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Farewell to the students of ISC batch 2022-23

The Management of St. Francis Xavier School organised a grand Farewell Ceremony for the students of ISC 2021-22 .It was held on 4th of April, 2022 at Rabindra Okakura Bhavan, Salt Lake City. The programme started with the lighting of the lamp and garlanding the portrait of our Founder Principal Madam.The prestigious title 'Miss Francis' was bagged by Vaishnavi Srivastava and Mr Francis by Ojas Vaidya of Class XIIS . Teachers also joined the students in the cultural programme put up by the students. Students received a memento from our Secretary and Administrator Sir. The Band of St Francis Xavier School performed wonderfully. Mr Sunil Kumar Bhattacharya, a senior teacher paid tribute to the legend - Bappi Lahiri by singing one of his songs. Class teachers of Class XIIS Mr Suman Chatterjee, Mrs Kshama Dam, Miss Sneha Gupta and Miss Rajasri Mandal delivered speeches. The Valedictory speech was delivered by Ashmit Palit of Class XIIS.Teachers and students together danced to the tune of a mash up of songs like- 'O little Sweet, Bandhu, Yadein'. Riddhima Das sang a solo . A Power Point Presentation was shown titled 'Reminiscence'. Light refreshments were provided to the students at the end of the programme.

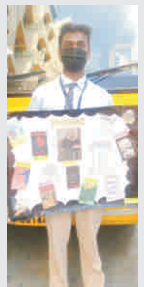
Mrs Indrani Banerjee

(Assistant Teacher)

Shakespeare Day

The students of St Francis Xavier School paid tribute to the Bard of Avon on the occasion of William Shakespeare's birthday . It is said that he died on the same day as his birthday i.e. 23rd of April, which is celebrated worldwide as Shakespeare Day. The students of classes VI to X were shown a PPT on Shakespeare and his works in the classroom. A special assembly was conducted by the students of Classes IX and X. Nikhil Ray of Class XS was the emcee and he enlightened us about Shakespeare's contribution to World of English Literature. Pratyasha Majumder of Class XS delivered the famous Speech on 'Mercy' given by Portia in the Trial Scene of the play, The Merchant of Venice.Kathamrita Chatterjee of ClassXS recited his sonnet 18 ' Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day' Charts were also prepared by Debangana Sarkar (IXS) and Pratyasha Majumder (X) to pay their tributes. Tanisha Dugar of class XIIS recited the poem 'Seven Ages of Man'.

Mrs Papiya Ghosh Dutta





From the desk of Secretary and Administrator

Dear Students & Parents,

The Academic Year 2022-23 is the first such year when schools are operating out of the shadows on the pandemic. After facing massive disruptions for the period between 2020-22, the process of teaching and learning is being conducted in the way it is meant to be. Our short tryst with complete dependence on technology and the virtual world has not been very beneficial for our students. While technology kept the wheels rolling, the outcomes are now before us.

In the first unit test, we have seen how large groups of students are not where they should be academically. We have observed that students are struggling with concentration powers and facing difficulty with larger syllabus set for examinations. Those who were not completely honest and used short cuts during examinations are struggling even more. However, the half yearly examination results do seem to suggest that slowly but surely, things are falling back into shape. With close monitoring at home and our relentless efforts in the classroom, we are hopeful that academic recovery will be full by the end of the year.

The year 2022 has been a milestone year for us. We were bestowed the honor of conducting the CISCE National Lawn Tennis Tournament which saw participation from almost 300 students from schools across the country and even a school from the UAE. The tournament was inaugurated by well known national cricket player and now minister of state of sports and youth services Mr. Manoj Tiwari. The Prize Distribution & Closing ceremony was presided by Mr. Syed Rahim Nabi, renowned national footballer. The ceremony was also attended by a galaxy of Principals.

The event was conducted over a period of five days by our hardworking staff led ably by the Officiating Principal.

Just as I write this, we have received the news that our school has been ranked 26th in West Bengal and 5th among the schools of East Kolkata by the Times of India. This achievement could not have been possible without the hard work of our talented staff, committed parents and sincere students. I thank each one of you for contributions to the school. If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.

I end by praying for a fruitful academic year and success of our students who will be appearing for the Board Examinations soon. May God Bless us all!

Ajay Chopra,
Secretary & Administrator

From the desk of Officiating Principal



Dear readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to communicate with our students, parents, guardians and well-wishers through Espectro which is our most awaited newsletter. We are almost half way through the current academic session 2022-23 and so far, thankfully, we have witnessed a

near normalisation of life after the restrictions were lifted post COVID-19 epidemic. People from all walks of life have resumed their normal activities and everything seems to be moving at a satisfactory pace.

Our school also achieved success in undertaking the mammoth task of bringing the students back to the classroom to attend physical classes like earlier times. In order to accomplish the task, we planned the entire mechanism for resumption of normal physical classes meticulously by consulting all the stakeholders to ensure that the students find it easy for them to adapt to the transition from online classes to offline classes.

There was also a readiness at our end to face the challenges to deal with the mental state of the children who were hitherto accustomed to stay at home and study in an environment where there was not much enforcement of discipline regarding their uniform, eating habit, sitting posture etc.

We started our session from 11th April'2022 and after a few days of physical classes, it was revealed that most of the students exhibited signs of learning deficiency whereas many of them performed poorly in the Class Test and Unit Test. However, we had apprehended this scenario well in advance and we took remedial steps by arranging for extra classes.

We also affected changes in the mode of classroom teaching so that the fundamentals and basics of subjects could be explained vis a vis the syllabus was covered. Another remarkable step taken towards the welfare of the students was to appoint a full-time teacher counsellor destined to play a major role in the process of acclimatisation of the students who are now attending physical classes.

It's mention worthy here that our teacher counsellor has been found to be successfully engaging the students in various skill development activities which will be proven beneficial for the students in the long run. It was observed that slowly but gradually the students have picked up the pace and there is an optimistic feeling that things will soon be the same again. In this scenario it is the need of the hour that the parents and guardians play a pro active role by engaging themselves with their wards and monitor their progress. A collaborative effort from the school and parents & guardians is bound to make the lives of our children normal and better like it was during pre-pandemic time.

Our school also witnessed a glorious phase in its history whereby the CISCE entrusted us with the mammoth task of hosting the prestigious CISCE Tennis tournament'2022 both for the Regional (22nd-26th August'2022)-West Bengal & NE States) and National levels (26th-30th September'2022).

I am proud to state that we hosted both the tournaments successfully and approx. 270 players & team officials from all across the country participated & lauded our efforts and showered us with praises. The wide coverage given by the media bears the testimony of the success of St. Francis Xavier School. I would request all the readers of Espectro to go through the same as it is available online. The entire credit goes to the school Management and a dedicated team of teachers & Students Council members who worked round the clock to take care of every detail of the event. We have presented a detailed report in this edition of Espectro for all to read and cherish.

We look forward for more such opportunities where our capabilities and prowess will be noticed by all and we shall bask in the glory of success and laurels garnered upon us.

As of now the festive season is in its midway and a lot of events are coming up. I would like to request all of our parents, students and guardians to take active part in the Inter House, Inter School events, concert etc so that the moments of fun and merriments enjoyed while participating in such activities may erase off the bitter memories of the pandemic period.

I wish you all a very happy festive season ahead and a happy new year in advance. May God bless us all.

Anil Srivastava
Principal(O)

From the desk of Headmistress



First of all, I would like to congratulate the Editorial board for compiling yet another volume of Espectro. Well done team, your tireless effort even during the pandemic was definitely commendable.

The New Session 2022 -23 began with lot of apprehension, as students were coming back to school after a two-year break due to the Covid -19 outbreak. Both teachers and parents were skeptical about how the students would react and cope with the normal day to day routine, after being confined at home for two long years.

The first two months, April & May were spent by the teachers in helping the students to adjust with the classroom environment, curriculum and pace of the school. No new topics were taught but focus was on practicing the 3R's of teaching or the basics - reading, writing and arithmetic. Along with that went on the induction of good manners and habits which they had nearly forgotten.

Parents attitude had also undergone a change, they were extremely worried and concerned about their children and cooperated with the school authorities. Here a very smart step was adopted by our Administrator Sir of recruiting a School Counselor. The counselor started by addressing the issues of the parents as well as the students. She helped the students cope with the classroom environment with the help of the faculty members.

Major problems the students were facing were:

1. Waking up in the morning and attending school on time
2. Unable to sit in the classroom for a long duration
3. Lack of concentration
4. Not being able to work independently
5. Unable to write long answers
6. Difficulty in working in groups
7. Irregular attendance
8. Students had become restless and talkative
9. Lack of discipline
10. Poor academic performance

Teachers along with the counselor tried to tackle these issues. After the completion of the first term, students have shown a marked improvement. Still the struggle is in progress to bring them back to normalcy. Indeed, it was a mammoth task to overcome these hurdles but at St. Francis Xavier School we have responsibilities to the future citizens of the country and together we strived to achieve it, as "Education is not preparation for life. Education is life itself".

Mother Earth Day

The students of St. Francis Xavier School observed International Mother Earth Day on 22 April, 2022 to spread awareness about conservation of mother earth. The assembly started with the introductory speech delivered by Tanisha Dugar of Class XII S. She spoke about the significance of the day and the role of the students to promote harmony with nature. Arjama Sanyal of Class XIIS1 recited a poem - 'Warned' by Sylvia Stults, where the poetess advises all of us to protect what has been given for free.."

Rajnandini Dey of Class VA recited the poem - 'Everyday is Earth Day' by Janiel Wagstaff. The poem talks about the significance of 3Rs-Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Respected Principal Sir, in his speech, spoke about the threat of using micro plastic and he also advised the students to practise what they preach. Our Respected Headmistress Madam, in her speech, also warned the children to be cautious enough to preserve the resources available on earth. At the end of the assembly, the students and teachers watered few plants, as a gesture to protect our Mother Earth. "We are the green force", was sung by Debarchana Dutta of class VIIIB on the occasion of Mother Earth Day.

Tamali Vershitha of class IXS recited two verses of Gita depicting nature or 'Prakriti', so that peace and harmony may maintain in the hearts of all human beings.

Mrs Papiya Ghosh Dutta (Assistant Teacher)



Ambedkar Jayanti

Students of St. Francis Xavier School conducted a special Assembly on 13th of April on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti. A PowerPoint presentation on life and work of Dr B. R. Ambedkar was shown in all the classes.

Mrs Sanchaita Saha
(Assistant Teacher)



Vaccination Camp

St. Francis Xavier School had conducted a free Covid vaccination drive in its premises for the students of the age group 12 - 18 years on 22nd April 2022. We sincerely thank Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation for collaborating with us. The first dose was arranged on 22nd of April and the second dose was after 28 days.



World Malaria Day

The Interact Club of St. Francis Xavier School observed World Malaria Day on 26th April, by organising a special assembly. Students gave speeches pertaining to prevention and cure for Malaria. They also spoke on the current scenario and performed a short skit to sensitise people about this deadly disease. Students also went for a walk along with the teachers, carrying charts & posters made by them, to spread awareness. They interacted with the local people as well. After these two years of pandemic, students were more than happy and enthusiastic to participate in such activities.

Mrs Papiya Ghosh Dutta
(Assistant Teacher)



Safety of the students and teachers is one of the prime concerns of the School management. To ensure the safety of the students in case of fire emergency, School management organised a mock fire drill on 27th of April, 2022. S&IB services - (fire department) carried out mock fire drills at the school campus. They demonstrated how to douse fire with the help of fire extinguisher and they also guided the students about what is to be done in case a fire does start.

Mrs Indrani Banerjee
(Assistant Teacher)

Mock fire drill



Founder's Remembrance Day



**“Ashes to ashes, Dust to dust
Was never spoken of the soul”**

Founder Principal Remembrance Day was observed on 5th of May. On the 5th Death Anniversary of our Founder-Principal Madam Mrs Sheela Chopra, teachers, students and staff members warmly recalled her grit, determination and indomitable spirit. The seeds were once sown and that is why we all are under the shade of a tree called - St Francis Xavier School. Respected Secretary and Administrator Sir paid tribute by garlanding the bust of our Founder Principal Madam and by lighting the candle on this special day. Online special assembly started with a prayer by Principal Sir and he spoke about the greatness of our departed souls- the soul is immortal, it is not destroyed when the body is destroyed.

Pranoy Ganguly of Class XIIS recollected some fond memories and he spoke that Madam was a mother, a teacher, who would strive relentlessly to guide the students towards a bright future. Ridhima Das of Class IV A spoke about Ma'am's life and work. Despite her ill health, she never failed to encourage her students.

Mrs Kshama Dam and Mrs Kiran Chowbey, senior faculty members, shared their thoughts about Madam. Teachers of the Senior section paid tribute by singing the song - "Aguner Poroshmoni". Teachers of the Primary section sang a mash up of Hindi songs in the memory of Madam. A glimpse of memorable moments spent with Madam were shown through a Power Point Presentation. She is a symbol of our pride and with her blessings St. Francis Xavier School will keep proving itself as a pillar to the successful future for the students. Our Secretary and Administrator Sir took us through the life and work of Madam where he narrates how. From a humble beginning she established this Institution by her hardwork and determination. We, the faculty members, promise to keep Madam alive in every success we achieve. Her life and struggles gave us lessons like not to give up under any circumstances, how to be perfect and to be hardworking. Her words taught us confidence, moral values and integrity. "Gone before but never forgotten" - those we love, never go away, they remain always with us and act as our guiding angels.

Mr. Nikhil Biswas
(Assistant Teacher)

Eid -Ul- Fitre

On the auspicious occasion of Eid-Ul-Fitr, St Francis Xavier School organised a special assembly on Thursday 2nd of May, 2022 for the students to enlighten them with the spirit of festival, brotherhood, tolerance and peace. Charts were made on the significance of the Day. Bushra Tanweer of Class XII S1 said a prayer on this occasion. Principal Sir spoke about the significance of the day. Students prepared charts on this occasion.

Sadaf Salim
(Assistant Teacher)



Visit to "Little Sisters of the Poor"

Fourteen students of our School, escorted by two teacher coordinators, Mrs. Kshama Dam and Mrs. Rameesha Dey Sarkar, went to visit "Little Sisters of the Poor", on 17th June, 2022.

The visit was an unforgettable lesson for the students. There they learnt about the truth about life and to share and care. There were one hundred and twenty senior citizens. The day's breakfast was sponsored by St. Francis Xavier School in fond memory of our late Founder Principal Ma'am Sheela Chopra. The students were assisted by Sister Bernedict and shown around the place. They understood that it is their responsibility to take care of our society and give back to it as much as we can according to one's capacity.

Swapnonil Paul (XIIS1)



Free Eye Check up Camp

On 23rd of June 2022, Sahayog, the interact club of St Francis Xavier School hosted a free eye check up camp for our underprivileged neighbours in collaboration with Vivekananda Eye Mission. The camp was held in our School Hall. Doctors present were-Dr Surajit kundu and Mr Brojolal Ghosh. The response was overwhelming.



Lemonade Day

Like all other previous years, St. Francis Xavier School celebrated 'Lemonade Day' programme on 29th June, 2022 with the students of Primary section. Students were given a list of ingredients to make various flavors of lemonade. This event was organized in the School hall where the students along with the teachers participated in making of Lemonade. It was an exciting and enjoyable event for all the students who eagerly participated.

Mrs Soma Acharya
(Assistant Teacher)



Annual Interact Meet

It was indeed a proud moment for Sahayog, the Interact Club of St Francis Xavier School when the efforts of the Interactors to make the domestic helpers literate and the initiative of GSAC body of our School to help the girls were highly appreciated. The second prize in Women Empowerment category was bagged by the Interact Club of our School. The club coordinators received the certificate of appreciation in the Annual Interact Meet at Sarala Memorial Hall.

Mrs Kshama Dam
(Assistant Teacher)



ISI - Exhibition

Students of our School took part in the Science exhibition, organised by the Indian Statistical Institute on 30th June & 1st July 2022 and made a mark with the unique project of "Grid Network". Library, documentation and Information Science division of ISI conducted an interactive programme, where Sayan Saha of Class XIIS won the quiz contest along with two other students of two schools of Kolkata.

**Mr Purbak Roy
Chowdhury**



Inter- House Debate Competition - Battle of the Intellect

Very few people have the gift of the gab. But those who possess such skills, can argue over any topic and through their eloquent words they can prove their points. St. Francis Xavier School arranged an Inter-House Debate Competition on 24th June, 2022. There were three categories of participants namely; Group A for VI-VIII, Group B for IX-X and Group C for XI-XII. Mrs. Sudipta Sengupta (teacher) and Mrs. Mousumi Mondal (teacher) graced the event as the judges, while Mr. Amartya Pathak (teacher) was the moderator.

The Group A participants debated upon the topic - "Students should be given unrestricted freedom". Afifa Akhtar of Class VI (Netaji House) was the best speaker with a total of 86 points. At the end of the competition, Teresa House stood first, Netaji House - the runners up, followed by Tagore House and then Gandhi House.

The Group B participants presented their arguments on the topic - "Competitions lead to the death of relationship". Nikhil Ray of Class X Sc. (Netaji House) was judged the best speaker with a grand total of 87 points. Netaji House stood first, followed by Tagore House as runner up, Teresa House 3rd and Gandhi House turned out to be 4th. With their intellect and logical reasoning the students proved that competition does not lead to the death of relationships and it is completely dependent on individuals to take a competition in a healthy manner or not.

The Group C participants had the topic - "The youth of today will follow the values laid down by the older generation" of which Nandita Dutta of XIIS1 (Teresa House) was the best speaker with a total of 76 points and Teresa House stood first. Gandhi House was the runners up, Netaji House bagged the third and Tagore House bagged the fourth position. With their logical reasoning, the motion was won.

Mr Amartya Pathak (Assistant Teacher)



Farewell to Mrs Swati Basu

Good teacher is the reason why ordinary students dream to do extra ordinary things. Mrs. Swati Basu was such a teacher, who motivated thousands of students during her tenure of service. St Francis Xavier School bade farewell to Mrs Swati Basu, a veteran, who had been associated with this organisation for 34 years. The school management had organised a farewell party at the School Hall on 2nd of July, 2022. Our Secretary and Administrator Sir spoke about the dedication and contribution of Mrs Basu. Mrs Mausumi Mandol reminisced her association with Mrs Basu. Principal Sir also spoke about her service to this institution. A light refreshment was arranged by the Management at the end of the programme.



Mrs Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

Inter- House Music Competition

On 4th July, 2022, an Inter House Music Competition, was held in the school hall for classes I to XII. From Group A, Sudhrita Halder of Class IA (Gandhi House), Sudiksha Pal of Class IIA (Teresa House) bagged the first positions. From Group B Virat Sharma of Class IIB (Tagore House), Shivangshi Vaidya of Class IV B (Gandhi House) bagged the first positions.

Class VI to VII was categorized as Group C, in which two segments were there, namely Vocal and Instrumental. In Vocal Anshuman Das of class VII B secured 1st position, Debarchana Dutta of class VIII B bagged 2nd position while, Swarnali Dey of class VI B was declared 3rd.

In the Instrumental segment, the 1st position was bagged by Adrija Das of class VII A, Archisman Ghoshal of VIII A secured 2nd position and Niladri Paul of class VII B stood third. All played their string instruments melodiously, leaving our judges, Mr. Purnendu Chakraborty and Mr. Arnab Sen in a dilemma, whom to put in the chronological ranks of position as the best performer.

In category D, Anubhab Chakraborty of class IX S secured 1st position by his rhythmic play at his 'Tabla', while Anas Bin Khurshid of IX C secured 2nd position by singing a melodious song. Sneha Das Gupta (XIIC1) of Teresa House secured the first position, Sumaiya Khanum (XIC) of Netaji House secured the second and Joy Saha (XIIS) of Tagore House secured the third position in group E category.

Mrs Sanchaita Saha
(Assistant Teacher)



World Zoonoses Day

Students observed World Zoonoses Day on 6th of July, to commemorate the first vaccination administered against zoonotic diseases like influenza, ebola and West Nile virus. Students prepared informative charts which were displayed in the Assembly and a Power Point Presentation shown in the respective classes.

Akshat Jaiswal (XIIS1)



Career Counselling Session

The Institute of Company Secretaries conducted a Career Counseling Session with the faculty members of ICSI on 30th of June, 2022. The students of Classes XI- XII attended the session in the School Hall and they were enlightened about the various career options after ISC Examination.

Mrs Soma Acharya
(Assistant Teacher)



Founder's Day



Strong leadership is the foundation of success of our School and without Madam, that would not have been possible. On the occasion of the birthday of our Founder Principal Madam, Mrs Sheela Chopra, students organised a special Assembly on 13th of July. The Assembly started with the opening speech by Tanisha Dugar of Class XII S followed by garlanding the statue of Principal Madam and lighting of the Lamp. Pronoy Ganguly of Class XIIS delivered a speech in fond memory of Founder Principal Madam. Students prayed tribute through a dance performance based on an instrumental(composed by the famous maestro Sri Ananda Shankar). The programme ended with the Vote of Thanks by Headmistress Madam. A 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 to pay homage by garlanding the bust of Late Principal Madam. Administrator Sir spoke about Madam's leadership quality and her journey of life.

Mrs Sudipta Sengupta
(Assistant Teacher)

Intra Class Fancy Dress Competition - ' VISTA - 2022'

St. Francis Xavier School organised Fancy Dress Competition on 29th July, 2022 in the school hall. The students of the primary section dressed up according to the themes given to them by their respective class teachers. Following were the themes given to the students: Class 1- Dolls of the World, Class 2 - Royal Dress (Kings and Queens of the world), Class 3- States of India, Class 4 - Tribal World and Class 5- Ancient Civilization of the World/ Famous Scientists. The students participated in the event enthusiastically and the whole programme was judged by Mrs. Priyanka Chopra (Director of SFI and President of STFX Educational Society) and Mr. Anil Srivastava (Principal-0).



World Nature Conservation Day

“Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.” – Aldo Leopold

Students observed World Nature Conservation Day on 28th of July to make us aware of the need of preserving and protecting the natural resources. Various charts and a power point presentation was shown to sensitise people about maintaining a sustainable environment.

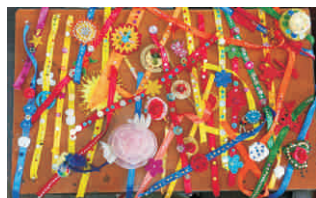
Arpita Sinha (XIIS1)



Rakhi Making Day

The festivals always fill our heart with joy, delight and happiness. Students of Primary Section made some beautiful 'rakhis' as a part of the activity on the occasion of Rakshabandhan, a festival celebrating eternal bond between brother and sister along with friendship day.

Mrs Sanchaita Saha
(Assistant Teacher)



International Peace Day

A special assembly was held to commemorate the World Peace Day. Pratyasha Majumder of Class XS delivered a speech on the occasion of International Peace Day on 21st of September. A power point presentation, made by Akash Kumar of Class XIS, was shown in all the classes.

Mrs Sarbani Biswas
(Assistant Teacher)



Independence Day

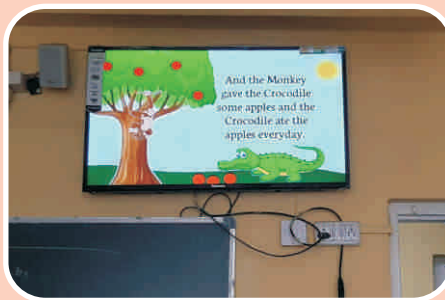
India celebrates its 75th Independence Day as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotshav' to commemorate its freedom. 15th August, 2022 was a day of immense pride and joy for all Indians. In our School, the day started off by hoisting our National Flag by our Secretary, Administrator Sir along with Principal Sir and Headmistress Madam. The programme started with garlanding the bust of our Founder Principal Madam. Tanisha Dugar of Class XIIS delivered an introductory speech followed by a speech by Arkodev Pandey of Class XI S1. The students performed a dance to the tune of 'Aye Vatan'. Shreyan Ghosh of Class VIII B and Madhubani Bose of Class VII A recited a patriotic poem 'The Gift of India'. Raunak Saha of XIIC and Yusuf Riyaz of XI C1 sang a melodious song from the movie- 'Swadesh'. Sarthak Paul of VIA played synthesizer to the tune of 'Amar Mukti Aloy Aloy'. Rajnandini Dey of Class VA recited a Begali patriotic poem- 'Swadhinotar Sukh'. Sanjivani Saha of Class XS enthralled the audience by a beautiful dance performance to the tune 'Vande Mataram'. Students performed a gymnastic session followed by the speech of Principal Sir. The programme was ended with the vote of thanks given by Headmistress Madam followed by the School song.

The celebration came to an end with the distribution of refreshment boxes to all our students and staff members.

Mrs Indrani Banerjee
(Assistant Teacher)



ELSA



English Language Skill Activity is a regular activity in the calendar of St Francis Xavier School. Knowledge of English helps the students communicate in an effective way globally. These activities aim at improving written and oral skills in children. All students from I - XII participate in this activity. This event is conducted by the English teachers. Students were shown a video and then they were asked to write the summary and moral of the story in their own words and they were also asked to give a suitable title to the story. Senior students were assigned to write spellings and take down dictation, to do exercises based on comprehension, to write the reviews at their respective levels. In the course of this activity students learn some new words, which enrich their vocabulary.

Mrs Sanchaita Saha
(Assistant Teacher)

Annual Prize Day

St. Francis Xavier School, held its Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony on 20th of August, at the EZCC Complex in Salt Lake City.

Mrs Sugata D' Souza, Education Director, Adamas World School, was the Chief Guest. Mr Pulak Mondal, eminent member of St Francis Xavier Managing Committee, Mr Pankaj Kumar Jhunjhunwala and Mr. Rohit Handa, eminent members of St Francis Xavier Education Society, Mr Lalit Mohan Khanna, an eminent member of Governing Body - were the eminent dignitaries who graced the occasion.

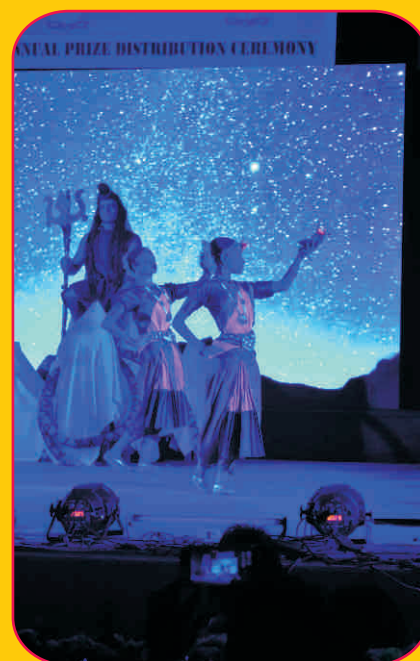
The students who achieved excellence in academics in the past academic year were honoured with certificates, books and medals. A wonderful cultural programme was staged by the Montessori students and Classes I to XII students under the able guidance of their teachers. Asmit Palit of Class XII (2021-22) received the prestigious Founder's Gold Medal for his outstanding achievement in academics and co-curricular activities. Souvik Sarkar scored 98% in ISC 2022 (Science Stream) and bagged the First Prize, Kunal Paul scored 97% In ISC 2022 (Science stream) and bagged the Second Prize, Zartasha Nasir scored 96.25% in ISC 2022 (Science stream) bagged the Third Prize. Souvik Sarkar, Kunal Paul and Md Gulam Gaus scored 100% in Mathematics.

For ICSE 2022 the topper was Akash Kumar, who scored 97.80%. The second prize was bagged by Ishita Anant, who scored 97.80% and Taniya Baluni stood third with 96.2% marks. All of them were from the Science Stream. Ishita Anant, Akash Kumar and Souvik Das scored 100% in Computer Application in ICSE, 2022. The Investiture Ceremony of the student Council was also held on the same day where the newly selected student council members marched towards their respective position and took pledge to bring honour to their School. The prestigious positions of Head Boy and Head Girl went to Pranoy Ganguly and Tanisha Dugar of Class XIIS respectively.

The programme started with a spectacular dance performance - 'Shiv Vandana' followed by felicitation of Guests and lighting of the ceremonious lamp. Students of St. Francis International School presented a dance performance based on the song - "La Sombrella". Students of classes I to V presented 'Pandora and her whispering Box'. Students of Classes VI to XII presented a dance performance based on 'Rejuvenation'. Classes I-V students performed the song "Let it Be". The students of classes VI - XII enthralled the audience with the beautiful song "Imagine".

Mrs Indrani Banerjee

(Assistant Teacher)



Literary Fest

ASISC organised a Literary Fest in memory of Father George Hess . Various schools organised events like painting, debate, creative writing, quiz and declamation. Our School participated in various events.

The literary fest started with the event painting organised on 5th August, where Akshat jaiswl (XII S1) Arko Sarkar (VIII A) and Arijit Pradhan (XS) participated. Among them Arko Sarkar secured the third position.

In then quiz event held on 6th August, the participants were Aharnisha Sarkar (XII S) Anurima Roy (XII S) and Pratyusha Kumar Basu (VIII B) and Shobhit Bothra of VIII B.

Followed by the event Declamation Pranoy Ganguly (XII S) spoke on 'How dare You' by Greta Thunberg and Atreyo Bhattacharya (IX S) spoke on Rabindranath Tagore's Noble prize acceptance speech as well as Soumalya Srimani (VII A) spoke on Swami Vivekananda's speech at Chicago.

Swapnonil Paul (XII S1) and Nandita paul (XI S) for Senior and Anubhab Chakraborty (IX S) with Anik mitra (IX S) for junior category participated in the Debate .

Ruhit banik (XII S1) Ahana Basak (VIII B) and Khyati Pandey of Class X s Participated in the Creative writing contest on 13th of August.

Pranoy Ganguly (XIIS)

Personality Development Programme (PDP)



Personality Development programme is a special endeavour of St. Francis Xavier School. It covers various dimensions and importance of an effective personality. It helped all the students to understand the personality traits and formation of those personalities. This is a vital contribution for growing students, it has made them aware of the various dynamics of personality development.

This programme aimed to create a basic awareness about the significance of soft skills in professional and interpersonal communications and facilitates the all round development of the personality of the young ones.

St. Francis Xavier School organised various Personality Development Programmes for the students. Our first programme was held on 17th June, 2022 on the Topic 'Communication-Oral and Aural'. Another physical session of this programme was conducted on 7th July 2022 where the topic was 'Respect for Elders'

On 5th August we held our third session of PDP on the topic- 'Handling emergency situation.' These workshops not only helped the students to improve their confidence level but also helped to inculcate a positive attitude towards life. We were highly thankful to our Administrator Sir, Principal Sir (Officiating) and our Headmistress Madam under whose guidance this endeavour was executed.

Report on Elocution Competition from Classes I-V

St Francis Xavier School conducted the Inter House Elocution Competition on 8th of September 2022. Students from class I-V participated in the Competition which was held in the school premises. Prelims for the same was conducted in the class and the finalists were chosen. The parameters for judgment were pronunciation, voice modulation, memorization and confidence. The finalist displayed the zeal with enthusiasm and it was a treat to hear them.

From Class I sec A Arushi Das of Teresa house won the first position. Second position was secured by Divyanshi of section B of Teresa House and the third position by Sreya Roy section B of Netaji House.

From Class II section A Shirsha Dutta belonging to Tagore House bagged the first position, the second position was secured by Faisal Imran from section B of Gandhi House and the third by Sree Soni of section B from Gandhi House.

From Class III section A Sampurna Sarkar from Gandhi House got the first position and from section B Dhanesree Guhathakurata of Teresa House and Souryadeep Motilal of Teresa House won the second and third position respectively.

Arinjay Banerjee of class IV B of Netaji House recited the poem 'Man in the mirror' and bagged the first position. The second position was secured by Shivangshi Baidya of class IV B from Gandhi House and Taneesha Dutta of class IV A from Gandhi House recited the poem 'Where the mind is without fear' and got the third position.

From Class V sec A Ritam Roy from Tagore House got the first position, Rajnandini Dey of V B from Teresa House got the second position and Payel Soren of class V B and Ditipriya Barman of VA from Tagore House secured the third position.

The Competition was culminated with few words of encouragement by the judges.

Mrs Soma Acharya

(Assistant Teacher)

Inter House Chess Championship

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 Sir 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.



Mr. Rahul C. Mojumder, Mr. Suman Chakraborty & Mr. Suman Chatterjee (Assistant Teachers)

Teachers' Day

They guide us, support us, inspire us, enlighten us - they are the teachers. On 5th September Student Council Members of St Francis Xavier School paid tribute to their beloved teachers by putting up a cultural programme. The programme started with garlanding the bust of our beloved Founder Principal Madam and the portrait of Dr Sarvapally Radha Krishnan followed by Lamp lighting Ceremony. Our respected Administrator Sir addressed the gathering and emphasised on the holistic approach of learning.

For the Primary Section, the opening speech was followed by a dance performance and a Mime Act by the students of Class V. The audience was enthralled by a melodious song - 'When I Need You' sung by Riddhima Das of Class V B. This was also accompanied by a recitation in vernacular language - 'Pronam Nio' written by Chandan Nath and recited by Rajnandini Dey of class V A showing love and respect for the teachers.

For the Senior Section, the cultural programme started with the speech of Aditya Chowdhury of XIIS1 followed by a dance performance 'Guru Vandana' by Pawnee Ghosh of XS. Archishman Ghoshal played the synthesizer to the tune 'Alo amar Alo ogo'. Anik Mitra of IXS paid tribute by reciting a poem - 'A Teacher for all seasons'. Students of Classes XI- XII staged a contemporary dance performance based on bollywood songs. Raunak Saha of Class XIIC sang a heart touching song - 'Ma' from the movie - Tare Zamin Par'. Students of Classes VII- X performed a Fashion Show based on the theme - 'Colour'. Students of Classes XI-XII presented a skit, where they portrayed a classroom scenario and a picture of reunion of their batch to show gratitude towards their teachers. Principal Sir also delivered a speech, where he had told about the importance of the Day. Headmistress Madam ended the programme by giving Vote of Thanks. Management had arranged a lavish lunch buffet for all the staff members.

Tanisha Dugar (XIIS)



Orientation Session for New Students

Orientation programmes are aimed at familiarizing the students to an unknown campus, its faculties and infrastructure. An orientation session for the parents of the new students of St Francis Xavier School was conducted by the Principal Sir and Headmistress Madam on 18th July. It was held online via Zoom platform. Parents were told about the rules and regulation mandated for the students.

Mrs. Sanchaita Saha
(Assistant Teacher)

Regional Tennis Tournament - 2022

The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (for short 'Council') has always stressed on imparting wholesome education to our students. Sports, therefore becomes an integral part of the curriculum of an CISCE affiliated school. It is the Council's aim to provide a suitable platform and an opportunity to all children studying its affiliated schools to showcase their talents and skills in the various sporting disciplines. Once identified, the next step is to play on a bigger stage and represent the Council at the annual National School Games conducted by the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) and thereafter at the Khelo India School Games.

Towards this end, Council arranges through its affiliated schools regional and national level tournaments in the sporting disciplines of Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Carom, Chess, T20 Cricket, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Kabaddi, Karate, Kho-Kho, Lawn Tennis, Rugby, Shooting, Skating, Swimming & Diving, Taekwondo, Throwball, Volleyball and Yoga.

St Francis Xavier School has had the proud privilege of hosting the regional (West Bengal & NE Region) leg of the Lawn Tennis Tournament in the years 2019 and 2022 (after the pandemic break). On 22nd August, 2022 Our school had the honor of organizing the prestigious Tennis tournament . Numerous players from the regions came and participated in the tournament. It was an enthralling experience for the players and the management as it was for the first time , something of this huge following was portrayed. It not only provided the students to portray their talent but also glorified Tennis as a sport for the masses .



Gandhi Jayanti

On the occasion of the birthday of our Father of the Nation , Riteish Ghosh of Class XIIS made a Power Point Presentation on Mahatma Gandhi and it was shown in all the classes on 30th of September, 2022.



Mrs Srabani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)

CISCE - National Lawn Tennis Tournament 2022

St. Francis Xavier School management and staff are proud and privileged to host CISCE National Tennis Tournament 2022 At Bengal Tennis Association ground .Players from all regions and from UAE arrived in Kolkata on 25th September, 2022 . The host school made their lodging arrangement at State Youth Hostel, Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan(Salt lake Stadium), Kolkata and the matches were played at Bengal Tennis Association ground.

Three segments are there for the tournament - Under 14(boys and girls), under 17(boys and girls), under 19(boys and girls). Mr Manoj Tiwari, honourable minister of State for Sports and Youth services, graced the Opening Ceremony as the Chief Guest. Mr Ranjan Mitter, the Principal of Future Foundation School and the regional coordinator of CISCE games graced the inaugural ceremony as the Guest of Honour. Mr Arijit Basu, Deputy Secretary (Finance) , CISCE was an eminent guest. Mr Ajay Chopra, Secretary and Administrator of St. Francis Xavier School , Mrs Priyanka Chopra, Director STFX, Mr Anil Srivastava, Principal of the host School, Mrs Bipasha Das, Headmistress of the host school attended the opening ceremony . The closing ceremony was held at the BTA ground followed by prize distribution ceremony on 30th September. Mr Syed Rahim Nabi, former international footballer graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Other eminent guests were Mr Sujoy Biswas - President ASISC and Principal of Ram Mohan Mission School, Mr Sailesh Pandey- Principal of Ratnakar North Point School and Vice President ASISC WB and NE chapter, Mr Ronnie Sarkar, headcoach- BTA , Mr Garry O'Brien - National spotter- BTA along with the other dignitaries .

On the intervening days, matches were conducted from 10 am to 9 pm. The winners of this tournament will get an opportunity to represent the CISCE at the Khelo India games. About 250 students from 12 zones participated showcasing the best upcoming tennis talent of the country who will be representing CISCE at the SGFI and the Khelo India Games.

Mrs Indrani Banerjee
(Assistant Teacher)



1. Which is called the 'metal of the future'?
2. Who was the author of the first book printed in the Assamese language?
3. Provision of how many types of punishments come under the Indian Penal Code-
4. Which substance is used for Artificial Rain?
5. On which river is the Kanak Sagar Dam located in Rajasthan?
6. On 26 December 1846, the supplementary treaty of Bhaironwal was concluded between the Sikhs and which British officer?
7. On January 10th a heart transplant from an animal to a human patient was done for the first time. Which animal was it?
8. Which famous movie with Robert De Niro, Marlon Brando and Al Pacino was released exactly 50 years ago?
9. China has complained to the UN, about collision with satellites launched by which project?
10. Which now famous TV chef started cooking at the age of eight in his parents' pub ?.

Quiz

IN CONVERSATION WITH MR. NIKHIL BISWAS

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

I joined this Institution in the year 2010.

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

(laughs) How can I forget that first day...I was given the most naughty class for my demo teaching. The class never knew what was in store for them. They wanted to cause a lot of distraction, making noises etc...however, they were absolutely taken aback when I walked in and started teaching. The then Vice Principal said that that was the first time he saw them taking notes. I was happy.



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

Well, honestly I had tried my hand at a number of other professions early in my career. However, the day I walked into that classroom, I knew that this was what I was made for. I was self inspired seeing the look of interest on the faces of the students the moment I started a lesson.

4. Share one of your moments from your journey here when you felt extremely proud.

I was elated to travel this journey. If there was one moment, I would definitely share it. This journey has been full of moments to cherish. The encouragement, the belief, responsibility and the trust the management has reposed in me makes me extremely proud.

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

(sadly) Madam was the rock of this Institution, the corner stone. Her sudden loss was a huge disappointment and shock for many, but personally I lost my mother when she departed. Life has never been the same since.

6. Why did you choose higher secondary section for teaching and why English?

I can communicate better with the senior students. With the juniors I am more of a child. English has always been my forte. The depth of English language cannot be traversed. You can never reach the horizon. The romanticism in English Literature- Shakespeare and Poetry is just something that mystifies my imagination. One can never get enough simply teaching Literature, analysing it satiates the soul.

7. How is your relationship with your students?

They find in me a friend, philosopher and a guide. They always look forward to my motivational speeches. I am strict when needed and soft when required.

8. How do you motivate your students?

Students of today seem to have been lost in a world of their own. They live in a bubble world. I bring the reality of life before them and the bitter truth without sugar coating it. Though it sounds harsh sometimes, they need a reality check every now and then.

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

The timings actually (laughs). On a serious note, this school is more of a family than a formal place of work. Running three sections in one building in itself is unique. The amount of academic as well as co-curricular activities that happens here is indeed unique.

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

I have given the prime years of my teaching profession to this institute and have seen it grow. I feel immensely proud to have served here. Today, as I see the dedication and sincerity with which everyone goes about doing their bit, and this will definitely help this school to reach very high. God Bless St. Francis Xavier School.