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### BIENNIAL CONCERT



The Biennial Concert was held on 23rd of December, 2017 at the EZCC Hall. St. Francis Xavier School's mission is to enable students to become the best in all spheres. For this, the school provides multiple windows of opportunity and the Biennial Concert is a major initiative in this direction.

The programme started with a dance on 'Saraswati Vandana'. The Chief Guest Mrs. Bratati Bhattacharya, Secretary General, Sri Shikshayatan Group of Schools graced the occasion.

The students depicted the five elements of our universe through a dance performance. It was a complete in-house production combining art, music, dance, drama, oration and multimedia presentation. Our school Concerts have always been theme-based, sending out strong messages of affirmation and positivity. The opening dance showed the glimpses of all the plays lined up for that day. This time our little angels of St. Francis Xavier School performed Snow White and a Medley dance. For sometime, the audience was transported into the land of fantasy. The toddlers danced to the tune of a medley of songs beginning with 'Barbie doll' and ending with the popular Boney M number Hoorah Hoorah! Its a holy Holiday..... The Hindi department showed the transformation of the Great King Ashoka from 'Chandashoka' to 'Dharmashoka' through a drama. The students of the Bengali Department presented a Bengali one-act play - 'Chokhe Angul Dada' by the veteran playwright Manoj Mitra. The students of secondary and senior secondary section presented the musical play - 'Mary Poppins'. You can have a glimpse of some more concert pictures on page : 4.

The Biennial Concert 2017, was thus St. Francis Xavier's contribution towards offering a value-based education that aimed to impress upon young minds the need to be responsible and caring both towards their environment as well as society.

*A report by the Cultural Club members*

### ETCHED MEMORIES OF THE

### ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2017

17th of October 2017 was a red letter day in the calendar of St Francis Xavier School as it put up its Annual Exhibition with the collaboration of teachers, students and staff. Mr Harilal Shahu, Ex Principal of The Indian College of Arts and Draftsmanship graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mr Sudeb Bose from St Paul's Mission School, Mr Krishnendu Sen from Haryana Vidya Mandir, Mrs Sutapa Bhowmik from St



Augustine's Day School, Mr. Abhijit Raha from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mr. Anjan Chowdhury from National English School, Mrs Mohua Mukherjee from Young Horizon School were the judges for the day.

The Biology department displayed charts and models on technology, science, evolutionary aspects, diseases, medical remedies and other eco-friendly ideas.

There was a detailed display in the Computer Lab showing how the Google Map works along with the GPS benefit. There was a robotic arm on display which worked at the virtual command from a computer terminal. The arm could move, pickup things and swing independently like those of a human arm. Physics Department also showcased models like dynamite blast and all.

In Mathematics section, classes VI and VII students presented a quick method of multiplication by Vedic mathematics. People found that the theme 'Maxima and Minima' was eye opener that showed mathematically the minimum surface area of a cold drink can was applicable for minimum packaging cost. The Chemistry Department did the experiments that captured the attention of everyone by the amazing experiment on wishing 'Chemical Diwali'. The effect of heat emanating electrons which gives rise to the complementary colours well displayed through 'Rise of Phoenix'. From Underwater Explosion" to 'Chemical Snowfall' depicting crystalization of benzoic acid beyond its boiling point.

For classes I-V the exhibits were segmented in two parts. The first segment was on the "Fantasy World" based on different authors and any two of their famous works. The theme was 'Literary Luminaries'. The second segment were exhibits by the students on different subjects. The children portrayed their talents through charts, models and various art and craft items.

*Mrs Kshama Dam, Mrs Rameesha D. Sarkar, Mrs Mou Ghosh, Mrs Sayantani Ghosh, Mr Suman Chatterjee, Mr. Swapan Chakraborty (Asst Teachers)*

### Parents orientation programme(2017-18)



St.FrancisXavier School conducted an orientation programme for the parents of the students seeking admission to Class I on Saturday, 25th November,2017 with a view to harness the maximum involvement of parents in guiding their children towards a successful future.The Orientation Programme began at 1 pm with a warm welcome address by our honourable Headmistress, Mrs.Bipasha Das. She enlightened the audience with her words of wisdom. A few guidelines on effective parenting to reduce the anxiety of parents were highlighted by her and these tips made them quite comfortable. She also emphasised on how to prepare their child to face the changes from pre-primary to primary. She handed over the microphone to our honourable Vice-principal Mr. Anil Srivastava who spoke to the parents about the facilities the school provides to the senior students.

The Parents were at their enquiring best and seated in rapt attention throughout the session.

The respective class teachers of the primary section were introduced to the parents after a concise touch upon the critical learning parameters. The parents were briefed about the rules and regulations of the school. Both the heads clearly pointed towards the fact that the school is against any kind of corporal punishment.

*Rahul Mojumder( Assistant Teacher)  
Sayantani Ghosh( Assistant Teacher)*

### CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



In an interesting case of role-reversal, teachers of St Francis Xavier School turned performers for their students on the occasion of Children's Day on 14th November. The children turned up in colourful clothes and were full of excitement .The teachers of

the primary section prepared an hour long program for the kids with a variety of items. With the blessing of our beloved Principal Madam, we started the day's programme. There was the lighting of the ceremoniou slap by our respected Administrator Sir, followed by a short inspiring speech. The programme started with the opening song 'Jamaican Farewell' . Children enjoyed the couple dance of the teachers. There was a small skit based on the theme "DENGUE".Mr. Krishnendu Majumdar entertained the students by a puppet dance performance with all its tricks and acrobats . The group dance (male) based on a contemporary song was the closing performance for the first half of the programme.

Every teacher brought his/her expertise and talent into the show. With soulful singing performances by Mr Amartya Pathak, Mr. S. K. Bhattacharya, Mr.Purnendu Chakraborty, Mrs. Samraggi Sarkar, Mr. Suresh Dwivedi the students were enthralled. The students were overwhelmed by the graceful Odissi dance by Samraggi Sarkar . The group song 'Auld Lang Syne' and the English version of ' phoole phoole dhole dhole' cheered the students. They laughed boisterously at the humorous skit ('entitled' Confusing Confusions'). They were thrilled by the energy-packed dance performance by Nikhil Biswas, Suman Chatterjee, Amartya Pathak, Viswanath Pandey, Victor Ray, Sandip Mukherjee,Rahul C. Mojumder and Suman Chakraborty.

They cheered their teachers as they saw them on stage. They sang along during the songs and applauded the dance performances. The celebration concluded with the distribution of light refreshments to the students.

*Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teachers)  
Sayantani Ghosh (Assistant Teachers)*

### BISCUIT DISTRIBUTUION



The children of the neighbouring slums near Duttabad area greeted the interactors of St.Francis Xavier school with smiles as they visited them with packets of Biscuits. On 17th October 2017, around 120 packets of biscuits were distributed by Subhalaxmi Das, Poulomi Mondal, Siddharth Marwaha, Ankita Mukherjee, Mou Chanda, Navpreet Kaur and Mobashir Hossain along with Group D staff. Along with the biscuits packets, cakes were also distributed.

*Rameesha Dey Sarkar (Assistant Teacher)*

### INTER-SCHOOL SIT & DRAW COMPETITION ( I – VIII )

The Interschool Drawing Competition was held on 25th November,2017 in the school premises to bring out the creativity and the artistic talents among the school students. Students of different mention the

### From the Desk of Administrator



I welcome you to another exciting edition of the newsletter for quarter ending December, 2017. The December quarter is usually the final season of the extra-curricular activities of the school as students refocus themselves on academics from the beginning of the winter vacation, in preparation for their annual examinations from February onwards. This quarter's highlight has been the Annual School Exhibition as well as the Biennial School concert.

The Annual Exhibition of the school gives the students a wonderful opportunity to apply their classroom learnings to the real life. It is an opportunity to bring to life the complex equations of chemistry to live experiments with wonderful effects. It is an opportunity to bring the otherwise boring texts of history to vibrant models and charts which communicate the subject in a much more interesting and perceptible manner. It is true that the regular classes of the school do get disrupted due to the preparations, but our learning is that the whole experience of going through the process of the conceptualising the models and charts, the students tend to have a deeper and more lasting experience.

The Biennial Concert was also a big success this year. We were fortunate to have the presence of the Secretary General of the Shree Shikshayatan Foundation, Mrs. Bratati Bhattacharya as the Chief Guest. The highlight of this year was the use of the large LED screen which greatly enhanced the whole show. The effort of the staff, in particular the efforts of our Officiating Principal – Mr. Anil Srivastava and our Headmistress - Mrs. Bipasha Das has to be much commended.

Over the next few months, we shall be working on installation of a 125KVA generator which will provide us comfort during power outages and which shall also give us an alternate power source during any fire incident. We are also working to procure licensed Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office software so that our students are able to access the best and most efficient technology.

Finally, a word for the students appearing for the ICSE & ISC 2018 examinations. I would like to wish you the best of luck. Hard work never goes unanswered and I'm sure your efforts will result in great success for each one of you.

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**From the Desk of Vice Principal**



Dear Readers,

I hope this newsletter will find you in a festive mood as the autumn has set in signifying the arrival of pleasant weather and beginning of festivities. 'Espectro' has been successfully apprising you about all the activities that take place in the school and I hope you will appreciate the hard work that goes behind publication of the Newsletter. I wish to share my thoughts about the ways adopted by today's youth during festivities. I have been noticing a trend among some people belonging to the young generation who tend to hang out with their friends and visit places offering recreational activities. Apparently there is nothing wrong if young people hang around and have a good time while socialising with each other. However I am worried about their choice of venue to meet which often happens to be a HOOKAH PARLOUR offering a traditional HOOKAH laced with concocted liquids. I have seen many students below the age of 18 frequenting these parlours and taking pride in uploading their pictures while smoking the HOOKAH. Social sites like Facebook and Instagram are full of pictures where people are shown to be exhaling smoke which comes out in various shape and sizes. These pictures are in public domain and are often seen by the young children having smart phones where some sort of bravado and machoism is attributed to smoking. Recently a new way of smoking has been found to be in vogue which is called 'WAPING'. There is a device resembling a pen which is sold unabatedly even in the candy shops for Rs. 100, filled with pure nicotine laced liquid, being poisonous and carcinogenic in nature. The chargeable battery inside the device leads it to generate smoke by pressing a button! It allows the user to smoke without using a lighter or matchstick and the smoke smells of candy! I am apprehensive and worried about the impact of such a device and hereby wish to strike the panic button for all the parents so that they keep a strict watch over the signs of any such device being used by their wards. I have personally seen young boys and girls in the process of exploring things, often using this device and are getting addicted to smoking aided by this stealth device. A picture of the said device has been annexed with my Article for reference. I hope that the readers will take preventive measure and alert others as well to save our future generation from this menace.



schools name participated in this programme along with our own school students. The students were divided into groups and accordingly various topics were announced. Group A was for Classes I and II, Group B was for Classes III and IV, Group C was for Classes V and VI. Ms. Rupali Roy was the chief guest and judge for the competition. Mr. Ashok Ganguly was another judge.

Students proved that they not only excelled in academics, but also shine in exhibiting their skills by their creative presentation.

*Sayantani Ghosh (Assistant Teacher)*

**SCHOOL EXCURSION (CLASSES I-V) TO B.I.T.M.**



An excursion is a trip by a group of people, usually made for leisure, education, or physical purposes. It is often an adjunct to a longer journey or visit to a place, sometimes for other (typically work-related) purposes. Excursion in school life brings variety to the boredom of the students. The little angels of the primary department went to Birla Industrial and Technological Museum on 3rd November, 2017. It was a wonderful experience for them. The students visited the informative and attractive galleries like Electricity, Television, Popular Science and Children's Gallery. The students of classes IV and V enjoyed learning a lot in the Underground Mockup Coal Mine. They enjoyed inside the Mirror House and learnt how reflection is important. The students experienced "Science in Action" inside B.I.T.M. The students gained a lot of knowledge from this excursion. Once they were back from the venue, the next day they were given worksheets based on questions about their trip, which they successfully managed to do.

*Sayantani Ghosh (Assistant Teacher)*

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**



The students of St. Francis Xavier School organised a special assembly on the 1st of December, 2017 on the occasion of St. Francis Xavier Feast Day in the school premises. The students of classes IV and V and XI-XII performed a skit based on the good deeds and miracles of St. Francis Xavier. Siddharth Marwaha played the character of St. Francis Xavier and showed through his acting how St. Francis saved a boat from sinking, how he cured an incurable disease by his touch and how he attributed life to a dead man. Mr. Victor Ray trained the children to perform the skit. The choir group sang a song "Make me a channel..." Our respected Vice-Principal Sir and Headmistress Madam gave short speeches on His life and deeds.

St. Francis Xavier taught us that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

*Sayantani Ghosh (Assistant Teacher)*

**DIWALI CRAFT DAY (CLASSES I-V)**



Diwali is a joyful celebration which is symbolized by candles, lights, rangoli, flowers and fireworks. The students of the Primary department of St. Francis Xavier School made paper cards on 12th of October, 2017 under the guidance of Mr. A.K. Mukherjee. The students decorated and coloured the diyas. They decorated pictures of rangolis and made paper lanterns. The students enjoyed this activity. They also gained self confidence. The decorated diyas were displayed in front of the reception office inside the school premises. Diwali is the festival of lights & that light of joy was discovered on the faces of the youngsters while doing the craft work.

*Sayantani Ghosh (Assistant Teacher)*

## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON CHRISTMAS



Christmas is a big festival of joy and happiness. It is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ every year on 25th of December SUMMER IN AUSTRALIA all over the world. It is the most important festival of the Christians. On this day, they go to the Church and offer special prayers. Christians decorate their houses, offices, streets, and churches beautifully with colourful lights. On this day, the Christmas tree is decorated with artificial decorative materials like stars, lights, flowers, balloons and toys etc. Santa Claus is a symbol of friend for the children. He comes in at night to every house and gives gifts to all, especially funny gifts to the children. Children eagerly wait for this day and Santa's gifts.

The special assembly on Christmas was held on 20th of December, 2017. Almost all the students participated in the programme. Our Vice Principal sir gave a speech regarding the birth of Jesus Christ. A skit was performed along with the Christmas carols. Mr. Rahul Mojumder dressed up as 'Santa Claus' and entertained the children. One of the students of Class V dressed up as 'Jesus Christ' and delivered teachings of Jesus Christ. The children enjoyed a lot. Some of the beautiful charts made by the children were displayed in the special Assembly. For the senior section, the students presented a skit on the Nativity Scene. The programme ended with Christmas Carols. Our respected Vice Principal Sir and Headmistress Madam also discussed on the importance of this festival.

*Sayantani Ghosh (Assistant Teacher)*

## RHAPSODY



The senior secondary students of St. Francis Xavier School participated in the Salt Lake School's Annual Fest - Rhapsody on 8th and 9th of December, 2017.

The golden rays of sun scattered all over the city. The announcement of the first event of the day filled us with unconfined joy and zest. After the inauguration and some mesmerizing performances, the

participants of 'Refresh' - Ankita Mukherjee, Shubha Lakshmi Das, Samprikta Sarkar and Sayantika Makhal engaged themselves in the event in the huge library. On the other hand the Rustic performers, Pratik Das, Jyotishka Saha, Shivam Das, Soham Bera, Imtitongdang Imchen and Chandreyee Sikdar won hearts. As afternoon rolled in, Anurag Jaiswal, Manav Grover and Sherlock Sinha Chaudhuri proceeded to the venue for the event of Resonate (quiz). Ankita Mukherjee with a pleasant surprise won the second place for the event titled Refresh.

Eventually the wonderful performance by Pratik, Shivam, Sayan deep Chakraborty, Imtitongdang, Poulomi Mondal, Ankita and Chandreyee also won the second place for 'Rolling Stones'. Shubhoshree Das and Shivam Das, the participants of Rembrandt and Jyotishka Saha, Sherlock, the participants of 'Recapture' sparkled their magic with the finest colors of imagination. The last event of the day, 'Rampant' with its participants - Saket K. Pandey, Yuvraj Bagchi, Neha Sadai, Ayushi Lahiri, Indraneel Dutta, Siddharth Marwaha, Ankita Naharoy, Rehan Ashraf and Mobashir Hussain glamorously justified the theme,

"Measure life in miles not years".

*Mrs. Rameesha Dey Sarkar (Assistant Teacher)*

## WALKATHON - ON THE WORLD DIABETES DAY



On 14th November 2017, the Interact Club of St. Francis Xavier School marked the celebration of Childrens' Day by walking from Victoria Memorial to P. G. Hospital. The initiative was taken by Dr. Shubhankar Chakraborty under the RSSDI (Research Society for the study of Diabetes in India) West Bengal chapter and 'Sahyog' the Interact Club of St. Francis Xavier felt proud to be a part of it. Eighty students along with the teachers, walked alongside the under privileged Type 1 diabetic children, many other eminent schools had also joined, who walked for the noble cause. After the walk, when the few underprivileged children came and thanked our students for the empathy, it left them touched and inspired for such future endeavours. At the end of the day, everyone went home with a greater zest for life.

*Mrs. Rameesha Dey Sarkar (Assistant Teacher)*

## Some more concert pictures



## INTERHOUSE QUIZ COMPETITION



The Interhouse Quiz Competition was held on 8th of November, 2017 in the school hall. The primary section was divided into two categories- Group A and Group B. Each house team comprised of four participants from each class. The quiz competition had five rounds- General Awareness, Visual Round, Buzzer Round, Audio Round and Audience Round. Although the houses participated actively, Netaji House scored the most which helped them to secure the first position in both the groups. Mrs. R.P.Bhat was the quiz master of Group A event and Mrs. S. Modi was the quiz master of the Group B event.

From Classes VI-VIII the champion was Tagore House represented by Soham Bhattacharya (VIII B), D. Tanushree (VIII A) and Linisha Paul (VIII A). The second position was won by Netaji House represented by (Priyanshu Rai (VIII B), Abhinav Raj (VIII A) and Arkadev Pandey (VIA).

From the IX and X section the champion was Gandhi House (Ashutosh Giri (IXA), Arisha Sarkar (IXA), Rizwan Aftab (XA), Somshubhro Bose (XA) and runners up was Teresa House (Snehashish Bar (IXA), Gaurav Ginodia (IXA), Ayaz Hassan (XA), Shabazul Hoda (XA)

For the Senior Section the QUIZ MASTER and the ORGANIZER of this contest was Mr. NIKHIL BISWAS. There were four participants from each house. The first round was a MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION round for the participants. The next round was from the latest trending news that is the FIFA WORLD CUP 2017. Then followed the VISUAL ROUND. The next round was the AUDIO ROUND. Our most favourite round. As the audio played, our quiz master asked the audience to join in singing with him. This round was more of a fun round. At last when the result was declared-

FIRST PLACE: NETAJI HOUSE WITH 140 POINTS

SECOND PLACE: TERESA HOUSE WITH 120 POINTS

*Sarbani Modi (Assistant Teacher)*  
*Sayantani Ghosh (Assistant Teacher)*  
*Amartya Pathak (Assistant Teacher)*  
*Anisha S. Khalko (XI-C)*

## REPORT ON GURU NANAK JAYANTI "GOD IS ONE AND WE ARE ALL HIS CHILDREN..."

"Burn worldly love,  
 rub the ashes and make ink of it,  
 make the heart the pen,  
 the intellect the writer,  
 write that which has no end or limit."  
 ? **Guru Nanak, Sri Guru Granth Sahib**

On the 7th of November, 2017, the students of Classes II and IV conducted a special assembly on Guru Nanak in the presence of our respected Headmistress Madam and Vice Principal Sir. The students of other classes of the primary department also learnt a lot from this programme. The main principles were discussed in this programme- One God, importance of Guru and the significance of prayers. Guru Nanak was the pioneer of humanity. He preached that all human beings are equal. The programme ended with a short speech by our Vice Principal Sir.

*Ms. Sayantani Ghosh (Asst Teacher)*

## INTER-HOUSE KARATE COMPETITION'2017

Inter-House Karate Competition was held on 30th October' 2017 in the P.T room. The participants were divided into three groups:

### Winner list

#### BOYS

##### GROUP-A(I-III)

- 1ST- Niladri Paul(Tagore-II-B)
- 2ND –Uzair shamina(Gandhi-III-A)
- 3RD –Ranit saha(Gandhi-I-A)

##### GROUP-B(IV-V)

- 1ST –Mohit kothari(Tagore-V-A)
- 2ND –Sushovan makal(Gandhi-IV-B)
- 3RD –Afzan Hossain(Gandhi-IV-B)

##### GROUP-C(VI-VIII)

- 1ST –Abhirup Das(Gandhi-VI-B)
- 2ND –Roshan Gupta(Tagore-VI-A)
- 3RD –Subham Mallick(Tagore-VII-A)



## From the Desk of Headmistress



Developing the habit of Reading  
 "A book is a gift you can open again and again" was rightly said by Garrison Keillor.

The statement reading is a good habit is a self-obvious truth. Man is not a mere child of instincts or an animal, the brain has an effective role to play in the growth and development of an individual. Good reading helps the brain to function effectively and make the right choices in life. In order to develop into good and righteous human being, it is important to acquire the thirst for knowledge early in life.

Reading is the most fundamental skill, a child needs to learn to succeed in life. It is the duty of the parent to inculcate this habit in the child from his very childhood.

Reading can help a child in many ways, few benefits of reading are: - It helps in the development of the vocabulary. When the parents read aloud to the children, it helps to prepare them to learn to read, exposes them to a rich language, new words and phrases

It also helps them in increasing their attention span and teaches them to focus better and longer Reading prepares them for school, once they begin schooling, adapting to the teaching learning process becomes much easier

This habit of reading imbibes the lifelong love for books and satisfies the thirst for knowledge Susan B. Newman (Ph. D) director of the Centre for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement (University of Michigan) says, "Children develop motivation to read by being read to often, learning first hand pleasures that reading can bring".

Thus, as a great man had once remarked, "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free".

**GIRLS**

**GROUP-A(I-III)**

- 1ST-Adrija Das(Tagore,II-B)
- 2nd-Pushpita Mondal(Tagore-I-A)
- 3rd –Priti saha (Netaji-I-A)

**GROUP-B(IV-V)**

- 1ST –Aishiki Ghosh(Tagore-IV-A)
- 2ND –Bhagyalaxmi Dutta(Netaji-V-B)
- 3RD Swastika Mondal(Teresa-V-B)

**GROUP-C(VI-VIII)**

- 1ST –Satakshi Saha(Netaji-VII-B)
- 2ND –Rachita Dey Saryaman(Netaji-VIII)-B

All students performed well. The judges were Tutul Sir, Tumpa Madam, Jayanta Sir.

*Tutul Kar (Assistant Teacher)*

**REPORT ON EXCURSION TO BIRLA INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM**



On the 31st of October 2017, all the students of classes VI to VIII were taken for an educational excursion to Birla Industrial and Technological Museum. 250 students along with 10 teachers including Vice Principal Sir assembled in the school compound and were taken to the Museum in the school bus and reached the museum at around 1pm. The children were given a Questionnaire and were told to carry notebooks with them so that they could collect information and make a note of it.

The list of Questions given to them were-

- To make a list of all the sections of the Museum
- To describe the exhibits of the different gallery
- To narrate the entire course during their tour in the museum
- To write about the activities performed by them
- How they were guided by their teachers
- To write about their experience during the whole period
- To write about their suggestions to make the trip more useful for the students.
- To write a few lines thanking the museum

authorities and the school management for arranging the trip

The children visited the different galleries of the museum including

- Popular Science
- Fascinating Physics
- Biotechnology
- Transport
- Mathematics
- Metals
- Television
- Children Gallery
- Physics Section
- Motive Power

During their 3 hour stay in the museum the children enjoyed and gained knowledge and stated that such excursions would not only enlighten them but would make them better equipped with the technical know how of things around them.

*Swati Basu (Asst Teacher)*

**INTERHOUSE HANDWRITING COMPETITION(2nd LANGUAGE)**



The little angels of St.Francis Xavier School participated in a handwriting competition held on 25th October,2017 in the school premises. It was held to encourage students to develop good calligraphy and writing skills. Students took active participation by writing neatly. Prithwisha Saha( IA) of Netaji House, Subho Mondal (IIB) of Netaji House, Swastik Halder ( IIIB) of Netaji House Trisha Mondal( IV A) of Gandhi House, Tanushree Kar ( VB) of Teresa House bagged the first prizes in different categories.

*Rahul Mojumder (Asst Teacher)*

**Upcoming Events**

- 5th Jan : Rehearsal Examination X and XII
- 5th Jan : School Picnic I - IV
- 9th Jan : Special Assembly on Swami Vivekananda
- 18th Jan : Saraswati Puja Craft / Republic Day craft
- 22nd Jan : Saraswati Puja Celebration
- 25th Jan : Farewell for class XII
- 24th Jan : Special Assembly on Republic Day and Netaji's Birthday
- 3rd Feb : Interactive Session I - III
- 12th Feb : Annual Examination (classes I-IX and XI)
- 14th Feb : Medical Check up
- 15th Feb : Medical Check up
- 16th Feb : Medical Check up
- 24th March : Open House (I-IX and XI)



## INTERVIEW OF THE LOVABLE, MRS. MAUSUMI MONDOL BANERJEE

### 1. When did you join this school?

I joined this school in June, 1991. (You kids weren't even born at that time).

Yes ma'am, we were born 10 years later. (Giggles)

### 2. Why did you choose St. Francis Xavier School to teach in?

It wasn't my choice. It was destiny. This school is my second home. This is my first school, and may it be the last.

### 3. Ma'am why did you choose Biology as your subject?

Because it deals with life, and life is loving.

### 4. Which is your most memorable day or memory of this school?

It is not a good memory indeed. The passing away of our Principal Madam was the day that will be remembered by me for the rest of my life. She is the person because of whom I am what I am today.

### 5. Why did you choose teaching as your career?

Teaching was not my choice. I always wanted to become a doctor. After I found this job, I realised that it was a calling and that it is a wonderful job to do. Over these years, I came to know that children are like clay, and I am the potter who can mould them and create better human beings out of them.

### 6. What has your experience been with your colleagues?

My colleagues are like my family. I share everything with them, be it happiness, sorrow, anger or frustration.

### 7. Ma'am, it's been 26 years since you're teaching. What do you think about the students of today?

Today's students are much better. They are more eager to learn new things and apply them into their lives.

### 8. What is your message for this school?

Just like a flower blooms from a bud, I have been a witness to the growth of this great institution. My message and prayer for the school would be (and has always been) that it emerges as the topmost school in Kolkata and its glory reaches the epitome of success. (A dream that our late Principal Madam had).

*(As told to Anisha Smriti Khalkho and Recorded and edited by Khushi Chandgothia.)*

## POCSO: AWARENESS PROGRAMME CONDUCTED



An awareness programme was conducted in the school by the Administrator Mr. Ajay Chopra regarding the Act of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO). This programme was conducted due to the fact that among all issues harassment of minors amounting to sexual abuse is the most sensitive issue. The teachers who attended the programme were primarily told about the basic difference between a good touch and a bad touch. They were also made aware as to how they should approach the students (especially minors) and in what language they should speak to them. In the light of this, teachers were reminded that they should never ever take resort to corporal punishment under any circumstances. Teachers were also told that the law with regard to the minors is such that the law will only listen to them and no other version from the one against whom the complaint is made will be entertained. Besides this, the offence involves serious punishment including imprisonment which will automatically lead to the tarnishing of the image of that particular teacher. In a nutshell, the teachers were 'enlightened' about the nitty-gritty of the act with the help of a nice power point presentation.

*Amartya Pathak  
(Assistant Teacher)*

## TRAVELOGUE

### THIS WEEKEND YOU CAN BE AT.....JHARGRAM RAJ PALACE

The Jhargram Raj Palace is the current residence of the Malla Deb Royal family. Situated in Jhargram district, it is a structure combining the Italian and Islamic architecture model. About 10 rooms plus three dormitories on the ground floor have been converted into a Heritage Hotel run by the family.

Jhargram lies on AH46 which is a part of the Asian Highway Network. For local transportation bus, taxi, minibus, cycle-rikshaws, and autos are available. Jhargram is also connected by train to nearest big city like Kolkata, Tatanagar and Ranchi.

### Site Seeing :

One of the prime attractions of this palace is the Radha Krishna Temple. One can also visit the Kanak Durga Temple and the Chilkgarh Raj Palace, located around 12 km away from Jhargram. Another prominent attraction of this place is the Deer Park that is located 3 km away from Jhargram Town. Located between Jhargram and Lodhasuli is the Jungle Mahal that has a rose garden. The Sabitri Temple is also a popular attraction and has a naturally formed stone resembling Devi Sabitri, instead of an idol.

The stay at the palace with exotic decor will make you feel 'king like', and the sumptuous food served is simply out of this world.



## ESPECTRO QUIZ

1. Who is the first to win the Player of the Tournament award in U19 Cricket World



Cup?

2. Which iconic landmark in India got its most popular name after its roof and top storey were covered with gilded copper plates in 1802?

3. Friedrich Oscar Oertel was a German born engineer. He is mostly remembered for

a project he completed in 1904 – 05, despite having no knowledge in archaeology. What did he do?

4. Which state hosted the first-ever Pelican Bird Festival-2018?

5. Which Indian airport has become the world's busiest single-runway airport?

6. Which state government has launched the 'Gobardhan Yojana' to support farmers?

7. The unique, first-of-its-kind, floating market has come up in which city of West Bengal?

8. Which state's tableau has won the best tableau award at the 69th Republic Day Parade 2018?

9. Who has been bestowed with the V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award 2018?

10. Who has won the 2018 women's singles Indonesia Masters badminton tournament?

Answers:  
 1. Yuvraj Singh, 2. Golden Temple - Amritsar, 3. He Excavated The Lion Capital Of Ashoka From Sarnath, 4. Andhra Pradesh, 5. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, 6. Hararyana, 7. Kolkata - Patuli, 8. Maharashtra, 9. Shyam Bengal, 10. Tai Tzu-ying

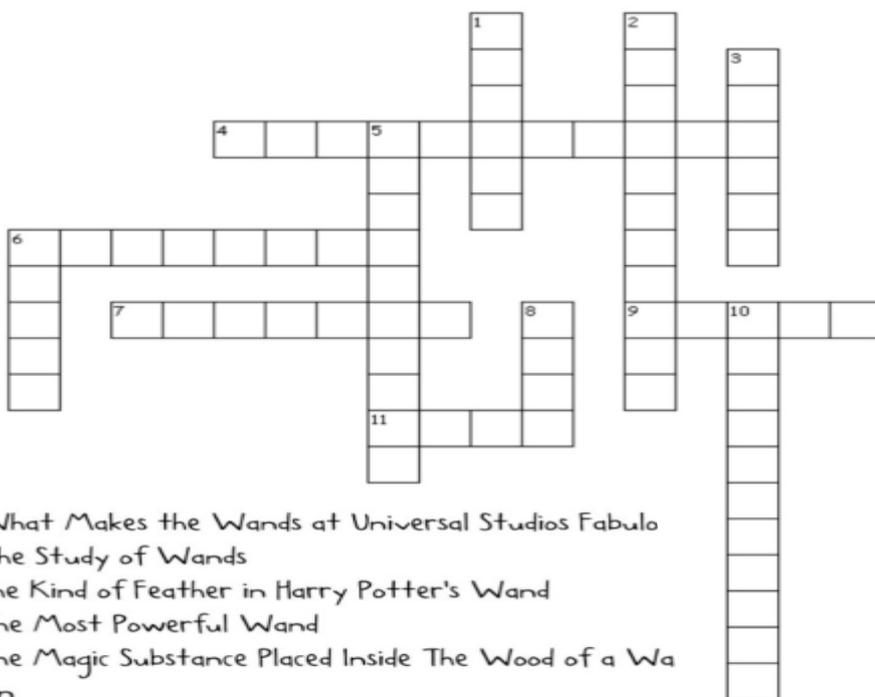
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## The Food Web



4. What Makes the Wands at Universal Studios Fabulo
6. The Study of Wands
7. The Kind of Feather in Harry Potter's Wand
9. The Most Powerful Wand
11. The Magic Substance Placed Inside The Wood of a Wa Down
1. The Wand Chooses the \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of Wand Shop where Harry Potter got his
3. What Wands Are Used For
5. The Reason to Buy a Wand at the Theme Parks
6. The Wand Chooses the \_\_\_\_\_
8. The Wood in Hermione Granger's Wand
10. The Place the Wand Shop is Located

## ESPECTRO Sudoku

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