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GANDHI JAYANTI

The students of St. Francis Xavier School commemorated the birthday of Gandhiji on October 1, 2024, with a variety of activities. Archisman Ghoshal (XS) delivered a moving speech on Mahatma Gandhi, highlighting his significant contributions to India's freedom struggle. Rajnandini Day (VIIA) shared some of Mahatma Gandhi's most inspirational quotes, leaving the audience deeply moved. Additionally, the students collaborated on a video presentation showcasing key moments from Gandhiji's life, paying tribute to his enduring legacy and teachings.



Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

DURGA PUJA SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The students of St. Francis Xavier School presented a Devi Vandana for the Durga Puja Special Assembly on 8th October 2024. The students of the Primary Section and the Senior Section presented a wonderful dance programme where the students dressed up as Brahma, Vishnu, and Maheshwar with Aishee Bhattacharjee (XIIS) posing as goddess Durga. There was a wonderful song recital by the school choir and a recitation by Avishi Das (IIIA).

The programme of the Secondary Section included a speech by Soham Bhattacharya (IX-S), a recitation by Sarthak Paul (VIII-A), a song by Swarnali Dey (VIII-B), and a dance by Arshika Saha Roy (VIII-A). The students also prepared charts and PowerPoint presentations, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm for the occasion.



Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)





From the desk of Secretary and Administrator

Don't cry over spilt milk: Move on! Imagine training for years, launching into space on a historic mission, and expecting to return home in a week—only to be told that your spacecraft isn't working! This is exactly what happened to **astronaut Sunita Williams in 2024** during her mission aboard **Boeing's Starliner spacecraft**. What was meant to be a short stay on the International Space Station (ISS) stretched into **weeks of uncertainty** due to technical issues with the Starliner.

A situation like this could have left anyone frustrated or anxious. But Williams? She did what she has always done—**focused on the next task instead of worrying about the problem**. Rather than dwelling on when she'd return home, she **dove into critical scientific experiments**. She worked on **plant growth studies**, helping scientists understand how to grow food in space—something vital for future Mars missions. She conducted **microgravity research on human physiology**, testing how prolonged space travel affects the body. She even assisted in space station maintenance, proving that no task was too small or too big for her to take on. Her story teaches us an incredible lesson: **Don't waste energy stressing over things you can't control—focus on what you can do to change your situation**. Life doesn't always follow our plans. We may perform badly in some exams, competitions don't go as expected, and challenges appear out of nowhere. But like Williams, we must **adapt, keep learning, and move forward**. Brooding won't solve a

problem—but finding a way to course correct will. Williams could have spent her time in space frustrated about her extended stay. Instead, she turned it into an opportunity to **contribute to science, support her team, and stay positive**. That's the mindset of achievers—**embracing uncertainty and making the most of every moment**. So, as the academic year comes to an end, some of us may feel disappointed with our exam results. But just like Sunita Williams didn't waste time worrying about delays, we too must stop dwelling on the past. What's done is done. **Now is the time to focus on the future, set new goals, and take the right steps to improve**. Success isn't about never facing setbacks—it's about how we respond to them. **Learn from mistakes, work harder, and keep moving forward—because a brighter future is always within reach**.

Ajay Chopra,
Secretary & Administrator

From the desk of Principal (O)



Dear St. Francis Xavier School Family,

Greetings to all!

As we continue to strive for excellence in education and holistic development, I am pleased to share with you the

exciting plans for the future development of our school's infrastructure. We are committed to providing an environment that nurtures the growth and well-being of each student, ensuring that they not only excel academically but also develop physically, emotionally, and socially.

To achieve this, we have outlined several key initiatives aimed at uplifting and enhancing our infrastructure. One of our primary goals is to **maximize space utilization** across the campus. With the growing needs of our students, we are focused on ensuring that every available area is put to its best use. This will involve optimizing classrooms, common areas, and outdoor spaces, creating an environment that fosters both learning and creativity.

Furthermore, we recognize the importance of physical activity in the overall development of our students. To that end, we are excited to announce plans for the **creation of more play areas**, providing ample space for outdoor activities, sports, and recreation. These additions will not only improve the physical fitness of our students but will also encourage teamwork, leadership, and discipline—key values that are central to our school's ethos.

The aim of these developments is to create a modern, efficient, and child-friendly space that supports the well-rounded growth of our

students. We remain committed to providing a safe, stimulating, and inspiring environment where all members of our school community can thrive.

We look forward to your continued support as we embark on this journey of growth and transformation. Together, we can make St. Francis Xavier School an even better place for our future leaders.

Warm regards,

Anil Srivastava

Principal(O)



From the desk of Headmistress

TRUST THE PROCESS

"That is what learning is. You suddenly understand something you've understood all your life, but in a new way." – Doris Lessing

Embracing the Learning Journey

Learning is a journey, not a destination. It's a process that's often marked by twists and turns, ups and downs. And it's precisely in those moments of uncertainty, doubt, and frustration that we must dig deep and trust the process.

The Role of Doubt and Anxiety

Doubt and anxiety are natural companions on the learning journey. They creep in when we're faced with new challenges, unfamiliar concepts, or uncertain outcomes. They aren't signs of weakness or failure. They're signs that we're pushing beyond our comfort zones.

So, what do we do when doubt and anxiety strike? We push through. We persist. We keep showing up, even when it feels like the progress is slow or non-existent. The truth is, progress is often incremental, and it's only by persisting that we can see the bigger picture.

Trusting the Process

Trusting the process means having faith that the effort we're putting in will eventually pay off. It means believing that our struggles are an opportunity for growth, rather than a sign of failure. It means being patient with ourselves, and recognizing that learning is a journey that unfolds over time.

The Rewards of Trusting the Process

So, what happens when we trust the process? We start to see progress, even if it's slow. We start to feel more confident, and more capable. And we start to realize that the journey itself is the destination – that the act of learning, growing, and pushing beyond our limits is the greatest reward of all.

Trusting the process is not always easy. It takes courage, resilience, and a willingness to embrace uncertainty. Remember that the greatest rewards often lie just beyond the boundaries of our comfort zones. So, the next time you're afflicted with doubt, anxiety, or frustration, remember to trust the process.

Mom Chattopadhyay
Headmistress

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION



St. Francis Xavier School organized the Intra-Class Fancy Dress Competition '**SPECTRUM**' on the **4th of October, 2024** for the students of Classes I-III. The event was a grand success, showcasing the creativity, imagination, and performance skills of the young participants.

The young performers were judged on the following criteria:

Character Choice: Relevance and appropriateness of the chosen character.

Personality: Confidence, stage presence, and ability to portray the character.

Creativity and Originality: Unique ideas and innovative costume designs.

Costume and make-up: Attention to detail, colour coordination, and overall presentation.

Expression: Effective use of facial expressions, gestures, and voice modulation.

The stage was transformed into a magical realm as students dressed up as various characters. From adorable cartoon characters to eminent leaders of the world, and fairytale princesses to exotic flora and fauna, the range of costumes was truly impressive. The students captivated the audience with their lively performances, bringing their characters to life.

The **Fancy Dress Competition** provided a platform for students to develop their confidence, public speaking skills, and imagination.

Winners were selected from each class and certificates were given.

Raunaque Farheen (Assistant Teacher)

UNITED NATIONS DAY

The students at St. Francis Xavier commemorated United Nations Day on 23rd October, 2024 by preparing informative charts and presentations. The insightful speech delivered by Uzair Shamim(XC)made the occasion engaging.

Indrani Banerjee(Assistant Teacher)

FRANCOTSAV 2024

The much-awaited carnival, *Francotsav*, organized by St. Francis Xavier School, was held on 30th October 2024 within the school premises. The event commenced with great enthusiasm as all staff members and students gathered near the basketball court, just outside the main gate, for the inauguration. The honors were done by our esteemed Secretary and Administrator, Mr. Ajay Chopra, along with Mrs. Priyanka Chopra, President of St. Francis Education Society, Principal Sir and Headmistress Madam.

Following the ribbon-cutting, a short and warm welcome speech was delivered by Mr. Nikhil Biswas. Then the ceremonial lighting of the lamp took place, marking the auspicious beginning of *Francotsav*. Our respected Secretary and Administrator officially declared the carnival open. To celebrate the moment, Mr. Ajay Chopra and Mrs. Priyanka Chopra released colourful balloons into the sky, symbolizing joy and festivity.

The carnival featured a variety of game stalls, with the highlight being the *Halloween (Ghoul City Tour)* theme stall. Other engaging stalls included *Trade and Triumph*, *Thrill Zone*, *Strike n Shot*, *Adrenaline Alley*, *Carnival Vibes*, *One Minute to Fame*, *Magix*, *The Tech Den*, and *Bot Arena*. Exciting games such as *Pass Pass*, *Bring My Family Together*, *Magical*



Snake and Ladder, *Match the Bottle*, *Balloon Blow-Up*, *Hit the Can*, *Feed the Halloween Pumpkin*, *Spin to Win*, *Roadrash*, *Optical Illusion* and many more kept the participants engaged and entertained.

Students enthusiastically participated in the games and won numerous prizes. Food stalls, set up by staff members, offered a delectable variety of snacks, adding to the festive spirit. The trampoline and Bouncy Ride were particular favourites among the younger students, drawing large crowds throughout the event.

A lucky draw was conducted every hour starting from 10:30 a.m., with the grand draw taking place around 3:30 p.m. The main prizes, including a Smart TV, Instant Geyser, *Air Fryer* and Smartphones added excitement and anticipation among the attendees.

The event was a grand success, thanks to the relentless efforts and support of our Secretary and Administrator, Mr. Ajay Chopra, Officiating Principal, Mr. Anil Srivastava and Headmistress, Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay. The School donated the entire surplus amount of Rs. 1,10,000 to Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata.

Indrani Banerjee(Assistant Teacher)

GURU NANAK JAYANTI

St. Francis Xavier School celebrated Guru Nanak Jayanti on the 13th of November, 2024. Uzair Shamim (XC) prepared an informative PowerPoint presentation, highlighting Guru Nanak Dev Ji's life and teachings. Gurnoor Kaur (XIC) delivered a speech on the life and work of Guru Nanak. Shaunak Chatterjee (IXS) added to the spiritual ambience with a soulful song. The event helped students understand the values of peace, equality, and selfless service. It was a meaningful celebration that combined learning and devotion, leaving a lasting impact on everyone.



Sarbani Biswas(Assistant Teacher)

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS TO SCIENCE CITY AND BITM

To provide students with more comprehensive learning experiences, Educational Excursions are organized by the school every year.

This year too, the students of **Classes I to V were taken to Science City on the 5th of November 2024** for their Educational Excursion. Students had a great time exploring the mirror maze. They were also mesmerized by the 3D show on 'The Dramatic Underwater World' where they got to know about a variety of fishes, sharks, and other creatures of the ocean world.

Students from **Classes VI to VIII were taken to the Birla Industrial & Technological Museum (BITM) ON THE 19th of November 2024**. During the visit, they explored all sections of the museum, gathering valuable information about various scientific exhibits. They thoroughly enjoyed the 3D film show and were fascinated by the Science Magic & Miracle show. The highlight of the trip was the thrilling experience of the underground mock-up coal mine, which left them both excited and informed.

Papiya Ghosh Dutta (Assistant Teacher)



BAGLESS DAY

Bagless Day activities were conducted on the 5th of November, 2024, for Classes I to VIII, providing students with an engaging and enjoyable learning experience beyond textbooks. Various interactive and creative activities were organized, including dance and music, art and craft, poetry enactment, robotics, and artificial intelligence (AI). These activities encouraged students to explore their talents, develop new skills, and participate in hands-on learning experiences. The initiative was met with great enthusiasm and excitement, making it a refreshing and enriching day for all the students involved.

Papiya Ghosh Dutta (Assistant Teacher)

FIRE SAFETY AND EVACUATION DRILL

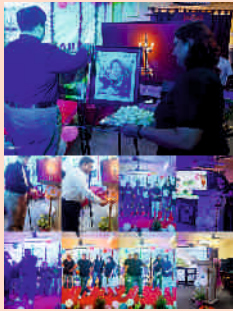
On 13th November 2024, a Fire Safety and Evacuation Drill was organised by the school to educate students and staff about fire safety procedures. The drill aimed to enhance awareness and preparedness in case of a fire emergency.

During the session, the Fire Safety team demonstrated the evacuation process, guiding everyone on how to exit the building safely and efficiently. They also explained the working of fire extinguishers, showing how to operate them in an emergency. Additionally, important preventive measures were discussed, such as avoiding fire hazards, staying calm, and following safety protocols.

The drill provided valuable hands-on experience and helped everyone understand the importance of fire safety.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)





CHILDREN'S DAY



St. Francis Xavier School celebrated Children's Day on 14th November 2024 with great enthusiasm, organizing a vibrant cultural program for the students. The event was divided into two segments—one for Primary students and the other for Secondary and Senior Secondary students.

The celebration began with lighting of the Lamp and garlanding the portraits of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and our beloved Founder Principal Madam. The teachers, then presented a lively Bollywood dance performance and a group song, delighting the young audience. The teachers of the Primary section entertained the students with an adaptation of *Dr. Dolittle*. The teachers of Secondary and Higher Secondary Sections performed energetic dance to *Bella Ciao* and *By the Rivers of Babylon* respectively. Adding to the excitement, a skit titled *Travel Through a Time Machine* took the audience on a fascinating journey through different eras. The programme concluded with a speech by Principal Sir and Vote of Thanks by Headmistress Madam.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

INTER HOUSE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Inter House Football Tournament was held on the 21st of November, 2024 at Purbachal Central Park Ground. It was organised by the Sports Club of St. Francis Xavier School. The result is as follows:

CATEGORY	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
Group A (VI-VIII)	Tagore House	Teresa House
Group B (IX-X)	Gandhi House	Netaji House
Group C (XI-XII)	Tagore House	Teresa House

Debojyoti Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)



CONSTITUTION DAY

The students of Classes IX-XII created informative charts on the 26th of November 2024 to observe Constitution Day which marks the day when the final draft of the Constitution was adopted. The students were also shown a detailed PowerPoint Presentation, exploring the formation of the Constitution and its significance in shaping our nation's democracy.

Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)

A SESSION ON CYBER SAFETY

A session on **Digital Arrest Fraud and Cyber Safety** was organized at St. Francis Xavier School for the students of Classes XI and XII on 27th November 2024. A similar session was conducted for students of Classes VI to X on 26th November 2024. These sessions educated the students in identifying digital crimes, knowing their rights, and taking protective actions in the cyber sphere. The main purpose of this session was to empower students with the knowledge to navigate cyberspaces safely and responsibly.

Bahnisikha Bhattacharjee (Assistant Teacher)

WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A workshop on **Sustainable Development** was organized in the school hall on 29th November 2024 by Quantamania, the Science Club, in collaboration with 'Sahayog', the Interact Club. The resource person for the event was Mr. Siddhartha Chakraborty, Head of the Science Department at Lee Collins High.

The event was a huge success, and we extended our gratitude to Mr. Chakraborty for his informative and thought-provoking session.

Rameesha Dey Sarkar (Assistant Teacher)

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The students of St Francis Xavier School observed a special assembly on the 3rd of December 2024 to commemorate the Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier. The students presented prayers and delivered speeches to highlight the life and teachings of St. Francis Xavier. A skit was enacted to depict key moments from his life. The students also prepared and displayed beautiful charts.

Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)



PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Personality development programmes on the topics of **Decision-making** and **Confidence** were conducted for the students of Classes I-V on 3rd December 2024 and 5th February 2025 respectively. The sessions aimed to equip students with effective decision-making skills thereby fostering confidence, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities, which are vital for their personal and academic growth.

Anushka Bhattacharya (Counsellor)



INTER HOUSE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The Sports Club of St. Francis Xavier School organized the Inter House Basketball tournament at the School Basketball Court on 3rd December 2024.

The result of the event is as follows:

CATEGORY	CHAMPION HOUSE	RUNNER-UP HOUSE
Group A (XI-XII BOYS)	TAGORE	TERESA
Group B (VIII-X BOYS)	TAGORE	TERESA
Group C (VIII-X GIRLS)	TAGORE	GANDHI

Debojyoti Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)

TRAFFIC AWARENESS SESSION

Sahayog, the Interact Club of St. Francis Xavier School, organized a workshop on Traffic Awareness on 13th December 2024. Mr. Tapas Dutta, Sub-Inspector, Bidhannagar Kolkata Police conducted the session. The session made the students aware of various traffic rules and the consequences of violating the same so that they become cautious and more responsible.

Kshama Dam (Assistant Teacher)

WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on December 10, 1948, and this day is observed as World Human Rights Day every year.

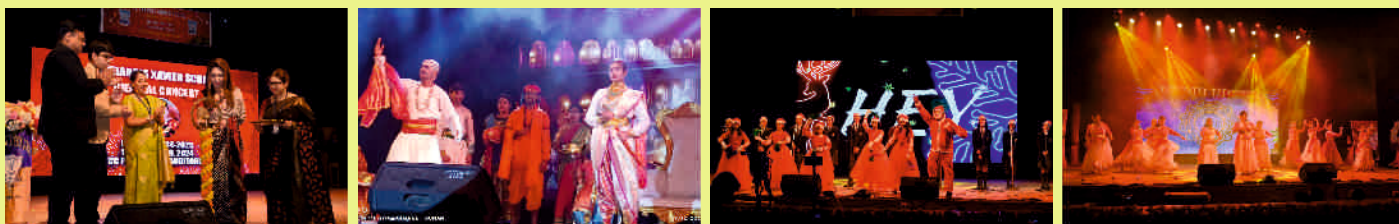
World Human Rights Day emphasizes the inherent dignity and worth of every human being. It encourages nations and individuals to promote and protect human rights.

A special Assembly was held on 10th December, 2024 to observe World Human Rights Day. Students prepared charts and Anuttoma Das delivered a powerful speech on the occasion.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)



BIENNIAL CONCERT



On December 19, 2024, the school hosted its Biennial Concert for the 2024-2025 session with grandeur and elegance at the Eastern Zonal Cultural Complex. This spectacular event was a testament to the dedication and tireless efforts of the teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students, all of whom played vital roles in making the concert a resounding success.

The programme commenced with the opening address by Emcee Mr. Nikhil Biswas followed by the lighting of the ceremonious Lamp by the President of St Francis Xavier Education Society- Mrs. Priyanka Chopra, Officiating Principal Mr. Anil Srivastava and the headmistress Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay. The event was further graced by the presence of the Managing Committee members as Special Guests.

The concert celebrated the diverse talents of St. Francis Xavier School's students, leaving the audience thoroughly mesmerized. The opening dance, 'Namami Namami', a harmonious blend of Indian Classical and Fusion, set the stage for an unforgettable evening.

This was followed by the English play, 'Beauty and the Beast', performed by students of Classes III-V. This timeless tale of transformation and true love conveyed the profound message of valuing inner qualities like kindness over superficial appearances.

The younger students of Classes I and II delighted the audience with their vibrant 'Turkish Dance', drawing thunderous applause from parents and guests alike.

The Bengali Department presented 'Banchharamer Bagan', a heartfelt tribute to the legendary playwright Late Manoj Mitra. This comic satire explored themes of hope, resilience, and the human spirit, as it portrayed an elderly peasant taking on a corrupt society and an oppressive landlord.

A musical presentation - 'Hymn for the Weekend', by the school choir, depicted the idea of having an angelic presence in one's life.

The Hindi Department showcased a historical drama, 'Anth ka Prarambh 1857', depicting the beginning of the Sepoy Mutiny and its pivotal role in the eventual end of British rule in India.

Adding to the evening's grandeur, the students of Classes VI-XII performed a breathtaking Classical Fusion Dance inspired by the Legend of Kailash Temple, presented in an imaginative dream sequence.

The English Department took center stage with a stellar rendition of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth', a timeless tragedy about ambition and its consequences. The students' captivating performance and the meticulous stage setup left the audience spellbound.

The school choir added to the festive spirit with a medley of Christmas carols, spreading warmth and joy as the concert concluded on a celebratory note.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)



STAFF PICNIC 2024

The sun-kissed lawns at 'Ibiza' resort set the perfect stage for the staff picnic on 23rd December 2024. The day was filled with fun and laughter and numerous photoshoots, creating great memories. Exciting and hilarious games and a lively round of Housie kept everyone entertained. The highlight was the lavish spread of breakfast and lunch, which were both delicious and satisfying. We are grateful to our Secretary and Administrator Sir for organizing such a wonderful day out. It was truly a memorable experience for the entire team.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)



MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP

The Brighter Minds workshop, jointly organized by Quantamania, the Science Club, and the Mathematics Department, was organised for students from Classes IV to XII. Meditation Trainer Mr. Abhijit Sarangi led the session in the school premises on 2nd January, 2025.

Mr. Sarangi emphasized the importance of meditation in managing stress, particularly among students. He also provided an introduction to the principles of Vedic Mathematics, highlighting its benefits. The workshop included interactive activities designed to enhance brain capacity, as well as demonstrations of exercises to improve cognitive skills.

This initiative aimed to equip students with valuable tools to reduce stress, enhance mental well-being, and improve academic performance.

Suman Chatterjee (Assistant Teacher)



MEDICAL CHECK UP

A periodic medical check-up for students was held from the 5th of January 2025 to 7th January 2025 to ensure early detection of health issues, promoting overall well-being and academic performance. It included general health assessments, vision, dental, and physical fitness checks. Regular health screenings help create a healthier school environment.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A workshop on Sustainable Development was organized by the Interact Club in collaboration with the Science Club, in the school Hall on 30th November, 2024. The resource person was Mr Siddhartha Chakraborty, Head of the Science Department at Lee Collins High. He shared insights on climate change, renewable energy, and eco-friendly solutions. Interactive activities and discussions encouraged students to think critically about their role in creating a sustainable future. The session aimed to inspire young minds to adopt greener habits and contribute to global sustainability efforts.

Kshama dam (Assistant Teacher)

NATIONAL BIRDS' DAY

A Special Assembly was held on the 3rd of January, 2025 at St. Francis Xavier School to celebrate National Bird's Day, raising awareness about the importance of birds in our ecosystem. Students delivered speeches on the importance of the conservation of birds. They also highlighted various threats to the survival of the birds. Bird nests and feeders were made (using eco-friendly materials) by the students. Charts were also displayed to increase awareness amongst the students.

Ashima Chattopadhyay (Assistant Teacher)



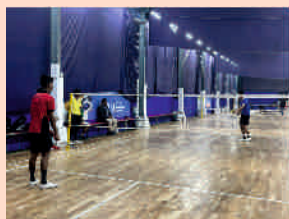
INTER HOUSE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Sports Club of St. Francis Xavier School organized the first version of the Inter House Badminton Tournament for the students of Classes IV-XII at the **Spuddy Badminton Academy on the 22nd of January, 2025.**

The result of the event is as follows:

CATEGORY	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
Group A [IV-V]	Kavya Singh (Netaji)	Aarushi Prajapati (Gandhi)
Group B [VI-VIII]	Saanvi Gupta (Tagore)	Titikshatrina Sarkar (Gandhi)
Group C [IX-XII]	Sparsh Jaiswal (Gandhi)	Annesha Dey (Gandhi)
Group D [IX-XII]	Shamik Ganguly (Tagore)	Kushal Gupta (Netaji)

Debojyoti Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)



STUDENTS' PICNIC [I-XII]



A student picnic was organized on January 31st, 2025, to provide a refreshing break from academic routine and strengthen peer relationships. The students, accompanied by teachers, visited Bharat Scouts and Guides Camp, where they engaged in various recreational activities and games. From the boarding of the bus to the end of the day, the picnic allowed students to bond outside the classroom, fostering camaraderie and teamwork. They enjoyed a variety of outdoor sports, music, and interactive sessions that enhanced communication and co-operation among peers. A shared lunch further contributed to the spirit of togetherness.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

INTER HOUSE CRICKET TOURNAMENT



The Sports Club of St. Francis Xavier School organized the Inter House Cricket Tournament for the students of Classes VIII-XII at **the Revolution Sports Turf on the 25th of January, 2025.**

The result of the event is as follows:

CATEGORY	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
Group A(VIII-X)	Netaji House	Gandhi House
Group B(XI-XII)	Gandhi House	Tagore House

Debojyoti Chakraborty(Assistant Teacher)

HINDI DIVAS

The Hindi Department celebrated World Hindi Day on 10th January, 2025 with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, various competitions were organized, including poem recitations, short speeches, and a poster-making contest. Students from Classes I to IX and Class XI actively participated, showcasing their creativity and love for the Hindi language.

Priti Singh(Assistant Teacher)



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY- NETAJI'S BIRTHDAY AND REPUBLIC DAY



A special assembly was held on 21st January 2025 on the occasion of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birthday and Republic Day. The event commenced with a Prayer by Mr. Rahul Mojumder. Our esteemed Principal Sir, Mr. Anil Srivastava addressed the gathering, highlighting Netaji's contributions to India's freedom struggle and the significance of Republic Day in upholding democracy. Students presented speeches, poems, and a skit depicting Netaji's Great Escape. Souradeep Motilal (VB) delivered a speech on Netaji's contribution to India's freedom fight and the making of the Indian Constitution. A cultural program featuring patriotic songs and a dance performance to the tune of 'Tiranga' added vibrancy to the event.

The assembly concluded with a pledge to contribute to the nation's growth and a Vote of Thanks delivered by our Headmistress, Mrs. Mom Chattopadhyay.

The students of St. Francis Xavier School also participated in the Republic Day Programme conducted by SDO BIDHANNAGAR (office of SDO). They received prizes and certificates.

Mousumi Sen(XI-S)

SARASWATI PUJA

Saraswati Puja was celebrated at the school campus on the 2nd of February, 2025. The entire St Francis Xavier School fraternity gathered to offer Pushpanjali and seek the blessings of Goddess Saraswati, the deity of wisdom and knowledge. The puja room was decorated with the craft items made by the students and teachers under the guidance of Deepanwita Das, the Art teacher. A beautiful 'alpona' adorned the floor and the motif from Satyajit Ray's 'Sandesh Patrika' formed the 'chalchitra'. The traditional puja ceremony, with the chanting of prayers, created a serene and spiritual atmosphere. It was a pleasure that students and parents actively participated in the rituals, their reverence for the goddess very evident. After the puja, prasad was distributed among all attendees, symbolizing divine blessings and community togetherness.



Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)

INTERRAGO-SCIENCE CLUB QUIZ COMPETITION



Quantamania, the Science Club of St. Francis Xavier School, recently conducted Interrago, an engaging quiz competition on the 17th of January, 2025 for students of Classes VI to IX. Interrago is a unique event organized by the students for the students, to provide a platform for showcasing their scientific knowledge and curiosity.

Rameesha Dey Sarkar (Assistant Teacher)

A VISIT TO MEDIA HOUSE

The Press Club and Commerce Club of St. Francis Xavier School organized an insightful visit to **The News Pole media house on the 24th of January, 2025**. This enriching experience provided students with a deeper understanding of the crucial role media plays in society and the day-to-day operations of a media organization. They also gathered knowledge about the screening of news and the procedure of broadcasting the same.

Indrani Banerjee (Assistant Teacher)



"BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS - CONTEST"



The Photography Club conducted a Photography Contest on 22nd January 2025 at the school campus. The participants displayed their photography skills on the themes given to them.

The groups were: Group A (IV-VI), Group B (VII-IX), and Group C (XI). The winners from each group were: Mayank Yadav (IVB), Tripti Rang (VIIC), and Anik Mitra (XIS).

Suman Chatterjee (Assistant Teacher)



FEATS ACCOMPLISHED BY STUDENTS IN SPORTS

Adrija Das (IXS) participated in the All India Inter School and Senior Karate Championship (FEDERATION-CUP 2024) at Banaras Hindu University from 29.12.24 to 30.12.24 and won two gold medals and one silver medal in the championship. She also qualified for the CISCE National Karate Tournament and was the recipient of the Gold Medal. She was selected for the 68th National School Games hosted by SGFI at Talkotra Stadium, Delhi from 8th-13th December 2024, and brought silver for CISCE in the U-17 Kumite division for Girls.

Niladri Paul (IXS) participated in the 22nd Karate Federation Cup 2024 organized by AISSKF at Banaras Hindu University on the 28th and 29th of December 2024 and won a gold medal in the 16yrs (70kg) Kumite category. Niladri also won gold in the East India Zonal Karate Championship held in Patna, Bihar on the 28th and 29th of September 2024. Niladri also won the Gold medal in the CISCE Regional Karate Tournament 2024 in U-17 Boys Kumite and represented the WB and NE regions in the CISCE National Karate Tournament. Niladri was the proud recipient of The Award for **Outstanding Talent in Sports (Individual Category) at The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence.**

Ginia Tarafder (VI B), won silver medal in the CISCE National Karate Tournament in the U-14 Girls Kumite division held at Blue Bells School, Jhansi. She also participated in the Federation Cup 2024 and the East India Zonal Karate Championship 2024 and won Gold in both events.

Paramita Barick (IXC) won a Gold medal in the CISCE Regional Karate Tournament 2024 in U-17 Girls Kumite and represented the WB and NE regions in the CISCE National Karate Tournament held at Blue Bells School, Jhansi. She was the recipient of the Bronze medal.

Bitan Sikdar (VIII A) participated in the CISCE Regional Diving Competition, secured Gold in the 1m Diving and Bronze in 3m Diving, and qualified for the CISCE National Diving Competition. He also secured bronze in the Nationals in the 1m Diving Category held in Karnataka on 26th August, 2024.

Isha Bhattacharjee (VIII B) participated in the International Karate Championship Indian Challengers Cup, and won bronze medal in Female Kata.

Anirban Sahoo (XI C) secured 3rd position in Indian Round 30 MT Category U-19, Boys in the CISCE Games and Sports 2024 (Archery) at the Regional Level held at The Heritage School.

Shriyanka Sarkar (XI C) represented the school and North 24 Pargana district at the WBSCGS U-19 Volleyball Tournament held at Bhadreswar, Hooghly from 8th-12th September 2024, and was the recipient of gold medal and merit certificate.

Debojyoti Chakraborty (Assistant Teacher)

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA JAYANTI

The students of Classes I to XII of St. Francis Xavier School, celebrated Vivekananda Jayanti on January 9th, 2025 as a mark of respect to Swami Vivekananda. The occasion was marked by a series of engaging activities, including a speech by Adrija Das (IXS), skit performance by Sanjog Dutta (IXS), Saswat Mohan Rakshit (IXS) and Mrinal Modi (VII), a group song, and a display of beautiful charts.

Sarbani Biswas (Assistant Teacher)



"THE MIND MELD"

On February 4th, 2025 - PowerBytes - the Computer Club of St. Francis Xavier School organized a blind coding competition - "THE MIND MELD". The participants wrote coding on the computers with the monitor switched off, which helped them test their programming ability to write clean, efficient code without visual cues. The participants had to write the code using "Java" in BlueJ. (IDE that runs on Windows).



The best three participants were announced based on the results of compilation, execution, and accuracy as provided by the computers. The First position was secured by Anmol Srivastava (XIS) and the Second and Third positions were won by Afzan Hossain (XIS) and Anik Mitra (XIS) respectively.

Bahnishikha Bhattacharjee (Assistant Teacher)

"THE SCRATCH STARS" GAME DESIGN COMPETITION

On January 27th, 2025, the Computer Lab of St. Francis Xavier School was transformed into a hub of creativity and innovation as students of Class V showcased their game design skills in "The Scratch Stars" competition which aimed to encourage students to think outside the box and develop their problem-solving skills using the popular "SCRATCH" PC-based application.

The games were evaluated on three key criteria: **Presentation, Scratch Commands, and Explanation**. The top three games were selected, and the winners were: Souryadeep Motilal (VB), Asritha Karim (VA), and Gouresh Soni (VA).

Sanchaita Saha (Assistant Teacher)



WEBPAGE DESIGNING

The Webpage Designing Competition for Classes VII to IX was held on 7th February (Friday) in the Computer Lab of STFX. A total of 11 students participated, tasked with designing a form for exhibition/fest participation.

The First Position was secured by Mrinal Modi (VIIA) whereas the Second and Third positions were secured by Shreyash Giri (VIII A) and Titikshatirna Sarkar (VIII A) respectively.

Bahnishikha Bhattacharjee (Assistant Teacher)

WEBINAR ON APPROACH TO STUDENTS' WELLBEING AND EXAMINATION STRESS

Teachers attended a Webinar on an **Approach to Students' Wellbeing and Examination Stress** organized by CISCE as a part of CISCE Inspire Series. The seminar was conducted by Dr Shekar Sheshadri, a renowned child psychiatrist who emphasized on Exam preparation strategies for reducing stress, effective study habits like **active recall** and **spaced repetition**, breaking down large tasks, **creating manageable study plans**, identifying topics to cover, allocating specific time slots for each topic, **setting realistic goals** for each study session to beat the examination stress. It was an enriching experience for the teachers.

Amartya Pathak (Assistant Teacher)

ANNUAL SCIENCE EXHIBITION 2025



The Annual Science Exhibition of St. Francis Xavier School was held on 28th March 2025, showcasing the fascinating realm of science and technology. This year's theme, "Human-AI Co-evolution," highlighted the intricate relationships between humans, artificial intelligence, and the natural world.

The "Human Skull with Cognitive Domain" exhibit was a standout of the **Physics department** using mathematical concepts to explain the impact of AI on human cognition. The "Probability Conics" application showcased the practical uses of parabolas and ellipses in understanding AI algorithms.

The "Colour Change", "Magic Show", "Iodine Clock", and "Lava Lamp" were some of the exhibits in the **Chemistry department**. The "Acid Rain" and "Distillation Process" exhibits highlighted the importance of environmental conservation.

The "Bird House" and "Rainwater Harvesting" exhibits of the **Biology department** demonstrated the importance of conservation and sustainability. "Evolution of the Human Brain", "Smart Irrigation," and the "Waste Water Treatment" were also some other exhibits.

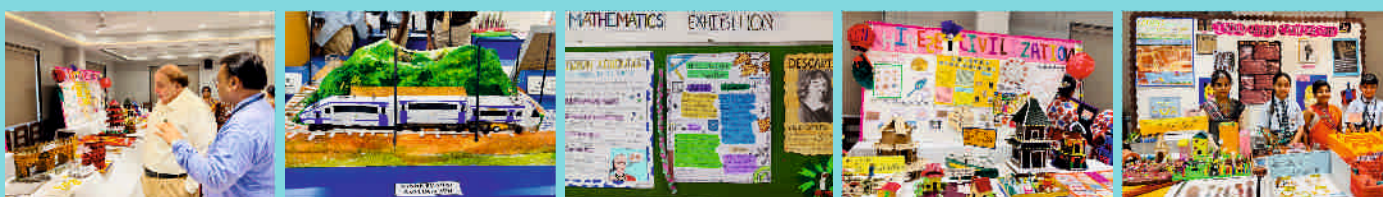
The working models of the **Computer Department** that caught the interest of the visitors were the Smart Door Lock, Stick for the visually challenged, Line Following Robot, and Gesture Controlled Robot.

The **History** department displayed various charts and models like the Cotton Gin, the Spinning wheel, pyramid, the India Gate and the Qutub Minar.

The theme of the Primary Section was the **Evolution of Science and Architecture from Ancient to Modern World**. The students of Classes I-V prepared models and charts depicting the wonderful scientific inventions and architectures of great civilizations like the **Indus Valley Civilization, Greek Civilization, Chinese Civilization, Roman Civilization, and the Egyptian Civilization**.

Models and charts depicting the Catapult, the Sundial, the temples of Greek civilization, the Great Pyramids of Giza, the Egyptian irrigation system, the process of mummification, the Great Bath, the drainage system of the Harappan Civilization, the Aqueducts, and the Colosseum were the eye-catching exhibits.

By Joyita Acharya, Bahnishikha Bhattacharjee, Soma Acharya (Assistant Teachers)



Quiz Time

1. In Norse mythology, what is the name of the serpent that encircles Midgard and is destined to fight Thor during Ragnarök?
2. What is the meaning behind the name "Boroline"?
3. Who founded Boroline and its parent company, G.D. Pharmaceuticals?
4. What is the name of the deepest point in the Earth's oceans?
5. What is the most radioactive element?
6. What is the function of the enzyme 'telomerase' in eukaryotic cells?
7. In Dante's Inferno, which sin is punished in the lowest circle of Hell?
8. What is the Chandrasekhar limit, and why is it significant in astrophysics?
9. Recently, which Para-archer was announced as the National Disability Icon of the Election Commission of India?
10. A man is looking at a picture of someone. His friend asks, "Who is it?" He replies, "Brothers and sisters, I have none. But that man's father is my father's son." Who is in the picture?

TRAVELOGUE SHANGARH: YOUR NEXT SUMMER VACATION DESTINATION!



Journey to Shangarh:

Our journey began in the lively town of Aut, situated along the Mandi-Manali highway. Just before entering the Aut Tunnel, we turned right onto the Larji-Sainj road, following the winding path beside the Sainj River. The drive was a visual delight, showcasing traditional wooden homes perched on steep hillsides, with the air infused with the fragrance of pine and wild roses. After traveling approximately 29 kilometers, we arrived at the charming village of Shangarh.

Upon our arrival, the vast Shangarh Meadows instantly enchanted us. Surrounded by lush pine forests and offering sweeping views of the snow-covered Himalayan peaks, the meadows radiate a tranquility that is rare to find. Locals often refer to this region as the "valley of birds", highlighting its abundant avian life.

At the heart of the meadow stands the historic Shangchul Mahadev Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva. Constructed in the traditional Kath Kuni architectural style, this temple symbolizes the rich cultural heritage of the area. The detailed woodwork and stone craftsmanship reflect the artistry of earlier times. Key attractions in the area include the Raktisar Glacier and Barshangarh Waterfalls.

Trekking to Raktisar Glacier:

For those with a passion for adventure, embarking on a trek to the Raktisar Glacier presents an extraordinary opportunity, showcasing stunning vistas, varied terrains, and a profound sense of achievement upon reaching the grand ice formation. The expedition commences from Niharini Village, a quaint settlement that acts as the entry point to this extraordinary journey. As trekkers embark on the trail, they are instantly enveloped by the pristine wilderness of the Great Himalayan National Park.

This trek is both challenging and fulfilling, guiding adventurers through lush pine and deodar forests. Along the route, the gentle sounds of bubbling mountain streams and cascading waterfalls provide a calming soundtrack, enhancing the ascent into a tranquil and refreshing experience. The path gradually climbs, unveiling breathtaking meadows adorned with wildflowers, offering trekkers opportunities to pause and admire the sweeping views of the surrounding Himalayan summits.

Trekkers frequently camp in proximity to the glacier, relishing a night beneath a canopy of stars, encircled by towering peaks.

Visit to Barshangarh Waterfalls:

A brief trek from Shangarh Village leads to the magnificent Barshangarh Waterfalls, a concealed treasure

situated in the embrace of the Himalayas. The pathway meanders through verdant forests, where sunlight streams through the dense canopy, creating a captivating dance of light and shadow. Upon arriving at the waterfall viewpoint, guests are welcomed by the sight of crystal-clear water cascading down rugged cliffs into a tranquil pool below. The mist rising from the falls offers a refreshing respite from the sun's warmth, making it an ideal location to cool off after a brief hike.

Whether one seeks adventure, tranquility, or simply a moment of serenity away from urban life, a visit to Barshangarh Waterfalls is an experience that remains etched in memory long after departure.

Bird Watching in Shangarh:

Shangarh's unspoiled natural environment serves as a haven for bird watchers, attracting enthusiasts globally. The prime time for bird watching occurs in the early morning, as the forest comes alive with the enchanting calls of Himalayan birds. Trekkers and nature enthusiasts may encounter the vibrant Himalayan Monal, the state bird of Himachal Pradesh, recognized for its striking plumage that shimmers in shades of blue, green, and red. Other frequently observed species include woodpeckers, warblers, laughing thrushes, flycatchers, and rare species such as the Himalayan Griffon Vulture, Koklass Pheasant, and the elusive Cheer Pheasant.

Best time to visit:

Shangarh experiences varying climatic conditions throughout the year, making the optimal times for visitation:

March to June: Characterized by pleasant weather and blooming flora, ideal for outdoor pursuits.

September to November: Marked by clear skies and crisp air, perfect for trekking and sightseeing.

SUDOKU

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Guess The Person 🤔 :



ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Jörmungandr
2. The name "Boroline" comes from its ingredients: Boro (from Boric Acid, an antiseptic) and -line (symbolizing smoothness like Vaseline).
3. Boroline was founded by Gour Mohan Dutta, the founder of G.D. Pharmaceuticals. The company still retains the original logo.
4. Challenger Deep
5. Polonium-210.
6. Telomerase prevents the shortening of telomeres, enabling cells to divide indefinitely.
7. The lowest circle of Hell (9th Circle) in Dante's Inferno punishes traitors, with Satan trapped in ice.
8. The Chandrasekhar limit is 1.4 times the Sun's mass, exceeding this leads to neutron stars or black holes.
9. Sheetal Devi. She's a para archer and Arjuna Awardee.
10. His son (Explanation: "That man's father is my father's son" means the man in the picture is his son)

IN CONVERSATION WITH MR. SUMAN CHATTERJEE

How long have you been associated with this institution?

Answer: I have been associated with this institution for 11 years, having commenced my tenure in March 2014.

Reflecting on your tenure at the school, what are some key highlights or accomplishments you're particularly proud of?

Answer: A significant highlight of my career here has been my engagement with students in grades 11 and 12, since these are the pre-collegiate years. Furthermore, my participation in council activities and extracurricular programs has enabled me to enhance the overall educational experience for our students.



How have you endured as a teacher over the past decade, and what lessons have you learned from your experiences?

Answer: Throughout the past 11 years, I have recognized the necessity of tailoring my teaching approach to accommodate the diverse needs of my students. This requires an understanding of their emotional states, establishing connections with them, and employing various mathematical techniques to help them realize their potential. In addition, I have prioritized fostering their confidence, which I consider vital for their success. The most crucial lesson I have learned is the importance of adaptability and empathy in the field of education.

What keeps you motivated to teach, year after year, at this institution?

Answer: My enduring passion for teaching stems from a deep-seated love for Mathematics and a desire to make it relatable and interesting for my students. I keep that spark alive by connecting mathematical ideas to real-world situations, staying up-to-date with new teaching methods, and using humor to make the subject more approachable and enjoyable.

What responsibilities, relationships, and communication have you built with students, parents, and colleagues?

Answer: Throughout the years, I have developed robust relationships with students, parents, and colleagues, prioritizing open communication and collaboration. I have fostered friendships and established a rapport with students, connecting with them on a similar wavelength. I have also earned the trust and respect of parents while maintaining amicable relationships with my colleagues.

What is your philosophy of education?

Answer: My educational philosophy is grounded in three fundamental principles: a thorough understanding of the subject matter, the effective timing of instruction, and the empowerment of students to assert their roles within society. I am convinced that a solid knowledge base, paired with proficient teaching strategies, can provide students with the necessary resources to thrive.

Describe your ideal classroom.

Answer: An ideal classroom is characterized by a collaborative and inclusive learning atmosphere. It should cater to students with varying learning needs, promoting engagement among both high achievers and those requiring additional assistance.

What would be your advice to students regarding Mathematics?

Answer: Know the key concepts properly without chasing after the grades and having a self-motivated confidence of "I can do it!".

Answers to Sudoku

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

Guess The Person 🧐 :

(Answer: Thomas Edison)