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ST. FRANCIS' COLLEGE

Shahnajaf Road, Lucknow.

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List of Students of ISC (12) Examination of March 2006

Name of Student	Percentage	Name of Student	Percentage
Puneet Srivastava (<i>First</i>)	95	Pratul Tandon	81.4
Aviral Srivastava (<i>Second</i>)	94.6	Ajay Kumar	80.6
Siddhartha Trivedi (<i>Third</i>)	94.4	Ayush Chandra	80.6
Akash Singh	93.4	Preyanshu Gupta	80.4
Rameen Khan	92.8	Mayank Dwivedi	79.8
Shiva Garg	92.6	Gurleen Singh Sethi	79.6
Kartik Gupta	92.4	Abhinav Harsh	79.4
Sameer Katti	91.8	Namit Mohan Saxena	79.2
Kunal Kapoor	91.6	Apurva Chandra Agarwal	78.8
Rishi Thapliyal	91.6	Avijit Singh Vishen	78
Ankit Misra	91.4	Faraz Zaidi	78
Daud Khan	90.8	Ayush Mediratta	77.8
Faiz Ahmad	89.6	Ishan Arora	77.8
Karun Kumar	89.2	Abhinav Misra	77.4
Anmol Ratna Singh	88.8	Harsh Shukla	76.8
Prateek Tandon	88.8	Rahul Arora	76.8
Ankit Agarwal	88.4	Abhishek Kumar Srivastava	76.6
Mohit Agrawal	86.6	Kushagra Tripathi	76.6
Anshul Bansal	86.6	Srinivas Vishven	76.4
Tushar Sinha	86.4	Aditya Pratap Singh	76.2
Nikhil Tandon	85.6	Apurna Singh	76.2
Harshit Malhotra	85.2	Gautam Anand	76
Sanchit	85.2	Dhruv Suri	75.8
Paurush Ambesh	84.2	Harsh Srivastava	75.8
Anugrah Agrawal	84.2	Deepak Joshi	75.6
Prateek Singh	84.2	Samarth Pathak	75.6
Prateek Keshwani	84	Nishank Sharma	74.8
Mayank Kumar	84	Pulkit Agarwal	74.8
Harsh Mohan	83.6	Prateek Singh	74.8
Shubham Tandon	83.2	Pratik Kumar	74.4
Shivi Gupta	83	Sukant Rathore	74.4
Prashant Agarwal	83	Dhruv Sharma	73.8
Ankit Agarwal	83	Dhruv Goel	73.8
Prasson Mishra	82.8	Swapnil S Chaturvedi	73.8
Utkarsh Tiwari	82.6	Tanmay Kumar	72.4
Achint Rastogi	82.4	Rishabh Capoor	72
Varunesh Singh	82	Vaibhav Singh	71.2
Rishabh Shukla	81.8	Anupam Misra	71
Ayush Agarwal	81.6	Amritanshu Pattanaik	70.6
Shubham Nigam	81.6	Stanley Simon	70
Praphull Kumar	81.4	Ashutosh Prakash Singh	70

Name of Student	Percentage	Name of Student	Percentage
Ujjwal Shankar	69.6	Abhishek Callender	64.4
Rachit Hemvani	69.2	Arjun Sharman	63.6
Nikhil Tewari	69	Swapnil Swaroop Dubey	63.6
Maharshi Bhattacharya	69	Nripjeet Singh Anand	63
Amber Garg	69	Rohit Verma	62.8
Shivam Kumar	69	Mohd Hasan Khan	62.6
Mohd Umar	69	Mohd Amaan Siddiqui	61.8
Aditya Arjun Shah	68.8	Gaurav Gupta	61.8
Amar Dixit	68.6	Brijendra Singh	61.4
Ali Atif	68.6	Bilal Uddin Ahmad	61.4
Ashish Saxena	68.2	Varun Bajpai	61.2
Ashutosh Tayal	67.2	Shivashish Sinha	61.2
Sanjay Kumar	67.6	Ankit Tayal	61
Utsav Trivedi	66.4	Manu Singhal	58.6
Vishu Malik	66.2	Divjot Singh Anand	58.4
Mohd Qaim M Alvi	66	Madhumay Misra	58.2
Aishwarya Singh	66	Anurag	57.8
Jaskaran Singh	65.2	Harsh Rastogi	57.2
Shubham Agarwal	64.4	Anuj Dayal	47.4

**Subject wise Highest Marks obtained in
ISC (12) Examination of March'06**

Subject	Name	Marks
English	Shiva Garg	95
Mathematics	Kartik Gupta	100
	Kunal Kapoor	100
	Sameer Katti	100
	Siddhartha Trivedi	100
	Akash Singh	100
Physics	Aviral Srivastava	98
	Akash Singh	98
Chemistry	Ankit Misra	96
Biology	Karun Kumar	94
Computer Science	Aviral Srivastava	97
Hindi	Utkarsh Tiwari	90

**List of Students of ICSE (10) Examination of March 2006
in best of 5 subjects with English**

Name of Student	Percentage	Name of Student	Percentage
Ahmad Emad (<i>First</i>)	97	Kshitij Prasad	86.2
Kartikey Asthana (<i>Second</i>)	95.6	Anadi Mishra	86
Mitul Agrawal (<i>Third</i>)	94.4	Raghav Gattani	85.8
Aniruddha Srivastava	94.2	Satyawan Shekhawat	85.8
Suyash Chandra	94.00	Karan Kapoor	85.8
Bobin Kurian	93.8	Siddhartha Basu	85.8
Dhruv Raj	93.8	Arsalaan Qizlbash	85.6
Aniket Agrawal	93.2	Amritanshu Joshi	85.2
Robin Singh	93	Shariq Nawaz	85.2
Nishant Gopal	93	Vatsal Khanna	85
Yashvardhan Sinha	92.8	Mayank Mani Singh	84.6
Shubham Raizada	92.6	Joy Mukherjee	84.6
Saransh Srivastava	92.6	Ayan Sen Gupta	84.4
Shantanu Singh	92.4	Mudit Agarwal	84.2
Shailesh Misra	92	Ayush Rastogi	83.8
Manu Agarwal	92	Rohit Srivastava	83.8
Arpit Kulshreshtha	92	Shubham Singhal	83.4
Gagandeep Singh	91.8	Zoheb Tahir	83.2
Shivam Batham	91.8	Shivam Dikshit	83.2
Atulya Kishore	91.6	Mohd Salman Khan	82.8
Sabaat Ahmad	91.2	Abhishek Agarwal	82.6
Rishabh Agrawal	91.2	Akshit Raj	82.6
Ishaan Makker	90.8	Mohit Bansal	82.4
Rachit Singhal	90.6	Mang Shia Ma	82.2
Mudit Gaur	90.4	Ayush Rastogi	81.4
Rishabh Rastogi	90.2	Arjun Rastogi	81.2
Kshitiz Saigal	89.6	Shivam Sinha	81.2
Arpit Srivastava	89	Suhaas Mohan	80.4
Sukumar Mohan Saxena	88.6	Mayur Sah	80
Prakhar Hatwal	87.8	Bakshish Singh Anand	80
Sakshat Kapoor	87.6	Shashank Shekhar Goswami	80
Gagandeep Singh	87.6	Ashwin Dhaka	79.8
Apurv Roy Choudhury	87.4	Kshitiz Prabhu	79.8
Khwaja Naved	87.2	Apurva Rastogi	79.4
Apurva Mehrotra	87.2	Prerit Mohan	79.2
Ankit Asthana	87	Kunwar Shaurya Vikram	79
Varun Agarwal	86.8	Danish Ahmad Khan	79
Abhishek Kumar Singh	86.4	Eshan Sarbahi	78.8
Priyank Jain	86.2	Ankur Sial	78.6

Name of Student	Percentage	Name of Student	Percentage
Manik Sabharrwal	78.6	Mirza Mohd Aileeya Qasim	72.6
Mohd Shariq	78.6	Shivam Agarwal	72.6
Aman Dixit	78.4	Purnendu Chaturvedi	72.4
Varun Srivastava	78.2	Mehul Rastogi	71.8
Anutosh Singh	78	Utsav Gosain	71.6
Anubhav Dixit	77.8	Abhishek Nahar	71.4
Taqi Iftikhar	77.8	Yash Kapoor	70.8
Digvijay Mehta	77.8	Varun Deepak	70.8
Shashwat Misra	77.8	Pranav Garg	70.2
Akhilesh Kumar Singh	77.6	Abhishek Sah	70
Suyash Nagar	77.4	Suhail Hamza	69.8
Aayush Tandon	77.2	Dhruv Puri	69.6
Aditya Kumar Srivastava	77	Gorav Agarwal	69.6
Pranjal Kumar	77	Avinash Kumar Singh	69.6
Siddhant Agarwal	77	Mahir Abbas Rizvi	69
Wafi Aziz Safwi	76.8	Mohd Saim Ansari	68.8
Mohit Rajpal	76.8	Prateek Gupta	68.4
Vatsal Upadhyaya	76.8	Abhinav Chandra Agarwal	67.6
Anand Anthony Francis	76.6	Ajit Singh	66.6
Udit Mohan	76.6	Ayush Chandra	67.6
Archit Parmar	76.6	Abhigyan Sharma	67.4
Aashesh Talwar	76.6	Anubhav Maullick	67
Ali Saud Khan	76.4	Anant Agarwal	67
Revant Kohli	76	Ratnish Malhotra	66.4
Ahmad Sarosh Yawar	76	Perarl Chitranshi	66
Anurag Agrawal	76	Mriganka Roy	65.8
Gaurav Misra	75.8	Prakhar Rastogi	65.6
Amit Kumar	75.6	Bernard Eugen Swing	65.8
Srideep Maulik	75.6	Mayank Arora	64.8
Shivam Arora	75.4	Mohit Joshi	64.8
Karan Agarwal	75	Zain Abbas Kazmi	64.6
Ketan Ghai	75	Magun Trehan	64
Ayan Ullah Khan	74.8	Sagar Kapoor	63.4
Adarsh Kesarwani	74.4	Gunjan Misra	63.2
Shubham Saxena	74.2	Salman Ali	63.2
Shobhit Pratap Singh	74	ManmEEK Singh	63
Tushar Gupta	74	Asil Hasan	62.4
Danish Farid	73.8	Nitish George David Sen	62
Vivek Gupta	73.6	Simrat Singh	62
Aditya Dikshit	73.4	Siddharth Sinha	62
Arpit Tayal	72.8	Bilal Hashmi	61.8
Abhishek Kumar	72.6	Akarshit Kapoor	60.8
Yashovardhan Singh	72.6	Tushar Anand	59.4

Name of Student	Percentage
Aditya Kapoor	59.2
Sumit Sharma	59.2
Pranjal Gaur	59.2
Aishwarya Mohit	59
Mehul Rastogi	58
Somesh Bajpai	57.6
Shivam Saxena	57.2
Prateek Harold Dhar	57.2
Ali Mohammad	56.8
Sankalp Shah	56.8
Luv Tuteja	56.6
Abhishek Andrews Johnson	56

Name of Student	Percentage
Kush Tuteja	56
Shobhit Johar	56
Tuhin Kr Biswas	56
Faiz Mohammad	54.4
Rishi Sharma	54
Mohit Pant	54
Mrinal Gulati	50.8
S M Isa Kazim	52.8
Sarabhjeet Sarna	52
Hamdan Hashmi	46
Anupam Gupta	48.8
Ayaz Mohd Singh	45.6

**Subject wise Highest Marks obtained in
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Subject	Name	Marks
English	Ahmad Emad	95
Hindi	Kartikey Asthana	92
Hist., Civics & Geog.	Ahmad Emad	97
Mathematics	Ahmad Emad	99
	Manu Agarwal	99
Science	Kartikey Asthana	96
Computer Appli.	Kartikey Asthana	100
	Rishabh Agrawal	100
	Robin Singh	100
	Arpit Kulshreshtha	100

*The "will" is more important
than the "skill".*

ANNUAL PRIZE WINNERS 2006 - 2007

Nursery A

Good Conduct : Arnav Mishra

Nursery B

Good Conduct : Mehul Dixit

Nursery C

Good Conduct : Vatsal Kumar

Full Attendance : Kshitij Tandon

Nursery D

Good Conduct : Anshul Nilesh Ekka

K.G.A

Good Conduct : Abhi Hasan

Full Attendance : Abhi Hasan
Ashutosh Bora
Shubham Singh

K.G.B

Good Conduct : Pranay Singh

Full Attendance : Jai Bhardwaj
Sagar Budhrani

K.G.C

Good Conduct : Aryan Sharma

Full Attendance : Ashok Bhaskar

K.G.D

Good Conduct : Stephen Joseph Hill

Full Attendance : Jyotiraditya Bartwal
Pranjal Gupta

1A

First : Ahmar Mazhar Alavi

Second : Kirath Singh

Third : Devansh Misra

Good Conduct : Vardaan Dikshit

Full Attendance : Kirath Singh
Mohd Anas Qurashi

1B

First : Raghav Rastogi

Second : Sanskar Mani

Third : Ayan Kumar
Shwetank Garg

Good Conduct : Kirti K Sawhney

Full Attendance : Anmol Chandra

1C

First : Sarthak Rastogi

Second : Vatsal Bora

Third : Arjav Rastogi
Akshit Sawnani

Good Conduct : Devansh Ahuja

Full Attendance : Arjav Rastogi
Zaib Mohd. Khan

1D

First : Akshay A. Nanda
Shashank Dixit

Third : Shubh Agarwal
Devashish Katiyar
Khushal Khatri

Good Conduct : Sanchit Saxena

Full Attendance : Syed Mohd Tabish
Samarth S. Tewari

2A

First : Maaz Syed
Daksh Bhatnagar

Second : Akshat Singh
Vivek Nigam

Third : Sankalp Mehrotra

Good Conduct : Mohd Ahmad Zaidi

Full Attendance : Varun Ahuja

2B

First : Anirudh Agarwal

Second : Mirza Rahem Hasan

Third : Ayush Gupta
Mohd Insha Abbas

Good Conduct : Kalpan Mukherjee

Full Attendance : Akshat
Apurv Bansal

2C

First : Aditya Garg

Second : Samarth Srivastava
Madhav Rastogi

Third : Saksham Prakash

Good Conduct : Ohmair Siraj

Full Attendance : Kartikey Sharma
Hamad Khan

2D

First : Nitish Gupta
Uttkarsh Verma

Second : Pulkit Mahajan

Full Attendance : Akarsh Shukla
Himanshu Joshi
Naman Srivastava
Shivanker Tandon
Shlok Srivastava

5C

First : Syed Yawar Ali
Second : Divyaman Singh
Third : Syed Ali Abbas Zaidi
Good Conduct : Abhas Srivastava
Full Attendance : Kartik Nath Mathur
Sayed Yawar Ali
Syed Ali Abbas Zaidi
Varun Pande
Yash Jaiswal

5D

First : Shaurya Raghuvanshi
Second : Hritvik R. Pandey
Third : Aayush Banerjee
Good Conduct : Sarvagya Mehrotra
Full Attendance : Aayush Banerjee
Abhishek Kakkar
Ali Shoeb
Hamza Siraj
Ojasva Garg
Vinayak Tripathi

6A

First : Palash Khanna
Second : Arpit Kar
Third : Gautam Kacker
Good Conduct : Archit Kotwal
Full Attendance : Abdulla Ansari
Akshat Khulve
Ananya Goel
Apurva Tandon
Archit Kotwal
Prince Kristo Bose
Saksham Kapoor

6B

First : Daniyal Ahmed
Second : Rohit Gupta
Third : Samuel Wilson
Good Conduct : Humja Jamal

Full Attendance : Derrick Lawrence
Mohd Tayyab Taved
Mohd Ismael Faruqi
Prannoy Deep

6C

First : Siddharth Mehrotra
Second : Nishant Sharma
Third : Archit Agarwal
Good Conduct : Abhishek Krishna
Full Attendance : Avitansh Kumar
Nishant Sharma
Suyash Garg

6D

First : Tushar Kanaujia
Second : Suyash Bansal
Umang A. Francis
Third : Satya P. Singh Deo
Good Conduct : Arshad Abbas
Full Attendance : Akshay Srivastava
Dhruv Shukla
Pavitra Singh
Siddhant Grover
Suyash Bansal
Tushar Kanaujia

7A

First : Sajal Agarwal
Rohit Singhal
Second : Mohit Singh Chandel
Third : Gaurav Idnani
Good Conduct : Apoorv Chetan
Full Attendance : Alok Pandey
Devanshu Bora
Eshaan Singh
Shubham Agarwal
Syed Ashar Ali

7B

First : Ankit Goel
Second : Raghuvansh R. Saxena
Third : Ashwin Gupta
Good Conduct : Sagar Shubham

7C

First : Shubham Agarwal
Second : Dhruv Singhal

Third : Naman Tandon
Good Conduct : Uttkarsh S. Rajawat
Full Attendance : Nimish Sharma
Arpan Mahajan
Ishan Kumar
Shubham Agarwal

7D

First : Avanish Rastogi
Second : Shubham Rai
Third : Tanmay Srivastava
Good Conduct : Anurag Dwivedi
Full Attendance : Mubashshir I. Ahmad

8A

First : Praveen Honhar
Second : Dhruv Saksena
Third : Kartikeya S. Sangwan
Good Conduct : Mohd Yashab Abpas

8B

First : Anmol Khanna
Second : Satwik Misra
Third : Hitesh Athwani
Good Conduct : Shashank Trivedi
Full Attendance : Sarthak Mohan
Shubham K. Singh
Siddharth Kapoor

8C

First : Shubham R. Asthana
Second : John Antony
Third : Harshit Agarwal
Good Conduct : Pritish Raj

8D

First : Aditya Mehrotra
Second : Abhyudaya Mishra
Third : Vinayak Malhotra
Good Conduct : Siddhant Sharan
Full Attendance : Aditya Mehrotra
Dhruv Kumar
Pranav Wilson
Shikhar Kumar
Vedant Srivastava

9A

First : Syed Mohd.
Najmuddin Naqvi

Third : Sarthak Rastogi
Sagar Jounkani
Adarsh Mehra

Good Conduct : Pallav Grover
Full Attendance : Harshit Agarwal
Pranay Tandon
Shaurabh Das
Syed W. Shahper

9B

First : Asil Zaidi
Second : Mudit Kotwal
Third : Parth Shukla

Good Conduct : Rohit Nigam
Full Attendance : Mohd Athar

9C

First : Anchit Rakesh
Second : Harshit Mittal
Third : Divyam Rastogi

Good Conduct : Subin Thomas
Full Attendance : Girish Gidwani

9D

First : Ashutosh Kapoor
Gaurang Pandey
Third : Harshit Pant

Good Conduct : Aakash D. Dwivedi
Full Attendance : Aunirban Dutta

11A

First : Kartikey Asthana
Second : Shantanu Singh
Third : Ahmad Emad

Good Conduct : Gagandeep Singh
Full Attendance : Rishabh Rastogi

11B

First : Aniket Agarwal
Second : Abhishek K. Singh
Third : Prakhar Hatwal

Good Conduct : Mayur Sah
Full Attendance : Prakhar Hatwal

11C

First : Robin Singh
Second : Atulya Kishore
Third : Kshitij Prasad

Good Conduct : Abhishek Nahar

RESULTS OF CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 2006 - 2007

Hindi Elocution Competition - Class 6,7 & 8

Class VI	<i>First</i>	Varun Chaudhary	St. Francis' House
	<i>Second</i>	Anuraag	St. George's House
Class VII	<i>First</i>	Devansh	St. Andrew's House
	<i>Second</i>	Naman Tandon	St. George's House
Class VIII	<i>First</i>	Dhruv Saxena	St. George's House
	<i>Second</i>	Yashabh Abbas	St. Patrick's House

English Elocution Competition - Class 6,7 & 8

Class VI	<i>First</i>	Samuel Wilson	St. Andrew's House
	<i>Second</i>	Varun Chaudhary Tushar Kanaujia	St. Francis' House St. George's House
Class VII	<i>First</i>	Varun Tandon	St. Patrick's House
	<i>Second</i>	Saboor Mateen	St. Patrick's House
Class VIII	<i>First</i>	Debyendu Kundu	St. Andrew's House
	<i>Second</i>	Dhruv Saxena	St. George's House

Inter House Just-A-Minute Competition - Class 9 to 12

Class 9 & 10	<i>First</i>	Chinmay Misra	St. Francis' House
	<i>Second</i>	Raghav Kapoor	St. Patrick's House
	<i>Third</i>	Pratyush Chaturvedi	St. George's House
Class 11 & 12	<i>First</i>	Ayush Parmar	St. Francis' House
	<i>Second</i>	Revant Kohli	St. Patrick's House
	<i>Third</i>	Bobin Kurian	St. Francis' House

Inter House Hindi Elocution Competition - Class 9 to 12

Class 9 & 10	<i>First</i>	Siddharth Tandon	St. Patrick's House
	<i>Second</i>	Swapnil	St. Patrick's House
	<i>Third</i>	Rishabh Pandey	St. Francis' House
Class 11 & 12	<i>First</i>	Prateek Saxena	St. Patrick's House
	<i>Second</i>	Mayur Sah	St. George's House
	<i>Third</i>	Aniket Agarwal	St. Andrew's House

Inter House English Elocution - Class 9 to 12

Class 9 & 10	<i>First</i>	Tanuj Gupta	St. George's House
	<i>Second</i>	Swapnil Bajpai	St. Patrick's House
	<i>Third</i>	Pranav Tripathi	St. Francis' House

Class 11 & 12	<i>First</i>	Rishabh Rastogi	St. George's House
	<i>Second</i>	Shailesh Misra	St. Andrew's House
	<i>Third</i>	Abhishek K. Singh	St. Andrew's House

Inter House Hindi Debate - Class 9 to 12

Class 9 & 10	<i>First</i>	Ritesh Krishna Tripathi	St. Francis' House
	<i>Second</i>	Vageesh Bhan	St. George's House
	<i>Third</i>	Yatin Sharma	St. Andrew's House
Class 11 & 12	<i>First</i>	Abhishek Singh	St. Andrew's House
	<i>Second</i>	Ahmad Emad	St. George's House
	<i>Third</i>	Arpit Kulshreshtha	St. George's House

Inter House English Debate - Class 9 to 12

Class 9 & 10	<i>First</i>	Karamveer	St. Patrick's House
	<i>Second</i>	Akshay	St. Francis' House
	<i>Third</i>	Aditya Kapoor	St. Andrew's House
Class 11 & 12	<i>First</i>	Umar Mujeeb	St. Patrick's House
	<i>Second</i>	Abhishek Singh	St. Andrew's House
		Arpit Kulshreshtha	St. George's House

Genius is the gold in the mine,
talent is the miner
that works and brings it out !

Lose as if you like it
and
win as if you are used to it.

Don't bury your failures,
failure defeats losers
but failure inspires winners.

College Report



It has been fourteen years. Fourteen years.....which seems like as it was a moment ago. When we entered into this institution, this majestic St. Francis' College with the aim of being learned and trained enough to be a future part of the society. And now look where we are!!!! It is time for us to leave our Alma Mater, bid it good-bye and step into the world to accomplish our dreams, and construct our future.

The question that props up all the time now as we leave this place is that what is the constituent which makes SFC the best in all. I say it's the way we were being looked upon by all not just as mere students but as a mingled part of this establishment. I say it's the tradition of learning, which we all followed, which existed 100 odd years ago and is still being followed with pure fortitude and adroitness. Everything that existed from the time this institution was born till now, the whole lot is the same and stands with the same pride and that is what my friend, defines St. Francis' and acknowledges it to be the supreme in all.

Uncompromisingly and ingeniously, every year St Francis' College has proved to the world its unparalleled excellence and dominance in all spheres of life. Whatever may be the field, we have surpassed every one to appear as the ultimate champions. Same goes for this year 2006-2007.

This year too we embossed our superiority on to the world in the various competitions that took place. It was SFC that won the Avinash Chandra Chaturvedi Memorial cricket tournament defeating a dozen colleges of the city to come into sight as the victor. It was SFC that won the Maharishi Vidya Mandir football tournament emerging out as the winners.

Our school hosted the first cultural and literary festival "EXPRESSION 2006" this year. Our students participated with absolute enthusiasm and were paid for their hard work as our college team was adjudged as the best team of

the competition beating over a dozen colleges.

The year was marked with many inter house competitions both in the field of education and sports. As always there was tough competition among all the houses but this time the cream of the crop was St. Patrick's House that were the winners of the cock house shield. They were awarded with this prize on our sports day function. A grand treat in itself, the sports day was a massive occasion and an arena for the school to demonstrate its talent on this event.

Now as the time has come when we have to bid adieu to our school, flashes of reminiscences and memories come dipping us in nostalgia. The classes, the quarters, the canteen, the corridors all these inanimate things to which we never paid attention come back in our mind as we reflect and ponder over the small recollections that put us in high spirits.

At this moment of time people expect us to be gloomy and drop tears. But even though we are undergoing transformation in our life by parting from our school yet we are glad that after all these years and time which we spent here we are now fully equipped to take up the challenges that are going to be shot at us. Once we leave for the real arena of the world we will have to stabilize ourselves and our future. We take with us the memories, both good and bad, which we lived up in here. This was our second home and it's hard to part with it after spending so many years here. Yet this day had to come some time, and it has come now eventually!

As I conclude, I would just like to thank all the teachers and the principal for being there for us and helping to make the right pronouncement and direction to be followed. I would give thumbs up to the approaching students ready and eager to hold on to their badges and counsel them to keep a hold of the honour of the school that defines us as Franciscans.

Wherever we go we will always be Franciscans at heart because "*Once a Franciscan always a Franciscan*".

— Umar Mujeeb
College Captain

To climb steep hills, slow pace is required !

Be the change you want the world to be !

St. George's House Report

For a sportsman, winning does matter, but what matters more is honour. And this is what St. George's House has always fought for 'IN HONOUR BOUND'. As we entered the academic session 2006-2007 as Cock House winners, speculation was rampant as to whether we would be able to sustain our winning streak.

The year commenced under the roof of our very own gymnasium with brain game Chess being the opener. Thanks to an awesome performance by Abhinav Verma who emerged as the overall winner, St. George's House proved that it dominated the 'genius' game by winning the Chess shield. A superb beginning indeed.

From the wooden desks, we moved on to the wooden floor defending the Badminton shield. Our boys gave a good performance but had to succumb to stronger opponents. Nevertheless, efforts of Devrath in C' div, Tanuj in B' div and Shashwat Mishra and Mayur Shah in A' div are worth a mention. The overall result was disappointing as we emerged fourth.

Next in line was Table Tennis where we were once again the defending champions. B' div final was an all George's affair where Kritagya Pandey defeated house fellow Anubhav Dixit to emerge the winner. In A' div the former state champion Akshat Mehrotra reached the finals but lost to emerge the runner-up. This defeat was avenged in the seniors open where Akshat pulverized all opponents and became the champion. Kritagya Pandey was the runner-up. Despite the incredible performances in A and B div we lost the Table Tennis shield by a small margin.



Winners of Inter House Chess Tournament

For the first time in the year we were in the backfield with clenched fists all geared up for Volleyball. We lost the first match but came back strongly in the second to defeat St. Francis' House. Noteworthy performances were given by Abhishek Lohani, Arpit Luthra and Manik Sabharwal.

In the first match in Basketball our players proved their potential by defeating the strong St. Francis' House. We gave an equally impressive performance in the finals but lost to St. Andrew's House (who actually played with six players). Thus, the superb performance of our team players Talah, Samanyu, Akshat and Ankit went in vain as we finished second for the Basketball shield.

In the Football finals we were up against impregnable team of St. Patrick's House but superb control over the ball was shown by Abhishek, Dhruv, Arpit, Varnat, Mudit and Toppo. The end result being an incredible victory for us and the 'SOCCER SHIELD' was once again ours.

It was now time to move to the front field to witness the clashing of Hockey sticks. Starting as champions we played like champions defeating St. Francis' House and St. Patrick's House to lift up the shield. Due to a controversial decision, however, we had to forfeit the shield to St. Patrick's House. Excellent stick work shown by Mayur, Arupit, Arsalaan and Manik, was noteworthy nevertheless.

After taking on, the heat in the hockey field, it was the 'call of the blues' for us as we plunged into our swimming pool competing for the Swimming Championship. There were no stunning performance but the likes of Anant Tripathi and Anubhav Dixit in the senior group and Dhruv Shukla in the 9-12 group came up with a handful of medals each. Dhruv was adjudged the best swimmer in his category. Due to some controversial decisions we narrowly missed the shield and had to satisfy ourselves with the second position.

In the track and field events, in C' div, great promise was shown by Akbar, Faraz and Surya who won medals in various events. In the B' div Naved and Toppo were outstanding but it was the A' div which let us down. In the Marathon, house fellow Faraz notched the second spot with Anubhav and Naved coming 4th and 10th respectively thus contributing to the house total.

Interspersed between the above sports were St. George's House strong fortes, the co-curricular activities. We proved our standing this year once again with Mayur, Rishab, Arpit, Ahmad and Wageesh winning prizes in debates and elocutions.

The report is void without our special thanks to our house master Mr. P. Bhargava and all the teachers of our house. Mr. N.Vig provided us with immense support and hats off to him. With this I pass on the glorious red flag to the next captain and also leave a small but precious message for my successors.

"Success is sweet But the secret is sweat"

ADIEU ALMA MATER

Dhruv Rampal
Captain

Abhishek Lohani
Vice-Captain

St. Andrew's House Report

With sheer determination and a view to bring laurels to our house, we took oath on 18th April as Captain (Ankit Sharma) and Vice Captain (Ankur Agarwal).

We knew that this was an important responsibility and needed to be carried out with full honesty.

Bearing this thought in mind we stepped forward in the pursuit of the "Cock House Shield".

The sports events started off with Chess where our dexterous plays managed to bag the 2nd position.

With not much disappointment, we moved on for the next sport events : Badminton and Table Tennis.

With the marvellous efforts put up by Akhilesh, Kanish Pandey, Azhar, Iqbal, Umar, Ameer and Ankit Sharma we bagged 2nd position in Badminton and 3rd in Table Tennis where we were not fortunate enough.

Next was Volleyball, where ours was the weakest team on paper but we proved that team spirit and hard work was the way out of all odds. We beat our opponents St. Francis' and Patrick's House and eventually emerged victorious. It was really a big achievement for our house and it was made possible only by our promising players : Umar, Robin, Haider, Ankur and Ankit.

Our fortune soared high in Basketball, despite the efforts of the St. George's House players, we emerged victorious. With Robin leading us in Basketball, we lifted the shield with some stunning performances shown by Krishnendu, Umar, Ankur and Somit Pandey.

Next it was Football, the most awaited sport, the common religion of the Franciscan's. With some outstanding performances shown by Ankur, Ankit, Umar, Somil, Azhar, Akhilesh, Robin, Haider, Shariq, our hopes soared high. But, unfortunately we lost and had to be contented with the third spot. Although our first match was stunning and created history in the college as in that match the penalty shootout extended till the twelfth kick.

Hockey, was a great setback for us. Although Umar, Ankur, Robin, Azhar, Shariq, Haider & Ankit showed good skills but that were not so good to move us towards our victory. Eventually we lost both the matches and came fourth.

Then, was the time for the game honoured as the religion of the nation Cricket, where our skills and efforts were incomparable. We grabbed the first place with some awesome shots played by Ankur and commendable performances shown by Umar, Ankit, Azhar, Sunny Gandhok and Shubham Mishra.

Well in Swimming we were not fortunate enough and had to satisfy ourselves with the 3rd position.

Marathon, was next in line where surprising efforts of Ankit, Akhilesh, Goda, Arpit Ahuja and Robin proved beneficial as we stood 2nd, Akhilesh was 3rd and Ankit came 4th in the standings. Finally, came the last sporting event. Athletics where some exuberant performances of Ankit, Osama, Akhilesh, Haider and Ameel brought us the 3rd position.

Lastly, we would like to extend a vote of thanks to our house master Mr. J Hannah whose constant push and guidance helped us take our house to new heights and cover new milestones.



Winners of
"Umesh Tewari
Memorial
Volleyball Shield"

Not forgetting, the encouragement and support rendered to us by Mr. Vig, we extend our heartious gratitude.

We sign off with the hopes that new captains will associate the house with many more accomplishments and honours. We would advise them to be hopeful and optimistic at all times of trials and hardships.

"Courage does not always roar, sometimes it is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying — I will try again tomorrow."

Ankit Sharma
Captain

Ankur Agarwal
Vice-Captain

St. Francis' House Report

"Perseverance Conquers All"

An ocean of nostalgia floods over me as I sit down to chronicle this year. I can still recall the sounds and images that make me relive those moments again and again, but soon the realization that every journey has an end, creeps in. Admittedly, the academic year 2006-2007 was not at all up to our expectations.

The inter-house activities for this season, started with literary competitions. Our boys were always on the top with Ayush Parmar, Bobin Kurien and Ritesh Tripathi bringing laurels to our house.



▲ *Winners 'C' Div. Inter House Relay*

The swishing of shuttlecocks announced the opening of the sports season. In 'A' div. Rahul Chauhan fought bravely but was defeated in the second round. In 'C' div. Samarth Gupta played like a true champion to walk away with the title. We finished a poor fourth; Table Tennis too slipped away from our hands, although valuable contributions were made by Manpreet Singh in 'A' div. Samarth Gupta and Tanmay Joshi in 'C' div. We were third in the rankings.

Despite being the strongest side in Basketball, some tricky play in the first game by St. George's House, brought us to the third spot. Brilliant performances were shown by Apoorv, Sumit, Sameer and Allan. In Volleyball, despite brilliant performances by Manpreet Singh, Nirvan Vibhour and Ayush Parmar, we came fourth. In Soccer, we were one of the weakest sides and were matched up with the strongest St. Patrick's House. It was a hard fought contest. In the second game against St. Andrew's House, the winner was decided through a tie-breaker

and we lost. Digvijay, the Vice Captain of our house, Nirvan and Sammer Ahmad, showed brilliant performances.

Cricket proved to be a complete disaster for us. Notwithstanding good performances by Manpreet and Digvijay with the bat and Prashant with the ball, we finished fourth. Swimming slipped away from our hands due to some harsh decisions. Athletics was the best part of our sporting scheme; we were second here. Sameer Ahmad and Mohd. Azhar were 'B' and 'C' div. champions respectively. Digvijay won a gold medal in 'A' div. In Discuss throw Sameer managed a bronze in 'B' div. We met further misfortune, as our team just could not march into the hearts of the jury when it really mattered.



▲ *House contingent marching during Annual Sports Day*

Though a bit unlucky this year, our dreams will be fulfilled in the years to come. I would like to thank our House Master Mr. D. Jackson, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. M. Kandpal, Mrs. B. Dean and Mr. N. Vig for their morale boosting and encouraging support. Before I sign off, I would like to thank my Vice Captain Digvijay Mehta along with Manpreet Singh, Ayush Parmar and Rahul Chauhan who were always there during need.

"The greatest test of courage on Earth is to bear defeat without losing hearts."

Prashant Agarwal
Captain

Digvijay Mehta
Vice-Captain

St. Patrick's House Report

"Fight the Good Fight"

"Winning has a joy and discrete purity to it that cannot be replaced by anything else" such winning spirit was instilled in each Patrician from the starting of the season. Seeing our determination and zeal to win, hopes and efforts of our opponents flagged, which eventually helped us in winning the Cock House Shield. With its name etched over seven out of the possible twelve shields St. Patrick's house performed a feat unprecedented in St. Francis' College's history.

This year there was a pleasant change in the sporting calendar with the introduction of Chess. Being new the game had no past champions. Thus spotting new talent proved to be a herculean task. Mitesh, led the house from front reaching the semi finals but unfortunately lost out to the eventual winner. In the shield rankings our house stood third.

Next on the list was Table Tennis. In 'C' Div. Prakhar Tandon our best bet emerged champion with Ishan making it to the semi final. 'B' Div. produced no wonders. 'A' Div. matches as always proved to be the real crowd pullers. Shivam Batham played to his full potential overcoming a more fancied opponent in the finals. Sehgal and Ali also performed well. Next in line were the open competitions where Prakhar again emerged champion in the Junior Open. In the Senior Open Shivam stood runner up. Due to such sterling performances our house lifted the shield.

Badminton, a game characterised by rhythm and power has been St. Patrick's strong hold. This year was no different as we again lifted the shield with a margin of 20 points. 'C' Div. boys produced no wonders this time. In 'B' Div. Ariz and Abhijay both reached the final where Ariz eventually emerged winner. In 'A' Div. Alok was the lone torch bearer and won the 'A' Div. championship. In the open events Satvik Mishra was the Junior Open winner. Alok lifted the Senior Open Trophy without dropping a set.

Volleyball showed us the ground reality. After managing to outplay St. Francis' House we lost to the highly organised St. Andrew's House team. Though players like Shubham, Kazim, Mudit, Siddhant and Alok tried hard but could not avoid the stigma of defeat.

Basketball proved to be a nightmare as we lost both our matches hitting rock bottom in shield standings. Mudit, College Basketball Captain, was the lone crusader of our house. Bilal and Adarsh also performed well.

Next on our agenda was Football. Luck made an impact and we lost in the finals on penalty shoot outs to St. George's House. Shubham, Alok, Kazim, Ruchir, Gaurav and Siddhant gave splendid performances.

In race for the Cricket Shield we finished 2nd losing to St. Andrew's house. Hasan, Kanzim, Ali, Malik and Yasim played well and were the key elements in victory over St. George's house.

Hockey put an end to the 'Shield drought'. We managed to outplay St. Andrew's house in the first match. Kazim, Hockey Captain, scored the only field goal of the season. In the finals St. George's House was disqualified thus we lifted the Hockey Shield.

Next up was Swimming. In 6 to 9 age group Avishrant took everyone by surprise by winning 3 golds and 1 silver. In 12 to 15 age group Aman won 2 gold and 1 bronze. It was in the 15 to 18 age group were Mayank Arora with his performance created ripples in everyone's heart. He won gold in every event defeating the swimming captain with ease. The terrific trio of Avishrant, Aman and Mayank received 'Best Swimmer Award' in their respective age groups.

Annual Marathon Race was organised on 28th of November, 2006. Patricians proved their mettle and everyone was mesmerised at their mental stamina and physical strength. Five of our athletes stood among the top fifteen. Rahul Shetty (1st), Sagar (6th), Shubham (8th), Ruchir (9th) and Alok (11th). We lifted the Marathon Shield with a lead of 5 points over St. Andrew's house.



▲ *Winners "Rohit Gurnani Memorial Badminton Cup"*

The focus now shifted back to the 'Back Field' where the athletics events were to be held. In 'C' Div. boys lacked experience, only Mohd. Saif and Danish could perform well. In 'B' Div. Aman did well by winning 1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze. Gaurav also tried hard but failed to convert his homework into last minutes executions. 'A' Div. was all about St. Patrick's House. Alok stole the show by winning every race on the Sports Day and ending up with a tally of 5 golds and 1 silver. Shubham too proved his critics wrong by winning 1 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze. Kazim won 1 gold and 1 silver. St. Patrick's house won the Shield with pathetic amount of ease.

We also lifted the March Past Shield. For this special thanks to Mudit, Arpan and Siddhant for holding the House Banner high enough for the world to see. Two of the most prestigious awards went to Patricians as well : Alok Kumar Singh (*The Best Sportsman of the Year*) and Umar Mujeeb (*The Best All Round Student - Senior Section*).

I would like to thank our House Master Mr. H.K. Gregory for his interest and constant encouragement. Special word of thanks to Mr. N. Vig, our PTI for conducting the sporting activities in the best possible way and providing us with ample opportunity to display our talent. Last but not the least I would like to thank Rev. Fr. Vincent Pinto for his constant support and guidance. Now I pass on the House Flag to young and hopefully more stronger hands and hope that they would sustain the dominance we have started.

Adieu Alma Mater

"Oceans rise, cities fall, but hope survives."

Alok Kumar Singh
Captain

Shubham Tripathi
Vice Captain

*The will to win is important,
but
the will to prepare is vital.*

NCC Report 2006-2007

The NCC session for the year 2006-07 has been full of excitement and adventure. As we bade farewell to our senior cadets simultaneously we welcomed the first year cadets.

The session began with regular NCC Training classes which included the morning drill on Wednesday and Saturday's during school hours. The second year cadets were taken for an AIDS Awareness Seminar organised by NCC group Headquarters, Lucknow. The cadets also visited the Airforce Station at Bakshi-ka-Talab for weapon training. The cadets were taught the handling of No. 2 mark IV 0.22 bore bolt action rifle. Some cadets were also taken for a sortie in a microlight aircraft.

After the summer vacations, the cadets started preparing for the combined Annual Training camp. The camp was held at UP Sainik School, Lucknow from 30 Aug.'06 to 08 Sep.'06. Around 300 cadets drawn from various prestigious schools and colleges attended the camp. For 10 days all the cadets underwent military training with an aim to instill the qualities of discipline, team work, a spirit of selfless service and secular outlook. Many games and competitions were also organised during the camp. Our cadets worked hard for the Drill competition and were awarded the trophy for standing 'Best in Drill'. LFC Rachit Shadra and Cdt Azhar Hussain made it to the finals of the Range Firing Competition. Cdt Ashutosh Kapoor stood first in the Essay writing competition. Cdt Sgt Swapnil Kumar was awarded the Gold Medal for being the best Cadet. We didn't even know how these ten days passed and the camp came to an end. These ten days had taught us the definition of hard work, unity, teamspirit and discipline.

In school, our cadets showed their skills on the Patron's Day and the Annual Sports Day.

At the end of the session 42 second year cadets appeared for the 'A' Certificate Exam. As we bid goodbye to the National Cadet Corps we carry with us fond memories of our association with this wonderful youth organisation. We pass on the responsibility of maintaining the standard and prestige of St. Francis' College Troop No. 9 to the first year cadets. I take this opportunity to thank our Principal Rev Fr Vincent Pinto for his support and also our Associate NCC Officer, II/Offr AM Morrison for his guidance. I wish all the first year cadets best of luck for the coming session.

— Cdt Raghav Kapoor
IX-B



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Nur B Mrs. Daphney Albert



Nur C Mrs. Alpana Anuraag



Nur D Ms. Richa Takru



K.G. A Mrs. Rani Phillips



K.G. B Mrs. Bibha Singh



K.G. C Mrs. Anju Chandra



K.G. D Ms. Gracie Holmes



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I-C Mrs. Iona Hill



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II-C Ms. Venetia Ghosh



II-D Mrs. Sangeeta Khan



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V-C Mr. Sidney McDonald



V-D Mr. Charles Viegas



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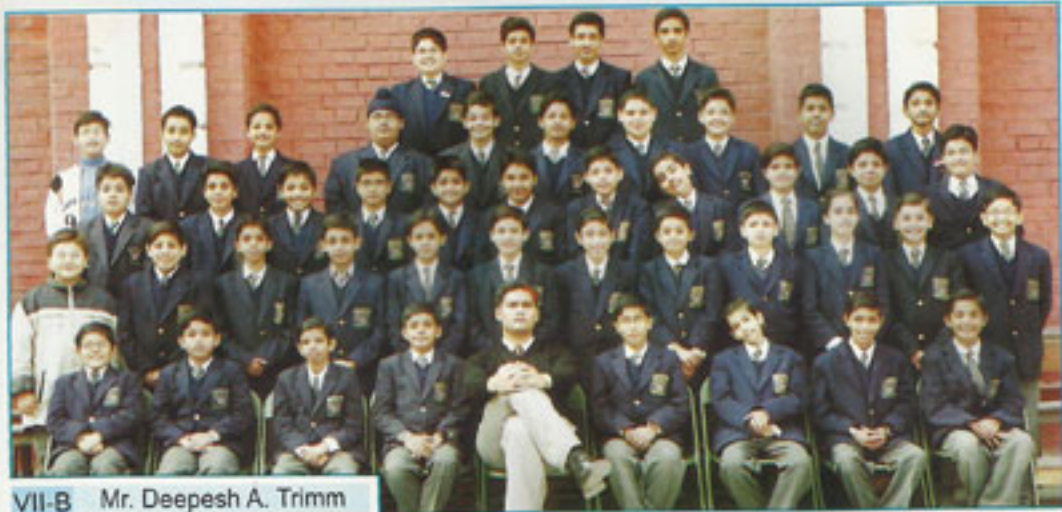
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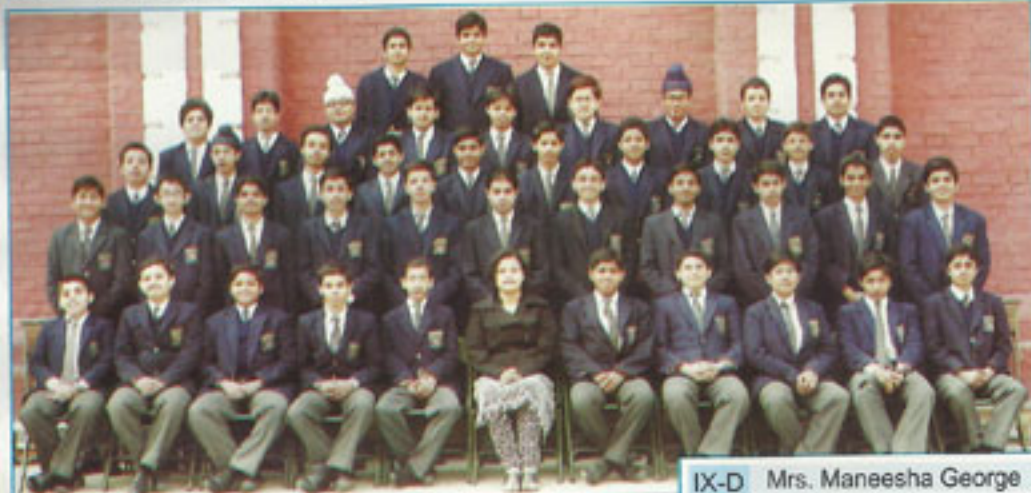
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English Section



On the death of a rainbow-chaser

Gabbar. A very unlikely name for a timid, lean waif who scavenged the neighbourhood for scraps and was often at the receiving end of the cruel practical jokes or the choicest expletives of the young and old alike. Gabbar had been a part of the locality for as long as I can remember—sleeping in the strangest of places (or passed out dead drunk), singing loudly the latest Hindi film songs in the early morning twilight, smiling at every stranger or just sitting and staring straight ahead with a glazed look in his eye.

How he managed to make ends meet nobody knew (nobody cared) but he did survive all these years the onslaught of the weather, the rise and fall of governments and the generosity or tight-fisted phases of the neighbours. He came to the city (as I learnt later) 20 years ago, like every other rustic with a pocketful of dreams - but like every other rainbow chaser, succumbed to hopelessness and ended up being a lesser mortal with nothing to contribute to society—a faceless, nameless waster. Finally, his cat 'n' mouse game with fate ended the I day saw him slumped near a garbage bin, his body twitching in a peculiar manner. 'Probably drunk' I muttered to myself and would have walked on had not my two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, who was with me, asked "What happened to that man, daddy?"

Before I could wave-off the question, a bystander volunteered a response: "He's been suffering from high fever for the past couple of days".

Fully aware of the implications of the word 'fever', my daughter, without a seconds thought said "Medshin give"!

That's right, the man needed help but none of us had realised it till now. As I stood there, digesting the reality of the situation, I felt stripped of all pretences and my selfishness and indifference stood exposed. Moments later, inspired by my daughter's words, I decided to do something—but what? The obvious thing would have been the emergency room of the nearest hospital but with no one else willing to help and the apprehension of tedious paperwork, I decided to take him to the only place I knew for 'such' people—Mother Teresa's home for the destitute. Half-an-hour and a few frantic phone calls later, I came back to the spot only to find Gabbar in an unconscious state. Spurred-on by my newfound compassion, I hailed a rickshaw and with the help of a few other vagrants of the area, unceremoniously dumped his limp body and began the journey towards the Home, constantly giving directions to the rickshaw-puller as I navigated my scooter through the frolicking throngs in Hazratganj.

"Too late!" said the nun apologetically, "He's already dead".

Her words having no dramatic effect on me as I had suspected as much. Not knowing how to react I bowed my head in reverence to the dead man, thinking what the Great Playwright once wrote 'When beggars die there are no comets seen but the heavens blaze forth at the death of princes'—and our Gabbar was no prince. The only thing blazing in the darkening sky were the psychedelic lights of the Sahara Mall in the background.

Gabbar's journey from rags to shreds finally came to an end. A story probably being re-enacted all over the country. I guess both of us got something from the incident—I got to play the pseudo good Samaritan and, for once, take a moral high ground and Gabbar, well! through this article, gets his moment in the sun.

- Derick Jackson
Editor

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A GUIDE TO LIFE ...and List to Live By.

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| • The most powerful force in life ... | LOVE ! |
| • The greatest asset ... | FAITH ! |
| • The most powerful channel of communication ... | PRAYER ! |
| • The most important thing in life ... | THE POWER OF GOD ! |
| • The greatest joy ... | GIVING ! |
| • The most important thing in life ... | THE POWER OF GOD ! |
| • The worst thing to be without ... | HOPE ! |
| • The world's most incredible computer ... | THE BRAIN ! |
| • The greatest loss ... | THE LOSS OF SELF RESPECT ! |
| • The most worthless emotion ... | SELF PITY ! |
| • The most effective sleeping pill ... | PEACE OF MIND ! |
| • The most satisfying work ... | HELPING OTHERS ! |
| • The greatest problem to overcome ... | FEAR ! |
| • The most worthless emotion ... | SELF PITY ! |
| • The most beautiful attire ... | A SMILE ! |
| • The most crippling disease ... | EXCUSES ! |
| • The most dangerous pariah ... | GOSSIP ! |
| • The two most power-filled words ... | I CAN ! |
| • and the greatest attitude ... | GRATITUDE !! |

The Tie that lived-a knotted affair



The world seemed new, bright and crisp as I fluttered amok in the warm April breeze; I am **THE TIE** of St. Francis' College, or in today's lingo, of 'Brand SFC'. My green blue and white stripes set me apart from the other lesser *mortals*.

I had entered the hallowed school tied in a perfect double knot on a starched white shirt of a would-be adult, no namby-pamby stuff for me, after all, a class 12th student would handle me with grace and panache (and he seemed to be of the serious kind too). I stood in the front row of the assembly but by the time the assembly started, the boy, who had grown tall during the holidays was sent to stand at the last but 3rd position, I felt a little sad but so what, that only increased my....what did he use...yeah...*bhaukaal*. By the time assembly was over I felt I was being pulled and tugged and I realized that my knot was not very neat like before but I liked my new style, a bit rakish. **THANK GOD!!** This guy was not a stuffed shirt.

As the day progressed I kept with the pace and the mood of the class. By interval I had come down to mid chest level-who said ties were formal wear. I looked as casual as could be. The period before the interval was a different experience altogether. Let me tell you in detail; the poor guy had got up a bit late and had had no breakfast, so obviously he was hungry by the third period. The rumblings became tremors and they turned into a full scale earthquake that would have broken the Richter scale records. His hand reached out for his bag ...or rather his tiffin and it was quickly whisked inside the desk. By that time 3 or 4 other tiffins also did the same disappearing act. The feast was set. Every body shifted towards each other and waited for the teacher to move towards the board. Just as he turned all hell broke loose, paranthas, sandwiches, etc, etc were stuffed and gobbled at supersonic speed-**THE GREEDY HOGS!** But little did they realize that the teacher was watching them and by the time this awareness descended upon them, I had a big yellow stain and I was like...**CRUSHED! OHH MAH GAWD! WHAT IS HAPPENING? SOME BODY HELP ME, Me a napkin! A measly, rotten napkin UGH!**

This was just the beginning: the days ahead seemed a bit dark. I went through many tortures, some so gruesome that it would make you puke... imagine me being pulled till my knot...excuse me...my apology of a knot was an apology of the apology and then I was thrown on the field...even thinking of it now makes my fibres go bonkers. I was subjected to various ignominies like being used like a tie-literally. I found my self being used to tie the broken belt of a school bag. Even with this,

I have had some proud moments...like that one in which I proved myself to be a vital tool for higher education-chits were stuffed inside me.

This and various days like this later, by the end of the term I was a dirty, listless, piece of cloth...the worst chicken that had even clucked on Earth...the stinkiest hog to have ever...oh leave it...but still I can claim that I was washed twice...a privilege accorded to a chosen few...the rarest of the rares. Now as the academic year has come to an end, I occupy the pride of the place in the cupboard and am often caressed fondly. I too have gathered many memories of a life well lived-not like the other snooty silk ties which hang next to me...THANK GAWD, THE GUY WASN'T A RETARD.

— Prateek Saxena
XII-C

A page from my diary

July 4, Monday

The first day of the new session is always exciting. Nearly two months of vacation leaves us yearning for the good (or school) days. It was with great exuberance that I started for school on my bicycle. Half way from home, I heard a rattling sound, only to discover that a few spokes of the rear wheel had come out. In despair, I looked here and there for some help, but in vain. Finally, I dragged the bicycle to school. After much imploring and begging, the gateman allowed me inside. Reaching the assembly hall covered in sweat (more out of fear than exertion), I got some knee-shaking glories from the teachers. How I wished I could disappear into thin air!



Keeping my fingers crossed and hoping that the day's troubles were over for me, I joined my friends in the class. As luck would have it, I discovered to my dismay that my Maths book had failed to appear in my bag! The entire Maths period went in making myself as invisible as possible to the Maths teacher. So much for keeping my fingers crossed!! Thankfully the rest of the day passed uneventfully?

Let's see what tomorrow has in store for me.

— Utkarsh Agarwal
7-A

Mantra For Success in Examination

Who does not heave a sigh of relief when the examinations are over? I guess every one does.

All of a sudden, before the exams, God in all his manifestations becomes a real hit with the students (especially those brave hearts who believe in studying only a day before the exams).

But as soon the exams are over, the short spell of spirituality comes to an abrupt end. The exams may last only for a couple of weeks, or in a few cases may extend for a month or two, but this period seems to be the longest in your life. Interestingly, some way or the other all the parties and marriages seems to coincide with exam time.

Now the big question remains, what is the success formula to face this menace? While different experts may have their patented tips, here are some that are guaranteed to be 100% hit, if followed faithfully. So read on carefully : —

- 1) Let go off all those reality shows and favourite serials (nowadays LEFT RIGHT LEFT) till the exams are over, or else you are in for a bad time.
- 2) Say good bye to Channel [V] and MTV. The charmer brigade can wait till the exams end.
- 3) Start planning out post-exam parties; it is going to help you maintain your sanity.
- 4) Reduce the amount of time you spend on the phone (this again is difficult, especially for girls, thank GOD, we are boys)
- 5) Start getting up in the morning to study, and don't plead to your mother to wake you up five minutes later.
- 6) Remember to chum up the best brains (for notes) and wicked ones for (you know what I want to say).
- 7) Remember INTERNET is a sin. Seal your chat box and stop looking for profiles on orkut till the exams end.
- 8) No movies, live shows, etc while the exams are on.
- 9) Avoid all those things (especially GANJING) which makes life worth living.
- 10) Remember, that it is okay to cry (especially before Maths, Physics or Chemistry).
- 11) Pray to God but don't stop studying just because you have prayed enough.
- 12) In the end study, study and STUDY !

Note : Don't use that room language in ur papers.

So attempt to follow the steps, if you can, but don't be too harsh on yourself.

P.S. : And if you find life still worth living, go ahead and write the exam.

— Abhishek Agarwal
XI-B

notes: The Stars are Breaking

Have I been born of a curse; Rehearse
The station just burst,
a hole through it first; So it is like to be at the mercy,
of this jury decided on perjury.

A trial without annihilating the evil inside me,
that works as an object, frees itself from the stormy night,
at a height of reality, bouncing off the cages of facing monotony.

So I refused to bend down and take it,
This is the way you want me to face it,
cause there's no reason to this rhyme, no timing,
just a beat to keep myself from whining and shining.
Out of the crowd like a star-glazed sky,
On a height with the night just keeping us alive.

I said the world is out to get me;
Leave me nursing these open wounds,
like a prisoner of war, stranded inside this cell,
nearly dead of disgrace it does not mean well.

This pain and this hate,
lies within, driven by nothing but my own cursed fate,
so this shade, won't last till the morning,
and this phase won't make it to the mourning.

I was doomed long ago,
only my spirit battled on, my body was worn and tired,
I admit it, I had no fuel, nothing but a cruel,
face that coaxed me, to take revenge on my own maker,
that faker, who left me with this acre of troubles,
left me alone to face them, with this fist,
that's all I have to break them.

But what is this fight, if not a game,
of shame, a melodrama of name, but in the end,
all that's left for me to do is say goodbye,
stuff these pills down my throat and die,
cause I've no further reason to live,
I'm not here to inflict pain or feel it,
I'm here to feel shame and deflect it,
humiliated without a cause, there's no applause,
as I sign off, because there's no one to pause, or record
As I level my bows and fire,

a little higher, than I originally aspired,
for there is no god, only me and you,
and a fight to do what we were meant to.

Before my time is over,
I shall have won, and I shall have confirmed,
the same bitter sweet victory that is ours.
For the taking, or else our making,
And I see the stars breaking !!!



— Samanyu
XII-C

Discipline Makes A Man 100% Perfect

Proof :—

A=1; B=2; C=3; D=4; E=5; F=6; G=7; H=8; I=9; J=10; K=11; L=12 ;
M=13; N=14; O=15; P=16; Q=17; R=18; S=19; T=20; U=21; V=22; W=23;
X=24; Y=25; Z=26.

D + I + S + C + I + P + L + I + N + E
= 4 + 9 + 19 + 3 + 9 + 16 + 12 + 9 + 14 + 5 = **100**

So it is proved that Discipline makes a man 100% perfect

— Rahul Bhattacharya
III-B



I Want to Fly

*The sun is red
The sky is blue
I want to Fly
And reach the sky
My school is great
My ma'am is best
I like it all*

— Sahib Chhabra
Nursery - C

The Five Categories of Tourists

1. The **"camera" tourist**—these specimens are always found with a camera in one of their hands. They seem to miss half the places as one of their eyes is always stuck to the lens. They will act and behave as though "national geographic" has asked them to take up this photo assignment. If you happen to be with them they will insist on you giving a shot after every five minutes and in front of various picturesque locations, including public toilets, middle of the highway, in the messed up hotel room.....etc. etc. etc.

(Kindly be aware of them back home, as they will surely try to spell bound you with their master pieces of art and will not stop wringing your neck until you appreciate and declare the beauty of their hand work)



2. The **"guide book" tourist**—They seem to abound in the knowledge of the place and will often entertain you with facts that even the locals do not know. Their necks are long, as they are continuously bent over a guide book, they seem to know the exact height of the peak, the exact depth of the sea, and the names of all ancestors of the palaces they visit. They can very easily be appointed as a local guide and can serve as very good mile stones as they know the distances so accurately that you might wonder if they have measured it with a metre scale personally.

However they are most likely to miss the actual sights as their necks are busy scrutinising the photo of the place in the guide book.

3. The **"chutti milli" tourist**—Don't laugh at them !!! yes they are the ones relieved, you will find the *uncles* in all sorts of tremendously coloured shirts, bermudas, sandals and the *'aunties'* in jeans, top, skirts and high heels, Poor chaps! they really want to enjoy their life which they cannot do on regular days and go back to their college days so as to look cool and smart.....

Well, they do look hot and tempting, don't they? (wink)

4. The **"inkalab zindabad" tourist**—They sharpen their tongues, learn their arguments and exercise their fingers before leaving their town (well, they need to point them at a lot of people). From the coolie in the station to the 'chaiwalas' no one can escape their sarcasm and their fighting spirit. Cover your heads and be ready for 'mol-bhaav'; they will inquire into every local tea shop in order to get the bill reduced by a big difference of Rs. 50 (oops! sorry 50 paisa). They will refuse to pay the coolie until they have a round table conference at the spot where all rights of workers are discussed by both passengers and coolies.

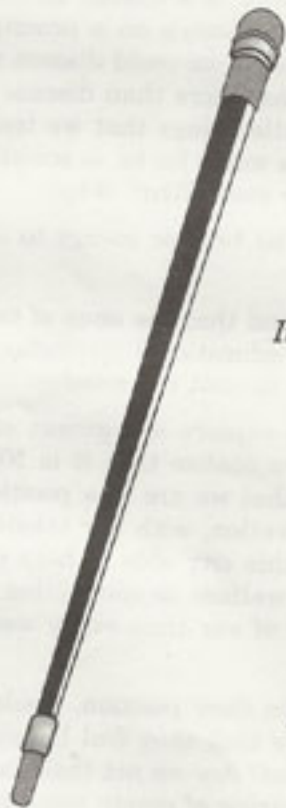
More often than not, you can get highly critical reports about today's government if you follow their words throughout the journey.

5. The "khae jao" tourist—They are those poor souls who are constantly tortured by dieting and exercise, so while they are on holiday why not take advantage of the opportunity? They can be found at all tourist spots (or at least at all those spots which have food joints near them), constantly munching samosa or burger or pizza or simply a packet of chips.....well, that's what we call a vacation, isn't it guys?



— Akshay Singh
XII-C

The Cane



*It is strong, it is stout
it is rounded at both the ends
No matter how healthy the aim is
It never breaks, it never bends*

*It swoops like a whip
It hits like a sword
It stings like a needle
It tortures like a knotted cord*

*It's long, it's twisted, it's thick, it's flexible
It comes in all shapes and sizes
But in the end they are all the same
And same are their gifts and prizes*

*Ooh, aah, ouch and bang
It produces a volley of sounds
It makes some of it's victims jump
While others howl like hounds.*

*It's a dangerous threat
It's a blood chilling sight
It's less effective if you are well covered
But really dangerous if you are not.*

— Akshay Singh
XII-C

What I am?

1. The more you will take out the more it will grow.
2. I have teeth, but I cannot bite.
3. When I was born I was black
When somebody was burning me I turned red
When I was burned I turned white.
4. The more you will give me the more I will grow high but if you give me water I will simply die.
5. I have golden trouser inside me, but if you want it you'll have to break me.

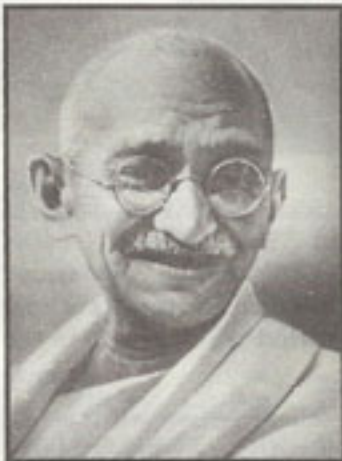


Answers:

- ① a hole in the ground ② a comb ③ a coal piece ④ fire ⑤ an egg.

— Akshat Tandon
VI - D

Forgiveness is the Noblest Revenge



Most people take revenge for injuries received from another by taking "a tooth for a tooth and an eye for an eye" but the spirit of revenge is dangerous. It destroys love and pity and brings us down to the level of brutes. But to forgive the wrong — doer for the harm done by him is the noblest form of revenge. Mahatma Gandhi also believed in the policy of forgiveness. Forgiveness is one of the qualities of God and if a person is able to forgive his enemy he rises to the level of divinity. Revenge is cowardly but forgiveness raises man far above his enemy. It converts an enemy into a true friend by making him ashamed of his action and by winning his heart. However, the young generation of today does not believe in the policy of forgiveness which creates lot of tension and stress in their minds. But forgiveness gives real peace to the mind and heart of everyone.

— Aakash Khurana
VI - D

Mother Teresa

"She searched the streets of Calcutta for the homeless, the sick and the uncared for... a frail tiny woman whose heart held a vast and endless out pouring of compassion and love.

Those who were spurned by the society with revulsion and contempt were embraced by her with warmth and tenderness. She lent a helping hand to the poor, comforted the sufferings of those rejected by the society and give solace to the dying"

Such was Mother Teresa, the apostle of love and the saint of the gutters. Though she is no longer alive her work of helping the poor and the old is now being carried on by the various missionaries all over the world.



Our class teacher decided to take us to one such institute "The Missionaries of Charity Home for the Dying Destitute" also known as "Prem Niwas" located near the school. She got the permission for visiting the institute from our Principal Rev. Fr. Vincent Pinto. We were told to bring some items such as biscuits, soaps etc. for the people there. It was decided that we would go to the old home on Saturday, 14th October, 2006.

On Saturday we went to visit Prem Nivas from school. When we reached there and entered the gate, we saw a beautiful garden with many green plants and colourful flowers. The garden was well-maintained. In the garden there were statues of Mother Mary and Jesus Christ. Further there was a graveyard there.

Then we entered the main building. There we saw many old, handicapped people sitting on benches or lying on beds. They were being looked after by the

Sisters. In spite of so many people the place was very clean. There we distributed the items which we had brought. Then we were taken to the women and children section. We were touched to see the miserable condition of the women and small children. Some of them were mentally retarded. Despite their pitiable condition they all had smiles on their faces. Some of the children were running around here and there playing. There also we distributed the items. Some of the boys, who had brought cameras, took photos of the people. After that the touching visit came to an end and we were taken back to the school.



By the end of the visit we all had the same feelings of pity in our hearts for these people who had been rejected by the world for no fault of theirs. We all were shocked and disturbed on seeing the pathetic condition of these people. But at the same time we were glad and thankful to God as we felt that there was still some hope in the darkened lives of these people in the form of the missionaries and other institutes which are working hard to help the old and the needy so that they may spend the rest of their lives in happiness and peace.

— Siddharth Kacker
IX-B

Silence does not always mark wisdom !

Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the job !

India to be a Superpower by 2025

In the early ages of history, when the first civilizations came into existence, the Indian sub-continent was highly advanced. The Indus Valley civilization was one of the oldest and most advanced civilizations of its kind. The children of India used to recite Mahabharata and Ramayana long before the Europeans and the Americans knew their alphabets.

India has a storehouse of natural resources and minerals. She was known as the 'Golden Bird' since the early explorations. Our culture and heritage is the richest in the world. This is just a part of our glorious past and we should not think that we are lagging behind other nations of the world.

India is a paradox in many ways. It is rich in natural resources; possesses a thriving industry and a large pool of technical man power. In fact Indians are the brainiest people in the world. The only draw back is that there is no scope or facilities.

India started well after independence but lack of progress is the major concern. The goal to be a superpower is not unrealistic and being a superpower does not mean strength only in terms of military strength but in terms of good economy, infrastructure and industry. It requires hard work of its citizens with coordinated approach to boost our development. To become a global superpower we should invest, focus and plan strategies in the following areas:

1. India has the second biggest economy after China. Now it should plan to become the biggest economy. Due to green revolution, India has enough food for the population, which changed the image that India could never be without a begging bowl. We have already showed our growth to the world in spite of economic and defense sanctions after nuclear explosion.

We should capitalize on agricultural core strength by establishing value added agro food industry based on cereals, milk, fruits and vegetables. The mineral wealth of steel and aluminium should be exploited more.

Indian chemicals, pharmacy, textile, garment, leather and rubber industry should be expanded across the globe. Even the cars made by Tata are being sold in Europe as City Rover.

2. India is the source of technical manpower in science, medicine, computers and other highly skilled areas and would be global leader in service sector.
3. India is one of the nuclear powers. It has been able to develop nuclear capabilities such as Pokharan I & II, defense capability with indigenous development of Arjuna tank, Agni missiles, Saras aero-planes and helicopters, space, satellites and SLV launch vehicles.

4. With the involvement of corporate groups, India has the world class medical facilities and would be low cost health destination for the future.
5. Good infrastructure is the core of a developed country. More efforts are needed in this area, although we have improved our telecommunication network, so we should focus on roads, surface transport, safe drinking water and sanitary services to give people a decent standard of living.

If we put more efforts and invest in economic growth, health care sector, defense and nuclear field and infrastructure sector with existing technical manpower, no one can stop India to be a superpower by 2025.

— Sarthak Rastogi
VIII-C

Happiness



Happiness is like a butterfly.

The more you chase it, the more it will elude you.

But if you turn your attention to other things.

It comes softly and sits on your shoulder.

— Harsh Vardhan
II-D

Teacher

Mediocre Teacher

..... TELLS

Good Teacher

..... EXPLAINS

Superior Teacher

..... DEMONSTRATES

The Great Teacher

..... INSPIRES

— Ayush Prakash
IV-C

Great Thoughts !!

- *Personality can open doors, but only character can keep them open !*
- *If I have the belief that I can do it, I will surely acquire the capacity to do it, even if I may not have it at the beginning !!*
- *If you love life, life will love you back !!!*
- *The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it !!!!*

— Tanmay Subhash
III-D

Tsunami

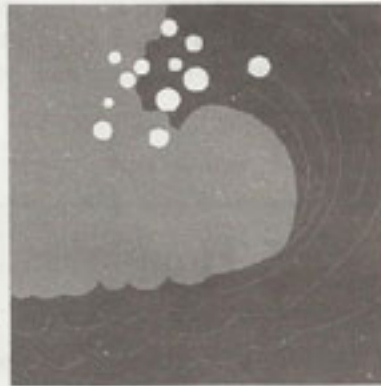
The sea so calm, beautiful and bright,
Ah! So pretty what a lovely sight !
The smooth waves lashing on the shores,
Fishermen out at their daily chores,
But who knew that such a morn would come.
When the sea would become an enemy to some.

The water did menace and the earth did away,
The great waves came and swept away,
Men, women, creatures big and small,
Buildings, slums, houses, trees and all,
The calm sea rose as if in revolt,
And nothing could make this disaster halt!

Some escaped this calamity, some lost their lives,
Some lost their loved ones, sons and wives,
Some watched helplessly from far away,
Dumbstruck not knowing what to do or say,
Some survived but their families they couldn't save,
For them the sea had proved to be a watery grave.

Nature made an uproar and did so rumble,
The sea gave a warning, ever so humble,
Sorrow engulfed all, sadness did spread,
All looked at the sea with terror and dread,
Whatever we do could we ever bring,
The loved ones back, of those suffering.

So let us all pray for the souls departed.
As we bid farewell to them half hearted
Hope in the future such a thing doesn't take place,
And the wrath of the sea we do not have to face,
The sea be calm, beautiful and bright
As it has always been, a peaceful sight.



— Tanuj Gupta
VIII-C

*The journey of a 1000 miles,
begins with a small step !!*

The Back Benchers

The Back Benchers in any classroom,
Have a world of their own
According to me they are like wounds in the body
They need to be cleansed
They occupy the last seats of the classroom.
From where they conduct all their activities.
These students always try to sit behind tall students,
Who work as a shelter for them.
The whole day they do everything except studying.
Although some teachers keep an eye on them,
But they know how to defend themselves
With a number of arguments.

Whenever a teacher asks them to answer any question,
They pretend that they have not heard the question.
This is sufficient time for them
To learn the correct answers from a
bright student or a friend
Or to try and search and search the
answer in their notebooks.

They sleep behind a tall boy,
And do not disturb anybody;
Surely rest is necessary !!!



— Naman Kohli
VIII-C

God Gave Me !!

*God gave me father and mother,
because God loves me.
God gave me a good teacher,
because God cares for me.
God gave me St. Francis' College to study in,
because God wants the best for me.*

— Dushyant Chandravanshi
K.G.-D

SUVI

Nothing could have prepared me for what I saw when I entered her room. With tubes stuck into her nose and mouth, needles inserted into her arms and hands and electrodes at her temples, she looked so tiny; so childlike; so vulnerable; so different from the Suvi I knew. Her eyes were closed, and whatever little of her face that could be seen from between the tubes, leucoplast and electrodes, was vacant, making it almost impossible to believe that she was alive. And yet, the life supporting system's fluoresced screen displayed her E.C.G pattern showing that her heart was still beating, as if defying the palpable aura of death which surrounded her.

The late night call last night from Suvi's mother, informing me that she had slipped into a coma, was followed by hasty calls to make reservations, hurried packing, a sleepless night and a hectic early morning flight to Delhi. It was only on the plane that I got time to think about us, Suvi and I.....

I first met Suvi when I joined Delhi's St. Clarke's College in class II. She had struck me as an exceptionally cheerful girl. What had started as a casual acquaintance grew and blossomed into the most meaningful friendship of my life.



Suvi had a brain tumour (a pituitary tumour) and this knowledge had made her all the more special for me. I remember how fervently I had prayed during the summer when she had gone to America to undergo a surgery; how confident she had been that she would return; how scared I had been that she might not; and how jubilant we both had been when she had!

Suvi loved to play basketball; it was her passion, but her doctor had strictly forbidden any such vigorous physical exertion, so, she played on the sly. At first I was unable to comprehend why she, who was usually, the epitome of practicality, should be, so very impractical about the matter, but the more I got to know her, the more I began to understand. Suvi craved for normalcy in every aspect of her life.

Moreover, she wanted to lead a full life and not miss out on any of its opportunities and experiences, for, behind the cheerful and confident facade, she was daunted by the fear of dying. Ours was an ideal friendship though we also had our share of differences but they never lasted very long.

After schooling, I had to go to Dehradun while Suvi remained in Delhi to obtain her bachelors degree in Mass Communications, but we remained in touch.

After yet another surgery in US a year ago, the doctors had been very

optimistic and encouraging, but fate had something different in store for Suvi. She had slipped into coma without any prior warning. The doctors had lost all hopes of her recovery.

Though alive she was not quite alive and though dead, she was not quite dead. Looking at her as she lay limp and helpless, the thought which reoccurred to me was how she, who had been so vivacious, so vibrant and so enthusiastic about life, would have detested living indefinitely. It was painful to look at what she had become. When I closed my eyes I could see her cheerful, lively face and the way she had always been the way in which I would always remember her. And then I did the only thing I could, the only thing that I knew she would have wanted me to do; I prayed to God that she might have a quick and peaceful end.

— Shivam Dikshit
XI-A

A walk down memory lane by any Franciscan would show him the greatness of this institution. From a frightened child, to a resolute teenager, from ignorant tiny tots to learned young men, from shy speakers to excellent and confident orators and debators, Francis has transformed the life of every student.

Now when just one year is left before we bid adieu to our Alma Matar, I realize how heart rendering it is to leave an institution which has given me so much to reminisce about; so much to cherish. I can say this on behalf of all Franciscans that.

'We will answer when duty shall call'.



— Ahmad Emad
XI-A

Wisdom is to soul, what health is to body !!

Knowledge is the key to success !!

On Why Indian Marriages are such a Flagrant Display of Materialism

At some unearthly hour on a cold winter night, when all the sane mortals want a good night's sleep, I am awakened by the jarring note of a discordant trumpet playing an energetic Bhangra feat. Well! so much for frowzy slumber! I resign myself to the noisy Indian wedding and resort to my pastime in such situations-twiddling my thumb, trying to hypnotize myself back to sleep.

I always pride myself on being an Indian, but find it difficult to comprehend the logic of Indian weddings: remote relatives flashing ostentatious jewellery; the beleaguered bridegroom perched uncomfortably on a horse; the band playing decibels of intolerable music. Don't get me wrong-I love our rich culture and traditions we follow in our country. What I just cannot understand is the commercialization of marriages.



Ornaments have always fascinated me, but the jewellery that I get to see when I attend marriages scares the life out of me! Ladies dripping with gold and diamonds makes me fear for their safety lest they encounter some Veerappan type. I call this the, "Richer than thou" syndrome. The logic is very simple. India is a very poor country and all of us harbour a secret fear deep down that we may be begging on the street someday. So, in order to reassure ourselves and overcome our insecurity, the ladies load themselves with all forms of jewellery for public display. They then progress to competitive games like, my ring has ten diamonds, what about yours? Get the picture?

"Let not thy neighbour sleep" is another mantra of the Indian wedding. The 'baraat' always parades round the street at the oddest hours of the night with the 'baratis' dancing with the gay abandon of a bunch of monkeys in the amazon rainforests! The reason for such a spectacle is that Indians firmly believe in distributing joy. They accomplish this by introducing blaring music at midnight for all and sundry and make them wake up and participate (if not physically then mentally) in the festivities. Let us not forget the bridegroom on the horse, valiantly trying to look like the knight in shining armour (with flowers adorning his face) to impress on the bride his mastery over the humble beast.

Well, on second thoughts may be things aren't that.....' It's the reason to be jolly after all. I guess I am being harsh on the unsuspecting souls.....DHINCHAK DHINCHAK DHOOM.....OH NO! There goes my sleep again.

— Shivam Bathom
XI-A

The Genius From Vinci

In a remote village near Italy, was born a boy-one who would grow up, and define the Renaissance. This boy would, several years later, paint 'The Last Supper' and the 'Adoration Of Magi' as well as one of the most wonderful yet hypnotizing smiles ever. This boy was Leonardo.

Leonardo was one of the greatest painters the world has ever seen. "Painter" though is, hardly the word to describe him. He was a genius, a mastermind, who thought of, and invented things way ahead of his age, and left behind an astounding legacy after his death.

One of Leonardo's most noticeable achievements was his notebook. Correction, "notebooks". Thousands of pages, volume after volume; about 20,000 pages to be precise, out of which a mere 7,000 have been discovered till date.

He wrote about anything and everything in his notebooks. Like I said earlier, he was way ahead of his time; he had designed and sketched life saving tubes, parachutes and even an armoured tank in his notebooks! Leonardo's writing in his notebooks was a mirror-writing, i.e. it was written as one would read from a mirror-upside down and left side to the right. He was a man with unmatched dedication. Secret visits at night to the local morgue to study the human anatomy was almost a routine for him. A lot of surprisingly detailed information has been found about the human body in his notebooks, like the famous "Vitruvian Man" and other sketches.



But Leonardo was famous for something else - stunning portraits and paintings. Even though he had a fickle mind and left most of his works incomplete; the ones which he *did* complete are stunning. The Mona Lisa, now proudly showcased in the Louvre, is one of the finest examples. It is even said that when Leonardo's teacher, Verrochio saw Leonardo's fine brushing and blending in a picture painted jointly by both of them, he was amazed. So much that he vowed never to touch a brush again! The 'Last Supper', one of Leonardo Do Vinci's most controversial paintings has inspired many novels and rumours too.

Leonardo had faced innumerable difficulties in his life-from unemployment to rivalries with other geniuses like Michelangelo. He is even said to have written 'dispero' in one of his notebooks, by which he meant that he despairs. Still, like a man of true character he rose above them all. One of the present specimens of beautiful architecture-the famous pedestrian bridge in As, Norway, has been built to his design, showing the true greatness of a genius who worked day and night, without getting tired.

Leonardo died on 2nd May 1519, but his legacy still lives on. His works in the field of human anatomy and engineering could not be bettered for hundreds of years. He is, and will always be remembered as the boy from Vinci, who knew no limits.

— Adhar Maheshwari
VIII-A



Mothers are for...

Mothers are for loving you,
If you're good or bad,
Mothers are for sharing
Whatever makes you glad.

Mothers are for laughing
At your favourite jokes,
Mothers are for helping you.
Get on with others folks.

Mothers are for telephones
When they ring,
Mothers are for pushing
When you're on a swing

Mothers are for loving
When you snuggle up so tight,
Mothers are for kissing you
A sweet and kind good night.

Mothers are for baking
Yummy birthday cakes,
Mothers are for nursing you.
When your tummy aches.

— Mehir Hussain Kazmi
III-D

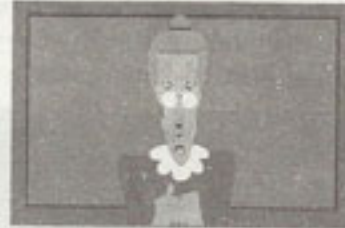
Thoughts of a Dry Brain with a Dull Fever

Never Never come late for a Board examination especially when you try to be smart by preparing the one question repeated most in the past but not this time.

For, then, you will have to sit on the baccha-khuccha seats of the front row where its tough to pass 2 hours, 7200 seconds, by seeing the non-Nerolac'd walls. You have no heads in front of you, so you can't even while away time by evaluating what percentage of the class uses anti-dandruff's shampoo.

Then what it is that you actually do dying of cold in the midst of an examination which has you flummoxed?

Show some guts, yeah, ask for an extra sheet. Let ten heads and their twenty eyes give you queer and mocking looks and start writing whatever you can. That's definitely a better option than working hard scratching and scribbling on the ancient desks, even though it's a regular past time, which right now, is keeping the majority of the class busy. But the busiest along them all is the Miss External Invigilator taking rounds to spot people with clever skills and relieving them by adorning their papers with 'Cancelled' in red ink. Aaaaah! Too tough a job. I understand! That's why Miss Invigilator is ordering the canteen wallah bhaiyyaji for a coffee paying him Rs 220 for it and is crooning for two plate patties with Tomato Ketchup!



'Pataofying' her for grace marks is ungraciously a serious challenge which you must consider. But a bigger challenge right now is to keep our concentration with 10 minutes, 600 seconds, to go, which is too less a time to plan a charade for smuggling this sheet out of this non-Nerolac'd hall !!

— Shivam Batham
XI-A

Less & More

If you speak less and write more.

If you talk less and think more.

If you play less and study more.

There is no doubt you will succeed for sure.

If you eat less and chew more.

If you ride less and walk more.

If you waste less and save more.

Believe it, you will be healthy for sure.

If you punish less and pardon more.

If you spend less and save more.

If you ruin less and grow more.

I assure, popular, you will be for sure.

If you blame less and praise more.

If you hate less and love more.

If you order less and obey more.

It is true, everyone will love you for sure.

—Aayush Shukla
VII-D

Haunted People

'Ghost' is a subject which baffles everyone, everywhere. Even after the advancement of science, the reality about ghosts remains a mystery till this day. But human beings have always been inquisitive. Harry Price spent 40 years in unraveling the mystery about ghosts in rain. Spirits photographers tried their best to substantiate the facts. But again progressed with little success.



In fact all efforts have been without success. Often people who claim to have seen a ghost are labelled as frauds or suffering psychologically. Science disbelieves in the existence of ghosts. Yet, the phenomenon exists and is as true as our reflection in the mirror.

A young English lady had come to India with her husband. Early in the morning on March 19, 1917, she was dressing up her little baby. Suddenly she felt the urge to look behind her. She did so. She was amazed to see her pilot brother standing there. She thought that he had been posted to India. She was so excited that she took some steps to greet him. But then suddenly she realized that her infant fell down from the bed. So she turned back, towards her baby and when she saw him sitting safely, she again turned towards her brother. But there was no one this time. Her brother was gone. Thinking that her brother was playing hide and seek with her, she searched the whole house. But he was nowhere to be located. Exhausted, she sat down disheartened. A few hours later she learnt the shocking news. Her brother had been killed in an air battle.

In 1869, a woman in Italy saw the body of her mother. The woman was upset by the sight. She immediately penned down a letter to her mother. By return post, she got the news that her dear mother had passed away sometime back and was buried on the same day when she (the daughter) had the vision.

These are not mere stories. And these two stories are not the only cases. There are innumerable such cases. But what do such stories arrive at? How would a modern mind comprehend these cases? Did the two ladies see ghosts? If 'yes', then what do we mean when we say the word 'ghost'? These and many other intriguing questions haunt a modern mind.

Surprisingly, of all the sciences, only psychiatry has seemingly given an understandable answer. According to psychiatry, ghosts are rights of unfulfilled wishes, guilts and of farfetched imaginations. Accordingly, it is not improbable when a lonely widow seen an image of her dead husband or a loving daughter or a son sees an image of a dead parent.

But this explanation has shortcomings. For, how can one rationalize the 'seeing' of an unknown person.

Surprisingly, till now, one of the most astonishing manifestation of the strange exchange of mind and circumstances occurred in the early 19th century in the United States. For four years, a prosperous farmer and his family in Tennessee were tormented by a strange force which came to be known as the Bell Witch.

—Karon Singh Rajiwar

VII-D

Home Sweet Home

Spotty was a dog who lived in a small town with others of his kind. His days were spent pleasantly as he foraged for food with others and dozed in the shade when the afternoon sun was at its hottest. He played and enjoyed a lot with his friends.

Once the town was struck with famine. There was no food and Spotty grew restless with hunger. Soon he became very feeble. He thought, "This town has nothing to offer now-no food and no fun. I will go to the city. I am sure I will find food and frolic to my heart's content." Thus the next day at dawn, Spotty set out for the city. Once in the city he was indeed lucky. He found a house with a place in the backyard where all the waste food was dumped. Spotty ate the delicious leftovers every day and grew stout in a few days.

One day the pet dogs of the house owner were roaming loose in the backyard. As soon as they detected Spotty, they attacked him. They dug their sharp fangs into Spotty's soft and stout flesh. With deep wounds and torn flesh Spotty ran to save his life.

Spotty did not stop running till he reached back to his home town. At once his old friends greeted him and the dogs enquired of him, "Dear friend, what was it



like in the city? Did you have much fun? Surely your health shows that there is no lack of food there but how did you hurt yourself?"

In reply, Spotty said "Oh yes friends, city life has its advantages but there is no place like home, even if there is lack of food here at least I am loved and welcomed amidst my own brethren". By saying this he proceeded to tell his tale to his friends.

—Samanvary Mishra

VII-D

Childhood

When did my childhood go?
Was it the day I ceased to be Eleven,
Was it the time I realised that Hell and Heaven
Could not be found in Geography
And therefore could not be
Was that the day!

When did my childhood go?
Was it the time I realised that adults were not
all they seemed to me,
They talked of love and preached of love,
But did not act so lovingly
Was that the day!

When did my childhood go?
Was it when I found my mind was really mine,
To use whichever way I choose,
Producing thought that were not those of other people,
But my own, and mine alone
Was that the day!

Where did my childhood go?
It went to some forgotten place,
Thats hidden in an infants face
That's all I know.



— Rashant Yadav
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April 8 : New academic session commenced

April 8 : Prize distribution ceremony held

April 10 : **Inter House Hindi Elocution Competition - Classes 6, 7 & 8**

Class VI	First	Varun Chaudhary	St. Francis' House
	Second	Anuraag	St. George's House
Class VII	First	Devansh	St. Andrew's House
	Second	Naman Tandon	St. George's House
Class VIII	First	Dhruv Saxena	St. George's House
	Second	Yashabh Abbas	St. Patrick's House

April 18 : Investiture ceremony was presided over by the Chief Guest—Mr. Ashutosh Pandey (I.P.S.) SSP Lucknow. He inspired the students to aspire high and make a place for themselves in the society with sheer grit and determination. The following students were assigned the offices for the academic year 2006-2007

College Captain : Umar Mujeeb XIIC

House Captains :

St. Andrew's House	Ankit Sharma	XII B	Captain
	Ankur Agarwal	XIIA	Vice Captain
St. Patrick's House	Alok Kr. Singh	XII A	Captain
	Shubham Tripathi	XIIC	Vice Captain
St. Francis' House	Prashant Agarwal	XIIA	Captain
	Digvijay Mehta	XIB	Vice Captain
St. George's House	Dhruv Rampal	XIIB	Captain
	Abhishek Lohani	XIIA	Vice Captain

Prefects :

Ayush Parmar	XIIA	Shivankar Ojha	XIIA
Abdul Rafay	XIIA	Kazim Ibrahim	XIIB
Samar Bhargava	XIIB	Anant Semwal	XIIA
Akshay Singh	XIIC	Samanyu	XIIC
Devansh Sharma	XIIC		

English Editors Himanshu Mohan XIIC
Dhananjay Pradhan XIIB

Hindi Editors Suyash Khare XIIB
Ayush Rastogi XIIB

April 29 : Inter House English Elocution Competition — Classes 6, 7 & 8

Class VI	First	Samuel Wilson	St. Andrew's House
	Second	Varun Chaudhary	St. Francis' House
		Tushar Kanaujia	St. George's House
Class VII	First	Varun Tandon	St. Patrick's House
	Second	Saboor Mateen	St. Patrick's House
Class VIII	First	Debyendu Kundu	St. Andrew's House
	Second	Dhruv Saksena	St. George's House

May 1 : In Inter-College Chess Hunt Tournament the results proved that St. Francis' College could surpass any challenge and emerge as the over all champion of the Tournament.

First	Mitesh Kaladi	6C
Second	Anant Sharma	12A
Third	Abhinav Verma	8C

May 5 : Inter House Badminton Championship for the Cock House 2006-2007

First	St. Patrick's House
Second	St. Andrew's House
Third	St. Francis' House

'C' division Table Tennis Tournament

Winner	Prakhar Tandon	St. Patrick's House
Runner up	Tanmay Joshi	St. Francis' House

May 2 : 'B' Division Inter House Table Tennis Tournament

Winner:	K. Pandey	St. George's House
Runner up:	Aman Dixit	St. Patrick's House

'A' Division Inter House Table Tennis Tournament

Winner:	S. Batham	St. Patrick's House
Runner up:	Akshat Mehrotra	St. George's House

May 9 : Lucknow District Open Chess Tournament

Under 14 Category:

Winner:	Sachin Asthana	9A
Runner up:	Abhinav Verma	8C

Under 12 Category:

Winner:	Mitesh Kaladi	6C
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Junior Open Table Tennis Tournament

Winner:	Prakhar Tandon	St. Patrick's House
Runner up:	Tanmay Joshi	St. Francis' House

The venue and the hosts for 'Inter-School English Elocution 2006' was La Martiniere Boys' College. Our college team comprised of Samuel Wilson (Class VI) Tushar Mishra (Class VII) and Dhruv

Saxena (Class VIII). Fourteen prestigious schools participated in the competition. Samuel Wilson bagged the second prize among Class VI participants. Dhruv Saxena excelled in the Class VIII category and was awarded the well deserved First Prize. Each member of the Prize winning team was commended with gift-coupons from Universal Booksellers for Rs 300. The two winners Samuel Wilson and Dhruv Saxena procured Rs 400 and Rs 500 worth coupons respectively in addition to the team prize.

May 11 : Inter House JAM Competition— Class 9 - 12

Class 9 & 10	First	Chinmay Misra	St. Francis' House
	Second	Raghav Kapoor	St. Patrick's House
	Third	Pratyush Chaturvedi	St. George's House

Class 11&12	First	Ayush Parmar	St. Francis' House
	Second	Revant Kohli	St. Patrick's House
	Third	Bobin Kurian	St. Francis' House

Senior Open Table Tennis Tournament

Winner:	Akshat Mehrotra	St. George's House
Runner up:	K. Pandey	St. George's House

Table Tennis Tournament for the Cock House 2006-2007

First	St. Patrick's House
Second	St. George's House
Third	St. Francis' House
Fourth	St. Andrew's House

May 12 : In the **Inter School and College Swimming Meet** for Lucknow District Swimming Championship held on 11th and 12th May 2006 at M.A.V. School Gomti Nagar our boys came out with flying colours. In *Group I* the following boys surpassed the others:

- i) Akhilesh Singh of XIC came First in 50 metre Backstroke and Second in 100 metre Backstroke.
- ii) Anant Tripathi of XIIC came Third in 200 metre Free style.
- iii) Anubhav Dixit of XIC came Third in 50 metre Free style.

In *Group II* —

Mayank Arora of XB came First in 100 metre Free style and Second in 50 metre Free style.

May 20 : In the ISC Examination twelve students scored ninety percent and above. The highest scorer was Puneet Srivastava who stood first securing 95 percent. Aviral Srivastava secured 94.6 percent and was second in school. Siddhartha Trivedi secured 94.4 percent and was third. Thirty-three boys scored eighty percent and above (below 90%)

May 22 : Ahmad Emad with ninety seven percent marks was the top scorer among the ICSE candidates from our school. Second was Kartikey Asthana with 95.6 percent. Mitul Agrawal with 94.4 percent was third in school.

Twenty-six boys secured ninety percent and above. Forty-four students secured eighty percent and above (below 90%). A commendable performance. Congratulations

May 29-31 : In the **21st Junior and 37th Sub-Junior Swimming Championship** held on the given dates at K.D. Singh Babu Stadium Mayank Arora and Akhilesh Singh were the main contenders in the Lucknow District Meet. Mayank Arora claimed the Bronze Medal in 4 x 100 metre Free Style relay.

Our college Swimming team was represented by Anant Tripathi (Captain) XIIC; Mayank Arora XB; Akhilesh Singh XI; Anubhav Dixit XIC, Aman Raza IXB; Qasim IXB; Arnold Liu IVB, Suyash VIC, M. Rahuvarshi VIIC; Shivansh VD; Akshay Srivastava VIIB; Nalin IVC, Mudit Upreli XIIC.

July 7 : **Inter House Volleyball Tournament**

First	St. Andrew's House
Second	St. Patrick's House
Third	St. George's House

July 11 : **Inter House Hindi Elocution Competition for Classes IX to XII**

First	Siddharth Tandon	St. Patrick's House
Second	Swapnil	St. Patrick's House
Third	Rishabh Pandey	St. Francis' House

July 20 : In the **Inter-House Basketball Championship** for the Cock House 2006-2007 the results were as follows:

First	St. Andrew's House
Second	St. George's House
Third	St. Francis' House

Our College Basketball team participated in **B.S. Sood Memorial Basketball** under the leadership of Mudit Upreti XIIC (Captain) and Apoorva Agarwal (Vice Captain)

July 21 : The topic of **Inter House English Debate for Classes IX and X** was '*We Are Better Than Our Forefathers Were a Hundred Years Ago*'.

Class 9 & 10	First	Karamveer	St. Patrick's House
	Second	Akshay	St. Francis' House
	Third	Aditya Kapoor	St. Andrew's House

'*Government Intervention in the Indian Media Cannot Be Allowed At Any Cost*' the topic was debated upon by the senior boys.

Class 11&12	First	Ulmar Mujeeb	St. Patrick's House
	Second	Abhishek Singh	St. Andrew's House
		Arpit Kulshreshtha	St. George's House

July 25 : **District Swimming Championship** in Ambedkar Stadium, Gomti Nagar (held on 22nd and 23rd July 2006) the following boys left their mark.

Group I *Akhilesh Kumar Singh (XIC)*
 Second in 50 metre Backstroke
 Third in 100 metre Backstroke
 Third in 100 metre Breast stroke

Group II *Mayank Arora (VB)*
 First in 50 metre Freestyle
 First in 100 metre Freestyle
 First in 200 metre Freestyle
He was declared the Best Swimmer in his group.

July 28 : **Inter House Hindi Debate for Classes IX to XII**

Class 9 & 10	First	Ritesh K. Tripathi	St. Francis' House
	Second	Vageesh Bhan	St. George's House
	Third	Yatin Sharma	St. Andrew's House
Class 11&12	First	Abhishek Singh	St. Andrew's House
	Second	Ahmad Emad	St. George's House
	Third	Arpit Kulshreshtha	St. George's House

St. Teresa Day School had organised an **Inter School Science Fair** in which St. Francis' College team, represented by Pranjal Singh (VIIB), Varun Tandon (VIIB), Abhijeet Roy (VIIC) and Samuel Wilson (VIB), secured the Third Prize.

August 1 : **Bhatt Memorial Inter School & College Table Tennis Tournament** at K.D. Singh Babu Stadium our college participated with four teams (A, B, C, D). Teams A and B reached the finals.

August 4 : **Inter House Football Championship** for the Cock House 2006-2007 St. George's House beat St. Patrick's House by 1 goal to nil. St. Andrew's House beat St. Francis' House by 1 goal to nil. Results for Football Trophy 2006-2007 are as follows:

First	St. George's House
Second	St. Patrick's House
Third	St. Andrew's House

In the **Manish Bhatt Memorial Inter School Table Tennis Championship**, St. Francis' College 'A' team won by defeating St. Francis' College 'B' team. In the tournament held between 29th July to 4th August, 2006 at K.D. Singh Babu Stadium Table Tennis

Complex, 32 schools had participated. In the semi-final St. Francis' 'A' team defeated C.M.S. Gomti Nagar by 2-1. In the second Semi Final St. Francis' 'B' team defeated La Martiniere College by 2-1.

St. Francis' College Team 'A' was represented by :

Manpreet Singh XIIC Captain
Akshat Mehrotra XA
Shivam Batham XIA
Kritagya Pandey IXC

St. Francis' College Team 'B' comprised of :

Ali Saud Khan XIB Captain
Anubhan Dixit XIC
Kshitesh Sehgal XIA

Akshat Mehrotra and Shivam Batham of S.F.C. 'A' won the Boys' Doubles title.

Saksham Kapoor of Class VI won the Consolation Prize for being the youngest player. Our teams were trained and coached by Sanjeev Kapoor an expert and a former U.P. Champion. Kudos on a splendid performance

August 5 : Inter House Elocution for classes IX-XII the results were as follows:

Class 9 & 10	First	Tanuj Gupta	St. George's House
	Second	Swapnil Bajpai	Patrick's House
	Third	Pranav Tripathi	St. Francis' House
Class 11&12	First	Rishabh Rastogi	St. George's House
	Second	Shailesh Misra	St. Andrew's House
	Third	Abhishek K. Singh	St. Andrew's House

August 14: English and Hindi Dictation and Art papers for First Term.

August 17: First Quarterly Examinations.

August 28: Regular classes resume; Examination papers shown to the students.

Sept. 4 : St. Francis' College won the over all Trophy for being the Best College in Drill at the N.C.C. Camp.

Swapnil Kumar won the Gold Medal for being the Best Cadet.

Ashutosh Kapoor stood First in Essay Writing Competition.

Sept. 5 : Teacher's Day Celebration

Sept. 9 : In a friendly Football Match with St. Dominic Savio College, St. Francis College drew 1-1.

In Inter House Cricket Match St. Andrew's House beat St. Francis' House by 5 wickets.

Sept. 16 : Help Age India organised a District Level Quiz Competition in which

St. Francis' College and Study Hall were the joint winners. The College team comprised of Praveen Honhar (VIII A), Sarthak Rastogi (IX A) and Akshay Srivastava (XC).

- Sept. 17** : A fabulous performance by our college boys, competing against sixteen prestigious schools at 'Tech-Vista', hosted and organised by M.R. Jaipuria School, Lucknow, a team of Sankalp Damele and Samanyu came second in Interactive presentation. Samanyu bagged the second prize in Creative Writing. Ayush Parmar bagged the third prize in Collage making. St. Francis' College team included Himanshu Mohan and Kartikay Asthana as well.
- In the 5th Avinash Chandra Chaturvedi Memorial Inter College Football Tournament held at Chowk Stadium. St. Francis' College 'B' Team vanquished Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Sitapur Road 3-0. G. Toppo scored two goals and Gorav scored one goal.
- Sept. 20** : St. Francis College's 'B' team of Football played the Quarter Final match of the Avinash Chandra Tournament against Army B Public School and by defeating the last year's Winners (APS) our college team reached semi-Final.
- Sept. 26** : In the Second Maharishi Vidya Mandir Inter College Football Tournament St. Francis' College beat the host Maharshi Vidya Mandir 2-0 and qualifies to play against Mahanagar Boys' School in semi-final.
- Sept. 29** : After overcoming its rival team in semi-finals, St. Francis clashed against Maharishi Vidya Mandir and emerged victorious against the host team 3-0. The Franciscan scorers were Alok K. Singh, Akshat Kumar and Akhilesh.
- Sept. 30** : In the Inter House Cricket Finals St. Andrew's House lifted the cricket shield by beating St. Patrick's House. Ankur Agarwal from St. Andrew's House and Hasan from St. Patrick's House gave a brilliant performance. The overall positions in the championship were :
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|--------|---------------------|
| First | St. Andrew's House |
| Second | St. Patrick's House |
| Third | St. George's House |
- Oct. 3** : In the Inter House Hockey Championship the position of different houses was as follows:
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|--------|-----------------------|
| First | : St. George's House |
| Second | : St. Patrick's House |
| Third | : St. Andrew's House |
- Oct. 4** : Patron's Day Mass in the School Chapel, Rt. Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza was the Chief Guest.

The Patron's Day Celebrations are heralded by Past students versus Present students matches during the week-long string of events.

- Oct. 5** : 'Expression 2006', an inter-college Literary and Cultural festival, a three day extravaganza, duly bore the stamp of the competitive spirit of the times. It was an endeavour on the part of St. Francis' College to bring together students from classes IX to XII on a common platform.

After Registration of teams and the inauguration of the festival by Rt. Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza, Bishop of Lucknow and Fr Vincent Pinto the different teams vied with one another in the following events earmarked for the day English Debate, Collage, Creative Writing (English), 'What's the Good Word (Preliminary and Final Round) and Quiz (Written Preliminary Round).

- Oct. 6** : The events of the day for 'Expression 2006' were Quiz (Final Round), Innovation and Indian Music.

- Oct. 7** : Talent Cocktail, Hindi Debate, Western Music programmes wrapped up the three day festival. The cultural events were concluded with Prize Distribution. Some of the events in which St. Francis' scintillated to notch the top positions were

First in 'What's the Good Word'

Participants Kartikey Asthana (XIA) and Suyash Chandra (XIA)

First in Collage

Participants Rishabh Rastogi (XIA) and Mayur Shah (XIA)

First in Indian Music (Solo)

Participant Joy Mukherjee

In Creative Writing Ahmad Emad was adjudged third. The College team was third in Quiz, the participants are Siddharth Basu and Abhishek Kar.

In Innovation, an advertising based event, St. Francis' College team won accolades and got the First Prize. The innovators were Akshay Singh, Swapnil Bajpai, Rishabh Rastogi, Mayur Shah, Abhishek Singh, Devansh Sharma, Aditya Agarwal and Zohaib Tahir.

An overall great experience which opened the floodgates of talent and 'expression' of it.

- Oct. 11** : In the **Inter House Athletics High Jump** event Mayank Arora created a new College record of 5 ft 6".

C Division

First	Akbar	St. George's House
Second	Venkatesh Chaturvedi	St. Andrew's House
Third	Raghav	St. Andrew's House

B Division

First	Mayank Arora	St. Patrick's House
Second	Sameer Ahmad	St. Francis' House
Third	Arpit Ahuja	St. Andrew's House

A Division

First	Alok K Singh	St. Patrick's House
Second	Shubhan Tripathi	St. Patrick's House
Third	Akhilesh K. Singh	St. Andrew's House

Oct. 12 : A written Quiz was organised on the theme 'India Vision 2020' throughout Uttar Pradesh under the ageis of a social organisation 'Kabir Peace Mission' with Mr. Rakesh Kumar Mittal, Commissioner, Lucknow Zone at the helm of affairs. The nine best performers were each given a certificate and a book in order of merit.

1. Harshit Agarwal	XB	First
2. Aditya Sehgal	XIIA	
3. Ankit Mathur	XIIB	
4. Nirwan Vibhor	XIIB	
5. Abhishek Kar	XIIA	
6. Nishant Gupta	XB	
7. Siddharth Basu	XIC	
8. Sagar Upreti	XC	
9. Chitrath Prasad	XB	

Oct. 14 : Suryansh Pandey (VIII A) participated in Philatelic Quiz held at GPO, representing his school in Junior Group. He secured the second position and was commended with a certificate. Congratulations!

In the Inter House Athletics Shot Put Event the results were as follows:

First	Kazim Ibrahim	St. Patrick's House
Second	Samanyu	St. George's House
Third	Rohit Toppo	St. George's House

Oct. 25 : At St. Paul's College Annual Sports our College Relay Team came First. The St. Francis' College Athletic team was represented by Alok K. Singh (Captain), Shubham Tripathi, George Toppo and Siddharth Mitra. *Well done boys!*

Oct. 28 : Inter-House Marathon

First	Rahul Shetty	St. Patrick's House
Second	Faraz Azmi	St. George's House
Third	Akhilesh K. Singh	St. Andrew's House



Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Make me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to each one that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

College Anthem

We will Answer

1. Tho' no bugles may blow and no drums beat,
Tho' we hear not the marching of proud feet,
Tho' no flags and no cannons the day greet,
We will answer when duty shall call.

Refrain : To the end we'll be true; we'll forget not,
All the care Alma Mater thou spared not,
To the spirit of Francis we'll fail not,
We will answer when duty shall call.

2. Through the heat of the day and the burden,
And thro' sweat and thro' toil without guerdon,
To dishonour we shall not be lured in :
We will answer when duty shall call.
3. With a heart and a will where the right be,
Altho' arduous the task there or light be,
We'll be found in the thick where the fight be,
We will answer when duty shall call.

Words by : V.E. Vance





St. Francis of Assisi

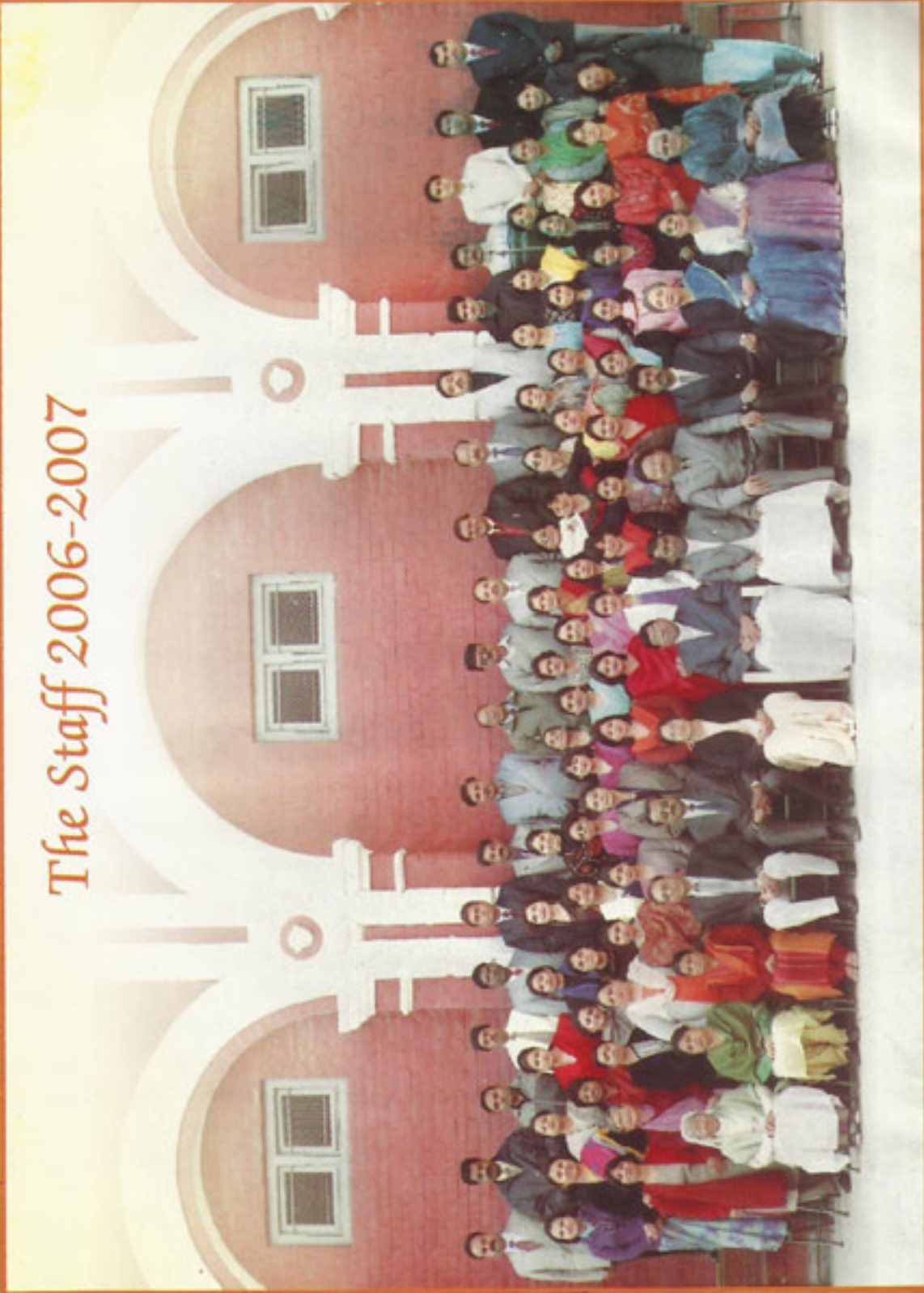
Patron of the College

The Prayer of St. Francis before the Crucifix

Most high, glorious God, cast your light into the darkness of my heart. Give me, Lord, right faith, firm hope, perfect charity and profound humility, with wisdom and perception, so that I may carry out what is truly your holy will.

Amen

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"We give thanks to thee O God;
We give thanks
We call on thy name and recount
Thy wondrous deeds". Psalm 75:1-2

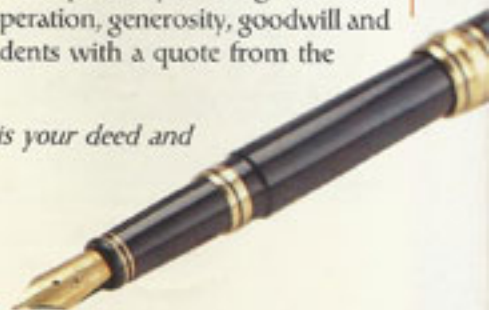
We, the Franciscans, with the above words of the psalmist from the Bible express our deepest sentiments of gratitude and thankfulness to the Almighty for showering his manifold and bountiful blessings upon the Institution as it enters into 123rd year of existence.

In this era of competition it is good to remember at the outset that "man is a mine rich in gems of inestimable value, and education alone can cause it to reveal its treasures and benefit mankind therefrom". Hence modern education has to play a vital and proactive role in order to unleash the potentials dormant within the budding intellectuals. In the fast changing economic scenario, globalisation and liberalization of economy certainly offer a variety of lofty ideals and avenues but at times our scholars seem to lose focus in the process. Therefore it is imperative that every child should have goals according to his/her own personal baseline at any stage of development to achieve success. Of-course success is like *manna* from heaven but we must remind ourselves that it falls on the lap of those who are lucky to seek it out hence each one ought to try and squeeze every bit out of the circumstances and make the most out of it.

Undoubtedly progress is a far more important measure of success than accomplishment. Therefore a scholar should prioritise and never compromise for anything less than the best. Life indeed is a hard task master and we can beat it at its own game if we are steadfast in our goals and inculcate self-esteem, confidence and strong belief in ourselves. I express my sincere gratefulness to all the members of staff, students and parents for their cooperation, generosity, goodwill and understanding. I conclude with a piece of advice to my students with a quote from the *Upanishad*:

"Whatever you dream you have to will, whatever you will is your deed and whatever your deed is your destiny"

Fr. Vincent Pinto
Principal



Student Council 2006-07



Student Council with the Principal, Vice Principal,
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भी गाँव के खेतों और खलिहानों में ही बसता है। जहाँ की भाषा हिन्दी है, अतः नवपीढ़ी को भारतवर्ष के परिप्रेक्ष्य में हिन्दी के महत्व को समझना चाहिए और इसके विकास हेतु अपना तन मन और धन लगाना चाहिए।

अनेक संस्थाएं और लेखक अभी भी हिन्दी के प्रचार प्रसार में लगे हुए हैं। हमें ऐसी नव जागृति की आवश्यकता है जो हिन्दी की कमजोर पड़ रही नींव को फिर मजबूत कर सके। सुभाषचन्द्र बोस ने 1942 में अपने भाषण में कहा था—

‘हिन्दी भारत के सबसे बड़े भूभाग में बोली जाने वाली भाषा है और हिन्दी के विकास के बिना भारतवर्ष का विकास संभव नहीं।’

जिस प्रकार भैंवरो को पराग की प्राप्ति फूलों से ही होती है ठीक उसी प्रकार सनृद्धि रूपी पराग हिन्दी रूपी पुष्प में ही मिलेगा। अजीम शायर इकबाल ने कहा है—

‘कुछ बात है कि हस्ती मिटती नहीं हमारी।
सदियों रहा है दुश्मन दौरे जहाँ हमारा।।’

ठीक उसी प्रकार भले ही कुछ विदेशी भाषायें हिन्दी की दुश्मन साबित हुई हों पर हिन्दी जो हमारी सभ्यता और संस्कृति में बसती है सूरज जैसी चमक से दीप्तिमान होकर ही रहेगी।

— अभिवेक अग्रवाल

कक्षा-11 डी

सुबह

सूरज की किरणें आती हैं
सारी कलियाँ खिल जाती हैं।
अंधकार सब खो जाता है
सब जग सुन्दर हो जाता है।
चिड़िया गाती हैं मिलजुल कर,
बहते हैं उनके मीठे स्वर।

ठंडी-ठंडी हवा सुहानी,
चलती है जैसे मस्तानी।
यह प्रातः की सुख-बेला है,
धरती का सुख अलबेला है।
यही ताज़गी, यही कहानी,
नया जोश पाते हैं प्राणी।

— प्रांजल गुप्ता (कक्षा-के.जी.डी)



बच्चे होते हैं मन के सच्चे

बच्चे होते हैं मन के सच्चे,
इसलिए तो लगते अच्छे।।
कोमल मन होता है उनका,
पा जाते हैं प्यार सभी का।।
पक्षियों जैसी कोमल याणी,
सुख पाते हैं सुनकर प्राणी।।
खेल, खिलौना और मिठाई,
सदा ही इनको भाते भाई।।
इन्हें प्यार जब मिल जाता है,
मन फूलों-सा खिल जाता है।।

— जलज गुलराजानी

कक्षा-5ए



राखी का त्योहार

राखी का त्योहार निराला
रंग बिरंगी राखी वाला।
राखी के कच्चे धागे ने
दिया बहन का प्यार सलोना।
महक-महक उठता भाई के
निश्चल मन का कोना-कोना।
इतना निर्मल प्यार कि जैसे
गंगा जल का प्याला
चम-चम चमक रही है राखी
दुकानों पर कितनी सुन्दर।
मिठाइयों की दुकानों पर
भीड़ हुई है कितनी जमकर।



घहल-पहल हर घर आँगन है
नहीं किसी के मुँह पर ताला।
दीदी मेरे बाँधो राखी
और खिलाओ मुझे मिठाई।
पढ़ लिखकर मैं बड़ा बनूँगा
और पहनाऊँगा मैं तुमको
सोने चाँदी वाली माला।

— सिद्धार्थ देउरा

कक्षा-2ए

यादें

यादें रह जाएंगी, यादें रह जाएँगी,
उन यादगार लम्हों की तरह,
लोगों की सौंसों में रह जाएँगी।
हमने देश के लिए जो जान दी,
वह एक सैनिक की कुर्बानी कहलाएगी।
गोलियों की आवाज़ के संग,
उसके कानों में घुल जाएगी।
खून से खेली जो होली हमने सरहद पर,
वह एक जंग करार दी जाएगी।
उन अनगिनत लाशों के संग;
उनकी आँखों में बस जाएगी।
आज गर हम न रहे, हमारा वतन रहेगा।
बहते लहू की तरह उनकी रगों में दौड़ेगा
यही है एक सैनिक का सर्वस्व बलिदान,
जिससे वह परमवीर कहलाएगा।



— वागीश मान

कक्षा-10सी

कैसा प्रहार

जूते पर भी लिखना साहस का काम है,
शक्ति के शस्त्रों को मेरा प्रणाम है।
पैरो में पहना तो पैरों का गहना है।
हाथों में आ जाये, तो फिर क्या कहना है।
लोकतंत्र का यह एक जागरूक प्रहरी है।
नेताओं से भी इसकी दोस्ती गहरी है।
नेताओं ने सिर पर तब राजमुकुट रखा है,
जब पहले कई बार इसका स्वाद चखा है
जूता संसदीय है, संसद में चलता है,
और ये शस्त्र बिना लाइसेंस के मिलता है।
आजकल वही उतना कामयाब सपूत है,
जिसका जूता जितना ही अधिक मजबूत है,
कपड़े, चमड़े, प्लास्टिक जूतों के प्रकार है;
एक खास किस्म के आगे ये सब बेकार है।
इस विशेष किस्म में बहुत बलबूता है।
और कुछ नहीं बस चौंकी का जूता है।
अंत में जूते और आदमी का यही समीकरण निकलता है
आदमी कभी जूते पर और जूता कभी आदमी पर चलता है।



— मयूर शाह
कक्षा-11वीं

‘पथ पर आगे बढ़ते जाना’

भारत माँ के प्यारे बच्चो,
माँ के राजदुलारे बच्चों।
विपदाओं से न घबराना,
पथ पर आगे बढ़ते जाना।
तेज हवाएँ, आँधी पानी,
मौसम सर्द और तूफानी।
मिल जाए तो टकरा जाना,
पथ पर आगे बढ़ते जाना।



हिम्मत, साहस और लगन से,
दृढ़ प्रतिज्ञा हो तन मन धन से।
ठोकर खाकर भी मुस्कराना,
पथ पर आगे बढ़ते जाना।

— तुषार अग्रवाल
कक्षा-4वीं

समय का सदुपयोग

समय नियोजित करके जो करता है हर एक काम।
जीवन के सारे सुख आते हैं उसके पास।।
समय की है असली कुंजी जिसने इस को पा लिया।
जीवन का मूलमंत्र उसके हथेली में आ गया।।

समय नियोजित करके जो करता है हर एक काम।
जीवन के सारे सुख आते हैं उसके पास।
समय न रुकता किसी के लिए
बुरा समय या अच्छा समय
कहीं खुशियों तो कहीं तबाही लाता यह समय।
जिन्होंने समय के अनुसार कार्य किया
जीवन में उन्होंने है सफलता पाई।
जिसने समय को नष्ट किया
हाथ मलकर बैठे हैं वे
समय नियोजित करके जो करता हर एक काम
जीवन के सारे सुख आते हैं उसके पास।



— अक्षत नागर
कक्षा-8ए

बिल्ली रानी



शाडू लेकर बिल्ली रानी
चली साफ करने जंगल।

चीता बोला, "सबसे पहले साफ
गुफा होगी मेरी।"
हाथी चिंघाड़ा, "करना मत
मेरे कामों में देरी।"

"गिद्ध जम्हाई लेकर बोला,
आती रहना हर मंगल।"

"भालूजी बोले, मजाक में
"पेट हमारा खुजला दो।
सत्तर घूँहे खाने वाला
भेद हमें भी बता दो।"

टीप न जड़ दें झल्लाहट में
कहीं लकड़बग्गा अंकल!

कहा चीखकर चीटेंजी ने
"पोंछ फर्श मेरे बिल का।"
कंगारू बोला, "ओ स्वीटी!
हाल सुनो मेरे दिल का।"

घर में बैठ कहा बिल्ले ने
"कहीं हो न जाये दंगल।"

— मानस रघुवंशी
कक्षा-7सी

‘सच्चा ज्ञान’

एक महात्मा के पास एक जिज्ञासु पहुँचा और उसने सच्चा ज्ञान देने की प्रार्थना की। महात्मा ने भेद भरी नजरों से देखा और कहा सच्चा ज्ञान किसी अन्य से नहीं, अपने आपसे लो। जिज्ञासु को यह बात समझ नहीं आयी।

उसकी दुविधा देख महात्मा ने पूछा—
बताओ सच बोलना अच्छा है या झूठ बोलना?
जिज्ञासु ने उत्तर दिया सच बोलना।

फिर सवाल — चोरी करना ठीक या गलत?
जवाब मिला— गलत,

एक और सवाल—कथनी करनी एक होनी चाहिए या नहीं।
इस बार जिज्ञासु ने खिसियाते हुए कहा महात्मा जी ये बातें तो सभी जानते हैं, आप यें मुझसे क्यों पूछ रहे हैं?

महात्मा बोले मैं तुम्हें यह एहसास दिलाने की कोशिश कर रहा हूँ कि सच्चा ज्ञान तो तुम्हें पहले से है। लेकिन केवल ज्ञान होने से काम नहीं चलता, जरूरी है उसे व्यवहार में उतारना।

— सागर गुरनानी

कक्षा—5व



पानी का मूल्य

जीवित रहने के लिए पानी की आवश्यकता होती है। पानी पेड़-पौधे, जीव-जन्तु सबके लिये जरूरी है। पानी के बिना जीवन सम्भव नहीं है, इसलिए हमें पानी का प्रयोग उचित रूप से करना चाहिए। पानी की एक-एक बूँद बहुत कीमती है क्योंकि पानी के बिना कोई काम नहीं हो सकता है। कई बड़े-बड़े घरों में लोग प्रतिदिन सफाई के बहाने अनावश्यक रूप से पानी की बर्बादी करते हैं। जबकि उनका वही काम कम पानी में भी हो सकता है। पर वे पानी बहाते समय उसके मूल्य को भूल जाते हैं। जबकि उसी पानी का महत्व एक किसान के लिए बहुत अधिक होता है। पानी की कमी से उसकी फसलों को जो नुकसान होता है उससे उसके जीवन को निराशा मिलती है। पानी का मूल्य राजस्थान व गुजरात जैसी जगहों पर अधिक है वहाँ पर पानी की एक-एक बूँद अत्यधिक कीमती मानी जाती है। बहुत सालों के बाद जब पृथ्वी पर पानी की कमी का सामना करना पड़ेगा तब शायद हम सभी इसके महत्व को समझ पायेंगे। पानी प्रकृति की एक अनमोल भेंट है जिसका दूसरा नाम जीवन है।

— यश चौधरी

कक्षा—4व

वर्षा ऋतु आई

उमड़-उमड़ कर आए मेघ,
पानी भर-भर लाए मेघ।
मेघ गरजते पड़ी फुहारें,
नभ को सबके नयन निहारें।
बादल शीतल जल बरसाते,
टर्-टर् मेंढक टर्तते।
दिखने लगा हवा का जोर,
लगे नाचने वन के मोर।
सारे पक्षी लगे चहकने,
सुमन डाल पर लगे महकने।



तृषित घरा की बुझ गई प्यास,
वन-उपवन छाया उल्लास।
झूले पड़ गए डाल-डाल पर,
झूल रहे बालक-गा-गा कर।
झूम-झूम वर्षा ऋतु आई।
चारों ओर हरियाली छाई॥

— प्रत्यूष कुमार
कक्षा-5अ

मजहब नहीं सिखाता आपस में बैर रखना



पिछले 5 वर्षों से रहीम व करण पड़ोसी रहे। पड़ोसी होने के साथ-साथ उनके परिवार भी घर के सदस्यों के समान बहुत ही निकट आ गये थे। होली हो या ईद, दीपावली हो या बकरीद दोनों परिवार साथ-साथ मनाते थे। रहीम ने गायत्री मंत्र सीखा तो करण ने नमाज पढ़ना सीखा। दिन दूनी और चौगुना उनकी दोस्ती बढ़ी।

साथ में विद्यालय जाना, लौटकर क्रिकेट खेलना साथ में पढ़ना उनकी आदत बन गयी थी। एक दूसरे के परिवार की सहायता के लिए दोनों परस्पर तैयार रहते थे। सब कामना करते थे कि इस दोस्ती को किसी की नज़र न लगे। पर किसी की बददुआ लग ही गई।

एकाएक बाबरी मस्जिद को लेकर मोहल्ले में हंगामा हो गया। बात हिन्दू-मुसलमान पर उतर आयी और बहस ने मार-पीट का रूप ले लिया। पुलिस आयी और कफरू के कारण मातम सा छा गया। इस तनाव से रहीम व करण भी न बच पाये। दोनों को एक दूसरे से मिलने की भी आज्ञा नहीं थी।

सुबह होती तो वे दोनों एक दूसरे की ओर मासूम नज़रों से देखते लेकिन अपने-अपने घर वालों के शब्द उनके कानों में गूँजने लगते। वे दोनों समझ नहीं पा रहे थे कि हिन्दू-मुसलमान झगड़े के दोषी वे क्यों थे। उन पर क्यों इतनी पाबन्दी थी।

ऐसे ही दिन कटते रहे। और वह दिन करीब आया जिस दिन भारत व श्रीलंका का एक दिवसीय क्रिकेट मैच था। दोनों रहीम व करण क्रिकेट के प्रेमी थे। रहीम अपने घर में मैच के लिए ब्याकुल था तो करण अपने घर में उत्सुक। एकाएक दोनों घरों में बिजली चली गयी। दोनों की जान मैच में बसी थी। दोनों टी0वी0 की दुकान पर मैच देखने के लिए भागे और साथ ही साथ



दुकान पहुँचे। यह उनका पुराना ठिकाना था। दोनों ने एक दूसरे को देखकर कोई प्रतिक्रिया नहीं व्यक्त की और मैच देखने लगे। मैच ने एक रोमांचक मोड़ लिया। भारत के बल्लेबाज को 5 रन की आवश्यकता थी आखरी गेंद से। विघाता की कृपा से बल्लेबाज ने छक्का मारा और भारत की विजय पर फूले न समाने पर रहीम ने करण से कहा "भाई हम जीत गए"।

तभी सब कुछ भुलाकर करण ने रहीम को गले लगा लिया। पास में खड़े रहीम व करण के माता-पिता को आत्मग्लानि महसूस हुई। उन्हें लगा पहले वे भारतीय हैं बाद में हिन्दू या मुसलमान। बच्चों ने बड़ों की दूरियाँ खत्म कर दीं। पुराने दिन फिर लौट आये।

सच कहा गया है - मजहब नहीं सिखाता आपस में बैर रखना।

"हिन्दूस्तानी हैं हम।

वतन हैं हिन्दुस्तान हमारा।"

— वफी अजीज सफवी

कथा-11ब

कोध समझदारी को घर से बाहर निकाल देता है।

श्रम ईश्वर की उपासना है।

दीपक

मेरे समक्ष है एक दीपक,
जो सारी रात जलता है।

अंधेरी और सुनसान राहों पर, जगमग प्रकाश भर देता है।
लाख मना करने पर भी खुद ही जलता रहता है,
पर अंत में अपने अहम को जलाकर ही खुद समाप्त हो जाता है।
मेरे समक्ष है

चारों ओर प्रकाश देकर, मन ही मन खुश होता है,
पर उस बेचारे को क्या मालूम,
हर दिया तले अंधेरा होता है।

मेरे समक्ष है



— वागीश भा

कक्षा-10

हाय रे! पढ़ाई का बोझ

हाय रे ! पढ़ाई का ये बोझ,
उस पर टीचर जी का रोष।
मम्मी-पापा भी करते हैं,
हर वक्त आक्रोश।।

हाय रे ! पढ़ाई का ये बोझ,

जब से मैंने होश सम्भाला,
पढ़ो-पढ़ो कहकर सबने पुकारा।
जब भी पुस्तक खोली मैंने
दिमाग हो जाता है खामोश।।
हाय रे ! पढ़ाई का ये बोझ,



मम्मी कहती बनो इंजीनियर
पापा कहते तू बनेगा डाक्टर
जिधर देखो लम्बी कतार लगी
आज सबका उद्देश्य यही है
हाय रे ! पढ़ाई का ये बोझ

बच्चों का बचपन है छूट
कैसा है पढ़ाई का रूप अनूठ
आज लदा है बच्चा-बच्चा
भारी भरकम किताबों से दबता
हाय रे ! पढ़ाई का ये बोझ

— आजिम अब्बा

कक्षा-5

