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Ambedkar Jayanti

Students of St. Francis Xavier School conducted a Special Assembly on the 13th of April to commemorate the birth anniversary Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, one of the architects of the Indian Constitution, a philosopher, and an anthropologist who fought against caste discrimination. Students prepared charts and delivered speeches. A PowerPoint presentation on the life and works of Dr B. R. Ambedkar was shown in all the classes to make the students aware of his contribution to society.

Mrs Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)



Poila Baisakh Craft Making

The students of the Primary section of St. Francis Xavier School celebrated Poila Baisakh, the Bengali New Year, on 12th April 2023 by exhibiting the crafts made by them.

Students of classes I and II, with the help and guidance of teachers made colourful drawings of lifelike 'sweets pots'.

Students of classes III and IV designed 'Fans' with rainbow-colored marbled papers whereas the students of Class V made colorful 'Hand fans' with glitter papers. Some of the best items were displayed in the assembly and the school building was decorated in keeping with the festive spirit. Our Headmistress, Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay, spoke on the significance of Poila Baisakh in the morning assembly.

Mrs Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)





From the desk of Secretary and Administrator

Dear Readers,

The first half of the academic year has passed by and with the declaration of the results of the first set of unit tests and half-yearly examinations, students are well aware of their standing as far as academic performance is concerned. Though the pandemic is behind us, its brutal impact on academics is still being felt. As such, students need to work harder, and parents need to upgrade their supervision so that the damage can be reversed.

Although attendance at school is one of the prerequisites for getting good grades, yet what students do after school in their own time is also very important. Just attending school and the tuition classes is not enough. If that were so, then every student would do well just by being physically present in class. What matters is what students do after school and after tuition classes. To achieve success in academics, student ought to revise the same day what is taught in classes in order to achieve maximum retention. Just oral memorization is not enough, one must understand concepts, highlight and underline key portions, circle the keywords and then make short notes for revision. These short notes ought to be revised from time to time so that one doesn't forget what was taught weeks or months back. For a subject like mathematics which is often perceived as difficult by most students, rigorous practice is essential. A lot of mathematics is dependent on intuition, i.e., which theorem or which property or which formula to apply to a problem. This intuition is built only through solving a large number of problems.

Make no mistake, academic achievers are no miracles. The Nobel laureate Richard Feynman

famously said, "I was an ordinary person who studied hard. There's no miracle people." Success just requires persistent hard work.

I wish you the best for the rest of the academic session.

Ajay Chopra,
Secretary & Administrator

From the desk of Principal (O)



Dear readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to present to you the latest edition of Espectro, which aims to keep you updated on all the exciting activities and events happening at our school. Our editorial team has done a wonderful job in compiling all the reports and pictures, and I must

commend them on their hard work.

Our goal in publishing Espectro is to keep you informed about all the exciting events and activities that our teachers and students have been working on. Our school places great importance on finding a balance between academics and extracurricular activities, and we believe that the articles and stories in this edition of Espectro will give you a glimpse into the wonderful work that our students and teachers have been doing.

In terms of academics, we have made some changes to our teaching methods. We have spaced out our Unit Tests to reduce the pressure on our students, and we have introduced Financial Literacy, Bagless Days, and Foundational Literacy & Numeracy (FLN) activities as recommended by the NCERT and CISCE. Our teachers have been discussing important financial literacy topics during the daily assembly to keep the students informed.

We recently hosted the CISCE Regional Lawn Tennis Tournament, which saw some of the top-ranked schools from Kolkata and its suburbs participating. Our students also participated in the CISCE National Karate, Tennis, and Basketball tournaments, and we are proud to say that we have been ranked 7th best schools in East Kolkata and we figure among the top 30 school in West Bengal as per the Times School Survey'2023.

We are also planning on introducing new subjects, such as Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, as part of our ICSE course, and we are exploring the possibility of introducing

more subjects, such as Sociology, Political Science, Legal Studies, Mass Communication and Journalism, and History, at the ISC level from the Academic Year 2024-25.

We are constantly striving to achieve new milestones and to set higher standards for ourselves in the best interest of our students, society, and nation. We hope that you enjoy reading this edition of Espectro and that it gives you a glimpse into the wonderful work that our school community is doing.

With love and regards,

Anil Srivastava

Principal(O)

From the desk of Headmistress



Dear Readers,

It seems like only yesterday I penned my first message for ESPECTRO. Yet, so much has happened in the blink of an eye. We've had an exciting Summer camp, hosted a refreshing Lemonade Day, celebrated the achievements of our students at the Annual Prize Distribution ceremony, and witnessed the creativity and camaraderie of our children in the intra-class fancy dress competition -to name a few.

Alongside these extracurricular activities, we have also maintained a strong focus on academics. We believe that a well-rounded education is essential for our students to thrive in an ever-changing world. We strive to create a learning environment that is both challenging and supportive, where students are encouraged to explore their interests, develop their critical thinking skills, and reach their full potential.

While academics are important, we also recognize the value of play and extracurricular activities. These activities provide opportunities for students to socialize, express themselves creatively, and learn valuable life skills. They also help to create a positive and vibrant school community that our students can be proud of.

As we look ahead to the rest of the school year, we are excited to continue providing our students with a stimulating and enriching learning experience. We have many more events and activities planned, and we are committed to supporting our students in achieving their academic and personal goals.

In the meantime, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and wonderful students for their hard work and contributions to the success of St. Francis Xavier School. We are truly a team, and I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together.

Thank you

Mom Chattopadhyay

Headmistress

Mother Earth Day

The students of St. Francis Xavier School observed International Mother Earth Day on 24th April, 2023 to spread awareness about the conservation of Mother Earth. The assembly started with the introductory speech delivered by Apoorva Devi Das of Class XII S1 who spoke about the significance of the day and the role of the students in promoting harmony with nature.

Mrs. Papia Ghosh Dutta (Assistant Teacher)



Shakespeare Day & Eid-UI-Fitr

It is often said that William Shakespeare was born and died on the same date, April 23rd. This coincidence has made April 23rd, Shakespeare Day - a day to celebrate his life and works. The students of St. Francis Xavier School conducted a Special Assembly via Zoom platform to celebrate this day.

Arkadev Pandey of Class XII S1 presented a PowerPoint Presentation and Tamanna Bandyopadhyay of Class XIIC recited an extract from Shakespeare's famous tragedy Julius Caesar.

Special assembly on Eid-ul-Fitr was held on the same day and students spoke about the spirit of brotherhood, tolerance, and peace. A PowerPoint Presentation made by Sidra Siddiqui of Class XIIC was shown to all the classes. Charts were prepared by the students highlighting the significance of Eid-UI-Fitr.

Mrs. Papia Ghosh Dutta (Assistant Teacher)

Ms. Sadaf Salim (Assistant Teacher)



Founder's Remembrance Day



Our beloved Founder-Principal Madam, Mrs Sheela Chopra, shall always remain in our hearts for her indomitable spirit. The dynamic leader, and great visionary laid the foundation of this Institution in the year 1983 with a notion of building good citizenship. Gradually, St. Francis Xavier School has become a renowned name in the field of education. The teachers and the staff members, under the able guidance of our Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra, are carrying on the legacy successfully.

Founder Principal Madam's Remembrance Day was observed on the 5th of May. The programme started with garlanding the bust of our Founder Principal Madam and lighting of the candle by our Secretary and Administrator Sir followed by a prayer by Principal Sir. Arkadev Pandey of Class XIIS1 spoke about Madam's life and works and how, despite all odds, she never failed to encourage her students.

Mr. Nikhil Biswas, Mr Rahul Mojumder and Mrs. Mousumi Mondal shared their thoughts about Madam. Teachers paid tribute by singing the song - "Ay Malik tere bande hum" and "Hundred Miles". Students paid tribute to their beloved Founder Principal Madam by offering flowers.

'Sahayog', the Interact club of St. Francis Xavier School hosted a free eye check-up camp on the same day for our underprivileged neighbours in collaboration with 'Vivekananda Eye Mission'. The camp was held in the School hall under the able supervision of Dr. Surajit Kundu and Mr. Brojolal Ghosh. Approximately 80 people had the benefit of getting their eyes checked and 50 people received spectacles free of cost.

Mrs. Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)



World Malaria Day

According to a surveyed statistics report, more than half of the human population deaths till date have been caused by malaria, giving it an infamous ignominy.

To combat the same, World Malaria Day is observed on the 25th of April every year as an effort to mitigate the risks.

Our school, aiming to cover all essential aspects, had also taken measures to spread awareness regarding the same.

Making the commoners aware of the fact is one of the most important aspect, keeping this objective in mind the students of our school went on an awareness walk around the neighborhood. Posters and charts with slogans were displayed to spread the message to take necessary measures of prevention. The students interacted on a one-to-one basis to ensure maximization of results to make the neighborhood a safer place.

A positive feedback was received leaving our students content but not complacent, making the campaign a successful one.

Nandita Dutta (XIIS1)



Special Assembly on Rabindra Jayanti



Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated with a great enthusiasm on 8th May the eve of Tagore's 162nd birth anniversary. The programme commenced with a floral tribute to Rabindranath Tagore and the lighting of the Lamp. A dance based on 'Bhanusingher Padabali' was performed by the students of Classes IV-V. Classes XI and XII performed to a medley of two songs of Tagore:- 'He Nutan dekha dik aar-bar and Ei Akashe Amar Mukti Aloye Aloye.' It was a humble tribute to Tagore whose contribution to our country in the cultural, educational, philosophical, and even political front is unfathomable. The musical performances bore testimony to the sheer range of Tagore's creations, which helped him emerge as an institution in himself. Divyanshi Mohanty of Class II A recited a poem-'Putul Bhanga' composed by the great philosopher of all times.

The event for classes VI- X was conducted by Ahana Basak of Class IX-S. An introductory speech on Rabindranath Tagore was delivered by Archisman Ghoshal of Class IX-S. This was followed by a recitation - Dhula Mandir by Rajnandini Dey of Class VI A. The students of classes VI and VII sang the song "Esho hey Boishakh". After the group song, the students of Class X C Debangana Das and Shriyanka Sarkar performed a poetry enactment named "Amader Jibone Kabiguru". An instrumental recital on the song "Dariye acho tumi amar ganer opare" was performed by Sarthak Paul of VIIA.

The entire event concluded with a valuable speech delivered by Officiating Principal Sir ,Mr. Anil Srivastava followed by the school song.

Mrs. Soma Acharya & Mrs. Joyita Acharya (Asst Teachers)

Summer Camp 2023

St. Francis Xavier School organized a Summer Camp for the students of the Primary Section on the 15th and 16th of May. It was organized in a grand manner in the school hall.

Day 1 began with a Pidilite Craft Workshop conducted by professional trainers from M/s. Pidilite. Students of classes I, II, and III were trained in Canvas Art on Jute Handbag and students of classes IV and V were shown the art of creating Gond Art, a form of Canvas Painting. It was organized to provide a platform for students to channelise their creative potential. After this wonderful session, students were provided with lip-smacking refreshments during lunch break.

Post lunch, students of classes I, II, and III attended the Music and Dance workshops conducted by the respective music and dance instructors of the school where they crooned to the lilting tune of the song - 'He is my Everything, He is my All' and danced to the beat of the melodious song- Waka Waka- This time for Africa.

In the meantime, students of classes IV and V attended the Self-defence workshop under the guidance of the Physical Trainer and the Karate teacher.

Day 1 saw the students going home with happy faces.

On Day 2 of the Summer Camp, the students of Classes I, II, and III had hands-on experience of learning the art of ORIGAMI and Vegetable Painting. The students of IV and V attended the Music and Dance workshops under the able guidance of the instructors. A Magic and Puppet show was arranged for the students. The little ones clapped and cheered and were bursting with excitement. On Day 2 also refreshments were served to the students.

In the second half of the day, the school hall was converted into a mini theatre with the students enjoying the movie MOANA with chips and juice. The Summer Camp ended on a happy note and the students were given certificates on completion of the grand event.

We are really grateful to our very own Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra, Principal (O) Sir Mr. Anil Srivastava, and Headmistress Ma'am, Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay for allowing us to organize the Summer Camp.

Mrs. Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)



Personality Development Programme (PDP)

Personality Development Programmes are periodically conducted in the Primary Department which plays a crucial role in instilling confidence and empowering them to succeed in their personal and academic endeavours. The first session on the topic 'The Power of Positive Thinking' was held on 19th June, 2023 for the students of standards I, II, and III and on 20th June 2023 for the students of classes IV and V.

A PowerPoint Presentation was shown to the students of classes I - III in their respective classes and students were made aware of the need to develop courage and self-confidence.

Students of classes IV and V were taken to the hall where a video was shown to them followed by a PowerPoint presentation. The programme focused on increasing their self-awareness & self-esteem. It taught them how to believe in themselves, break the habit of worrying, and take control of their own life by taking control of their thoughts and changing negative attitudes to positive.

The second session was conducted on the 7th of August on the topic - Social Etiquette. Through the medium of a story, it was demonstrated that students can have peace of mind, improved health, and never ceasing flow of

energy if they believe in themselves and inculcate positive thoughts to live a fulfilling life.

On 6th October, the third session was conducted on 'Anger Management'. It was an interactive session, with the students speaking about their reactions to situations that triggered their emotions and ways to deal with them.



International Yoga Day



The students of St Francis Xavier School under the guidance of our honourable Administrator Sir Mr. Ajay Chopra, Principal(O) Sir Mr. Anil Srivastava, and Headmistress Madam, Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay observed International Yoga Day on 21st of June, 2023 at the school premises.

The special assembly was conducted in two sessions. The emcee for the Primary Section was Mr Rahul Mojumder. The assembly started with a prayer by our Principal Sir followed by a speech stating the importance of yoga. Some common benefits stated were - Yoga helps in maintaining body balance, helps to strengthen one's concentration, and also helps in controlling anger.

Ayshee Bhattacharjee of XI-S1 delivered a speech on the importance of Yoga Day.

The EMCEE for the Day Session was Archishman Ghosal of Class IX S. He spoke about 'Rajyoga' and its significance. After the prayer by Principal(O) Sir, the students displayed some of the basic asanas led by Sports teacher Sir Mr Debojyoti Chakraborty. The students demonstrated Pranayam, Vajrasana, Ardhakurmasana, Bhujangasana, Dhanurasana, Vrikshasana, and the Surya Namaskar, and the importance of these were explained simultaneously.

The students of class XII performed advanced Yoga asanas like Shirshasana, Purnachakrasana and Gymnastics like front handspring and cartwheel.

Mrs Priti Singh and Mrs Gargi Banerjee performed Pranayama, Janushirshasana, Vrikshasana and Surya Namaskar. Mr Debojyoti Chakraborty performed Shrishasana, Mayurasana, Adhomukha Vrikshasana and Pincha Mayurasana.

The event concluded with the vote of thanks by our honourable Headmistress Madam which was followed by the School song.

Jagrit Pramanick(XI S1)

Blood Donation Camp

The Interact Club of St Francis Xavier School, Sahayog, successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp on the 27th of June, 2023 at our School premises in the loving memory of our Founder Principal Ma'am - Mrs Sheela Chopra

There were twenty-six donors comprising the parent body, teaching faculty, accounts, and support staff. The ex-students too turned out with enthusiasm. The Interactors managed the entire event smoothly in coordination with Project Life Force. This event got coverage in 'Labanhrad Sanbad' - a prominent Bengali Daily of the Salt Lake City region.

Mrs. Rameesha Dey Sarkar (Assistant Teacher)



Lemonade Day



The students of the Primary Section of St. Francis Xavier School celebrated Lemonade Day on 30th June in a grand manner. The teachers put in their effort to erect a beautiful and colourful stall. Students of classes I-V were informed to bring ingredients like lemons, squeezer, paper glasses, paper straws and seasoning.

In order to teach the students the necessity of maintaining proper hygiene, teachers donned aprons and gloves and covered their heads with caps during the preparation of lemonade. It was distributed among the students of the primary section with the assistance of the support staff and volunteers.

As a classroom activity children made paper cutouts of lemonade glasses and wrote about the benefits of drinking lemonade. It was a well-spent day where the cold glasses of lemonade brought relief to the students in the midst of a hot summer morning.

Shivangshi Baidya, VB

Bagless Day



Bagless Day in school provides a platform to encourage students to learn through demonstration and to take part in extra-curricular activities. It is an attempt to provide a different module of learning for better performance. Students of St. Francis Xavier School also enjoyed their bagless day on 9th August, when they took part in various activities like creative writing, poster making, non-gas cooking, newspaper reading, report writing, and many more activities. Our students got the opportunity to enjoy the movie 'Moana'. Various interactive sessions were conducted for the students to amplify their interpersonal skills.

Mrs. Joyita Acharya (Assistant Teacher)

Intra Class Fancy Dress Competition 2023

With the aim to nurture children's creativity, St. Francis Xavier School conducted the Intra Class Fancy Dress competition on the 4th of July for the children of classes I to V. The purpose of conducting the competition was not only to blend learning with fun but also to develop confidence in the students by giving them an opportunity to speak in front of the judges, teachers, and their friends. Students of each class were given a choice of two topics prior to the main event. Children were dressed in colourful costumes and spoke about the characters that they depicted. The effort and hard work of the children was highly commendable.

Students of Class I displayed their talents on the themes **"Nursery Rhymes Character"/"Go as you like"**.

For the students of Class II, the theme was **"Nobel Prize Winners"/"Popular Sports Personality"**.

Class III students dressed up as **"Seasons"/"Endangered Animals"** with great zeal and enthusiasm.

For Class IV students the theme was **"Elements of Nature"** for which they dressed up as Fire, Rain, Water and Earth.

Class V students displayed their talent on the theme **"Colours"/"Occasions"** The competition proved a great learning experience for the students and gave them a platform to explore their hidden talents.

Mrs.Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)



World Zoonoses Day



Zoonotic diseases are ones that are caused by animals as carriers transferring germs to humans, and combating the same has always been a matter requiring prioritization.

World Zoonoses Day is observed every year to spread awareness to mitigate the risks caused by animals, and our school too, has always made every effort to fight this bane.

St. Francis Xavier School observed World Zoonoses Day on 6th July 2023 as a campaign to fight the diseases by spreading awareness. A special assembly was conducted where our students prepared charts and posters for display, which was accompanied by an informative speech.

Throughout the day too, with the guidance of our teachers, the students were well schooled regarding the steps they can take. From prevention to cure, all aspects were highlighted, with Power Point Presentations.

Arkadev Pandey(XIIS1)

Healthy Tiffin Day



A healthy tiffin preparation activity was organized by the students of the primary department on 12th July 2023. The students were informed about the ingredients required. Mouth-watering and healthy delicacies such as sandwiches, sprouts salad, fruit chaat, etc were prepared in their classroom. Students were instructed to carry an apron and a handkerchief to inculcate within them a sense of basic hygiene and table manners.

This activity was carried out to remind the students about the value of healthy eating. The main motive was to help them get the right amount of nutrition and promote the eating of wholesome meals by saying 'NO' to Junk food.

Sadaf Salim (Assistant Teacher)

Inter School Fest - UTSAV

The students of St. Francis Xavier School participated in an Inter School Fest 'UTSAV' organized by Purushottam Bhagchandka Academic School on 4th and 5th August 2023.

The students of the Primary Section Srijada (IV) and Md. Arman Ansari (V) secured the Third Prize for the category Food O Chaat.

The First prize for Junior Declamation was secured by Anuttama Sinha (IXS) and the Third prize for Declamation in the Senior category was secured by Aishee Bhattacharya (IXS).

Mrs. Sarbani Biswas



Felicitation of the Successful Candidates

It was a moment of pride and honor when the student examinees of ICSE and ISC 2023 of our institution were selected to receive awards for scoring 80% or above. The successful achievers were honoured and felicitated by Mr. Sujit Bose, the Honourable Minister of State, MLA Bidhannagar Assembly Constituency. The programme was held in the Divinity Banquet Hall, Sreebhumi, on 14th August '23. They were awarded prizes and certificates.

Our faculty members, Mrs. Kshama Dam and Mrs. Indrani Banerjee, escorted the students to the desired destination.

Mrs. Indrani Benerjee (Assistant Teacher)



Frank Anthony Memorial Debate



St. Francis Xavier School had the honour of hosting the Frank Anthony Memorial All India Inter School Debate Competition - Category II (Stage I) on 10th July 2023, 10 a.m. onwards.

The event was graced with the presence of Mrs. Suzana R. Gomes, a very passionate elective English teacher of the Loreto Day School Elliot Road, Mrs. Supriya Chakraborty, a senior English teacher at Our Lady Queen of the Mission School, and Ms. Ruby Bose, a highly experienced teacher at the Heritage School Kolkata as the judges of the event. The participants debated upon a hot topic of the current times; **'Facebook friends have become more real than real friends'**.

Mr. Nikhil Biswas was the moderator of this prestigious event.

Four schools across Kolkata took part in the auspicious event. Meghanshi Mustafi (against) and Shirsha Sharma (for) from Delhi Public School (DPS) Newton, Anwesha Panda (against) and Aditya Dasgupta (for) from Welland Gouldsmith School, Shreeja Bhattacharjee (for) and Adrija Mondal (against) from Julien Day School, Saptashi Pal (against) and Divyanshu Shaw (for) from Agrasain Boys School were the participants taking part in the debate. After a tough competition, all the participants were successful in imposing their views to the audience. Meghanshi Mustafi, a student of the Delhi Public School (DPS) Newton, Kolkata speaking against the topic was judged as the best speaker among the intellects as she was confident enough to endure her views that real friends are irreplaceable. She was extremely delighted and said, "There was a mix of emotions swirling in my mind - anxiety, curiosity, and excitement dominating them". DPS Newtown secured the position of the best speaking team while Julien Day School stood as the first runner-up.

At the end of the debate, it was set that Virtual or Facebook friends can never replace real friends because man is a social animal who cannot connect to others until he receives the human touch. Numerous people make fake accounts and commit fraud and so with no offense, Facebook can actually be termed as 'Fakebook'. This event got coverage in The Telegraph (Salt Lake Edition).

Nikhil Ray (XIS1)

Founder's Day Special Assembly

On the occasion of the birthday of our Late Founder Principal Madam, Mrs Sheela Chopra, students of classes I- V organized a Special Assembly on 13th July 2023. The Special Assembly for the primary section started with the opening speech and prayer invoking the blessings of Almighty by Mr. Rahul Mojumder followed by garlanding the bust of Founder Principal Madam by our very own Principal (O) Sir, Mr. Anil Srivastava and Headmistress Ma'am, Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay.

Students paid tribute to Madam by singing a melodious song. Principal Sir also spoke about Madam Sheela Chopra's life and work. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Headmistress Madam. Students of Classes I- V were shown a PowerPoint Presentation and badges with Founder Principal Madam's picture were distributed among them. The primary department showed respect and love to our Founder by distributing biscuits, cakes and muffins among the less privileged. It was a noble gesture on the part of children to collect the items for donation to 'Our Little Sisters of Hope' and 'Missionaries of Charity' to commemorate the birthday of our founder Principal Madam.

The Special Assembly for the Secondary and Senior Secondary started with a march past by the Council Members followed by the hoisting of the School Flag by our respected Administrator Sir. Students of Classes IX-XII performed a dance called 'Pushpanjali'. Nandita Dutta of Class XIIS1, the Head Girl delivered a speech in memory of Founder Principal Madam. Tamanna Bandyopadhyay of Class XIIC recited a poem - 'My Dear Principal'. Administrator Sir quoted in his speech that we must keep her spirit alive as we celebrate Founder's Day.

On 14th of July, the Staff members attended a special programme at our school premises and paid tribute to our Founder Principal Madam by offering flowers. The School Management arranged light refreshments for all.

Mrs. Indrani Banerjee and Mrs. Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teachers)



Junior Investiture Ceremony

The Primary Department of St. Francis Xavier School held the Investiture ceremony on 20th July 2023. It was the occasion where the young students were prepared to don the mantle of leadership and discharge the responsibilities entrusted to them by the school.

The names of the monitors and vice monitors of classes I-V were announced by Mr. Rahul Mojumder and class teachers pinned the badges. Captains and Vice-Captains of each house were selected from Classes IV and V respectively. Badges were handed over by our respected Headmistress Madam, Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay. Students took the pledge to serve their institution with utmost sincerity and to the best of their abilities. Our Headmistress Madam motivated the students and blessed them with her words of wisdom to help the students make their vision clear for the achievement of their goals by performing their duties with complete dedication.



Mrs. Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)

Friendship Day

Friendship Day was celebrated on the 26th of July, 2023 by the students of the Primary Section.

Students showed their creativity by making friendship bands and cards to be given to their near and dear ones.

It was an exciting and enjoyable time for all the students who enthusiastically participated in this event.

Mrs. Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)



Annual Prize Day

The achievers of the academic session 2022-23 brimmed with pride on the Annual Prize Day of St. Francis Xavier School held at the EZCC Complex in Salt Lake City on the 22nd of July, 2023.

Professor (Dr.) Sonali Chakravarti Banerjee, Vice-Chairman, West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board and professor in the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta, was the Chief Guest.

Mr. Naresh Jain, President of St. Francis Xavier Managing Committee, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Jhunjunwala, (Vice-President, Governing Body), Mrs. Saroj Shroff (Member, Governing Body), Mr. Pulak Mondal (Member of the Managing Committee), Mr. Rohit Handa (member, Governing Body), and Mr. Lalit Kumar Khanna (member of the 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. **Tanisha Dugar of Class XII (2022-23) received the prestigious Founder's Gold Medal for her outstanding achievement in academics and co-curricular activities.** The stream toppers for ISC 2023 were –

Ayush Sur - 98.25% (Science Stream)

Md Shadan Alam - 90.75% (Commerce Stream).

Arun Das scored 96% in ISC 2023 (Science stream) and secured the Second Prize.

Ruhit Banik scored 94.50% in ISC 2023 (Science stream) and secured the Third Prize.

Ayush Sur scored 100% marks in Mathematics. Ruhit Banik and Swastika Ghosh scored 100% marks in Biology. They were all awarded with the Certificate of Excellence.

For ICSE 2023 the joint toppers were Tanusree Kar and Mayank Shekhar Bal, who scored 97.40%. The second prize was jointly secured by Nikhil Ray and Ankit Jana, who scored 97.80% and the Third position was given to Kathamrita Chatterjee, who scored 96.60%. All of them were from the Science Stream.

In ICSE, 2023, Tanushree Kar scored 100% in English Literature, History and Civics, Computer Applications, and Biology. Nikhil Ray scored 100/100 in English Literature and Computer Applications. Mayank Shekhar Bal scored 100/100 in History and Civics, Geography and Chemistry. Ankit Jana scored 100/100 in History and Civics. Iffat Shabbir scored a 100 in Commercial Studies. Certificate of Excellence were awarded to them.

The Investiture Ceremony also took place on the same day. Head Boy, Head Girl, Captains, Vice Captains, and Prefects were selected from the four Houses- Netaji, Tagore, Gandhi, and Teresa-as office bearers. Arkadev Pandey and Nandita Dutta were bestowed with the honour of Head Boy and head Girl respectively.

A wonderful cultural programme was staged by the students of St. Francis International School and St. Francis Xavier School under the able guidance of their teachers. The programme started with a spectacular dance performance – 'Saraswati Vandana' followed by felicitation of Guests and lighting of the ceremonious lamp. Students of St. Francis International School presented a wonderful dance performance based on the song – "I Want to live like animals".

"Something Just Like This" – a group song was presented by the choir of St. Francis Xavier School. Students of Classes VI to XII presented a dance performance based on 'Nava Rasa'. Classes I-V students performed the song "Let it Be". The Annual reports of St Francis Xavier School and St. Francis International School were read by our Officiating Principal Sir, Mr Anil Srivastava, and the President of St Francis Xavier Education Society- Mrs Priyanka Chopra respectively. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay and the singing of the School Song.

Mrs. Indrani Banerjee (Assistant teacher)



Inter-House Elocution Competition 2023

St Francis Xavier School conducted an Elocution competition for the Primary and Secondary sections on 3rd August 2023. Students of Classes IV and V participated in group elocution with great zeal and enthusiasm. The Judges for the event were Mrs. Sanchaita Saha, Mrs. Soma Acharyya, Mrs. Dipa Majumdar, and Ms. Rajasri Mandal.

The result of group elocution for classes I-V is as follows :

First -Gandhi House (Poem- Silver).

Second -Netaji House (Poem- The Arrow and the Song)

Third-Teresa House and Tagore House (Poems - Home they brought Her Warrior Dead and Vacation respectively.)

The young children of classes I-III enthusiastically participated in the event and performed to the best of their ability. The results of Classes I-III are as follows :

From IA the First position was secured by Sohag Saha of Teresa House The second and the third positions were secured by Ayush Sen (Tagore House) and Ushnish Saha (Gandhi House) respectively.

Adira Singh (Teresa House) of IB was the winner and the second and the third positions were secured by Md. Arsh Hussain (Netaji House) and Tannu Shaw of Gandhi House. From IC Aarna Tiwari of Teresa House was the Winner whereas Ayushi Gupta of Gandhi House secured the second position. Nimral Sikandar of Tagore House secured the third position.

From II A the first position was secured by Debamrit Mondal of Tagore House. The second position was jointly secured by Swapnadip Paul and Piyasish Bhattacharya of Gandhi and Netaji Houses respectively. Pratham Saraswat of Teresa House came third.

Aaraiz Shamin (Teresa House) of IIB was the Winner. The first runner-up was Shreya Roy of Netaji House and the second runner-up, Vikhyat Pandey of Gandhi House.

From III A Sudiksha Paul of Tagore House secured the first position. Shirsha Dutta (Teresa House) and Aishani Majumder (Netaji House) were second and third respectively.

Krittika Lal (Netaji House) of III B secured the first position. The second and third positions were secured by Vedika Gupta of Gandhi House and Ritwika Shara of Teresa House respectively.

For classes VI-X the Renaissance-themed elocution event was a captivating journey into the historical and cultural marvels from the 14th to 17th centuries. The emcee of the event was Adrija Das. (VIII A)

The Champion was **Gandhi House** with the recital of the poem BLOW, BLOW, THOU WINTER WIND --by William Shakespeare. Their excellent gestures and expressions were commendable.

The first runner-up was **Teresa House**. They recited the poem ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE also by William Shakespeare.

In the Third position was **Tagore House**. The poem recited was THE SHROUDING OF THE DUCHESS OF MALFI by John Webster. Netaji House recited the poem ON HIS BLINDNESS by-- JOHN MILTON. Both Houses were brilliant in their performance.

Mrs. Soma Acharyya
(Assistant Teacher)



Inter House Chess Competition

An Inter-House Chess Competition for CLASSES IV – XII was organized at St. Francis Xavier School on the 26th of July by the Sports Club.

The ARBITERS of the event were Debojyoti Chakraborty, Suman Chakraborty, and Rahul C. Majumder. The result is as follows:

GROUP A : CLASS IV & V

- Winner – Arinjay Banerjee (VB) Netaji House
- Runners Up – Sreang Jaiswal (VA) Gandhi House

GROUP B: CLASS VI-VIII

- Winner – Soumalya Srimani (VIII B) Tagore House
- Runners Up – Saswata Mohan Rakshit (VIII-A) Netaji House

GROUP C: CLASS IX – XII

- Winner – Abhishek Agrahari (XII S) Teresa House
- Runners Up – Deshan Mitra (XI S) Gandhi House



Mr. Debojyoti Chakraborty
(PT Teacher)

Orientation Session For The Parents of Newly Inducted Students

An Orientation Session for the parents of students admitted in the session 2023-24 was held on 5th August 2023. Mr. Anil Srivastava, Officiating Principal and Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay, Headmistress presented a PowerPoint presentation where the following issues were discussed:

- * Briefing on the School's legacy
- * Role of School management and teaching staff,
- * Different scholastic and co-scholastic activities,
- * Discipline & conduct,
- * School and bus fee-related matters,
- * Communication with the school, absence and leave matters,
- * Parental role in monitoring behaviour in children
- * Personality development program in school, English language skill development activities
- * Educating the parents about importance of school counseling



The session encouraged parents to raise their queries and it ended with an open interaction about the same.

Ms. Dipwanita Chatterjee (School Counselor)

Celebration of India's 77th Independence Day

A grand celebration took place at St. Francis Xavier School on the glorious occasion of India's 77th Independence Day.

The Primary Section celebrated Independence Day in a grand manner a day prior to the event. A Special Assembly was conducted where the students of classes I - V dressed up as eminent national leaders. There was also a graceful dance performance, a lovely song, and a moving recitation. The enthusiasm of the young children won the hearts of all present.

A cultural programme was arranged for the students of Classes VI to XII on 15th August.

The celebration started with Arkadev Pandey of class XII S1 as the emcee for the day. The school was decorated with tricolor balloons and banners. The programme started with the garlanding of the bust of Founder Principal Madam. The National Flag was hoisted by respected Secretary & Administrator Sir, Principal Sir, and Headmistress Madam followed by the singing of the National Anthem. A short speech was delivered by Nikhil Ray of class XI S1 followed by a scintillating music performance of a medley of patriotic songs by classes VI-XII.

Shreyan Ghosh of class IXS delivered with passion a portion of Jawaharlal Nehru's famous speech 'Tryst With Destiny' It filled our hearts with pride as we remembered Nehru through his speech. A stellar drill with music was performed to perfection by the students of classes VI-XII. A speech delivered by our respected Principal sir, motivated us all.

The last performance of the day was a short skit on the life of Rani Laxmibai performed by the students of classes VI-X. The script and the performance held the audience spellbound.

Finally, our respected Secretary & Administrator Sir delivered a speech on India's progress standing on this Independence Day. This was followed by a vote of thanks by our respected Headmistress Madam and the programme came to an end with the students passionately singing the school song.

A light refreshment was provided and the students left the school with a proud heart and head held high.

Tamanna Bandopadhyay (XIIC)



TTIS Award

St. Francis Xavier School secured three awards in **The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence** on the 26th of August, 2023 held at South City International School. It was a proud moment for the entire institution to achieve three prestigious awards in the following categories:

- 1. The Ananda Paul Memorial Award for Social Service.**
- 2. The Adamas University Award for Excellence in Sports by Adrija Das**
- 3. The Exide Award for Academic Excellence by Ayush Sur.**

It was a moment of pride when Mrs. Priyanka Chopra, President of St. Francis Xavier Education Society, gave away the **Sheela Chopra Memorial Educational Scholarship Award** in loving memory of our Founder Principal, Madam Sheela Chopra.

Mrs Kshama Dam (Assistant Teacher)

Inter House Extempore

Rhetoric, the Public Speaking Club of St. Francis Xavier School conducted an Inter-House Extempore Competition for Classes III to XII on 17th August '23 in four categories –

Category A (Classes XI-XII), Category B (Classes IX-X), Category C (Classes VI-VIII) and Category D (Classes III-V)

The topics were decided by drawing lots and related to current news, issues, and happenings. The judges of the competition were **Mr. Nikhil Biswas (Category A), Mrs. Sarbani Biswas (Category B), Ms. Dipwanita Chatterjee (Category C), and Mrs. Soma Acharya (Category D)** Students were judged on the criteria of approach, content, gesture, appearance and confidence.

The result of the competition is as follows:

POSITION	NAME	CLASS/HOUSE
FIRST	NIKHIL RAY	XI S1/NETAJI
SECOND	ARWA ZOHARIXI	C1/TAGORE
THIRD	ANRAJKUMAR	XI S / TERESA
FIRST	DEBARCHANA DUTTA	IX S /NETAJI
SECOND	ARSHIA ROY	IX C/GANDHI
THIRD	ADITYA RAJ	X S/TAGORE
FIRST	RISHITA MISHRA	VIII B/ TERESA
SECOND	ANANYA PANDEY	VIII B/ GANDHI
THIRD	BHAVIKA CHOPRA	VIII B/ TERESA
FIRST	ARINJAY BANERJEE	V B/NETAJI
SECOND	RAJANYA PAL	IV A / TERESA
THIRD	AMAKSH SHAWI	V A/NETAJI

Mrs. Joyita Acharya (Assistant Teacher)



A health checkup was organized by St. Francis Xavier School for the students of I-XII on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of September wherein their vitals, dental health, and other general parameters were examined by qualified doctors. The medical checkup is conducted periodically to monitor their health status so that preventive measures can be taken.

Mrs. Indranni Banerjee

Medical Check-up



CISCE REGIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT (WEST BENGAL & NORTH EAST STATES) – 2023

It is a matter of pride that St. Francis Xavier School got the opportunity to host the CISCE Regional Tennis Tournament this year. The Inauguration Ceremony of the CISCE Regional Tennis Tournament (West Bengal and N.E. States) was held on 28th August 2023, at the Bengal Tennis Association. The Chief guest for the occasion was Commandant Avtar Singh, Indian Coast Guard. The other distinguished guests of honour who graced the occasion were Mr. Ranjan Mitter, Principal of The Future Foundation School & Games and Sports Coordinator for WB and NE States, Mrs. Mousumi Saha, Principal, National English School, and Mr. Ajay Chopra, Secretary & Administrator of St. Francis Xavier School. Their presence encouraged the participants and the organizing committee. There were 93 participants from 20 schools displaying a highly competitive but true sportsmanship spirit.

The Closing Ceremony was held on the 1st of September, 2023, at the Bengal Tennis Association. The Chief Guest was - Mr Enrico Piperno, Indian Tennis Legend, Mr. Sudharshan Ghosh (Secretary, BTA), Mr. Sujoy Kumar Ghosh (COO), Mr. Kemp O'Brien, Mr. Rony Sarkar (developing Officer of BTA), Mrs. Proma Das, (Principal of Calcutta Public School, Kalikapur), Mr. Ajay Chopra, Secretary & Administrator of St. Francis Xavier School also graced the occasion along with Mr Anil Srivastava (Principal) and Mrs Mom Chattopadhyay (Headmistress). The entire event was organised and hosted by the Sports Club of St. Francis Xavier School.

Gargi Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)



Teachers' Day Celebration

Students of St. Francis Xavier School celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th September 2023 to express their gratitude and respect towards their teachers. The programme was held in the school Hall which was beautifully decorated with balloons and festoons. A warm welcome at the Hall gate with flowers and cards was a pleasant surprise for all the teachers. Rajanya Pal was the Emcee in the Primary Section. The dance performance of Rebecca Das, a melodious song, and a recitation dedicated to teachers by the students of the Primary section set the mood for the day.

Arkadev Pandey and Tamanna Bandopadhyay were Emcees of the day from the Senior sections. The programme started with a prayer by Officiating Principal Sir, Mr. Anil Srivastava followed by a speech in which he gave examples of those teachers who had encouraged the students to go forward despite many obstacles they faced.

At the outset, our Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra enlightened the students about the Nobel laureate Dr. Abdul Salam, a famous physicist who repaid his debt of gratitude to his mentor, Anilendra Ganguly, by dedicating his award to his teacher. The inspirational words of Administrator Sir motivated students and teachers alike.

Nandita Dutta, the Head Girl delivered a speech on Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. The welcome dance on 'Guru Vandana' was performed by the students of Class VII. A musical medley was performed by the students of Classes VI to XII. The students of Class IX portrayed a skit on the achievements of the famous scientist Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose. A fusion dance was performed by the students of Classes XI and XII.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by our headmistress Mrs. Mom. Chattopadhyay.

A scrumptious lunch was arranged for the teachers by the School Management.

It was also a matter of pride and privilege that the teachers of St. Francis Xavier School were felicitated by the Honourable Minister of State and MLA of Bidhannagar Assembly Constituency, Mr. Sujit Bose on this day. The felicitation ceremony took place at Divinity Banquet Hall, Sreebhumi, Kolkata.

Archisman Ghoshal (IXS)



District Installation Ceremony



It was a great achievement and matter of pride for Sahayog, the Interact Club of St. Francis Xavier School that Eram Shams of Class XII-C1 was formally inducted in District 3291, Kolkata, as the District Interact Secretary of Coordination 2023-24. The District Installation Ceremony was held at Sri Sri Academy on the 21st of September, 2023.



Rameesha Dey Sarkar (Assistant Teacher)

International Peace Day

The International Day of Peace is celebrated on 21st September each year. It stands as a reminder of humanity's aim for global harmony. St. Francis Xavier School observed International Peace Day on 21st September by showing a PowerPoint Presentation prepared by Akash Kumar (XIIS) to the students. Ahana Basak (IXS) delivered a speech on this occasion.

Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)

Vidyasagar Jayanti



A special Assembly was conducted to commemorate the birthday of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar on the 26th of September, 2023. Students of Classes II, III, IV, and V delivered speeches, recited poems, and displayed charts on the life and work of Vidyasagar. Anuttama Sinha of class IXS delivered a speech. The students displayed charts highlighting the contribution of this social reformer to society. On this occasion, the Cultural Club of St. Francis Xavier School distributed 'Barna Parichaya' written by Vidyasagar and chocolates amongst the slum children.



Mrs. Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)

Gandhi Jayanti Celebration



Students of St Francis Xavier School held a special assembly on Gandhi Jayanti on 29th September 2023 to commemorate the birth anniversary of this great leader, visionary, and patriot. Riya Singh of Class XS delivered a speech and the students displayed a PPT on the life and work of Gandhiji.



Special Achievement



St. Francis Xavier School witnessed the moment of glory and joy when the Times of India recognized the School as one of the top 30 schools in West Bengal and among the top 7 in East Kolkata. This achievement and recognition is destined to serve as a great motivation and encouragement for the entire school fraternity.

Inter House Karate Competition



The Sports Club of St. Francis Xavier School organized an Inter House Karate Competition on 1st September 2023 for the students of Classes I-VIII.

Group A – Class I, Group B – Class (II & III), Group C– Class (IV & V), Group D – Class (VI-VIII)

The judges for the event were Shihan Jayanta Kumar Karmakar, Sensei Ankit Kumar Singh,, Sensei Sayan Saha, Sensei Rakesh Harai, and Sensei Eshita Sutrodhor.

The result of the competition is as follows:

GROUP	NAME	POSITION	HOUSE
A	PRIYANSH SHAW	1ST	NETAJI
A	DEBAYAN DEY	2ND	NETAJI
A	TANISHA KAREL	3RD	TERESA

BOYS' CATEGORY

B	SWAPNADEEP PAUL	1ST	GANDHI
B	IZYAN ZAMIL	2ND	TERESA
B	SKANDAJIT MAITY	3RD	TAGORE
C	SOURAGNIK MAHESH	1ST	GANDHI
C	ARYAN SINGH	2ND	TAGORE
C	AYUSHMAN DEY	3RD	TERESA
UNDER 55 KG			
D	AYMAN ANSARI	1ST	TAGORE
D	ASIF JAMAL	2ND	TAGORE
D	MRINAL MODI	3RD	TERESA
ABOVE 55 KG			
D	NILADRI PAUL	1ST	TAGORE
D	ANURAG JAISWAL	2ND	GANDHI

GIRLS' CATEGORY

B	KAVYA SINGH	1ST	NETAJI
B	TRIJA DAS	2ND	TERESA
B	AREEFA AKHTAR	3RD	GANDHI
C	GINIA TARAFDAR	1ST	NETAJI
C	AARUSHI PRAJAPATI	2ND	GANDHI
C	KRITYA VERMA	3RD	GANDHI
D	SUCHANDRA PAUL	1ST	GANDHI

Mr. Debojyoti Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)



Financial Literacy activities during the Assembly

CISCE has decided to make students at its schools "money-aware" from a young age by making them aware about finance management, savings, and investment. It aims at developing the skill of how to spend money and making purchasing decisions, budgeting, making optimal use of available resources, to become more aware of financial risks and opportunities and what to do to improve financial well-being.

We impart the above knowledge to the students during morning assembly for classes VI - XII, where they are encouraged to speak about the Financial Literacy topics selected by the educators, especially on topics of the example as Subsidy, Taxes, Mortgages, Methods of Budgeting, Debit Card rates, Pricing policy, etc. Students who become financially literate learn how to create a budget, reduce debt, and save for the future. This improved understanding of personal finances helps them make informed decisions about their money and achieve financial stability.

Ms. Trina Chatterjee (Assistant Teacher)

Quiz Questions For Espectro

Compiled by **Nikhil Biswas**

1. Which institution was shifted from Chowringhee to Sans Souci Theatre in January 1860?
2. When was Nawab Wajid Ali Shah deported to Metiabruz, what did his chefs add to the Awadhi biryani, which is now an integral part of Calcutta biryani?
3. After which singer was Jorabagan Street renamed in 2014?
4. Whose business card read 'The fruit of silence is prayer; The fruit of prayer is faith; The fruit of faith is love; The fruit of love is service and the fruit of service is peace'?
5. Which was Satyajit Ray's first colour film based on his original screenplay?
6. Towards the middle of the nineteenth century, which specialized professional did William Coats Blaquiere, a city magistrate, introduce to systematize policing in Calcutta?
7. Cricket balls in the city are often referred to as 'deuce balls'. Why?
8. In 1925, who became the first Bengali to be admitted to PG Hospital (later renamed SSKM Hospital) for treatment?
9. Which famous structure, commissioned in 1943, consumed 26,500 tonnes of steel and was constructed at an approximate cost of Rs 250 lakh?
10. In 1995, who made the first mobile phone call in India to Sukh Ram, the then Communications minister?

RIDDLES

- Q1. I can fly without wings. I can cry without eyes. Wherever I go, darkness is cast. What am I?
- Q2. I'm tall when I'm young and short when I'm old. What am I?
- Q3. You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but there isn't a single person on board. Why?
- Q4. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
- Q5. I can travel the world without leaving my corner. What am I?

Find the Connection These are related to ?



IN CONVERSATION WITH MR. SUMAN CHAKRABORTY

QUESTION 1

How long have you been associated with the school?

I have been associated with the school for the past 11 years and so far it has been a great journey for me.

QUESTION 2

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

With the blessings of our Founder Principal Madam, I joined the school in 2012. Since this was my first teaching job, I was a bit nervous on my first day. Founder Principal Madam and the erstwhile Headmistress and my loving colleagues made me feel at home right from day one.

QUESTION 3

What made you choose teaching as your profession?

I have always loved children and wanted a profession where I could mingle with kids. Teaching was the best option. I have two lovely daughters at home and I treat every child in this school as my son or daughter.

QUESTION 4

Who was your inspiration?

Our founder Principal Madam Mrs. Sheela Chopra was my inspiration.

QUESTION 5

Share a moment from your journey here when you felt extremely proud.

The first Open House was a great experience for me because the parents of the Primary Section came up to me and told me how their children enjoyed and liked my classes. It was a moment of great pride.



QUESTION 6

How did the sad news of the loss of our beloved Principal Madam affect you?

Firstly, I could not believe that she was no longer with us but I had to accept the fact. Later I consoled myself by saying that though she was no longer physically present with us, her blessings will always be there. I was very saddened by the fact that the person who encouraged me, taught me, and inspired me to be a successful teacher was no longer present. It was a great loss for me but I had to accept the fact and move on with my teaching career. I have followed her teaching principles throughout my life and will continue to do so in future.

QUESTION 7

Why did you choose the Primary Section for teaching and why the subject Bengali?

I chose the Primary Section because of my love for young students. My passion for Bengali made me realize I can do justice to the subject.

QUESTION 8

According to you what is unique about this school which is difficult to find in other institutions?

The school was built on the foundation of love, care, affection, and warmth. Till today the school has built a strong bond between the students and the teachers under the able guidance of our Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra. The school has a lot of unique qualities differentiating it from other institutions. I pray to God that the school may grow and become the best school in India. I am grateful to Ajay Sir for laying his trust in me.

QUESTION 9

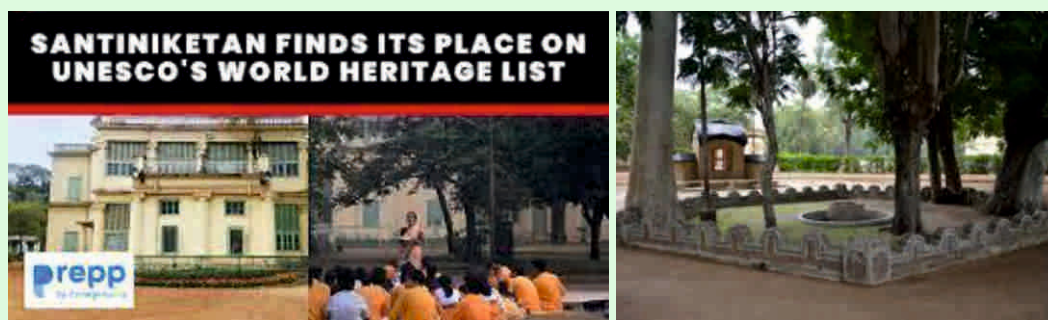
After working in this institution how do you feel?

I feel very grateful and obliged to the school management. I wish to offer my best services for the growth of this institution and I wish to see it become the best school in Kolkata.

TRAVELOGUE - This weekend you can be at Santiniketan

Santiniketan, West Bengal has been inscribed on UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites during the 45th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Santiniketan is India's 41st UNESCO World Heritage Site.



It is an ensemble of historic buildings, landscapes and gardens, pavilions, artworks, and continuing educational and cultural traditions that together express its Outstanding Universal Value.

Established in rural West Bengal in 1901, Santiniketan was **founded by Rabindranath Tagore, a renowned poet and philosopher.**

The built and open spaces of Santiniketan constitute an exceptional global testimony to ideas of environmental art and educational reform where progressive education and visual art are intertwined with architecture and landscape, with the Ashram, Uttarayan, and Kala-Bhavana areas forming the prime sites of these practices.

Santiniketan is also directly and tangibly associated with the ideas, works, and vision of Rabindranath Tagore and his associates, pioneers of the Bengal School of Art and early Indian Modernism.

This UNESCO recognition not only celebrates India's heritage but also reinforces the global significance of Santiniketan as a cultural and educational beacon.

The World Heritage Convention, adopted by UNESCO in 1972, strives to safeguard such exceptional places for future generations, recognizing their universal value and the need for international cooperation in their protection.

UNESCO seeks to encourage the identification, protection, and preservation of cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity.

You can visit Sonajhuri



Believed to be one of the cleanest forests in India, Sonajhuri is an enthralling offbeat destination. You will cherish the beauty of nature around you and the simplicity of the tribal people. If you happen to visit the place on a Saturday, then you can visit the local market selling the hand-made products of the villagers. **You can also visit the 'Haat' or local market.**



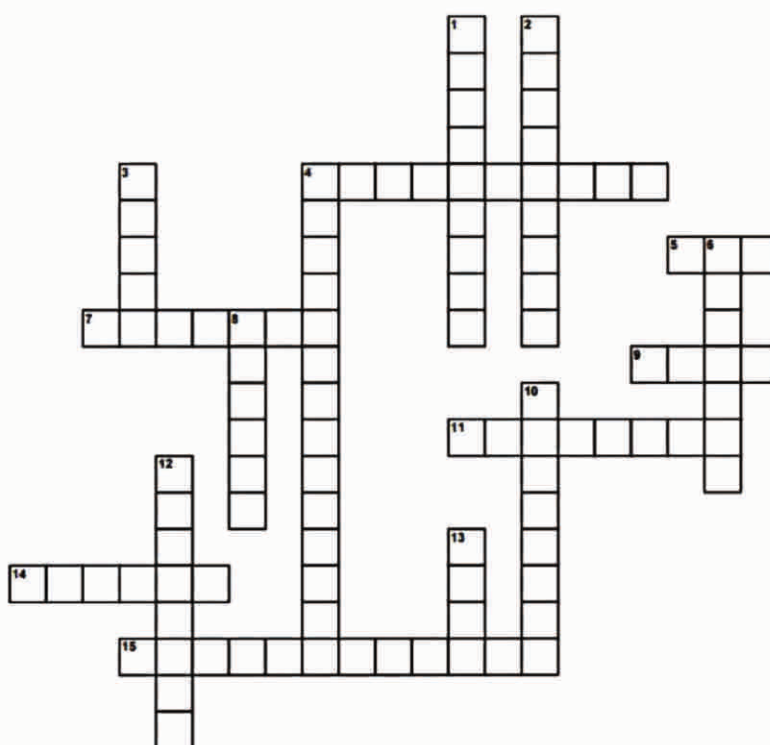
Every Saturday, the Khoai region around Sonajhuri forests transmutes into a blend of colours and melody. The weekly haat or bazaar here is a paradise for shopaholics, art and music lovers. Ethnic jewelry, hand-woven and batik sarees, dresses, bags, woodwork, folk instruments, and traditional toys meld with Baul gaan to create an indelible atmosphere.

It is also called "Shonibaar'er haat". All the local artisans gather at this place called Khoai, in Shonajhuri. Everything that you would find here is handmade, right from clothing to accessories, furniture, decoratives, etc. This "mela" or fair starts at around 3:00-3:30 PM IST on every Saturday and lasts till there's daylight. There is no power supply, hence, by the time it's dusk, the sellers will wind up their stuff. It is a must-visit place if you are in Shantiniketan!

Location: Near Santiniketan in Bolpur

Distance from Kolkata: 166 km approx.

Film and TV Vocabulary



Across

- [4] All the music in the film
- [5] The place where everything is filmed
- [7] A cowboy movie
- [9] All the actors together
- [11] A show drawn or computer generated
- [14] A show to make you laugh
- [15] Person who creates the script

Down

- [1] Slow, not much happens
- [2] A show on TV
- [3] The type of show
- [4] A story about the future
- [6] Just one hour of a very long story
- [8] Person who cuts up the film
- [10] The person who controls the actors
- [12] Person who organizes the money
- [13] This is what happens in the story

Inter-House Quiz Competition

The Inter-House Quiz Competition was held in the school hall of St. Francis Xavier School on the 29th Of September. The theme for the quiz was 'Seventy-six years of Indian Independence'. The quiz was conducted in four rounds: general round, slides round, audio-visual round, and rapid-fire round. The results for the different categories are as follows:

CATEGORY	CHAMPION HOUSE	FIRST RUNNERS-UP HOUSE	SECOND RUNNERS-UP HOUSE
IV-V	GANDHI	TAGORE	TERESA
VI-VIII	GANDHI	TAGORE	TERESA
IX-X	TAGORE	TERESA	NETAJI
XI-XII	TERESA	NETAJI	TAGORE

Mr. Amartya Pathak (Assistant Teacher)



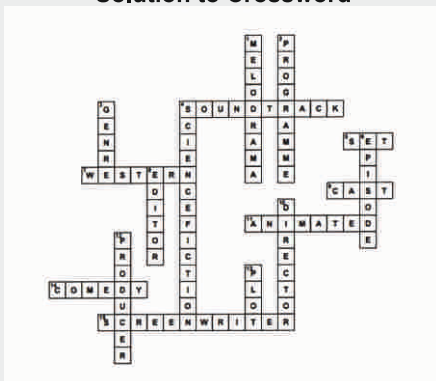
Answers to Quiz Questions For Espectro

1. St Xavier's College
2. Potato
3. Manna De
4. Mother Teresa
5. Kanchenjunga
6. A network of spies or goondas
7. Corruption of Duke, a brand of cricket balls
8. Michael Madhusudan Dutt
9. Howrah Bridge
10. Jyoti Basu. The first cellular service in India was inaugurated in Calcutta on July 31, 1995.

Answers to Riddles

- Q1. Cloud
- Q2. A candle
- Q3. All the people on the boat are married
- Q4. Footsteps
- Q5. A postage stamp

Solution to Crossword



Answers to Find the Connection

These are related to ?



Stock market

Bull Market

Bear Market

Blue Chip Stocks

Wall Street