A special assembly was held online this year. It began with an opening prayer by Mr. Rahul Mojumder. Swastika Ghosh of Class XI S1 was the emcee of the programme, wonderful speeches were delivered by Kashvi Dahiya Class V A and Aditya Choudhury Class XI S1. The programme continued with a Power Point Presentation made by Ayush Sur Class XI S. Mr. Rahul Mojumder and Mr Nikhil Biswas delivered speeches on the life of Saint Francis Xavier. A hymn was sung by a student of Class IVB - Riddhima Das. Archisman Ghoshal, a student of Class VII, shared few meaningful quotes of Saint Francis Xavier. At St. Francis Xavier School, no programme is complete without a dance performance. Students of classes I - III performed on a hymn based song. Students of Class XI presented a skit on the miracles of the Saint and charts made by students were displayed. The Special Assembly ended with a short speech by our Respected Headmistress Madam, Mrs. Bipasha Das followed by the School song.



**Sanchaita Saha**

(Assistant Teacher)





## From the desk of Secretary and Administrator

Dear Parents, Guardians & Students,

As I pen down my thoughts for this edition of Espectro, I do it with a tremendous sense of relief and a sense of optimism for the future. Relief because we have just learnt that the new academic session can resume without the COVID-19 restrictions, barring the usage of masks and maintaining hand hygiene. It means that school can once again resume with full strength after a gap of two years and that education can be imparted the way it was meant to be.

The past two years have been tough for all of us. But - and I say it with a tremendous sense of satisfaction - we have been able to tide through these testing times honourably. We managed to pay full salaries to our staff and no one lost their jobs due to the pandemic despite all sorts of financial concerns. I must also applaud my staff for working shoulder to shoulder with me in the best interests of the school. I also feel very satisfied to state that over the last two years, we did not raise fees for online classes and kept it at the 2019-20 levels with a further 20% concession. Not only that, we continued to grant further fee concessions to parents who could not even afford the much reduced fee structure. In fact, not a single student was debarred from classes/exams or expelled on the ground of non-payment of school fees which shows our tremendous patience, forbearance, care and concern for our students. Over these two years, we have also renovated some parts of the school office and the canteen - a long due project.

Despite online classes, we are happy to note that the learning loss has remained minimal. The proof of that is the performance of the students who have done wonderfully at the ICSE/ISC examinations. Not only

academics, but extra-curricular activities were also taken care of. Multiple events like Prize Day, Children's Day, Teachers' Day, Debates, Quizzes etc were held online. I hope the parents will appreciate the hard work of the teachers and the school management who have left no stone unturned to ensure that their wards progress despite the pandemic.

In the end, I wish all parents, guardians and students the best for the new academic year. May the future be safe and peaceful for all of us.

**Ajay Chopra,**  
Secretary & Administrator

## From the desk of Officiating Principal



Dear readers,

It is quite heartening to witness that life around us is coming back to normal and the schools are most likely to function with full strength from the forthcoming academic session. We had recently held brief but successful reorientation

classes for all the students where we tried to provide scope for acclimatization for the students who never had the opportunity to join physical classes for almost two years due to the pandemic. Now we are gearing up to welcome back the students to school but we can never let off our guard and always follow the COVID-19 protocols to ensure everyone's safety.

The 'learning from home' phase was quite a difficult time and it affected the students in many ways.

As we get ready to return to school it is important to plan the ways that will help to prepare for your return and deal with your worries. I would like to lay down these simple tips to be followed by the students which I consider very helpful to get them back on track.

### Mental Preparation

Your Life has been quite different during the pandemic, so give yourself time to adjust back into routine and get it embedded into your mind that you are going back to school and that's the reality!

Discuss with your teachers and share your worries with them and with your classmates.

Get organized before the reopening day which is 11th April'2022. Check your school uniform and shoes beforehand as you might have overgrown the same and need to procure a new set.

Go through your timetable and syllabus which you will find on the school website. If you're unsure, ask your teacher or someone in your class. arrange your school bag and keep a face mask(N95)and hand sanitizer.

Get proper arrangements for attending school

punctually. Your school buses are the best option which will ensure your safe & timely travel. Talk with your family and friends to help you prepare yourself for returning to school.

### Physical Health

Make sure you are having a healthy & balanced diet throughout the day and drinking enough water to keep yourself hydrated which will help you to concentrate, boost your energy level and support your general health.

Keep in mind that returning to school may make you physically and mentally tired for a while. You have to develop your stamina to remain energetic throughout the day at school. Try to spend some time doing some physical exercises to get the proper blood circulation and build up the strength required for the schooling time. You may take up walking, cycling, dancing, yoga, or any aerobics exercise. If you have changed your sleep cycle, then immediately revert to the old cycle whereby you used to attend physical classes before the pandemic. Make sure you get enough sleep to allow your brain to get rest. Get back into the routine of sleeping 8-10 hours so you can wake up in the morning in time for school. Avoid using your phone while going to bed. Read a book instead which will induce sound sleep.

### Safety Precautions

Remain alert about the rules regarding mask-wearing at school and while traveling to and from school. Look at our website [www.stfxonline.com](http://www.stfxonline.com) or Facebook page or contact a teacher. Remember, COVID-19 protocols about physical distancing and hand washing are for the safety of everyone in the community.

Adhere to the changes to school-based activities like assemblies, PT, Break-time, and other activities to ensure safety for all.

I believe that with the cooperation of the parents, students, teachers, and all the stakeholders, we shall be able to bring back normalcy into our lives and gradually the painful memories of the pandemic will fade away.

I wish you all the best for the new academic year'2022-23.

**Anil Srivastava**  
Principal(O)

## From the desk of Headmistress



Dear Readers,  
Greetings to all!

At the outset, I would like to congratulate the editorial team of Espectro for their effort in putting to print yet another edition of the newsletter.

School is the second home for the child and it is here that we nurture them to build responsible citizens who will lead the society and take the country forward. Education is what we learn that lives beyond the classroom. Therefore, we, at St. Francis Xavier School try our best to provide a child-centric, value-based learning environment. Our philosophy is to reflect the kaleidoscope of learning through various activities. Creating the right environment and keeping the students constantly engaged for positive outcome is challenging yet exciting and enriching. Albert Einstein had said, "I never teach my pupils, I only provide the conditions in which they can learn." Children acquire the knowledge easily if we adults make the environment stimulating, purposeful and conducive to learning.

Times have changed and so has the teaching learning process.

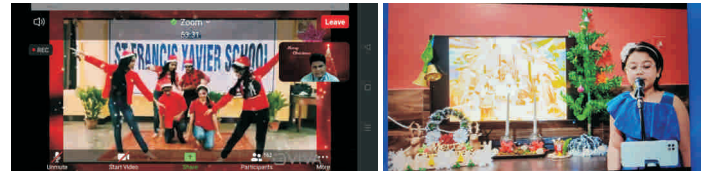
After the two years of pandemic, pupils' lives and learning abilities have undergone a drastic change. They are more used to gadgets and have forgotten the use of writing and reading. They have been compelled to become mechanical. Their concentration span has decreased and the onus lies upon the teachers to bring them back to normal school life for which they have to work harder. Initially it has to be recapitulation of the previous year's syllabus. Emphasis should be on reviving the basic knowledge of each subject, reading and writing practice. Students should be able to copy from the black board. Spelling, dictation, comprehension and mental math should be practised quite frequently. Teachers will have to observe and see whether their pupils are able to retain the knowledge imparted. Extra care requires to be provided to the children who are slow learners.

It is a great relief that all the students will get the taste of 'real' classroom after a couple of years. In these two years, we have realized that nothing can replace physical

classes. I welcome all the children back to school and wish that they can make up for their loss of those two years in the pandemic.

**Bipasha Das**  
Headmistress

## Special Assembly on Christmas



St. Francis Xavier School organized a special assembly on the occasion of Christmas via the Zoom Platform on 23rd December 2021. The programme started with a prayer by Mr. Rahul Mojumder, followed by an introductory speech explaining the importance of the day. Then there was a dance performance to the song – 'It's Christmas time and Jingle Bell' by the students of Classes I - V. Riddhima Das, of Class IV B, sang a beautiful Christmas carol titled -- 'Mary's Boy Child'. This was followed by a PowerPoint Presentation on the Nativity Scene. Christmas Celebration will never be complete without Santa Clause. This role was gracefully performed by Rahul Sir who dressed up as Santa and sang the immortal Merry Christmas song along with the students. The programme for the senior section started with a welcome speech by Ashmit Palit of Class XII S followed by a prayer by Respected Principal Sir. The symbolic significance of the gifts associated with the day was narrated by Mr Nikhil Biswas. S. K. Bhattacharya Sir sang a song on this occasion. Pratyasha Mazumdar of Class IX S displayed some charts. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by our Headmistress Madam, Mrs. Bipasha Das and singing of the School song.

**Mrs Sanchaita Saha**  
(Assistant Teacher)

## Children's Day

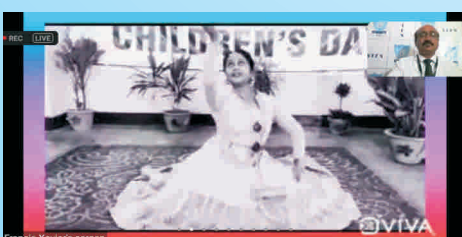
Teachers become educators not only because of their knowledge but also because of continuous catering to the demand of the children. Children's Day is an annually celebrated event at St. Francis Xavier School. This year Children's Day was celebrated online on the 12th of November, 2021 and was streamed live on the school's official YouTube channel. Mr. Nikhil Biswas was the emcee of the show. He welcomed us virtually with his warm greeting and told us about the importance of Children's Day which was followed by the garlanding of the bust of our beloved Founder Principal Madam and the virtual lighting of the lamp by the school dignitaries. Our senior teachers Mrs. Sarbani Biswas, Mrs. Gargi Banerjee and Mrs. Papiya Ghosh Dutta presented a welcome dance to the tune - 'Sangachadwam Sangadadwam'. Respected Officiating Principal Sir addressed the gathering stating that healthy and happy childhood helps to build healthy children who can lead a country. He also stated that it is our duty to protect the children, impart knowledge and inculcate in them the important principles of life. His message for the day was to make the children aware of their responsibilities.

Mr Niladri De performed a song titled - "Lights will guide you home". A video presentation on Jawaharlal Nehru's life was shown and narrated by Mr. Amartya Pathak. Mr. Purnendu Chakraborty rocked the stage with his song - 'Tanha Dil' and Mr. S. K. Bhattacharya enthralled the audience with a wonderful song - 'E Bhai, Zara Dekhke Chalo' spreading the message that life is beautiful and we should be cautious while moving forward. Mrs. Rameesha Dey Sarkar, Mrs. Kshama Dam, Ms. Sneha Gupta and Mrs. Indrani Banerjee presented a dance to the tune 'Proud of you' and 'Iktara'. The Cultural Club showed a PowerPoint Presentation. The teachers presented a group song - "Hurray! Hurray! it's a Holi holiday". Mrs. Atreyee Sengupta presented a dance - 'Ghar More Pardesiya'. At the end, a skit was performed by the teachers of Classes VI - XII entitled - 'Open to All House'.

For the Primary Section, the programme started with an inspirational song- 'Fix you' by Mr. Niladri Dey. Mr. Rahul Clement Mojumder was the emcee of the programme and he also mesmerised the audience by singing the song - 'Can't help Falling in Love'. Teachers of the Primary section danced to the tune of 'Dance Pe Chance Marle' and other songs. A PPT was presented on Jawaharlal Nehru to make the students aware of the significance of the day. This was followed by a famous Bengali number - 'Jibone Ki Pabona Bhulechi She Bhabona' sung by Mr. Suman Chakraborty. Mrs. Atreyee Sengupta danced to the tune of 'Taare Zameen Par'. Finally, the teachers of the Primary Section presented a play- 'A School in a Remote Village'. Our Secretary and Administrator Sir addressed the students and expressed his affection for them through his wonderful speech. The programme came to an end with the School Song.

### Indrani Banerjee and Sanchaita Saha

(Assistant Teachers)



## Special Assembly on Swami Vivekananda



On the 11th of January 2022, St Francis Xavier School held a special assembly to commemorate the 159th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The programme was conducted by Mr. Rahul Mojumder as emcee which included speeches by Ankana Saha of Class VII B, Soumojit Bera of Class V B, a special recitation by Rajveer Singh of Class IV C, and a PowerPoint presentation based on the life and works of Swamiji. For the senior section, Aditya Chowdhury of Class XI S1 delivered a speech. Debarchana Dutta of Class VII B sang the song - 'Khandana Bhava'. Akshat Jaiswal of Class XI S1 presented a Power Point presentation on the life of Swamiji. Shounak Dutta of Class XIC dressed up as Swamiji and delivered a speech. A video featuring the artwork by the students was also presented. The programme concluded with a wonderful speech and vote of thanks by our Headmistress Madam, Mrs. Bipasha Das.



## Netaji's Birthday Celebration

"Freedom is not given, it is taken"- said Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

An online special assembly was held on 21st January 2022 to commemorate this day. This assembly was conducted by the students of Class II B. The assembly began with an opening prayer by the Headmistress Ma'am Mrs. Bipasha Das.

An introductory speech was given by Debangshi Sarkar. A patriotic poem was recited by Rajanya Paul of Class II B. To enhance the knowledge of the students about the life and works of Netaji, a video was shown online. A PowerPoint presentation on Netaji was also shown which was made by Rajanya Paul of Class II B. From the senior section, a PowerPoint Presentation was made by Akshat Jaiswal of Class XI S1 and was explained by Mrs Sarbani Biswas.

The assembly concluded with a wonderful speech and vote of thanks given by our Headmistress Ma'am. The teachers and students proudly sang the National Anthem before the virtual meeting came to an end.

**Soma Acharyya**  
(Assistant Teacher)



Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

Subhas Chandra Bose was a great freedom fighter. He was born on 23rd January 1897 in Cuttack, Odisha. His father's name was Jyotiraj Bose and his mother's name was Prabhavati Devi. He was popularly known as 'Netaji'. Netaji started the newspaper 'Swarnaj'.

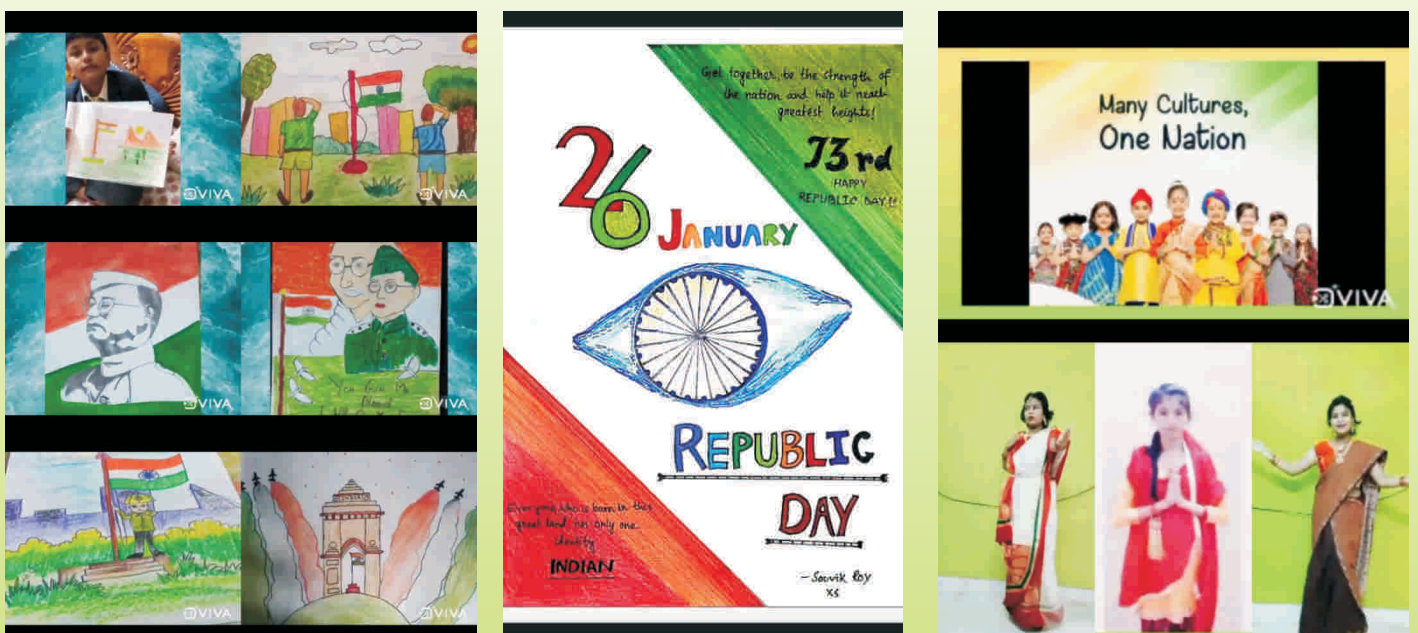
Netaji was the president of the Indian National Congress. Netaji formed Azad Hind Fauj and Indian National Army. His famous slogans are "Um Maje Khoo Do, Main Tumhe Azadi Dunga, Tai Hind and Delhi Chalo". Netaji wrote the book "The Indian Struggle 1920-1942".

## Special Assembly on Republic Day

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated with pride and reverence at St Francis Xavier School this year. A special virtual assembly was conducted on the occasion of Republic Day on 25th January. The Primary and Middle school students attended the celebration on the zoom platform. The programme was hosted by Mr. Rahul Mojumder and he began the same with a prayer. It was followed by the lighting of the lamp and garlanding of the bust of Founder Principal Madam. Our Headmistress Madam gave an enriching speech on the significance of the day, following which the students of Class V presented a beautiful poem recitation. The array of performances by the students was mesmerizing, which included a speech by a student of Class V, a dance performance by the pupils and a solo song by Chandrayee Mullick of Class IV. An informative Power Point presentation was given to throw light upon the problems faced by the members of the Constituent Assembly in framing the Constitution. Last but not the least, the students displayed charts made by them under the supervision of Mr. Sourav Nandi our Art Teacher. The senior section programme began with an opening prayer and an introduction given by the emcee, Tanisha Dugar of Class XI S. The first speech was delivered by Disha Mukherjee of Class X C. The programme continued with a PowerPoint presentation followed by a recitation by Tamanna Bandopadhyay of Class X C. The evolution of the Constitution was minutely explained by Ishita Anant and Arkodev Pandey of Class X S. Further, Principal Sir presented a speech on the significance of Republic Day. His speech was followed by a song sung by D. Tanushree of Class XII S1. Pawanee Ghosh and Pratyasha Majumder of Class IX S, Aemila Sinha Souvik Roy of Class X S and Arpeeta Meena of Class X C presented several beautiful and attractive charts containing pictures, drawings and quotes of our brave national heroes. A beautiful group dance was presented by the students of Classes IX and X. The vote of thanks was given by the emcee. Finally, the programme came to its closure after the rendition of the school song.

### Aditya Chowdhury

Class XI S1



## Franco Fiesta Junior Edition 2022

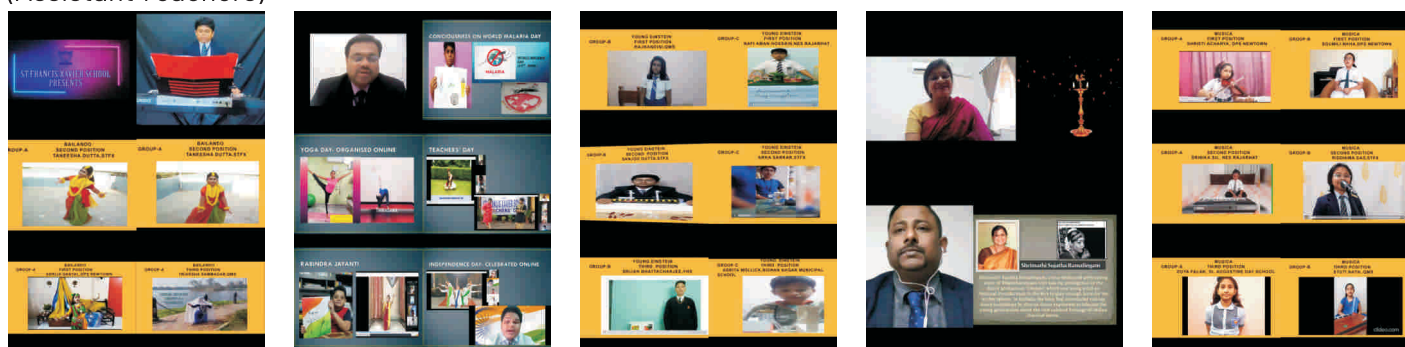
Franco Fiesta is an eagerly awaited Inter-School Fest for students organised by St Francis Xavier School. Franco Fiesta has been organized by the school Management for the past eleven years, and it is one of our signature events. This year the school organised its first Junior Fest for Classes I - VIII via online mode. The organising committee started its preparation from the month of November, 2021. The participants of the Fest were divided into three categories- Group- A consisting of Classes I, II, III, Group - B consisting of Classes IV, V, VI and Group - C consisting of Classes VII and VIII. It was quite encouraging to see more than ten schools participating in the Fest.

The Fest had some unique events like Bailando, Fallo da Solo, Recitare, Musica, Jeu de Role and Young Einstein. The members of the core committee remain extremely grateful and thankful to Mr. Ajay Chopra, the Secretary and Administrator and Secretary of the school, for allowing this Fest to be conducted and also giving his valuable inputs to make it a grand success. The teachers extended their thanks to Mr. Anil Srivastava, Principal(O) and Mrs. Bipasha Das, Headmistress for inspiring them and helping them at every stage during the Fest.

We are looking forward to conduct the second edition of the Junior Fest offline in 2023 which will be more impressive.

### Sanchaita Saha & Rahul Mojumder

(Assistant Teachers)



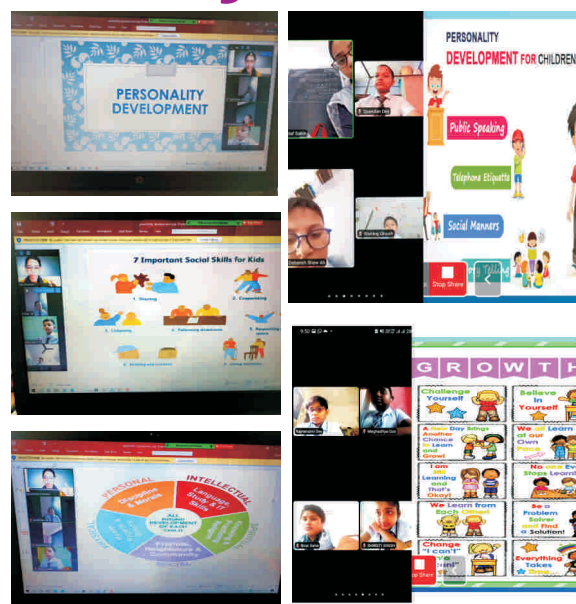
## Personality Development Programme

Schools play an important role in the personality development of the students and sensing the need for the same, the Primary department of St. Francis Xavier School under the guidance of the Headmistress periodically conducts sessions on Personality Development Programme for the students of Classes I - V. On 10th November, 2021 one such session was conducted over the zoom platform covering the topic 'Attitude'.

Another virtual session of this programme was conducted on 14th January 2021 where the topic was 'Self Esteem'. These workshops not only helped the students to improve their confidence level but also helped to inculcate a positive attitude towards life.

### Sadaf Salim

(Assistant Teacher)





## Report on Saraswati Puja



We all passed this entire session, like the last one through the most trying times of our life. However, the later half of the session brought about some relief. With students coming back to school after quite a while on 3rd February, 2022, Saraswati Puja found some meaning. The puja was observed at St. Francis Xavier School on 5th February, 2022. The room for the puja was decorated by the SUPW club members under the guidance of the Art & Craft teacher Mr. Sourav Nandi. The idol was adorned and decorated by the teachers. The decorations created a perfect ambience with coloured papers being cut in the shapes of alphabets in different languages and Geometrical shapes. Apart from the decorations, something else that was also pleasing to the eyes was to find our teachers as well as students clad in traditional Indian attire. The teachers and the office staff had their duties divided among them for the smooth conduct of the Puja.

The puja started at around 11:00 a.m. with teachers and students offering pushpanjali to the Goddess Saraswati. Our beloved Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra offered puspanjali to the Goddess. The students who turned up for the Puja were mostly the ICSE and ISC examinees coming to school for a brief period of relaxation before their examinations. Despite the fact that every ritual of the puja was observed in details, all the staff maintained safe distance from one another and adhered to all the COVID-19 protocols.

**Amartya Pathak**

(Assistant Teacher)

## Donation - Groceries



The Interact club of St. Francis Xavier School donated essential commodities like rice, edible oil, flour and lentils to Prabartak Samgha (Home for People with Intellectual Disability, Sector-2) and Premasree (A Free Residential Home for Blind & Visually Impaired Children) on 7th of February, 2022.

**Mrs Kshama Dam**

(Assistant Teacher)

## Staff Get Together

The Management of St Francis Xavier School had arranged a Staff-Get-Together at Club Fenicia on 11th of February 2022, in order to provide recreation for the teachers and office staff. All gathered at the school premises at 11.30 am and headed towards the destination. It was a day filled with lots of laughter, music, fun, games and a sumptuous meal. Well organised games and activities like - 'What is on your mobile', 'Tie the knots on ribbon', 'Blow the balloons' and 'Tambola' helped the teachers to interact and bond with each other in a new way. It was a truly enjoyable day and all the staff members expressed their heartfelt pleasure and showed indebtedness towards our Secretary and Administrator Sir for giving them this opportunity.

**Amartya Pathak**  
(Assistant Teacher)



## Inter House Chess Competition



St Francis Xavier School focuses on value based holistic education for students, developing analytical and problem solving attitude amongst the young minds. Inter House Chess Competition is one such competition which is organised by the school to provide a platform for students to improve on logical thinking, analytical reasoning and problem solving. This year it was organised for Classes VIII-XII.

28 participants from various houses participated in this event held on 16th, 17th and 18th of February 2022 in the school P.T room.

The initiative was taken by the Sports club with the support and guidance of our Administrator Sir, Principal (O) and Headmistress madam. The Competition was declared open by our Administrator Sir playing a few moves on the chess board.

It was heart-warming to see the children playing their moves like stalwarts with rapt concentration and controlled demeanour. The winners of the chess competition were Farhan Arafat Qadri from Group A and Sahil Saha Class XII S1 from Group B.

**Rahul C. Mojumder, Suman Chakraborty, Suman Chatterjee**

(Assistant Teachers)

## Cervical Cancer Awareness Programme

On 29th of January, 2022, students of Classes XI and XII participated in a virtual seminar on Cervical Cancer Awareness Programme (a Rotary Garden Reach initiative). Student participants were more than happy to attend the programme as it was immensely informative and indeed widened their horizon.

**Kshama Dam**

(Assistant Teacher)

## Mother Language Day

St Francis Xavier School conducted a Special Assembly to observe International Mother Language Day on 21st February. Ishita Anand of Class IX S and Pratyasha Majumdar of Class IX C delivered speeches while students of Classes IX and X displayed posters to show their respect towards our multilingual culture.

**Mrs Sarbani Biswas**

(Assistant Teacher)



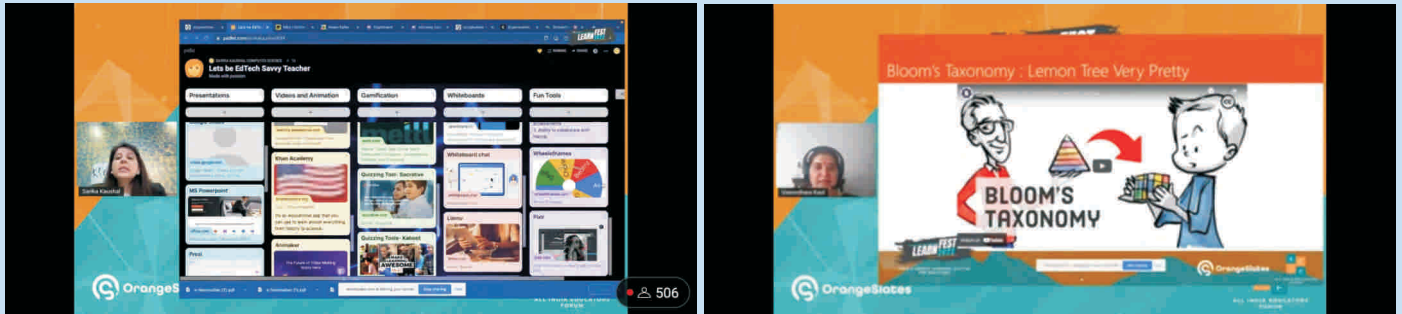
## COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Free vaccination camps were organised by St. Francis Xavier School authorities in collaboration with the Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation on 15th January, 22nd January and 24th March '2022 . The camp catered to students belonging to the age group of 12-18 and they were successfully vaccinated. The endeavour which was the need of the hour was highly successful and much appreciated by the parents as it gave them confidence to send their children to join physical classes without getting worried anymore.

**Rameesha Dey Sarkar**  
(Assistant Teacher)



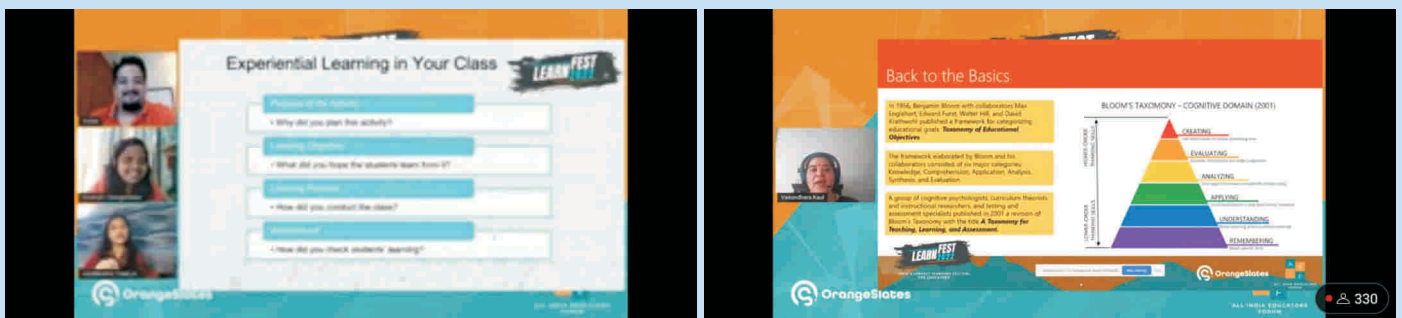
## Online Teachers' Training Programme



Teachers attended an online training session on the 8th of January conducted by Orange Slates, a leading teacher training platform, which prepares educators for the future. Educators from across the world conducted various sessions throughout the day on various skills, pedagogies and strategies to maximise learning outcomes. Mr Ajay Chopra, Secretary & Administrator was one of the panelists who took part in a discussion titled 'New Age Teacher Essentials: Are we ready?'

**Nikhil Biswas**

(Assistant Teacher)

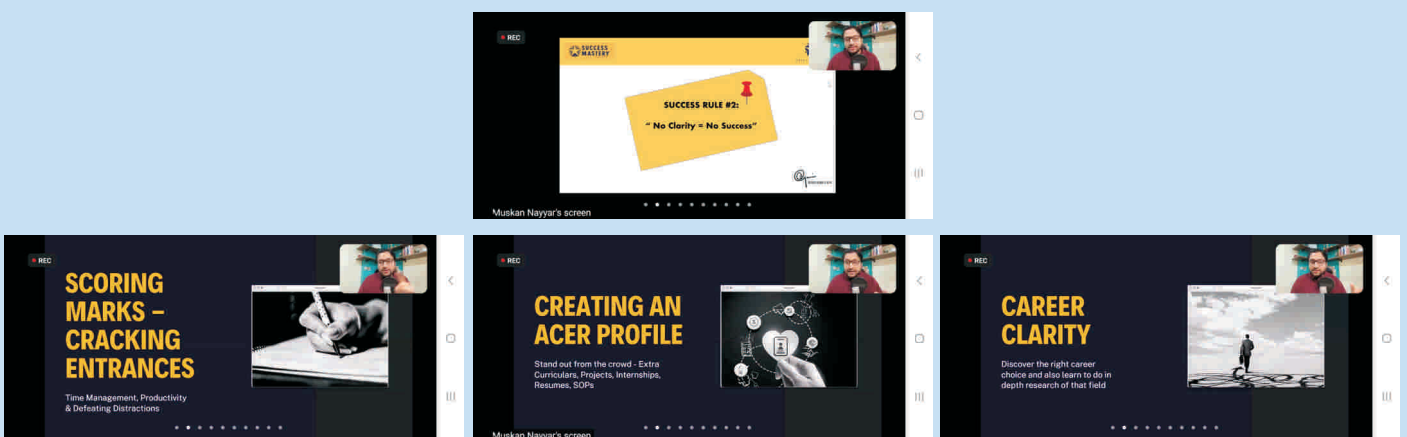


## Success Mastery Boot Camp

The School Management arranged an online Webinar for the students of Classes VIII to XII on 25th of January, 2022 conducted by Mr Rishabh Jain, a career mentor and Personal Success coach. He discussed about scoring better marks, improving focus and confidence, managing time and resources.

**Amartya Pathak**

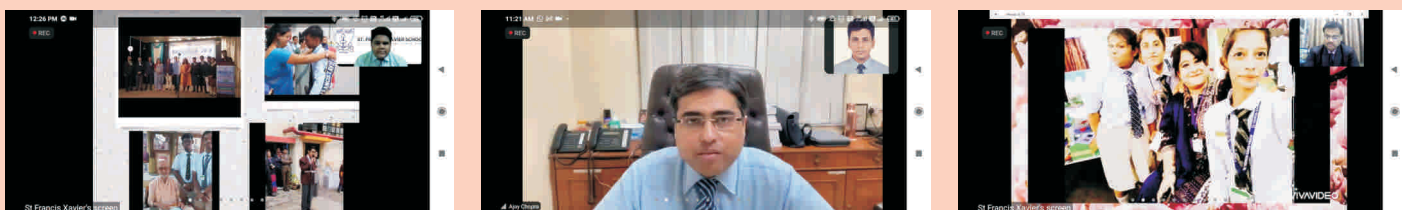
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## Farewell ISC Batch 2021

An Online Farewell Ceremony for the ISC batch 2021 was organised on 4th October 2021. The students joined online to watch the cultural programme organised by the members of Cultural Club and Interact Club. Two prestigious titles - Mr Francis and Miss Francis, were won by Rohan Das Class XII S1 and A. Bala Soujanya of Class XII S1 respectively. Asmit Palit of Class XII was the anchor of the programme. Our Respected Administrator Sir gave a motivational speech and wished them grand success in their future endeavours. The day was a memorable one both for the outgoing batch and the teachers.

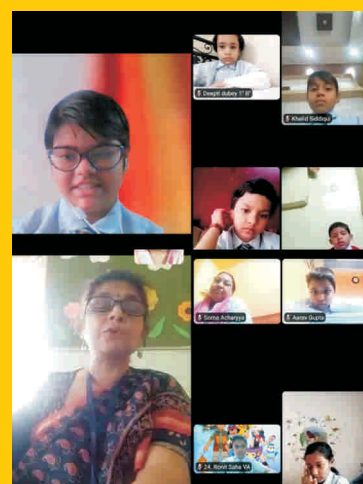
**Indrani Banerjee**  
(Assistant Teacher)



## Guru Nanak Jayanti

St Francis Xavier School paid tribute to Guru Nanak on 18th of November, 2022 through a Special Assembly conducted online. The programme started with a prayer recited by our Respected Principal Sir. Pratyasha Majumdar of Class IX S delivered short stories based on Guru Nanak's preachings. Ishita Anand of Class X S presented a PowerPoint presentation based on Guru Nanak's life. In the primary section there was a PPT presentation class wise on the life and works of Guru Nanak, prepared by Rajveer Singh of Class IV C

**Rahul Mojumder**  
(Assistant Teacher)



## Gandhi Jayanti

St Francis Xavier School paid tribute to the Father of the Nation - Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of his birthday. A PowerPoint presentation on the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi was made by Ritish Ghosh of Class XI S. The PowerPoint presentation was shown class wise from VIII to XII vide Zoom platform on 1st of October, 2022. Classes I-V were also shown a Power Point Presentation by the class teachers and they also spoke about the life of Mahatma Gandhi and his contribution towards the freedom struggle.

**Sarbani Biswas**  
(Assistant Teacher)

## In Conversation with Bahnishika Bhattacharjee



**Bahnishika  
Bhattacharjee**

### 1. How long have you been associated with this institution?

Ans:- 12 years

### 2. Describe your first day experience in this school and how it has changed in these years?

Ans:- When I joined school, ISC practical exams were going on and classes were conducted for standard XI only. I took two classes that day, found the students to be very well mannered and everything went off quite well. Once the classes got over, I got an opportunity to meet our Principal Madam who encouraged me and assured me of her advice, guidance and help whenever required. Over the years, the number of students taking up Computer Science has immensely increased which is a positive sign. For the last two years, technology has been used to its fullest in classroom teaching through online classes, blended teaching etc.

### 3. What made you choose teaching as your profession? What was your main inspiration?

Ans:- I believe teaching is the only profession that provides one with challenges and allows us to make a difference in a child's life every day. As a student, I had got a chance to work for the Computer Section of Birla Industrial and Technological Museum where many educational programmes used to be conducted on a regular basis by eminent scientists and personalities. It was very inspiring to watch from close quarters, how difficult concepts can be explained in a lucid manner.

### 4. Tell us about one of your moments from your journey that made you feel proud and special?

Ans:- It is very difficult to pick up a single moment as there are many such.. Every big and small accomplishments all the way through in school with the students is a celebration. It is very fulfilling to watch the students grow and be proud that I was a part of the journey to get them to where they are today.

### 5. How did the sad news of our Beloved Founder Principal madam loss affect you?

Ans:- Our Founder Principal Madam's loss is an irreparable one. She was instrumental in taking the school to a position in which it is right now. Her leadership and guidance will always be missed. Madam wanted the school to be among the best and so, it is our responsibility to give our best towards that goal.

### 6. Why did you choose higher secondary section for teaching and why Computer Science only?

Ans:- I chose higher secondary section for teaching because it guarantees that every day will be different from the other. We have to work closely with young minds- where they learn new skills and the values and purposes of education have to be infused in them so that there is an all-round development of their personalities.

### 7. How is your relationship with your students?

Ans:- My relation with the students has been good always. I believe appreciation of efforts made by the students, mutual respect for each other, being approachable and providing a fun and simple learning environment plays an important role in this regard.

### 8. How do you motivate your students?

Ans:- I believe each student is different so motivating them has to be done individually. Some of them get motivated when given responsibility, clear cut goals, healthy competition etc.

### 9. According to you what is unique about this school which is hard to find in other institutions?

Ans:- In this school, a good balance is maintained between academics as well as extra-curricular activities which prepares the students for the outer world once they are out of school. Also, all the teachers here share a very good relationship among them, drawing support from each other, cooperating with each other and thus contributing towards school improvement and student success.

### 10. After working in this institution for so many years how do you feel about this institution?

Ans:- The school is like a second home to me and all the members of St. Francis Xavier school is like an extended family. I am privileged and honoured to be a part of this institution.

## Chilapata Forests: A serene and striking experience

Just 40 kms away from Alipurduar, Chilapata is a dense forest near Jaldapara National Reserve. In its vicinity is 'Nalraja Garh', one of the oldest forts in India which is the main tourist attraction. Although in ruins and poorly maintained, it has great archaeological importance.

One can reach New Jalpaiguri by train or fly to Bagdogra. It is 73 km to Dooars by road. The meandering roads are a visual treat but definitely not for the weak hearted. The small tea stalls offer hot tea which refreshes tourists. On reaching Kodalbasti, one can check in at the State Government Resort. There are also numerous homestays which offer a homely experience.

After a restful night, one can leave for Chilapata Forest early morning. The sun rising in the east and a gentle breeze blowing, it is an ethereal feeling. On entering the forest, it seemed to come alive. The tall trees, the chirping and sighting of exotic birds seemed as if the Aranyani (the Goddess of forests) was inviting with her arms wide open. The sun rays playing hide and seek in the tall canopies, insects humming/churring, rustle of animals rooting in underbrush, wind whistling through the tree branches - indeed this was divine. Among the wildlife, one-horned rhino, large number of elephants, bison, deer, leopard, lesser cats, cheetah, sambar, barking deer, wild boar, etc, are available here.

The Nalraja Garh, or the fort of the Nal Kings stood with centuries of untold stories within it. One could imagine hearing the Emperor having a meeting with the courtiers or the Empress having a rendezvous at the royal garden. The fort now has the look of a haunted house and yet a beautiful piece of history to witness.

One can feel lost in this wilderness for centuries. It is like a dream turning into reality. A beautiful memory etched within the core of ones heart never to be erased with time. Chilapata forest indeed has everything to offer and it is no wonder that tourists haunt this place.

## The Heritage Chemistry Quizzical

Our students participated in the Heritage Chemistry Quizzical organised by The Heritage College, and made it to the top 5 schools in the Finals. There were 31 teams comprising of the students from La Martiniere for Boys, Sri Sri Academy, Sri Shikshayatan, Future Foundation School, Garden High School, Agrasain Balika Shisha Sadan Howrah, Army Public School Barrackpore, South City International School, Heritage school, Pratt Memorial School, Sushila Birla school, Birla Bharti school, St Xavier School park street, Don Bosco Park Circus, RN Singh Memorial School, Gokhale school and St Francis Xavier School. The four elimination rounds were indeed, a brain storming one, as from 31 to 24, then to 15 to 10 and finally to top 5.

Our team comprised of Ashmit Palit, Raageshree Saha, Kunal Paul, Tanisha Dugar, Aharnisha Sarkar, Pranay Ganguly, Ayush Sur, Sohom Sarkar and Swastika Ghosh. Mrs Rameesha Dey Sarkar was the Teacher in Charge for the event.

A special mention to Ashmit Palit, Ayush Sur and Aharnisha Sarkar who made it to the Finals.





## QUIZ:

1. National Science Day is celebrated to honour which noble prize winner (Scientist)?
2. Soil-transmitted helminth is a disease that is very common to humans. Which demographic segment is more prone to it?
3. Which US President initially worked to abolish slavery in the United States?
4. In cricketing jargon, what is "Nelson", "Double Nelson" and "Triple Nelson"?
5. Which country has been hit by 'Cyclone Emnati'?
6. Which Spielberg film celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2022?
7. MUSE and HelioSwarm, which were seen in the news recently, are associated with which space agency?
8. 'HAECHE-II', which was seen in news recently, is an operation undertaken by which institution?
9. Which two teams have been included in the TATA IPL 2022?
10. The kakapo is the only flightless species of which type of bird?

## SUDOKU PUZZLE

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## Board Games

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 BUCKAROO  
 BACKGAMMON  
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 PICTONARY  
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 STRATEGO  
 JENGA  
 CHESS  
 CRANIUM  
 MOUSE TRAP  
 SCRABBLE  
 LUDO  
 RISK

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### Answers to Quiz:

1. C.V.Raman
2. Children
3. Abraham Lincoln
4. The number 111, 222 and 333
5. Madagascar
6. E.T.
7. NASA
8. INTERPOL
9. Gujrat Titans and Lucknow Super Giants
10. Parrot

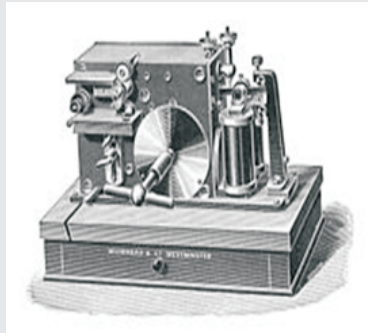
### Picture Quiz Answer:

The radio was invented by Nikola Tesla, As the concept of the engine was formerly coined by Nikola Tesla , an inspiration for Elon musk developing the automobile company ,Tesla.

### ANSWER TO SUDOKU PUZZLE

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### Picture quiz: Find the connection:



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Answers in the next issue

# Glimpses

