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AMBEDKAR JAYANTI

Students of St. Francis Xavier school celebrated the birthday of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on the 12th of April 2024 with great zeal and enthusiasm and participated in various activities to honour the life and work of the eminent leader. They crafted informative charts illustrating significant milestones in Dr. Ambedkar's life, shedding light on his tireless efforts toward social justice and equality. A PowerPoint Presentation, offering a comprehensive overview of Dr. Ambedkar's contributions to the nation was also prepared and shown by the students. Through these activities, the school reiterated its commitment to fostering awareness and respect for the ideals of inclusivity and social justice, as exemplified by the life and teachings of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

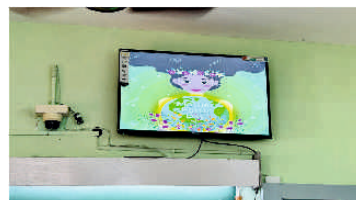
MOTHER EARTH DAY

Mother Earth Day is a powerful platform to educate and raise awareness on pressing environmental issues. This year's Mother Earth Day theme, 'Planet vs Plastic' was a clarion call to the proliferation of plastic leading to the clogging of water and endangering marine life.

On the 22nd of April 2024, International Mother Earth Day was observed at St. Francis Xavier School on online mode due to the extreme heat wave. This fact was utilized to raise awareness about the escalating global warming, thus encouraging students to plant more trees. PowerPoint Presentations were shown, charts were displayed, speeches were delivered and poems were recited by Devansh Maity (IIA), Arinjoy Banerjee (VI B) and Isha Bhattacharya (VIII B).

Alekhya Banerjee (VIII A), Ayush Sen (II A), Devanshi Sarkar (VA), Arman Kalundia, XIIS1 and Deshan Mitra XIIS1 expressed their concerns through speeches. Various documentaries were shown to the students, and with the theme 'Planet vs Plastic,' even more students were motivated to take a stand against this rapidly increasing pollution.

Rameesha Dey Sarkar
(Assistant Teacher)





From the desk of Secretary and Administrator

Mathematics: The 'Karela' of Academic Subjects!

After perusing the results of the half-yearly examinations, it appears to me that a subject has become more avoided than the vegetable 'Karela' (bitter gourd)! Yes, we're talking about mathematics, the arch-nemesis of many a student's academic journey. In today's classrooms, math has become the new 'karela' - you know it's good for you, but you'd rather not touch it with a ten-foot pole. But let's get real for a second. Mathematics isn't just about numbers; it's mental gymnastics for your brain. Skipping out on math is like trying to run a marathon without ever having jogged to the mailbox. Sure, you might not use algebra in daily life, but the discipline it teaches? Priceless.

Now, let's dive into why math has earned its reputation as the academic 'karela'. Like the bitter gourd, it's often misunderstood. At first taste, it's bitter, challenging, and sometimes downright confusing. But here's the twist: just like how 'karela' can be transformed into a culinary delight with the right spices and preparation, math can be made palatable with the right approach. It's not just about solving equations; it's about solving puzzles, deciphering codes, and unlocking the mysteries of the universe.

The secret to conquering math? It's not a magic potion or a secret society; it's good old-fashioned hard work. Practice, practice, and more practice. Think of it like playing a video game; you don't beat the enemy on your first try, do you? You grind, you learn, and eventually, you're dodging equations like a pro. Imagine each math problem as a level in your favorite game. The

more you play, the better you get. Before you know it, you'll be collecting 'achievements' in calculus and geometry like badges in an role playing game. Math, my friends, is an acquired taste, just like the 'karela' sabzi!

Teachers and parents can play a crucial role here, not by forcing the 'karela' down your throat, but by showing you how to cook it. Maybe it's through real-world applications, or by linking math to something you love, like music or sports. Did you know that basketball involves a lot of geometry? Or that the rhythm in music is all about fractions and patterns? Making these connections can turn math from a chore into a choreographed dance of numbers.

So, students, embrace the struggle, be patient with your mistakes, and maybe, just maybe, math won't seem so monstrous. Remember, the only way out is through! And who knows? You might just find yourself enjoying the taste of this educational 'karela', realising that what seemed bitter at first might just be the sweetest victory of your academic life. After all, overcoming challenges is what makes us grow, both in brain and spirit. In the next set of exams, let's hope many of the 'math-haters' will turn into 'math-lovers', one problem at a time!

Ajay Chopra,
Secretary & Administrator

From the desk of Principal (O)



Dear readers,

I trust this edition of Espectro finds you in a joyful atmosphere, surrounded by your loved ones. Take pleasure in perusing our newsletter, as it showcases the remarkable achievements of our school, brought to life by the

dedication of the school management, teachers, and students. The 2024 Times School survey has honored us with the 4th position in East Kolkata and the 20th position in West Bengal. This recognition stands as a testament to St. Francis Xavier School's commitment to achieving comprehensive success and staying attuned to the ever-evolving educational landscape. We are swiftly adapting our approach to integrate the latest technology to enhance the teaching and learning experience. In response to the nation's demand for highly skilled professionals with critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, we are embracing STEAM education, utilizing Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics as the basis for fostering student inquiry and critical thinking. Our school is equipped with Smart Classrooms, a Computer Lab, an AI and Robotics Lab, and Science Laboratories, providing students with hands-on experiences to cultivate independent planning and execution. Our teaching approaches, assessments, and lesson plans will be customized to seamlessly integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and the Arts. Our seasoned and trained educators are all prepared to play a pivotal role in incorporating these elements and guiding students through the creative process.

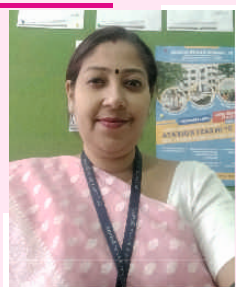
Our objective is to cultivate students as leaders, innovators, and lifelong learners who are well-prepared to excel in the twenty-first century. Acknowledging the potential shifts in job opportunities due to the rise of artificial intelligence, we are dedicated to nurturing future entrepreneurs for

the evolving job landscape. We seek the wholehearted cooperation of parents and guardians, encouraging them to actively participate in monitoring their wards' progress on a regular basis. Simply by dedicating some time to review school diaries, homework, and classwork exercise books, parents can ensure that their wards are fully engaged in their studies. It's essential to vigilantly oversee children's activities to prevent excessive use of mobile phones and encourage them to dedicate time to reading their textbooks and related literature to enhance their knowledge. With our collective efforts, we are confident that we can achieve our goal of igniting young minds and shaping the lives of our children, leading to a brighter future.

Regards,

Anil Srivastava

Principal(O)



From the desk of Headmistress

A Mid-Year Reflection

Dear students, parents, and colleagues,

As we pause to reflect on the first half of the academic year 2024-25, I am filled with a sense of pride and gratitude. It has been a period of growth, learning, and achievement.

We've witnessed your dedication and enthusiasm in the classroom and in various co-curricular activities with the expectation the same continues. The introduction of the Spelling Competition is intended to hone language skills. Through debates, extempore speeches, and elocution contests, we empower our students to develop critical thinking, public speaking, and effective communication abilities.

Remember, education is also about nurturing your passions, engaging with your community, and becoming well-rounded individuals. Your experiences at St. Francis Xavier are shaping you into responsible, compassionate, and empathetic citizens.

As we look ahead to the second half of the year, let's embrace new challenges with enthusiasm and a positive mindset.

I extend my sincere and deep gratitude to our Secretary and Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra, and Principal (O), Mr. Anil Srivastava for being constant sources of inspiration.

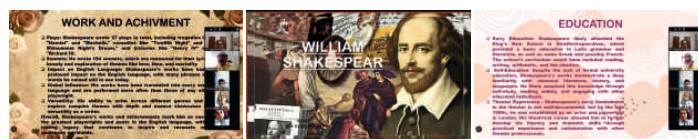
I would also like to express my sincere thanks to our dedicated teachers and staff for their tireless efforts. I also extend my gratitude to the parents for their unwavering trust on the institution

Let us work together to make the remainder of this academic year a resounding success.

Thank you.

Mom Chattopadhyay
Headmistress

SHAKESPEARE DAY



Shakespeare Day was celebrated online at St. Francis Xavier School on **April 23rd, 2024**. Students enthusiastically participated, creating vibrant charts and PowerPoint Presentations. The event honoured the timeless works of William Shakespeare. Through insightful discussions and creative displays, students delved into Shakespeare's plays, poems, and enduring themes, fostering a deeper appreciation for his contributions to literature. Despite the virtual format, the celebration resonated with the spirit of Shakespeare's legacy, inspiring a love for literature and the arts among the school community.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)



WORLD MALARIA DAY



Each year World Malaria Day is observed on the 25th of April. This year's theme for World Malaria Day was - "Accelerate the fight against Malaria for a more equitable world."

Students of Classes VI to XII prepared PowerPoint Presentations and charts which were shown in the online classes. Parna Saha (X-S), Aahana Basak (X-S), Pratyasha Majumder (XII-S), Ayshee Bhattacharjee (XII-S1), Ritika Shaw (XII-S) delivered speeches about the causes, symptoms, prevention, and treatment for malaria which demonstrated a thoughtful approach to educating their peers about this important health issue. By spreading awareness and learning ways to combat this deadly disease, the students made a positive impact.

Kshama Dam (Assistant Teacher)

ELSA

Conducting **ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILL ASSESSMENT** is a great initiative to enhance students' proficiency. The English Department of St. Francis Xavier School periodically conducted various activities (tailored to each grade) like **essay writing, role play, picture composition, speaking skills, and vocabulary training** to make learning engaging and effective. Essay writing helped students articulate their thoughts coherently, while role-play encouraged them to communicate effectively in different scenarios. Picture composition fostered creativity and descriptive language. These activities were engaging and comprehensive for improving language proficiency across different levels.

Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)

FOUNDER'S REMEMBRANCE DAY



On a serene morning, the campus of St. Francis Xavier school echoed with reverence and gratitude as the staff members and students gathered to commemorate the cherished memory of our Founder Principal, Madam Sheela Chopra. The occasion was marked with heartfelt tributes and reflections, honouring the indelible impact Ma'am left on our institution.

The ceremony commenced with the solemn Lamp Lighting Ceremony followed by garlanding the portrait of Madam. After that the entire St. Francis fraternity offered floral tribute to Madam, symbolizing their enduring respect and admiration for her visionary leadership..

Following the floral tribute, the staff united in a moment of silent reflection, reminiscing on Ma'am's guidance and wisdom that continues to inspire our educational journey to date.

As a testament to the inclusive spirit fostered by Ma'am, a multi-faith prayer was offered by our respected Principal Sir, our faculty members Nikhil Biswas and Sadaf Salim, honouring the diverse beliefs within our school community.

The resonant melodies of a group song by the teachers filled the air, echoing the sentiments of gratitude and reverence. Our Secretary and Administrator Sir also spoke about Madam's unparalleled dedication, and the values and principles she instilled within us.

In commemorating the remembrance day of our beloved founder principal, Sheela Chopra, we paid homage to her unparalleled contributions and vowed to carry forward her legacy.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

DONATION TO ADYAPEATH

On 9th May 2024, the Interact Club of St. Francis Xavier School donated some sports equipment to the residents of 'Balak Ashram' - one of the ventures of philanthropic service rendered by Dakshineswar Ramkrishna Sangha Adyapeath. The items included carrom boards, cricket bats, footballs, Headley balls, tennis racquets, badminton racquets, boxes of Shuttlecocks, and that of Carrom coins.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

RABINDRA JAYANTI CELEBRATION



On 7th May 2024, St. Francis Xavier School celebrated Rabindra Jayanti with great enthusiasm and reverence. The day began with a solemn prayer, followed by the garlanding of Rabindranath Tagore's portrait and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by our esteemed Principal Sir. The event took place in the School Hall and featured a variety of cultural programs presented by the students.

The morning session was conducted by the students of Classes I to V and XI-XII, with Arwa Neterwala (XII C1) being the Emcee. The opening speech was delivered by Sampurna Sarkar of Class VA.

The students of Class XII performed a captivating dance based on a fusion of Rabindra Sangeet. Adding to the atmosphere, the children of Classes I-V performed a beautiful rendition of the song "Aji Subhadine Pitar Bhabane." Divyanshi Mohanti (IIIA) and Srija Das (VB) mesmerized the audience with their recitation.

Students from Classes I to V presented 'Rituranga,' a dance drama based on the poems and songs of Rabindranath Tagore, bringing the poet's works to life with their vibrant performance.

The program for classes VI to X began with a welcome speech by Ahana Das of class XS. Archisman Ghosal (XS) delivered an informative speech about the life and works of Rabindranath Tagore. Sarthak Paul (VIIIA) performed an instrumental piece titled 'Sara Jiban Dilo Alo,' mesmerizing the audience with his musical talent. Swarnali Dey (VIIIB) sang the soulful Rabindrasangeet 'Tumi Rabe Nirabe Hridaye Mama,' while Rajnandini Dey (VIIA) recited the poet's powerful composition 'Chitto Jetha Bhayashunya.'

The program also featured two wonderful dances by Arshika Saha Roy and Ahana Das of Class VIII A, performed to the melodious tunes of 'Mridula Madhura Dhani Baje' and 'Bhalabese Sakhi Nribhrite Jatane Amar Naamti Likho.' The celebration concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by our Headmistress Madam, expressing gratitude to all participants and attendees for making the event a grand success.

Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)

CISCE REGIONAL ARCHERY COMPETITION '2024

St. Francis Xavier School proudly announces that **Anirban Sahoo**, a student of Class XI, participated in the **CISCE Regional Archery Tournament** held in The Heritage School on 18th and 19th June 2024 and won a **Bronze Medal in the 30m category as well as in the 50m category.**

Debjyoti Chakraborty, Sports Teacher



CAREER COUNSELLING WORKSHOP

The Commerce Club of St. Francis Xavier School organised a Career Counselling workshop on Human Resource Management on 25th July 2024 for Commerce students of Classes IX to XII.

The resource person was Mrs. Shrestha Chakraborty Sharma, Team Lead HR Operations (Talent Management at ABB Business Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru who discussed the important Skills required for an HR Manager along with her presentation on HR management being a good option in career due to its versatile nature.

Trina Chatterjee (Assistant Teacher)

SUMMER CAMP 2024



St. Francis Xavier School organized the **Summer Camp on the 20th and 21st of May** in a grand manner in the school hall. On the first day, 20th May 2024, students were given summer camp badges to acknowledge their participation. The day started with a Madhubani Patachitra Workshop for which trainers from Pidilite were invited. Students of Classes I, II, and III were taught Tie and Dye whereas students of Classes IV and V were taught Madhubani Painting. It was organized to increase students' clarity and concentration to channel their creative potential. The students were served refreshments from 'Mia amore'. The movie 'Peppa Pig' was also shown to the students.

The second day of the summer camp commenced with Impression painting. Later in the day the students of Classes I – V attended a dance workshop conducted by eminent dancer Smt. Maly Dutta. These little ones were filled with enthusiasm, curiosity, and excitement. Refreshments were served to the students. In the second half of the day, the students were taken for a story-telling session, accompanied by all the teachers and Headmistress Ma'am, to the bookstore 'Story'. The students were overjoyed by the visit and enjoyed the storytelling session by a renowned author Leslie D. Biswas.

The Summer Camp ended on a happy note where students as well as the teachers were given certificates on completion of the grand event. We are grateful to our Administrator Sir, Mr. Ajay Chopra, Principal (O) Sir Mr. Anil Srivastava, and Headmistress Ma'am, Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay for their guidance and support toward organizing the Summer Camp.

Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)

WORLD YOGA DAY



International Yoga Day was celebrated on June 21st, 2024, at the premises of St. Francis Xavier School.

In the morning session, the event began with a warm welcome address delivered by our Principal Sir. Following the address, students from Classes I-IV and XI-XII showcased various yoga postures like – Pranayam, Suryanamaskar, Padmasana, Vajrasana, Bhujangasana, Ardhashakrasana, Dhanurasana, Naukasana and many more. Our faculty member Gargi Banerjee, demonstrated Suryasana, Vrikshasana, Gomukhasana, and Padmasana. The performances highlighted the importance of physical and mental well-being through the practice of yoga.

The event concluded with an address by our Secretary and Administrator Sir, praising all participants and organizers for making the celebration a success. The observance of International Yoga Day at St. Francis Xavier School reinforced the significance of yoga in promoting a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

Mrs Gargi Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

INTER HOUSE DEBATE COMPETITION

The Public Speaking Club of St. Francis Xavier School organised the Inter House Debate Competition on 25th June 2024 for Classes VI-XII. There were three categories:

Category A - Classes VI-VIII

Category B - Classes IX and X

Category C - Classes XI & XII

In Category A, Priti Saha (VIII) was announced as the Best Speaker. The winner was Netaji House, followed by Tagore and Teresa House.

In Category B, Ahana Basak (X) was announced as the Best Speaker. The winning house was Teresa House, followed by Gandhi and Netaji House in the Second and Third positions, respectively.

In Category C, Ayshee Bhattacharjee (XIIS) was announced as the best speaker. The Champion was Netaji House whereas the Runner-up was Gandhi House.

Papiya Ghosh Dutta (Assistant Teacher)

BLOOD DONATION CAMP- TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



'Sahayog', the Interact Club of St. Francis Xavier school, organised a highly successful Blood Donation Camp at the school premises on 26th June 2024 in the loving memory of Founder Principal Madam - Mrs. Sheela Chopra. The event was marked by an overwhelming response from students, staff, parents body, and the local community, all coming together for a noble cause. A total of twenty-five people donated towards this noble cause.

Rameesha Dey Sarkar (Assistant Teacher)

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

On June 26th, 2024 the students of St. Francis Xavier School observed International Day Against Drug Abuse with a series of educational and awareness activities. The event aimed to highlight the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of staying drug-free.

Adrija Das (IX S) delivered an impactful speech, addressing the harmful effects of drugs and the significance of making informed choices. Students also showcased their creativity and understanding of the issue by preparing informative charts. These visual aids highlighted the statistics, consequences, and preventive measures related to drug abuse, offering a comprehensive view of the problem. Uzair Shamim (XC) further enriched the event by presenting a detailed PowerPoint presentation.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)



JUNIOR INVESTITURE CEREMONY



St. Francis Xavier School hosted its Junior Investiture Ceremony on June 27th, 2024, in the basketball court with grandeur, aiming to cultivate leadership qualities and talents among young students.

As the ceremony commenced, Mr. Rahul Mojumder announced the names of the Captains, Vice-Captains, Monitors, and Vice-Monitors for Classes I-V. Our respected Headmistress, Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay, honored the selected Captains and Vice-Captains from Classes IV and V by pinning their badges. The class teachers distributed the badges to the Monitors and Vice-Monitors.

The junior school appointees took an oath, pledging to perform their duties with utmost sincerity and dedication and to set an example by adhering to the school's rules and regulations to the best of their abilities. Our Headmistress Madam delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the significance of the badge and the essence of leadership. Her words filled the newly elected leaders with energy, enthusiasm, and courage, motivating them to embrace their new roles with commitment and pride.

Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)

FRANK ANTHONY MEMORIAL ALL INDIA INTER SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION CATEGORY I (STAGE I), POOL- A (15)



St. Francis Xavier School had yet again received the honor to organize the **Frank Anthony Memorial All India Inter School Debate Competition - Category I (Stage I), Pool- A(15)** on **15th July 2024** at the Main Hall of the St. Francis Xavier School, 10 am onwards.

The event was graced with the presence of **Mrs. Manjira Chatterjee**, a senior English faculty at Sri Aurobindo Institute of Education, **Mrs. Somerita Banerjee** a senior English teacher at Delhi Public School Newtown; and **Ms. Nilofar Yasmin Ansari**, another senior English faculty at Salt Lake School as the judges of the event. The intellects debated upon a hot topic of the current times "**Search for new world spells doom for the world we live in**".

Mr. Nikhil Biswas, the Head of the English Department of our school was the moderator of this prestigious event.

Nine schools across Kolkata took part in the event. After a tough combat of the intellect, all the participants were successful in imposing their views on the audience. **Snigdhadip Banerjee of National Gems Higher Secondary School, Kolkata**, speaking against the topic was judged as the best speaker. His calm and composed demeanor topped with critical thinking and persuasive skills, greatly influenced the judges. **Aniruddha Sengupta of Delhi Public School Megacity**, who spoke in favour of the topic was declared the First runner-up speaker. **National Gems Higher Secondary School, Kolkata** was declared the **winning team** of the competition, while **Delhi Public Megacity** stood as the **first runner-up team**.

As rightly quoted by the Moderator, the search of a new world is like 'a double-edged sword', it has its own defined pros and cons.

Papiya Ghosh Dutta (Assistant Teacher)

BAGLESS DAY ACTIVITIES

On 28th of June and on 23rd August 2024, St. Francis Xavier School organised Bagless Day for Classes I-VIII, engaging students in curriculum-based activities. This initiative was aimed to foster learning through the play-way method, making education enjoyable and interactive for young students.



Students of Classes I-V were engaged in scrapbook activities related to Science, Mathematics, Environmental Studies (EVS), and Social Studies (SST), allowing them to creatively explore and reinforce their knowledge in these subjects.

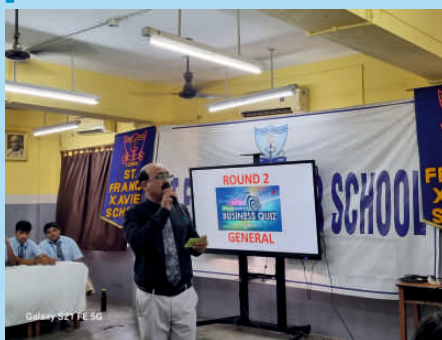
Students of Classes VI-VIII were engaged in Mathematics activities, a session on AI and Robotics- where students learned practical skills and teamwork while providing a fun break from traditional classroom routines. Students were also engaged in various activities like **non-gas cooking, Bhangra & Hip-Hop dance, self-defense training, educational skit** on female education, card making, **personality development programme** and various other activities.

Additionally, the students of Classes V-VIII organized a Mini Book Fair. At this fair, books could be borrowed, sending a strong message about the importance of sharing knowledge and fostering a love for reading among their peers. Students of Classes I-V prepared **healthy tiffin** to highlight the importance of proper food habits.

Overall, Bagless Days at St. Francis Xavier School was a resounding success, providing students with a memorable and enriching learning experience.

Indrani Banerjee and Joyita Acharya (Assistant teachers)

COMMERCE CLUB QUIZ



The Commerce Club of St. Francis Xavier School, in collaboration with the Quiz Club, hosted an exciting **Inter-house Business Quiz, 'Vyapar IQ Challenge'**, on 9th July 2024.

Netaji House emerged as the winner and Tagore House followed close securing the runner-up position.

Rajasri Mandal (Assistant Teacher)

INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH ELOCUTION COMPETITION-JUNIOR SCHOOL

The inter-house Elocution Competition for Classes I-V was held on 2nd August 2024. There were five groups. It was a pleasure to watch the youngsters taking an active interest and performing enthusiastically.

Payal Roy Chowdhury Dey

ANNUAL PRIZE DAY



On the 6th of July, 2024 the achievers of the academic session 2023-24 brimmed with pride on the Annual Prize Day held at the EZCC Auditorium. The **Rt. Revd. Dr Paritosh Canning - Bishop of Calcutta CNI** graced the occasion as **Chief Guest**. Among the distinguished dignitaries present were Mr. Naresh Jain, President of the St. Francis Xavier Managing Committee, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Jhunjhunwala, Vice-President of the Governing Body, Mr. Pulak Mondal, Member of the Managing Committee, Mr. Rohit Handa, Member of the Governing Body, and Mr. Lalit Kumar Khanna, Member of the Governing Body.

Students who excelled academically in the past year were honored with certificates, books, and medals. **Arkadev Pandey of Class XIIS1 (2023-24) received the prestigious Founder's Gold Medal Award for his outstanding achievements in academics and co-curricular activities.** The stream toppers for ISC 2024 were Akash Kumar of Class XIIS, scoring 95.75% and Yuvraj Rana of Class XIIC1, scoring 91.50%. Arpit Rai scored 94.25% in ISC 2024 (Science Stream) and secured the second prize, while Dipika Shaw scored 92.25% in ISC 2024 (Science Stream) and secured the third prize.

In the ICSE 2024 examinations, Riya Singh(XS) was the topper scoring 98%. The second prize was awarded to Atreyo Bhattacharyya(XS), who scored 97%, and the third prize went to Aditya Raj, who scored 94.40%. Riya Singh achieved a perfect score of 100% in History and Civics, Computer Applications, Chemistry, and Biology. Atreyo Bhattacharyya also scored 100% in Computer Applications.

The programme commenced with a rhythmical tribute titled 'Guru Vandana', followed by the felicitation of the dignitaries and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. The Annual Report for St. Francis Xavier School and St. Francis International School for the session 2023-24 was presented by Mr. Anil Srivastava, Principal(O) of St. Francis Xavier School, and Mrs. Priyanka Chopra, Director of St. Francis International School, respectively

The Investiture Ceremony for the Senior section was held on the same day with Nikhil Ray (Head Boy) and Ayshee Bhattacharjee (Head Girl) along with the House Captains and Vice Captains solemnly taking the Oath to uphold the dignity of the honour bestowed upon them.

A wonderful cultural programme was staged by the students of St. Francis International School and St. Francis Xavier School under the guidance of their teachers. The students of St. Francis International School presented a Salsa dance, and the choir of St. Francis Xavier School performed a group song titled "Every Teardrop is a Waterfall." The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay, Headmistress of St. Francis Xavier School, and the school song sung by the school choir.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

FOUNDER'S DAY



Founder's Day in the loving memory of our late Founder-Principal, Madam Sheela Chopra, an exemplary visionary, observed on July 12, 2024, was a solemn and heartfelt event. It began with a welcome speech and prayer conducted by emcees Mr. Rahul C. Mazumder and Parna Saha of Class XS. Pratyasha Majumder of (XII S) and Shreyan Ghosh of (XS) delivered moving speeches. Melodious songs were sung by the school choir. Rajanya Pal of Class VA, Avishi Das of Class IIIA, Shristi Dutta of Class IVA, Parna Saha of Class XS, and Aayshree Bhattacharya of Class XII S presented poignant recitations.

Pushpanjali, a beautiful dance performance by the students of Classes VI-X, added to the event's emotional resonance. The song "Purano Sei Diner Katha," presented by the teachers, brought a special touch to the moment. Amidst the backdrop of fragrant blooms and cherished memories, the entire STFX fraternity offered its respect with a floral tribute, symbolizing their love, reverence, and gratitude. Speeches by Secretary and Administrator, Mr. Ajay Chopra and Principal (O) Mr. Anil Srivastava highlighted the legacy and contributions of our Founder-Principal Madam whose teachings are our guiding light and source of inspiration. The event concluded with a vote of thanks given by Headmistress Madam Mom Chattopadhyay, followed by the national anthem.

Mrs. Sudipta Sengupta (Assistant Teacher)

INTER HOUSE CHESS COMPETITION



The **Inter House Chess Tournament** was organized by the Sports Club on the **26th of July 2024** at the School Hall. The prelims of the event were held on 23rd and 24th July respectively.

The arbiters of the event were Mr. Suman Chakraborty, Mr. Rahul C. Mojumder, and Mr. Debojyoti Chakraborty.

The result is as follows:

From **Group A (Classes IV-V)** the winner was **Rishit Misra of Netaji House** and the Runner-up was **Debanshi Sarkar of Gandhi House**.

Rajnandini Dey (Teresa House) was the winner of **Group B (Classes VI-VIII)** and the Runner -Up was **Arinjay Banerjee (Netaji House)**

In **Group C (IX-XII)**, the Winner was **Deeshan Mitra of Gandhi House** whereas the Runner up was **Tamori Kundu (Tagore House)**.

Debojyoti Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)

INTER SCHOOL FESTS



St. Francis Xavier School participated in various inter-school fests throughout the first half of the current session. The students participated in events like **D-Foot**, **Melody Mantra**, **Cyber verse**, the **Royal Rumble**, **Quiz**, the **Ultimate Team**, the **Manuscript**, **Karate**, **Justice League**, **Master Chef at Yuvakarshan**, the Fest of DPS New Town school. It was a matter of immense pride when the students won silver medals in Karate.

The students also participated in **Utsav**, the **PBA Fest 2024**, held on August 2nd and 3rd, and secured the following awards.

- Ginia Tarafder from Class VI-B earned **Second place in Karate**.
- The dance troupe from Classes VII and VIII won **Second place in the Sufi Dance** category.
- Niladri Paul from Class IX achieved **Third place in Audio Affairs**.
- The dance troupe from Classes III, IV, V, and VI secured **Third place in Fairy Ballet**.
- Additionally, St. Francis Xavier school was honored with the **'Most Vivacious Team Award.'**

Students also participated in **Harmonics, an Artfest organised by Hartley's School**, winning accolades.

- Sriyanaka Sarkar and Farzana Nasreen secured the **Third prize in Biscuit Art**
- Aradhya Rana and Shirsha Dutta won the **First prize in Kalam** (Flower Rangoli)

In **Concord, a fest organized by Calcutta Boys' School**, Piyush Gupta and Anu Pandey of XIS showcased their creativity and secured the **Third position** in the **Reel Making** competition

In the **Mobile Gaming** event, the team consisting of Piyush Gupta (XIS), Aryan Singh (XIS), Shubham Saha (XIC), Rohit Gupta, and Danish Alam (XIC) also performed excellently and secured the **Third position**

The students' participation and success in these events brought pride to the school.

Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)

INDUSTRY VISIT TO DIAMOND BEVERAGES PVT LTD



The Commerce and Press Club of St. Francis Xavier School organized an **industry visit** to **Diamond Beverages Pvt. Ltd.**, a prominent beverage manufacturing company, on the **17th of August 2024**. The visit aimed to provide students with first-hand experience in production, manufacturing, packaging, and distribution.

Trina Chatterjee (Assistant Teacher)

TTSAFE



AWARD



It is a matter of immense pride that a leading educational foundation like TTEF-(**THE TELEGRAPH EDUCATION FOUNDATION**) has come forward to recognize the excellence of our iconic school and the outstanding merits of our students and staff.

St.Francis Xavier School secured awards in the four categories- **social service, courage, talent, and dedication**- in TTSAFE-**The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence**. It was held on the 10th of August at South City International School

Sakcham Shaw was the recipient of the award in the "Courage" category as he had shown grit, courage, and resilience while facing the challenges meted out by life.

Niladri Paul won the award in the Talent category for his exceptional prowess in sports.

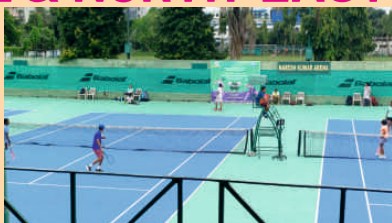
The Special honour of the "Thank You Baba-Ma Award" - a heartwarming award to express gratitude and appreciation went to Kavita Shaw and Ashish Shaw for their remarkable contributions in motivating their child to overcome all odds.

The "Shining Star Employee" award went to Md. Islam for his undeterred dedication towards his organization and excellence in his work.

In the loving memory of our Founder Principal Madam, Sheela Chopra, three scholarships for meritorious students requiring financial assistance were announced.

Kshama Dam(Assistant Teacher)

CISCE REGIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT (WEST BENGAL & NORTH-EAST STATES)-2024



St.Francis Xavier School was the proud host of the Regional Tennis Tournament 2024 from 6th August to 10th August 2024 organised at the Bengal Tennis Association.

The Inauguration Ceremony of the CISCE Regional Tennis Tournament (West Bengal & North-East States) was held on the 6th of August, 2024 at Bengal Tennis Association. The Chief Guest for the Opening Ceremony was Mr. Saurav Panja, former Tennis player and coach who inaugurated the event with a tennis demonstration.

The Closing Ceremony witnessed the presence of several distinguished guests, including the Chief Guest, Mr. Sujit Bose, Hon'ble Minister of State & MLA, alongside Principals of other eminent schools, the administration team of the host school, and BTA officials.

The Closing ceremony began with a warm welcome to the guests, followed by the presentation of awards to the prize winners. Mr.Sujit Bose handed over the prizes to the deserving winners. His presence added grandeur to the event, and his speech was notably inspiring for the students competing in the Tournament.

Gargi Banerjee(Assistant Teacher)

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The school celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor on 15th August 2024. The event began with a warm welcome speech, followed by the ceremonial flag hoisting, symbolizing the spirit of freedom and unity.

The first speech of the day was delivered by Shreyan Ghosh (X Science) who eloquently spoke about the importance of independence and the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters. His speech resonated with the audience, stirring a sense of national pride.

Rajnandini Dey, a student of Class VII.A, captivated everyone with a beautiful recitation that echoed the values of patriotism.

Following the recitation, students from Classes VI to XII performed a melodious patriotic song, filling the atmosphere with a strong sense of unity and love for the nation. Their harmonious voices reflected the joy and pride of being Indian.

The day's events also included a well-coordinated drill, showcasing the discipline and synchronization of the students. This was followed by a thought-provoking skit performed by the students of Classes VI to XII, highlighting the struggles of India's freedom fighters and their contributions to the country's independence.

The celebrations took an energetic turn with a vibrant dance performance by students of Classes VI to X to the tune of "Vande Mataram." Their graceful moves and expressive gestures brought the spirit of patriotism to life.

Our Principal Sir addressed the gathering with an inspiring speech, reminding everyone of the significance of independence and encouraging students to contribute positively to the nation's progress.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Headmistress. Madam, expressing gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the celebration.

The programme was smoothly conducted by the Emcee for the day, Ayshee Bhattacharjee, a student of class XII Science, who ensured the seamless flow of events. The Independence Day celebration was a grand success, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present, and instilling a deeper sense of patriotism and responsibility towards the nation.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)



INTER HOUSE QUIZ COMPETITION FOR CLASSES IV-V



The Inter House Quiz Competition was conducted in the School Hall on the 20th of August 2024. The students of Classes IV and V were the participants.

There were **three themes** on which the questions were based: **Nature, Independence of India and Olympics**

Teresa House emerged as **the Winner** and **Tagore House** secured the **Second position**

Soma Acharya (Assistant Teacher)

CISCE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL DIVING COMPETITION'2024

It was a moment of pleasure and pride when Bitan Sikdar (VIII-A) of St. Francis Xavier School, Salt Lake City secured First and Second positions in 1m and 3m board diving events respectively at the CISCE Regional Diving Competition and qualified for the nationals. At the National level, he was awarded bronze in the CISCE National Diving Competition in the Diving Category at Karnataka.

Debojyoti Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)



ENGLISH EXTEMPORE COMPETITION

The Public Speaking Club of St. Francis Xavier School, **Rhetoric**, organized the **Interhouse Extempore Competition** on **4TH September 2024** for Classes III to XII.

For the Senior Section, Ankit Naskar of XIIC (Netaji House), Adrija Das of IXC (Tagore House), and Mudit Dugar of VIIA (Tagore House) were declared as winners.

Payel Roy Chowdhury Dey (Assistant Teacher)

CISCE REGIONAL KARATE TOURNAMENTS

On the 5th and 6th of July, 2024, students of St. Francis Xavier School participated in the **CISCE Regional Karate Tournament** hosted by PB Academic School. The result is as follows:

Niladri Paul (IX S) secured a Gold medal in Kumite (U-17 Boys, 70kg Category)

Adrija Das Class (IX S) secured a Gold medal in Kumite (U-17 Girls, 60-65kg category)

Paramita Barick (IX C) secured Gold medal in Kumite (U-17 Girls, 55kg category)

Ginia Tarafdar (VI B) was the recipient of the Gold Medal in Kumite (U 14 Girls, 40 kg Category)

All four players have qualified for the Nationals.

Students of St. Francis Xavier School also represented CISCE West Bengal and NE region at the **CISCE National Karate Competition** held between 12th and 14th September at Blue Bell School, Jhansi, UP where our Girls' Team brought laurels to the school.

Adrija Das (IX S) received the Gold medal and was selected to play in the SGFI. Ginia Tarafdar (VI B) and Paramita Barick (IX C) received Silver and Bronze medals respectively.

Debojyoti Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)



INTER-HOUSE KARATE COMPETITION

The Inter House Karate Competition was held on the 2nd of September, 2024 in the school.

Winners were awarded medals and certificates and the list containing their names was uploaded in the school website.

Debojyoti Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)

WBSCGS U-19 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Shriyanka Sarkar from Class XI C represented our school and North 24 Pargana district at the West Bengal State Council for school Games and Sports -WBSCGS U-19 Volleyball Tournament held at Bhadreswar, Hooghly from 8th September to 12th September 2024.

The team won the championship beating teams from West Dinajpur, Howrah, and beating Hooghly district in the finals. Shriyanka Sarkar received gold medal and merit certificate for her performance.

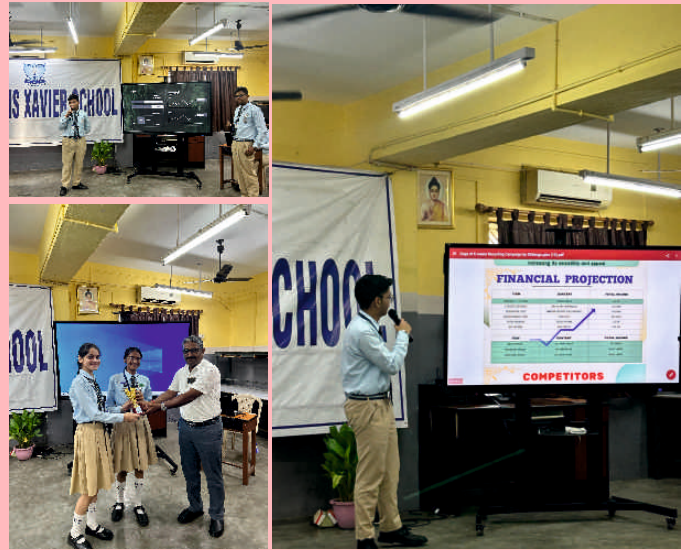
Debojyoti Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)



BUSINESS PITCH

On the occasion of **World Entrepreneur Day**, the Commerce Club, in collaboration with the Press Club, organized a **Business Pitch Competition** for students of Classes X, XI, and XII on the **21st of August, 2024**. The event was judged by Mr. Arnob Sen, Business Head of RM Agrico Pvt. Ltd. All participants performed exceptionally well. The winning team consisted of Arwa Zohari Neterwala and Iffat Shabbir from Class XII, followed by team, Kavya Jaiswal and Arshiya Roy from Class X.

Rajasri Mandal (Assistant Teacher)



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Teachers' Day was celebrated on the 5th of September, 2024, in the school hall with great enthusiasm and reverence for the teaching community. The event commenced with a Welcome Speech that set the tone for the day's festivities, followed by the traditional Garlanding and Lighting of the Lamp to signify the beginning of the celebration.

Students presented a wonderful array of cultural performances to express their love and respect towards teachers.

A ceremonious Cake was cut jointly by the Student Council and Principal & Headmistress. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by the Head Mistress Madam, who expressed her gratitude to all those who contributed to making the day a success.

The entire event was smoothly anchored by Ayshee Bhattacharjee and Arwa Netarwala of Class XII, who kept the program engaging and lively. A scrumptious lunch was arranged for all the staff members by the Management.

The Teachers' Day celebration was a fitting tribute to the educators, and the students' performances reflected their deep appreciation for their mentors. The program left a lasting impression on everyone present, marking another memorable Teachers' Day at the school.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)



VISWAKARMA PUJA CELEBRATION

On the auspicious occasion of Vishwakarma Puja on 17th September 2024, St. Francis Xavier School celebrated the event at the school premises. The puja venue was beautifully decorated by the teachers and support staff with kites and other decorative items, creating a festive atmosphere. The celebration was graced by the presence of Secretary and Administrator Sir, President Madam, Principal Sir, and Headmistress Madam. Teachers, office staff, support staff, and the bus staff were also present. The puja was conducted with reverence, and after the ceremony, everyone received Prasad.

Suman Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)



INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

The students of St. Francis Xavier School made a meaningful contribution to the celebration of International Peace Day on September 20th. The speech delivered by Parna Saha (XS) was an inspiring one, in the context of the present world. The inclusion of charts and the Peace Day logo enhanced the event's message of peace and harmony. It was an enrichment for the students to take part actively in such important global topics.

Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)

ACHIEVEMENT

TIMES NOW SCHOOL RANKING '2024

We are thrilled to announce that STFX has secured the 7th Position in East Kolkata's Top Schools Ranking (CISE Board) by TIMES NOW SCHOOL RANKING WEST BENGAL' 2024 published on 12th September 2024.

TIMES SCHOOL SURVEY '2024

It was another moment to rejoice when St. Francis Xavier School was ranked as the 20th best school in West Bengal and 4th in East Kolkata in a survey held by the TIMES SCHOOL SURVEY '2024, published on 26th September '2024. It is indeed a testament to our commitment to excellence in education and holistic development.

Indrani Banerjee Assistant Teacher



Rank	East Kolkata - Top Schools (CISE Board)
1	Delhi Public School Newtown
1	Delhi Public School Megacity
2	IEM Public School, Salt Lake
2	Promila Memorial Advanced School
3	St. Anna's School - Salt Lake
4	St Francis Xavier School, Kolkata
5	Calcutta Public School, Kalikapur
6	Our Lady Queen of the Mission School
7	Salt Lake Point School
8	Shri Aurobindo Institute of Education
9	Calcutta Public School, Baguiati



TRAVELOGUE: A WEEKEND AT BAGURAN

There is no doubt that [Kolkata](#) is a beautiful city and the best part is that there are many offbeat weekend destinations near Kolkata. You will be spoilt for choice regarding weekend getaways from Kolkata. You can visit the mountains, the rural villages, beaches, or the forests to relax and spend quality time with your family.

Bengalis are very familiar with the term Di-Pu-Da. – DIGHA, Puri, Darjeeling.

However, this weekend take a trip to – **Baguran – Jalpai, Medinipur – West Bengal**

[Baguran Jalpai](#) is an unexplored and tranquil beach destination under the Contai subdivision of Purba Medinipur, nearer to Bankiput. This lesser-known yet beautiful destination is just 4 hours away from Kolkata. The outstanding allure of the beach is partly due to its graceful scenic beauty as well as the serene, sublime ambience of the place. Standing apart from the usual overcrowded beaches, Baguran Jalpai provides a refreshing retreat from the racing metro life. Surrounded by casuarina trees, the long beach with golden sand is just the place to relax and rejuvenate. Time will simply pass by here as you look at the waves crashing down the sandy beach. Dusk is a very beautiful time here. After exploring the beach, you can visit the fishermen village and get a glimpse of their life.

Distance from Kolkata: 160 km

Best time to visit: All through the year

How to reach: From Howrah, you can take a train to Kanthi. The place is 10 km from Kanthi and can be reached by hiring a car or auto from Kanthi Railway Station or Bus Stand.

Things to do: Walk on the beach, visit the fishermen's village, and watch the sunset.

Several fishing villages dot the outskirts of the place which one can explore Red crabs playing on the golden sands of the beach, rolling waves caressing the sea shore, and winds blowing on your face – the experience is mesmerizing. You can walk along the beach, chase the mud crabs into their holes, collect sea shells, or try building sand castles. Relax and unwind as you lose yourself in your good old childhood memories. Evenings are even more beautiful at Baguran. They are perfect for spending some precious time with your loved ones. The all-engulfing silence interrupted by the roaring of the sea creates a mystic aura that is so thrilling yet so beautiful. You will want to come back to Baguran again.

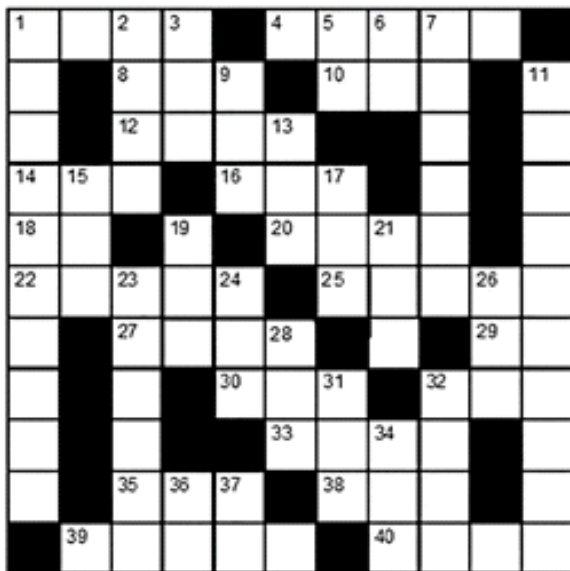
Nearby places: Digha, Junput, Bankiput, Mandarmani

NYP QUIZ

Students from Classes IX – X participated in the National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYP) and a quiz programme conducted by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on the 16th of September. It was a valuable experience for the students of St. Francis Xavier School. Not only did they gain exposure to parliamentary processes, but they also received certificates to mark their participation. Such programs foster awareness of governance and encourage students to be more informed citizens.

Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)

Crossword



Across

- 1 Crop sowing season (4)
- 4 Quintessential New Year gift (5)
- 8 Popular card game at house parties (3)
- 10 Bill waiting to be settled (3)
- 12 Say 'cheers' like a Viking (4)
- 14 What's common to a coat and a moat? (3)
- 16 A dish that is a mathematician's staple (3)
- 18 A common Goodreads challenge in French (2)
- 20 I sound like Sherlock's sister but I am a tipsy organic compound (4)
- 22 Kannada New Year (5)
- 25 You can't play beer pong in France without me (5)
- 27 __ and balls: a famous magic trick (4)
- 29 Ancient (2)
- 30 Appropriate or suitable (3)
- 32 A whole lot (3)
- 33 Spacious and ventilated (4)
- 35 Countdowns stop here (3)
- 38 I fall in the same category as Gulzar but Wednesday Addams loves me (3)
- 39 What a child does with pester power (5)
- 40 Suffix to a process or condition (4)

Down

- 1 I am made and broken within weeks, sometimes days (10)
- 2 To stop illegal trading (4)
- 3 You could use me to write, paint, or modify your body (3)
- 5 Carry it to show who you are (2)
- 6 Gold in chemistry (2)
- 7 Some have a cause, some don't (6)
- 9 Bengaluru techies need it the most (3)
- 11 These can jam signals (10)
- 13 An excuse to avoid an outing (3)
- 15 By the Gregorian calendar, I will arrive after 212 days in 2023 (3)
- 17 Expertise of an otolaryngologist (3)
- 19 I sound like a Hawaiian but I hail from Nigeria. I am a close relative of the Indian percussion instrument ghatam (3)
- 21 Scrat found his muse under this tree (3)
- 23 I speak louder than words (6)
- 24 The British invented me and I am bitter than most ales (3)
- 26 I am a Mexican beer with a hint of tequila (3)
- 28 I can beautify and I can heal (3)
- 31 Compliment for a good meal (3)
- 32 Sailors' parlance (4)
- 34 My babies go by the name of a famous chewing gum (3)
- 36 If you read this paper daily, you know how we abbreviate anonymous (2)
- 37 A president's power in accordance with the Constitution (2)

Sudoku

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CANDID MOMENTS WITH RAMEESHA DEY SARKAR

How long have you been associated with the school?

Ans:- More than 12 years.

What are the changes you have observed through these years?

Ans:- There are several changes that I have observed through these years. However, all changes have been aimed at bettering the institution. I feel we have carried the dream that our Founder Principal Ma'am and Administrator Sir had seen.

What made you choose teaching as your profession?

Ans:- Teaching gives me a sense of satisfaction. The subtle and positive change in the student that takes place, is worth all the efforts.

What holds you back in this school?

Ans:- The Administrative body exudes a certain sense of responsibility and with the passage of time, this school has become a second home to me.

If you could change something in this school, what would it be?

Ans:- I would want to see an Award Pedestal near the reception area, with proper lighting and decoration.

What was your first-day experience in this school?

Ans:- I had a wonderful experience that will stay with me throughout my life as on my first day I found myself amidst my helpful seniors and cooperative and friendly colleagues.

What are the qualities that you find essential for a teacher?

Ans:- A teacher should always be empathetic in nature but also have a fine balance.

Can you mention a moment when you felt dejected?

Ans:- I feel dejected by my health issues which sometimes stop me from doing my work.

How do you inspire your students?

Ans:- I think one should not be judgemental.. Each individual is endowed with immense possibilities that can be unlocked by hard work, which I think the students must believe and act upon.



Answers to Sudoku

6	7	3	1	4	9	8	2	5
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9	1	6	7	8	2	5	4	3
7	5	4	6	1	3	9	8	2
3	2	8	5	9	4	6	7	1
4	6	2	3	7	8	1	5	9
1	9	7	4	6	5	2	3	8
8	3	5	9	2	1	4	6	7

Answers to Crossword

ACROSS
1 Rabi, 4 Diary, 8 Uno, 10 Due, 12 Skol, 14 Oat, 16 Pie, 18 Lu, 20 Enol, 22 Ugadi, 25 Tasse, 27 Cups, 29 Ol, 30 Cancellers, 13 Lie, 15 Aug, 17 ENT, 19 Udu, 21 Oak, 23 Action, 24 IPA, 26 Sol, 28 Spa, 31 Tip, 32 Ayes, 34 Roo, 36 NN, 37 EO

DOWN
1 Resolution, 2 Bust, 3 Ink, 5 ID, 6 Au, 7 Redex, 9 OOP, 11