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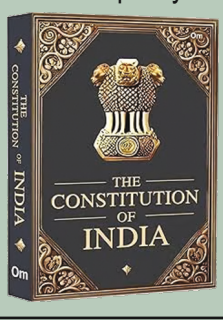
AMBEDKAR JAYANTI

Our school celebrated Ambedkar Jayanti on 13th April 2026 with an informative PowerPoint Presentation to honour the Father of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

The slides successfully educated students on his early struggles, global academic achievements, and his profound role in promoting social justice and equality.

- Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)







MOTHER EARTH DAY

Mother Earth Day was celebrated on 22nd April, 2026 at St. Francis Xavier School, Kolkata with vibrant energy and a powerful call to protect our planet. The programme brought together students from all sections in a meaningful display of awareness and creativity.The Primary Section began with a heartfelt speech by Avishi Das (ClassV A), followed by an energetic dance performance. Creative charts added life to the segment, which concluded with the symbolic presentation of a plant to the school.The Secondary Section continued the spirit with an impactful speech by Adrija Chatterjee (Class VI B). Informative charts by Classes VI–VII and a lively dance by Classes VI A and B beautifully highlighted the harmony between humans and nature.

In the Higher Secondary Section, Tanay Kumar Jaiswal (XI-SI) delivered an inspiring speech, while a thoughtful chart presentation by Adrija Das (XI-SI) added depth and insight.The celebration was a perfect blend of expression and awareness, leaving everyone inspired to care for our planet—because "The Earth is what we all have in common; protect it today, so it can protect us tomorrow."

- Mrs. Joyita Acharya (Assistant Teacher)







From the Desk of Secretary & Administrator.....



Shubho Bijoya!

As we bid farewell to yet another year of Durga Puja festivities, I extend my warmest wishes to all our students, parents, teachers, staff members and their families. May the spirit of Bijoya bring happiness, prosperity and renewed hope into every home.

It gives me immense pleasure to share another significant milestone in our school's journey. In the Times of India Group's School Rankings for 2026, St. Francis Xavier School has secured Rank 18 in West Bengal overall and Rank 3 among ICSE schools in East Kolkata. I congratulate our students, teachers, staff members, parents and all other stakeholders on this achievement. This recognition reflects the collective commitment, dedication and hard work of everyone associated with the institution. While rankings are certainly a matter of pride, they also remind us of our responsibility to continually raise our standards and strive for greater excellence.

As we celebrate this achievement, the school is simultaneously undergoing a significant transformation of its physical infrastructure. Those visiting the premises would already have noticed the changes taking shape. We have undertaken an extensive renovation and upgradation exercise aimed at creating a more modern, comfortable, safe and conducive learning environment. This includes new tiled flooring, upgraded lighting and fans, and the ongoing installation of air-conditioning in all classrooms. We are also strengthening campus security through the installation of better-quality CCTV surveillance systems.

The transformation will extend to our learning and recreational spaces as well. The Games Room and Computer Laboratories are slated for a complete makeover, with modern interiors, improved facilities and upgraded equipment. We are also planning to replace existing student furniture with more comfortable and ergonomically designed seating to enhance classroom comfort. These are only some of the changes underway; several other improvements are being undertaken simultaneously, all with the objective of making the school a better place for our children to learn, grow and flourish.

Alongside the physical transformation, we are also upgrading our digital infrastructure. The school is transitioning to a new school application and online portal, which will offer better speed, enhanced features and greater functionality. Our objective is to make communication between the school and parents more seamless, efficient and accessible, while improving the overall digital experience for everyone.

These initiatives represent a substantial financial commitment by the Management. I would particularly like to emphasise that this extensive programme of renovation, modernisation and technological upgradation is being undertaken through significant investments by the Management, without passing on any additional charges to parents thus far. We believe that providing quality infrastructure and facilities is an institutional responsibility. At the same time, I would request parents to appreciate the rising costs of maintaining and upgrading a modern educational institution and extend their cooperation by keeping school fee payments regular and up to date. This will help us sustain the momentum of these improvements and continue investing in facilities and resources that directly benefit our students.

What is particularly encouraging is that, despite the considerable disruption caused by the ongoing renovation work and transition, the academic and co-curricular life of the school has continued unabated. Our students and teachers remain actively engaged in academics, sports, cultural programmes, competitions, celebrations and numerous other activities. Many of you would have been following these developments through regular updates on our social media platforms. I encourage parents to actively engage with these posts by liking, commenting on and sharing them. Your participation helps amplify our students' achievements, increases the school's visibility and strengthens the St. Francis Xavier School brand within the wider community. Our collective pride in the institution should find expression not merely within the school premises but beyond them as well.

As we move forward, our endeavour remains to strike the right balance between academic excellence, holistic development and the creation of an environment that prepares our children for the opportunities and challenges of tomorrow. The journey of improvement is continuous, and we look forward to the continued support and partnership of our parents and well-wishers.

As the festive season continues, I extend my warm greetings to all our families on the occasions of Diwali and Kali Puja, followed by Bhai Phonta and Bhai Dooj. As the year draws to a close, I also wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

With best wishes,

Ajay Chopra
Secretary & Administrator
St. Francis Xavier School

From the Desk of Principal



STFX: Translating CISCE's Vision into Meaningful School Practices

Competency, creativity, technology, wellbeing and holistic education

Education today must go beyond textbooks, examinations and marks. The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) increasingly emphasises competency, critical thinking, creativity, technology, inclusion, life skills, physical fitness and the holistic development of every learner. At St. Francis Xavier School (STFX), we see these initiatives not simply as requirements, but as opportunities to make learning meaningful, relevant and future-ready.

From rote learning to meaningful learning

CISCE's competency-based approach promotes understanding, application, analysis and problem-solving rather than the reproduction of information. At STFX, teachers are encouraged to make lessons interactive, invite students to interpret and discuss ideas, apply concepts and express understanding in their own words. Classroom observations and academic reviews help strengthen purposeful teaching. The CISCE Student Holistic Insight and Nurturing Evaluation (SHINE) initiative similarly reminds us that assessment should identify learning needs and guide targeted support, not merely record scores. STFX participated in the SHINE pilot phase and has registered for the current assessment.

Teachers, technology and future-ready skills

Continuous teacher development is essential to effective learning. CISCE orientations, training and its e-Training platform complement STFX's internal academic discussions, classroom observations, feedback and sharing of good practices. In response to the growing importance of technology, our AI & Robotics/STEM Lab gives students opportunities for hands-on, project-based exploration, creativity and problem-solving. The aim is not only to teach students to use technology, but to help them understand it, create with it and act responsibly.

Wellbeing, life skills and a supportive environment

CISCE's Active CISCE initiative promotes systematic attention to fitness, movement skills, coordination, flexibility, endurance and strength. STFX's sports programmes, physical education and competitive participation reflect our belief that academic achievement and physical wellbeing must develop together. Equally important is mental health: students should feel safe, respected, heard and supported through caring relationships, counselling, pastoral support and opportunities to participate. Financial literacy is another essential life skill; concepts such as saving, money management, investment and responsible decisions can be connected with Mathematics, Commerce, Economics, Business Studies and entrepreneurship.

A learning environment for every child

Our ongoing building renovation and modernisation programme—including improvements to classrooms, technology-enabled spaces, laboratories, sports facilities and other infrastructure—is intended to strengthen the learning environment. Across these efforts, our guiding principles remain clear: competency over rote learning; understanding over memorisation; assessment for improvement; responsible technology; disciplined fitness; confident creativity; inclusion with dignity; and academic excellence alongside holistic development.

The vision of CISCE and the educational mission of STFX converge in one purpose: to prepare young people not only to succeed in examinations, but also to think independently, act responsibly, adapt confidently and contribute positively to society—while retaining the values, character and humanity that make education meaningful.

Anil Srivastava
Principal, St. Francis Xavier School

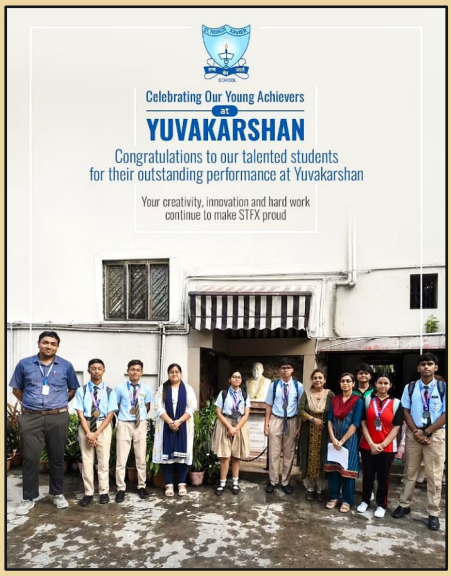
STFX-IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA-BEYOND THE CAMPUS, CONNECTING THE WORLD.















SHAKESPEARE DAY

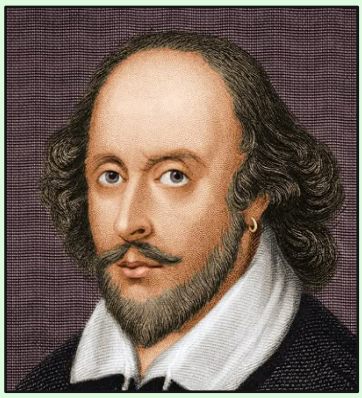
Shakespeare Day was observed with enthusiasm at St. Francis Xavier School, Salt Lake, on 23rd April to commemorate the 462nd birth anniversary of William Shakespeare, the Bard of Avon. The occasion aimed to familiarize students with the life, works, and enduring legacy of the legendary playwright.

To mark the day, a PowerPoint presentation on Shakespeare and his major works was shown in all classrooms.

In addition, students actively participated in chart-making activities, creatively depicting themes, characters, and notable quotations from Shakespeare's plays. These activities encouraged artistic expression and reinforced learning in an engaging manner.

The observance of Shakespeare Day proved to be informative and inspiring, enriching students' knowledge while fostering creativity and interest in classical literature.

-Mr. Rajiv Chatterjee (Head of English Department)



FOUNDER'S REMEMBRANCE DAY

St. Francis Xavier School solemnly observed Founder's Remembrance Day on 5th May to honour the death anniversary of its beloved Founder Principal, Mrs. Sheela Chopra.

The solemn occasion commenced with teachers and office staff members paying a heartfelt floral tribute to Madam, followed by an opening prayer led by Principal Sir. Keeping her legacy alive, Joyita Ma'am shared a touching personal account of Madam's profound contribution to her life, while her able son, the Secretary and Administrator, addressed the gathering to reflect on her enduring vision and guidance. The commemoration concluded with a moving group song performed by the teachers as a collective tribute to her inspirational life.

-Mrs.Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)





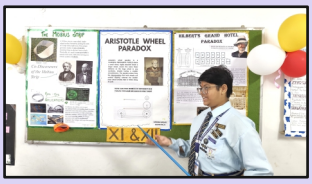


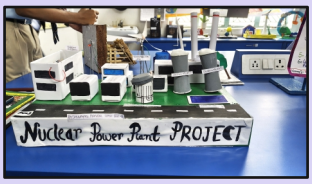




ANNUAL SCIENCE EXHIBITION









Our Annual Science Exhibition was held on 8th May 2026 , showcasing the creativity and innovation of students across various departments.

The Primary Section transformed the hall with a "From Ancient to Modern" theme. Students dressed in themed costumes and provided interactive live demonstrations alongside impressive charts and models tracking historical transformations.

The Biology Department highlighted a "waste to wealth" project that created biodegradable plastic from banana peels and household items. They also displayed insightful models on climate change, carbon footprints, and human muscle mechanics.

The Physics Department featured student-built, functional models showcasing physical principles like hydraulics, pulley systems, detectors, and power plants.

The Mathematics Department explored fascinating concepts and paradoxes, including the Hilbert Grand Hotel, Aristotle's wheel paradox, the Fibonacci series, the Möbius strip, and the Golden Ratio.

The Chemistry Department presented “Atoms Met Innovation,” featuring a nuclear power plant model, a fuel cell demonstration, and nail marbling. Students also paid tribute to Alfred Nobel by tracing the history of explosives from gunpowder to modern times.

The Computer Science Department attracted significant attention with highly creative projects reflecting technical skill, most notably a remote-controlled (RC) car and a fire detector model.

-Mrs. Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

RABINDRA JAYANTI





St. Francis Xavier School celebrated Rabindra Jayanti on 11 May 2026 with great enthusiasm and reverence, paying tribute to the literary and cultural legacy of Rabindranath Tagore, the Nobel laureate poet whose contributions continue to enrich Bengali literature and Indian culture.

The programme commenced with the garlanding of the poet's portrait and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp as a mark of respect. Students presented a vibrant array of cultural performances, including speeches, charts, recitations, PowerPoint presentations and Rabindra Sangeet. Two dance dramas –'Sahaj Path' and 'Birpurush', beautifully showcased Tagore's literary and artistic brilliance. Divyansh Dubey (IIA), Snigdha Dhol (IIIA), Samridhhi Koley (IIIA) grabbed the attention of the audience.

The audience was further enthralled by dance performances accompanying the songs 'Sajani Sajani' and 'Sundari Radhika'. Students of Classes I to V presented the melodious songs 'On the Blessed Day' and 'Aji Subhodine'. Sayantani Biswas (XIIS) , Arshia Dhara (VIIA), Sompurna Konar (VIIA) captivated the audience with graceful dance performance.

The celebration was not merely a cultural tribute but also an enriching learning experience. It encouraged students to explore Tagore's remarkable contributions to literature, music and the performing arts, fostering a deeper appreciation of Bengal's rich cultural heritage.

The programme concluded on a note of admiration and inspiration, reaffirming the timeless relevance of Rabindranath Tagore's thoughts and creative genius.

- Mrs. Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)



ELSA

St. Francis Xavier School conducted the English Language Skills Assessment (ELSA) on 12th May 2026 and 27th August 2026 to develop practical language skills, creative expression, and effective communication across the school.
Classes I & II: Students observed classroom objects and framed simple sentences—one for Class I and two for Class II—to express their ideas in English.
Class III: Students described a picture in their own words, developing observation skills, vocabulary, and speaking confidence.
Classes IV & V: Students participated in "Picture Talk" to enhance vocabulary and engaged in a collaborative "Story Chain" activity to develop teamwork and creativity.
Class VI: Students created a flowchart sequencing the events of *The Hare and the Tortoise* to understand plot structure and the moral of the story.
Class VII: Students practised homophones by framing individual sentences using word pairs such as Sea/See and Right/Write, helping them understand their correct usage.
Class VIII: Students wrote a 120–150-word dialogue on stress-free exam preparation, focusing on study timetables, revision, and adequate sleep.
Classes IX & X: Skills of writing 'Diary' and designing an advertisement.
Classes XI & XII: Students participated in an advanced skills session focused on creative expression, communication, and formal writing. They learnt the art of conducting and writing engaging interviews featuring fictional characters and practised formal documentation, including agendas, key discussions, decisions, and closing details.

-Mr.Amartya Pathak (Assistant Teacher)

BAGLESS DAYS: LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

St. Francis Xavier School observed Bagless Days on 14 May and 21 August 2026, providing students with opportunities to learn beyond their textbooks through creative, practical and collaborative activities. The programmes encouraged confidence, communication, teamwork and the development of life skills.
On 14 May, students of Classes I to V participated in a variety of activities. Class I enjoyed Show and Tell, scrapbook-making, an action rhyme competition and lemonade-making. Class II explored the themes of sharing and etiquette through role-play, prepared thank-you cards and made lemonade. Class III took part in paper puppet bag-making, self-defence training and lemonade-making.
Students of Classes IV and V participated in debates that encouraged them to express their opinions clearly and confidently. Class V also attended a self-defence session. Lemonade-making brought an element of fun and practical learning to the day.
On the same day, students of Class VI engaged in non-gas cooking and clay modelling, while Class VII explored sustainability through poster-making and life-skills activities. Class VIII participated in self-defence training, STEM laboratory activities, vocational exposure and dramatics.
A second Bagless Day was observed on 21 August for Classes VI to VIII. Class VI explored mathematical concepts through hands-on activities in the Maths Lab and expressed their creativity through collage-making. Class VII attended a self-defence session and transformed discarded CDs into colourful works of art. Class VIII participated in collage-making and robotics activities, developing their artistic abilities, curiosity and logical thinking.
Both days created a joyful learning environment and reinforced the value of learning by doing. They gave students opportunities to discover new interests, work together and develop skills that extend beyond the classroom.

- Mrs. Joyita Acharya (Assistant Teacher)









SUMMER CAMP 2026



St. Francis Xavier School successfully organised a vibrant two-day "Fun Fusion Summer Camp – Learn, Move, Create" on 18th and 19th May 2026 for enthusiastic students of Classes I–V. The camp aimed to provide joyful learning experiences beyond the classroom while encouraging creativity, confidence, teamwork, and self-expression.

The campus was beautifully decorated, creating a cheerful and welcoming atmosphere. The first day featured exciting activities such as dance, art and craft, storytelling, robotics, a magic show and "Go As You Like" . A special highlight was the fashion show, where mothers walked the ramp hand in hand with their children. The students proudly cheered for their mothers, making the experience truly special and memorable. As a token of appreciation, each participating mother was presented with a small memento. Students of Classes I and II also enjoyed a creative paper-folding session conducted by Mr. Anirban Mishra. The day concluded with an energetic dance session led by Mr. Arnab Sen.

The second day focused on wellness, creativity, and confidence-building, with warm-up exercises, yoga and meditation by Mr. Debojyoti Chakraborty, followed by dance and dramatics with Mr. Hriday Pal. An energetic Zumba session by Ms. Varsha Gupta, including a special session for mothers, added to the excitement.

Throughout the camp, students participated enthusiastically and enjoyed a wonderful blend of learning, creativity, movement, and fun. The camp concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony, leaving the children with new skills, friendships, and cherished memories. The programme was a joyful and memorable success.

- Mrs. Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)

















INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

St. Francis Xavier School organised a special assembly to celebrate International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2026. The program aimed to spread awareness about the profound significance of yoga and its extensive benefits for physical fitness, mental peace, and overall well-being.

The event was conducted by the Emcee, Mr. Rahul C. Mojumder, who warmly welcomed the gathering and introduced the sequence of events. The assembly commenced with an opening speech, followed by a solemn prayer led by our respected Principal Sir to set a serene tone for the morning.

The program transitioned into an inspiring live yoga demonstration presented by Gargi Ma'am and Priti Ma'am. They highlighted foundational postures such as *Surya Namaskar*, *Hanuman Danda*, *Padmasana*, *Vajrasana*, *Urdhva Dhanurasana*, *Bhujangasana*, and *Vrikshasana*, while explaining the unique health benefits of each. Following this, a special interactive yoga session was conducted for all attending students, parents, and teachers, motivating everyone to integrate yoga into their daily routines.

The demonstration session continued with Debojyoti Sir, who showcased advanced techniques including *Sirsasana*, *Natarajasana*, *Chakrasana*, and *Janu Sirsasana*. Adding to the enthusiasm, a group of students also took the stage to skillfully demonstrate several advanced yoga postures, including *Hanumanasana*.

The successful execution of the celebration was made possible by the seamless coordination of the school's teachers and support staff. Responsibilities were efficiently managed across various committees, including registration, hall decoration, discipline, photography, videography, documentation, and refreshments.

The event concluded with a closing speech expressing gratitude to everyone involved, followed by the distribution of light refreshments and dispersal. The celebration successfully instilled a deeper awareness of the value of yoga and encouraged the entire school community to embrace a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

-Mrs. Riti P. Bhat (Assistant Teacher)







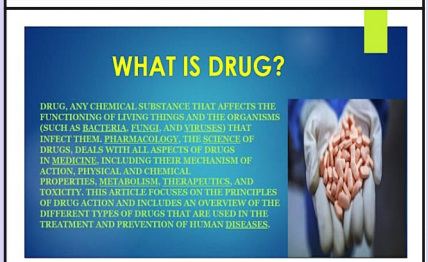


INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

Students of St. Francis Xavier observed the International Day Against Drug Abuse on 25th June 2026 to raise critical awareness about the dangers of substance abuse. Arpit Kalundia (IXS), Saptak Sarbadhikari (IXC), Boudjayan Saha (IXS), and Payel Sareen (IXS) led the initiative by delivering impactful speeches and showcasing an informative PowerPoint presentation. Their presentation highlighted the health risks of drug abuse, the importance of making healthy life choices, and strategies for community prevention.









PARENTS' ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2026-2027





St. Francis Xavier School successfully conducted the Parents' Orientation Programme for Classes I to VIII on 4th July, 2026 for the academic session 2026–2027. The programme was organised to acquaint parents with the school's vision, academic framework, and important guidelines for the new session. The event served as a platform to welcome families into our expanding school community and align our shared goals for student success.

During the session, parents were briefed on the school's latest milestones, including our state-of-the-art new building infrastructure, designed to provide a modern and safe learning environment. The leadership team detailed our updated school policies and highlighted our unwavering commitment to delivering quality education through innovative teaching methods. The programme also celebrated the remarkable recent achievements of students and faculty in both academics and co-curricular fields. The interactive session concluded with an open Q&A, leaving parents feeling reassured, informed, and excited about the bright future awaiting their children.

-Mr Rahul C. Mojumder (Assistant Teacher)

FOUNDER'S DAY: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AND LEGACY





















St. Francis Xavier School celebrated Founder's Day and the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony 2025–26 on 14th July 2026 at the EZCC Purbashree Auditorium, honouring the enduring legacy of Founder-Principal Mrs Sheela Chopra.

The programme commenced with a graceful invocation to Goddess Saraswati, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Principal Mr Anil Srivastava presented the Annual Report, highlighting the school's achievements in academics, sports, co-curricular activities, and community service. Chief Guest Mrs Sangeeta Tandon, Principal of Sri Sikshayatan School, encouraged students to strive for excellence through perseverance, discipline, and integrity. To commemorate the birthday of our beloved Founder-Principal, Madam Sheela Chopra, the dignitaries paid floral tribute to her portrait.

The Prize Distribution Ceremony recognised outstanding performers in the 2026 Council examinations. ISC toppers Ariba Jawed, Md. Faiz Ullah, and Vaishnavi Jaiswal secured the first, second, and third positions respectively. ICSE toppers Sounak Chatterjee, Sanjog Dutta, and Saswata Mohan Rakshit were similarly honoured for securing the top three positions. Ariba Jawed was also awarded the prestigious Founder's Gold Medal.

The newly elected Student Council, led by Head Boy Archisman Ghoshal and Head Girl Ahana Basak, took the oath of office. The Interact Club was honoured with the Best Club Trophy for its exemplary service to society. Vibrant cultural performances and the school choir added to the grandeur of the celebration. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mrs Nabani Bhattacharya, Headmistress, followed by the School Song, reaffirming the school's shared commitment to excellence, leadership, and service.

- Mr. Rajiv Chatterjee (Head of English Department)

REPORT ON "SPELLING SPELL" – INTER-CLASS SPELLING COMPETITION 2026

The "Spelling Spell" – Inter-Class Spelling Competition 2026 was organised to enhance students' vocabulary, spelling skills, concentration, confidence and accuracy in the English language. The competition was held in the School Hall on 17th July 2026.

The competition was conducted under three categories, Category A comprising students from class I, II ,III , Category B comprising students from class IV and V Category C comprising students from Classes VI to VIII. The participants displayed remarkable confidence, preparation and proficiency in spelling throughout the competition. The audience was highly encouraging, creating an enthusiastic and vibrant atmosphere.

The final round consisted of three challenging categories, carrying 10 marks each:

Spell the Spelling

Unscramble the Jumbled Word

Guess the Correct Spelling

The participants demonstrated excellent knowledge of English spellings and took up the challenges with enthusiasm and confidence. The competition provided an engaging platform for students to learn new words, improve their spelling accuracy and develop their language skills.

The final results were declared on 20th July 2026.

Results of Category A ,B and C are as follows:-

NAME	CLASS	POSITION
ANAISHA DEY	IA	Ist
ASHBHA ALAM	IA	Ist
AROHI CHATTERJEE	IA	2nd
ARHAM FAHIM	IB	3rd
ADITTRI RAY	IIB	1st
ADVIK RAJPAUL	IIB	1st
TANISHKA SHARMA	IIA	2nd
ANVESH KUMAR	IIA	3rd
HEESHAD NOOR	IIIA	1st
AARAV DVIWEDI	IIIA	2nd
HASSAN IMTEYAZ	IIIC	3rd
ANKAN BAIDYA	IIIA	3rd
SAFEERAH SEIKH	IIIA	3rd
AVISHI DAS	VA	1st
DIVANSHI MOHANTY	VB	2nd
AYUSHMAN MANDAL	VB	3 rd
AISHINI MAZUMDER	VI B	1st
DYUTI ROY	VI A	2nd
RISHIK ROY	VI A	3rd
RAJANYA PAL	VII A	1st
SOURYADEEP MOTILAL	VII B	2nd
SUPRATIM HALDER	VII B	3rd
ABHRA CHATTERJEE	VIII A	1st
ARADHAYA SEN	VIII B	2nd
SHIKSHA PRASAD	VIII A	3rd

The spelling competition was conducted successfully, providing students with a meaningful opportunity to showcase their language skills and learn through healthy competition. The event concluded on a positive note, leaving the participants motivated to further develop their vocabulary and spelling proficiency.



MEDICAL CHECK UP

Periodic medical check-ups were conducted for students from 20th July to 22nd July 2026 and from 7th September to 9th September 2026 to systematically monitor their basic vitals and foster early health awareness. These routine screenings track essential indicators such as height, weight measurement, dental screening and vision to ensure optimal physical development. By identifying underlying health issues or nutritional deficiencies early, schools can facilitate timely medical intervention before academic performance is impacted. The process empowers students with vital knowledge about their own bodies, promoting the lifelong habit of proactive health management.

- Mrs. Papiya Ghosh Dutta (Assistant Teacher)








JUNIOR INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2026-27

The Junior Investiture Ceremony was held with great enthusiasm and dignity on 23rd July 2026 at 8:00 a.m. in the School Auditorium. The ceremony marked an important occasion as the newly appointed Captains, Vice Captains, Monitors and Vice Monitors formally took up their responsibilities.

The highlight of the event was the ceremonial handing over of badges to the Captains, Vice Captains, Monitors and Vice Monitors. Receiving their badges with pride, the young leaders accepted the responsibility entrusted to them by the school. The newly appointed office bearers are as follows:

HOUSES	CAPTAINS	VICE CAPTAINS
NETAJI	Ashmi Mitra	Agnish Adak
TERESA	Avishi Das	Aarna Tiwari
GANDHI	Evitong	Devansh Goswami
TAGORE	Arshi Das	Priyash Dutta

This was followed by the Oath-Taking Ceremony, during which the badge holders pledged to discharge their duties sincerely, responsibly and with dedication. The oath reminded them of the importance of discipline, leadership, cooperation and service.

The programme ended on a patriotic and uplifting note with the School Song, sung with enthusiasm by all present.

- Mrs. Riti P Bhat (Assistant Teacher)




NATURE CONSERVATION DAY

World Nature Conservation Day, observed on 28 July, highlights the need to protect our planet's finite resources. As climate change, deforestation, and habitat loss threaten biodiversity, conserving natural resources is vital for a sustainable future.

Students of Classes I to XII of St. Francis Xavier School enthusiastically participated in activities promoting environmental awareness. In the Primary Section, Avishi Das of Class V A delivered a speech, students of Classes I–V prepared charts, and Classes I–III showcased creativity through the "Best out of Waste" craft activity. Students of Classes IV–V and XI–XII jointly conducted an awareness campaign on "Save Nature, Save the World" in the school garden and surrounding green areas.

In the Secondary Section, students of Classes VI–X prepared charts, Rajanya Pal of Class VII A delivered a speech, and a Poster Making Competition, "The Green Poster Challenge," on the theme "Clean Environment and Healthy Life" was organized for Classes VI–VIII. In the Senior Secondary Section, Tanisha Sarkar of Class XI S1 delivered a speech. Students across all sections participated with great enthusiasm.

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NATURE CONSERVATION DAY....Continued

Modern conservation efforts increasingly rely on digital innovation and community participation. By reducing plastic waste, conserving energy, and supporting local greening initiatives, everyone can help restore ecosystems and ensure a healthier, more sustainable future for generations to come.

- Mrs Ashima Chattopadhyay (Assistant Teacher)






INTER HOUSE CHESS COMPETITION

The Inter House Chess Tournament was successfully organized by the Sports Club on 31st July, in the School Hall. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across three groups, categorized by class levels. The results of the tournament are as follows:






Group A (I-V)
Winner: Anvesh Kumar Arya (Teresa House)
Runner-up: Priyank Basak (Gandhi House)
Group B (Classes VI – VIII)
Winner: Shivangshi Baidya (Gandhi House)
Runner-up: Abhra Chatterjee(Netaji House)
Group C (IX-XII)
Winner: Arka Sarkar (Teresa House)
Runner-up: Rajnandini Dey (Teresa House)

The winners of all the three groups played for the 'Champion of Champions' Round, where Shivangshi Baidya of class VIII bagged the title.

- Mr.Debjyoti Chakraborty

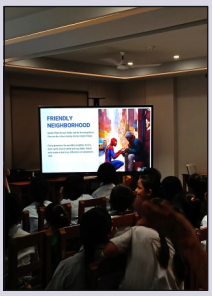
PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

St. Francis Xavier School hosted a Personality Development Programme on 4th August 2026 led by Ms. Anushka Bhattacharya on the topic “Caring for the Community.” Through an interactive discussion, an engaging PowerPoint presentation, and an impactful short video, students explored how small acts of kindness and responsibility make a meaningful difference. The enthusiastic participants actively shared their own experiences, concluding the session with a deeper understanding of how to be considerate and responsible members of society.

- Ms.Anushka Bhattacharya (Counsellor)







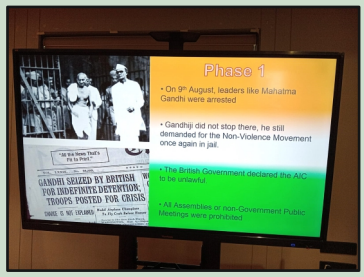




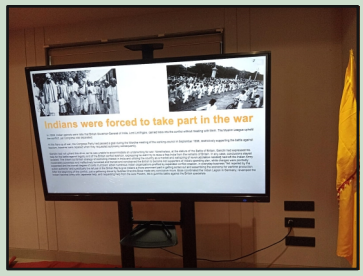
QUIT INDIA MOVEMENT-SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Students of St. Francis Xavier School observed Quit India Day on August 7th with educational presentations and tributes. Shobhit Bothra from Class XII-C created an informative PowerPoint presentation to mark the occasion. Additionally, Afifa Akhter of Class X-S delivered an inspiring speech to her peers. Students further honoured the historic movement by creating commemorative posters and charts.

- Mrs. Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)









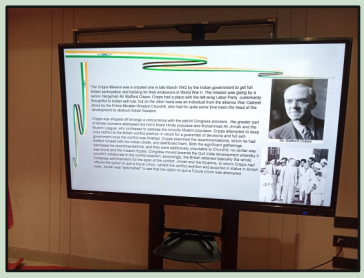










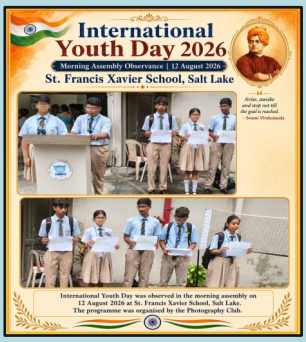


REPORT ON INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our school campus vibrated with patriotic fervour as students, teachers, and staff gathered to celebrate the 80th Independence Day on 15th August 2026. The morning commenced with the Flag Hoisting ceremony, followed by the National Anthem, which filled the air with unity and respect.

The stage segment of the programme was gracefully orchestrated by our student emcee, Ahana Basak, who kept the audience engaged with her flawless transitions and spirited narration. The cultural section began on a powerful note with a moving speech by Parna Saha, who reminded everyone of the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and the responsibilities of today's youth.

Music and rhythm took over the stage as the school choir delivered a soulful rendition of the classic patriotic song, "Dhonodhanye Pushpe Bhora," moving the audience with its beautiful tribute to the motherland. Rajnandini Dey recited a poem – 'Freedom' by Rabindranath Tagore reflecting the idea of achieving total liberation for India—not just politically from British rule, but mentally, socially, and spiritually. This was followed by a vibrant, high-energy patriotic dance performance that beautifully showcased India's diverse cultural heritage through expressive movement. Bringing history to life, students presented a gripping theatrical skit on the Quit India Movement, capturing the intense courage and determination of the 1942 uprising.









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REPORT ON INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS....Continued

The celebration extended well beyond the stage. Prior to the main event, the campus bustled with creativity and intellect through a series of special initiatives:

·The Tiranga Rally: A sea of saffron, white, and green moved through the neighbourhood as students proudly marched carrying our National Flag and chanting slogans of unity.

·Essay Writing Competition: Students put pen to paper, exploring profound themes of freedom, democracy, and vision for India's future.

·Rangoli Making: Teams of creative minds transformed the school corridors into visual marvels, crafting intricate patterns themed around national symbols and peace.

The day concluded with a vote of thanks and the distribution of sweets, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of pride, patriotism, and dedication to the nation.

-Mrs. Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)







ST.FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL SHINES AT THE TELEGRAPH EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS 2026

We are immensely proud to announce that St. Francis Xavier School has brought home three prestigious honours at The Telegraph Education Foundation Awards 2026 held on 22nd August 2026.

1. Ananda Paul Memorial Award for Social Service -Awarded to our Interact Club, Sahayog for its dedicated and impactful social initiatives.

2. All-Rounder Award - Awarded to Adrija Das (XI-SI) for her outstanding balance of academic excellence and co-curricular achievements.

3. Thank You Baba Ma Award -A heart warming moment as Samaksh Shaw was honoured for recognising the unconditional love and sacrifices of his parents.

This triple achievement reflects our commitment to not just academic excellence, but also service and values.

- Mrs.Rameesha Dey Sarkar (Assistant Teacher)

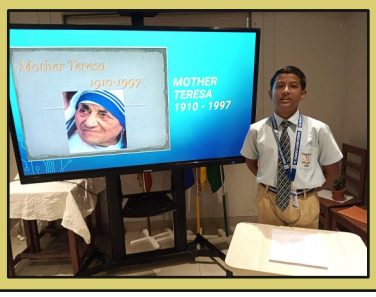




ST.MOTHER TERESA'S BIRTHDAY

The students of St. Francis Xavier School observed the birthday of Mother Teresa on 25th August, 2026.
Rajanya Pal of Class VII.A recited a poem and Sadiya Parveen of VII.B delivered a beautiful speech on the life of Mother.
The students of Class VIII.B prepared charts and Power Point Presentation.The students of class VII.A presented a beautiful Skit on this occasion.

- Mrs. Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)







BLOOD DONATION

A Blood Donation Camp was organised on 25th August 2026 by our Interact Club, 'Sahayog' at the school premises. In collaboration with the Association of Voluntary Blood Donors, Kolkata and the medical team of NRS Medical College & Hospital, we successfully collected 22 units of blood.
We were honoured by the presence of Srabonee Mitra Ma'am, DICC 3291 & Aparna Banerjee Ma'am, President Avyaana Club , whose encouragement inspired our volunteers and donors.

- Mrs.Rameesha Dey Sarkar (Assistant Teacher)







INTER-HOUSE KARATE COMPETITION

The Inter-House Karate Competition was organised on 1st September 2026.
The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 87 selected students from Classes I–VIII.
The students were divided into four groups.
Group A performed the basic Karate techniques, Group B demonstrated Kata,
while Groups C and D competed in Kumite for Boys and Girls, respectively.
The results of the tournament are as follows:

Group A
1st-Ashmit Chatterjee (Gandhi)
2nd-Mitra Badhlani(Teresa)
3rd-Aashvi Jaiswal (Teresa)

Group B
1st- Gerrad Lallawmanna (Gandhi)
2nd- Ayushman Dey (Netaji)
3rd- Rudhvi Chakraborty (Teresa)

Group C
1st- Souragnik Mahesh(Gandhi)
2nd-Snehanshu Das (Netaji)
3rd- Jagrit Gupta (Netaji)
Joint 3rd- Adhwa Singh(Teresa)

Group D
1st- Aarushi Prajapati (Gandhi)
2nd- Kavya Singh(Netaji)
3rd - Anvi Tiwari (Tagore)
Joint 3rd- Areefa Akhtar (Gandhi)

- Mr. Debojyoti Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)






TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS



St. Francis Xavier School celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th September 2026 with great enthusiasm and gratitude to honour the teachers for their dedication and contribution to the lives of their students. The celebration was organised in two sessions for the junior and senior sections.

The programme for Classes I to V commenced at 10:00 a.m. with a warm welcome address by the EMCEE, followed by the ceremonial garlanding of the portraits of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and our beloved Founder-Principal Madam and lighting of the lamp. The students presented a series of entertaining performances, including a solo dance by Jinia Biswas, a skit by the students of Classes IV and V (Theme : AI cannot replace Human Teachers), a mime and a lively group dance medley by students of Classes I to V.



The celebration for Classes VI to XII began at 11:30 a.m. with a welcome address by the EMCEEs, Archisman Ghoshal and Ahana Basak of Class XII-S. The programme commenced with the garlanding of the portraits of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and our beloved founder Principal Madam, followed by lighting of the lamp. The Principal then addressed the gathering and administered the pledge, reaffirming the teachers' commitment to their noble profession and the holistic development of their students.

The cultural programme continued with a graceful dance performance by Didiksha Saha, followed by a melodious song presented by the students of Classes VIII to XI and an energetic group dance by students of Classes IX to XI. The students of Class XII added an element of fun and excitement through engaging games for the teachers.

The programme proceeded with an address by the Secretary and Administrator, followed by the Vote of Thanks delivered by the EMCEEs. The celebration concluded on a joyful note with the cake-cutting ceremony by the Secretary, Administrator and teachers.

The heartfelt performances and meaningful gestures made the day truly special and strengthened the cherished bond between teachers and students.

-Mrs. Papiya Ghosh Dutta (Assistant Teacher)

A FEW ACTIVITIES INITIATED BY CISCE







The students of our school actively participated in the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan initiated by CISCE on 12th September, 2026. A special assembly was conducted to raise awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse. The students solemnly took a pledge to stay away from drugs and contribute towards building a healthy, responsible and addiction-free society. Seva Sankalp Mission- Under the Seva Sankalp Mission, students enthusiastically participated in "Chitra Seva" under the theme "Mera Sapno Ka Bharat." They expressed their vision of an ideal India through creative drawings and colourful charts, reflecting their hopes and aspirations for a progressive, peaceful and inclusive nation. Another initiative, "Aashirwad Ka Diya," saw students lighting earthen lamps at designated times. The activity symbolised hope, unity and respect for community values, reinforcing the spirit of togetherness and social harmony. Swachh Evam Harit Vidyalaya Rating – Harit (Green) As part of the Swachh Evam Harit Vidyalaya Rating initiative, our school organised a plantation drive to promote environmental awareness and encourage students to adopt sustainable practices.The initiative received generous support from the Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyaana, District 3291, which donated saplings for plantation within the school premises. The occasion was graced by the Club President, Mrs Aparna Banerjee, along with members Ms Shiuli and Ms Mandira Mukherjee. The drive reinforced the importance of nurturing greenery and fostering a cleaner, greener and more sustainable environment.

- Mrs. Indrani Banerjee, Mrs. Sarbani Biswas, Mrs. Kshama Dam

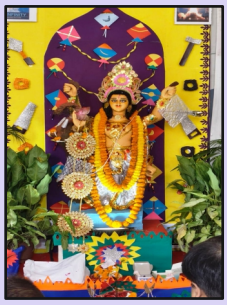
A PROUD MOMENT FOR OUR SCHOOL





Amongst All CISCE schools of West Bengal, our Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra, has been honoured with the Excellence in Strategic Leadership – 'Chanakya Neeti Award' for implementing long-term strategies, improved school system, and navigating institutional challenges with foresight. Mr Suman Chatterjee, our Maths HoD also got an award for teaching excellence. The Award Ceremony was held on 12th September, 2026 at ICCR, Kolkata.- **Mrs.Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)**

VISHWAKARMA PUJA







St. Francis Xavier School celebrated Vishwakarma Puja on Friday, September 18, 2026. This special day honours Lord Vishwakarma, revered in Hindu mythology as the divine architect and engineer of the universe. The puja is a tribute to craftsmanship, innovation, and the tools we rely on in our daily lives. In a heartfelt gesture, the school buses were cleaned and garlanded. These means of transport for the students did not ply on that day as a mark of respect to Lord Vishwakarma, the divine architect. The main ceremony began around 11 a.m.and was attended by the administrative, office, teaching and support staff. A priest led the sacred rituals. The atmosphere was filled with the chanting of 'mantras', creating a spiritual ambiance. A havan (sacred fire ceremony) was held where offerings were made to Agni, the fire god, inviting blessings for prosperity and the harmonious operation of all our machinery.

The management, along with the entire teaching and non-teaching staff, wholeheartedly participated in the auspicious Vishwakarma Puja celebrations. The ceremony wrapped up with the distribution of 'prasad' . Fresh fruits and traditional Indian sweets were shared among everyone, symbolising a generous distribution of divine blessings.

- Mr.Amartya Pathak (Assistant Teacher)

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION









An educational excursion to Science City was organised on 19th September for the students of Classes I-V. The young learners enthusiastically explored various hands-on exhibits, which transformed complex textbook concepts into fun, memorable experiences. During the visit, the students observed fascinating displays on space exploration, light reflections, and the evolution of life. They were especially captivated by optical illusions that triggered their curiosity. This memorable trip successfully nurtured a spirit of scientific inquiry among the primary students .

Students of Classes VI- VIII were taken to the Alipore Jail Museum and Police Museum on 26th September 2026. The Alipore Jail, which was once a British prison where great leaders like Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Jawaharlal Nehru and Sri Aurobindo were imprisoned, has now been converted into a museum. A total of 180 students, guided by the museum staff, visited the watch tower, special cells, gallows, library and the exhibition gallery where letters, photographs and articles used by freedom fighters are preserved.

Students also viewed the cells where political prisoners were kept in solitary confinement. Inside the same premises, the students also visited the Kolkata Police Museum. The museum showcases the 150-year-old glorious history of Kolkata Police. Students saw old uniforms, weapons, badges, vintage wireless sets, old case diaries and photographs of the British period. The section dedicated to the role of the police during the freedom movement and the display of forensic science tools were very informative.

The excursion helped students connect their textbook lessons with real history.

-Mrs. Joyita Acharya (Assistant teacher)

INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

The students of St. Francis Xavier meaningfully observed International Peace Day on 22nd September 2026. The occasion was marked by an array of engaging performances, including an inspiring speech, an expressive skit, a solemn pledge, and a moving poetry recitation. The event concluded with an impactful PowerPoint presentation that beautifully highlighted the global message of harmony and unity.

- Mrs.Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)





VIDYASAGAR JAYANTI

The students of St. Francis Xavier School observed Vidyasagar Jayanti on 25th September 2026 to honour the legendary social reformer Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. Through an engaging skit and powerful speeches, Rajanya Pal (VIIA), Souradeep Motilal (VIIB), Ayushman Dey(VIII B) , Rajnandini Dey (IX S), Ditipriya Saha(IXS) highlighted his monumental contributions to women's education and social equality. The celebration also featured an informative Power Point presentation detailing his life and inspiring poetry recitations that captivated the audience. This meaningful programme successfully raised awareness among all students about Vidyasagar's enduring legacy and timeless values.

- Mrs Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)







BUILDING THE FUTURE: A NEW ERA AT STFX

St. Francis Xavier School is undergoing an exciting transformation—one that is reshaping its campus into a contemporary, future-ready learning environment. The extensive renovation programme reflects the Management's firm commitment to providing every child with comfort, dignity and the finest facilities for meaningful education. Under the dynamic leadership of Mr Ajay Chopra, Secretary and Administrator and Mr. Anil Srivastava, the esteemed Principal, the cherished vision of our respected Founder-Principal, Mrs Sheela Chopra, is being carried to new heights. Classrooms are being thoughtfully redesigned with air-conditioning, modern furniture, fresh and cheerful colour schemes, sleek lighting, window blinds and energy-efficient BLDC fans. These improvements are creating bright, comfortable spaces where students can concentrate, participate and learn with greater enthusiasm.The transformation extends beyond appearance. The modern STEM laboratory promotes experimentation, innovation and problem-solving, enabling learners to connect classroom knowledge with real-world applications. Energy-conscious installations also demonstrate that progress and environmental responsibility can advance together.

As the renovation continues across the campus, each completed space offers a glimpse of the school's ambitious future. With completion expected by the end of the year, St. Francis Xavier School is steadily emerging as a premium educational institution—modern in infrastructure, progressive in outlook and unwavering in its commitment to excellence and each student's holistic growth.

- Mr.Rajiv Chatterjee, (Head of English Department)



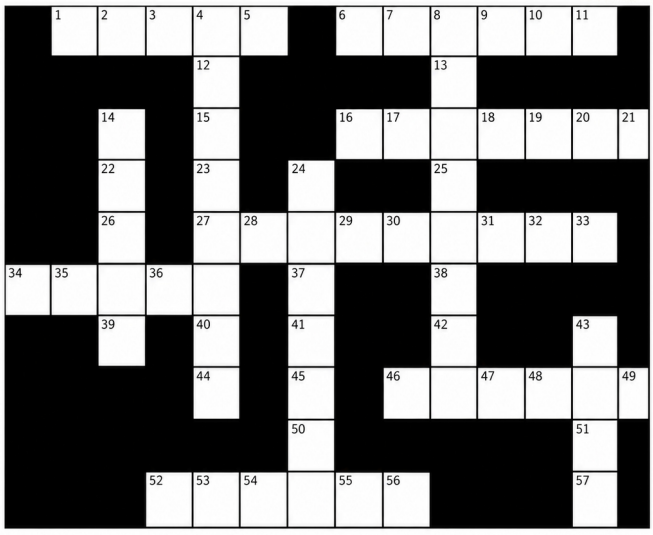






India in Focus Crossword

Fill in the grid using the separate clues page.



Crossword Clues

Theme: Indian Independence, Durga Puja, and Current Affairs

Across

1. Citizen who casts a ballot in a democratic process.

6. High-level meeting that often dominates international headlines.

16. One of the most important worship days of Durga Puja.

27. Popular name for the Indian national flag.

34. Word meaning "freedom," heard in patriotic slogans.

46. National leader remembered as the Father of the Nation.

52. Self-rule; a major ideal of the freedom movement.

Down

4. Formal process used to choose representatives.

8. Auspicious day that marks the advent of Durga Puja.

14. Prize often won in major sports events and news stories.

24. Red vermilion central to a famous Dashami ritual.

43. Traditional drum whose beats announce the Puja spirit.



Answer key

India in Focus Crossword Solution



PARENT'S FEEDBACK

I remember the day I stood at the gates of the institution with my daughter, with so many dreams, aspirations and apprehensions. Fortunately, she secured admission and began her journey towards excellence and I am always grateful for reaching the right place at the right time. The school provides holistic development and a child centric nurturing environment. Every member of the school is warm, active and ever so ready to reach out, to help. It reflects the dedication and commitment that have become the culture of the organisation.

Teachers of St. Francis Xavier form the very backbone of the school. They are not just educators but also mentors, guardians and friends- correcting, loving, counselling, motivating and guiding the students as the situation demands. It is not just about academics. The school has trained my daughter as a speaker, a sports enthusiast, a performer. If today she can confidently stand on stage to face the audience, it is because of her teachers' tireless efforts to bring her out of her shell of self doubt and recognise her own potentials.

As a parent, I am deeply grateful and I can only say that my daughter will strive relentlessly to make her alma mater proud, one day.

Wishing St. Francis Xavier School glorious days ahead!

-Mrs. Sharmistha Sinha (Parent of Ms. Anuttamaa Sinha XII S)