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*“A mind is like an umbrella,  
only useful when open.”*



Estd. 1885

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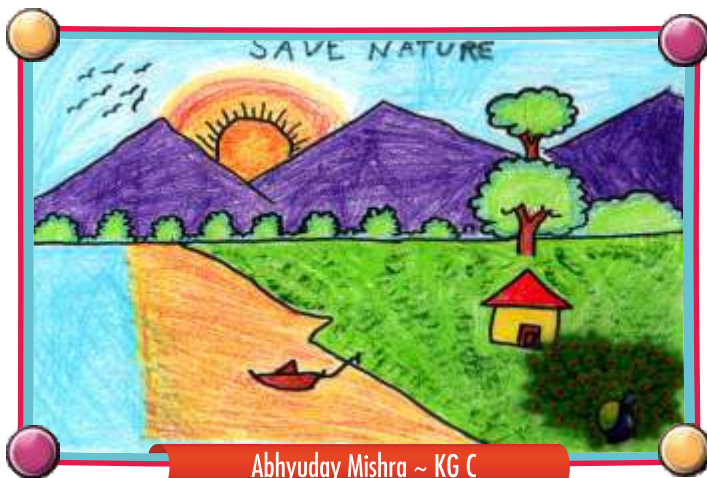
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## Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

### Make me a Channel of Your Peace

Lord make me an instrument of Your peace  
Where there is hatred let me sow LOVE  
Where there is injury PARDON  
Where there is doubt FAITH  
Where there is despair HOPE  
Where there is darkness LIGHT  
And where there is sadness JOY  
O Divine Master grant that I may not so much  
Seek to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love  
For it is in giving that we receive  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
And it is in dying that we are 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 pennons 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*







*"Give instructions to a wise man, and he will be still wiser.  
Teach a righteous man and he will increase in learning".*

Proverbs: 9:9

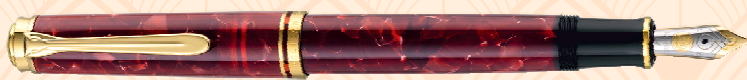
Education is essential to the survival of any social group, since a community secures its continued existence and development only through the transmission of its accumulated knowledge, derived power and ideological aims to the next generation. In the Bible Jesus Christ says in the Gospel of John 13:34-35 *"Be light to the world and salt of the earth"*. Through Education we can dispel the darkness of ignorance around us and be an effective person by contributing to the growth of our nation. This college magazine will give us glimpses of achievements by Franciscan Family. A word of appreciation to the staff and students for putting in innovative ideas to make this magazine a reality.

Though it was not easy to regroup after the pandemic, kudos to the Franciscan family for their untiring efforts to keep up the traditions and march ahead. St. Francis' College family is not complete without the support of the parents; who rightly believe that this college would give quality education to their child. The great Philosopher, Aristotle says *"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit"*. We stress on discipline and hard work. That is the key factor for Excellence. The name 'St. Francis' College' would not make students excellent but consistency in discipline and in hard work would surely do. We cannot achieve excellence in patches of discipline and hard work but as Frank Lloyd Wright says *"You have to go wholeheartedly into anything in order to achieve anything worth having"*. We need to challenge ourselves to achieve the target that we have desired and need to remind ourselves daily about it. The moment we take the target lightly we are going to digress from the goal. Morgan Freeman says *"Challenge yourself; it's the only path which leads to growth"*. Many have the habit of postponing class work, home work, daily exercise, learning new things etc. So, the progress is slow or almost nil. Time and tide wait for none. It is difficult to catch up the work in the eleventh hour. All this mostly happen because as Dawson Trotman says *"The Greatest amount of wasted time is the time not getting started"*. Therefore, urgency to grow in knowledge is a must. We can't rely on past glory. Mahatma Gandhi once said *"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever"*.

Education is a long-term investment. Nobody can take it away from you ever. None need to have the fear of losing it either. It is a valuable asset both for those who give and those who receive. Therefore, it is said that if you are planning for a lifetime, educate yourself. Education inspires growth. Kahlil Gibran has rightly said, *"The purpose of education is to make the students unlike their teachers"*. Education is not what happens to you, but what you do with what happens to you. And education makes you different. It makes you act rather than to react, to meet adversities courageously and to think differently and intelligently. So let us be Light of the world and salt of the earth.

**Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza**

Principal







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Class VIII



Class IX







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**Athletics Team**



**Badminton Team**



**Basketball Team**



**Swimming Team**



**Table Tennis Team**



**Cricket Team**



**Football Team**



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*Achievers 2022-2023*



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97.66%



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97.16%



Paarth Agrawal  
97%



Dashmesh  
97%

## I.S.C. TOPPERS



Joyjeet Banerjee  
98.25%



Shreyansh Arora  
96.5%



Siddharth Agarwal  
96.5%



Krish Jain  
96%

## Fond Farewell



### *Wish you a Happy Retirement*

22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023

The Management and Staff Members bid farewell to five senior teachers and two support staff.

**Miss R. Bunny:** She joined the College on 1st September, 1986 as a teacher of the Primary Section. She rendered 36 years of dedicated service.

**Mrs. B. Sharma:** She joined the College on 2nd April, 1997 as a Computer Teacher of the Senior Section. She rendered 25 years of dedicated service.

**Mrs. I. Hill:** She joined the College on 3rd July, 1998 as a teacher of the Primary Section and rendered 24 years as dedicated service.

**Mrs. A. Lawrence:** She joined the College on 2nd April, 1999 as a Hindi Teacher of the Primary Section. She rendered 23 years of service.

**Mrs. R. Singh:** She joined the Institution on 1st April, 2013. She taught Economics to Classes XI and XII. She rendered 9 years of dedicated service.

The retiring support staff members were : **Mr. Guido Vincent** and **Mr. Naushad Ali**.





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## College Report



**Yash Kumar**  
*College Captain*

Having carried out an infinite number of tasks throughout my school life, I now come across one which strikes as most daunting. This stands as not only the annual report but also my final message to the institution which is undoubtedly greater than home for me.

The academic session started with sky high ambitions and aspirations as the College Council took its oath on the 9th April to carryout, in solemn manner, the duties that the school bestows upon it, all “for the glory and honour of St. Francis’ College”.

The academic session was filled with much vigour and ambition from the side of the students, something which kept reminding all to keep their heads high no matter what the situation and condition.

Our boys started the year at a positive note with outstanding performances at ‘Entente’, an interschool event held at La Martinere Girls’ College. It was at these events where we saw our boys showcasing their rather unique and new talents such as that of DJing and their commendable proficiency in e-sports. Our college bagged prizes in six events at Entente which is a laudable feat considering the fact that the senior school students had their Unit Tests going on during the event!

In the field of sports too, the name of our school shone brightly with several players of the College Badminton team and the College Table Tennis Team qualifying for States. Players from our self-coached football team were also selected for the states level competition where they won the first prize.

In several competitions such as ‘Blitz’ held at Mount Carmel College, where our class XII students could not take out time to go, our juniors took able command and led the school to winning loads of trophies, once again showcasing the indomitable spirit each and every student of our school holds.

In the month of October, soon after our Half-Yearly Examinations, preparations were underway with celebrations for Patron’s Day. A much celebrated period with strengthens the bond between present and past students of the college, we saw a glorious turn up of past students, who shared with us not only their jolly experiences at the school but also of life after school. After a week of sports competitions, Patron’s week came to and end with the March Past on the 4th of October, the most remarkable contingent as always being that of the ex-Franciscans, without any doubt, it is the most admired and celebrated contingent.

With the end of Patron’s week, our team only kept working as we were headed to host the 4th edition of the glorious St. Francis’ College Model United Nations. Without a doubt, this was one of the most successful editions of the conference as it saw more than 20 school participate with more than 400 students attending.



Our boys showed their will to succeed as St. Francis' College bagged the prize for Best Delegation, but as gracious hosts, we passed on the trophy to the school coming in second place that was La Martiniere Girls' College.

The conference was a much celebrated success and that was revered by Mother Nature herself as soon after the conference the city saw strong showers for two straight days which resulted in the school declaring two rainy days in succession, that too in the month of October!

Other than SFCMUN, our students showcased their diplomatic skills in various other MUNs held across the city.

With much more enthusiasm, we started the practices for the Annual Concert, which was held in the month of November. Students from all classes displayed beautiful orchestration with dance moves and instrumental spectacles of acting and arts. This year we saw the renewal of the grand school orchestra, which had more than 70 students.

In the month of December, as we approached the end of time at Francis and came closer to our Board Examinations, we had the annual fete. This year's fete was extremely special as it was being held after 3 long years. The event saw a massive foot fall from parents and students alike; it ended with the sun setting down over the main building and the students singing the celebrated song of "Pepsi Cola Lollipop!".

Throughout the year we saw the commitment of Captains and Prefects, who did keep up the college motto and the college flag swirling high throughout the year. We encountered the boldness of the students with the proud manner they marched along their contingents on Independence Day, Patron's Day and Republic Day.

I would also like to congratulate the members and especially the captains of St. Andrew's House and St. George's House, who cemented their claim on the coveted Cock House Shield, it was without a doubt the result of their toil and hardwork.

With my time at the college coming to an end, I feel only a sense of immense gratitude and respect to all teachers and peers who have guided me and have aided in my growth over the years. I would like to extend this message to my able juniors who have the heavy responsibility of keeping the name of the school on the top in the years to come.

May God bless all those who are associated to this grand home of Franciscans, and may he bless the school and guide it toward ever glory.

We bid formal adieu to this home but we'll be back when ever the solemn duty calls, for a person who is once a Franciscan will always remain a Franciscan. ■

***"Pax-et-Bonum"***

**Yash Kumar**  
College Captain





## St. Andrew's House Report

*"For Honour Alone"*



**Siddhant Chandra**  
Captain

*"Without the burden of afflictions  
it is impossible to reach the height of grace.  
The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases."*

My heart is overflowing with a profusion of strange emotions as I am set to pen down the journey I had being the Captain of a House that has etched its name in Franciscan history through the work of my predecessors and our beloved teachers.

When I took oath as Captain, I only had one thing in mind, to live up to the high standards set by my seniors and set an example myself by winning us the prestigious 'Cock House' shield.

The Academic session 2022-2023 began with literary activities of the middle school. We wanted to take the lead from the beginning if we wanted to see ourselves in the race for the 'Cock House' shield and we did. With exceptional performances given by Advay, Vivaan and Samarth throughout the course of the activities, we managed to secure 2nd position in the overall points tally, unfortunately, the literary shield was not given this year so we were back to square one.

The sport activities began with the sport that lives rent free in the hearts of almost every Franciscan. It was time for 'Football'. We entered the backfield with the mindset that there's no tomorrow and we showed that to our opponents. In the A-Division, we emerged victorious in a nail-biting final against St. George's House (3-2) and secured first position. Goals were scored by Chanpreet, Achintya and Meezan and exceptional performances were given by Anmol, Nabeel and Vasu. The B-Division team followed the footsteps of the senior team and secured first position through the efforts of Eklavya, Kartik, Prakhar, etc. C-Division results were not in our favour as we secured third position. We left the backfield with heads held high and the football shield held even higher.

After taking on the heat in the football field, we plunged into the pool as it was time for swimming. With stunning strokes by our boys we secured second position in the overall competition.

Now, it was time to prove ourselves on the rough roads as we paced ourselves for the annual marathon. The top two position were secured by Kartik and Aditya, putting us second in the overall tally for the marathon.

The next event was Athletics which has always been a key indicator of the final cock house rankings ever since its inception. We entered the tracks of the backfield, ready to run for the glorious title. In A-Division, we had to settle for the third position with commendable efforts given by Aditya, Achintya and Nabeel. In B-Division, Mustafa, Eklavya, and especially Kartik with his 8 gold medals and the best athlete award secured us the first position in the overall division. In C-Division, we secured the first position with extraordinary performances given by Alwin, Ansh and

Abhishek who won the best athlete award in his category. With the efforts of our boys, we won the Athletics Shield.

The event which followed was one which has a special place in the heart of every Indian, Cricket. We were the favourites to win this shield but unfortunately fate had other plans and we were only able to secure the third position despite heroic efforts by our cricket captain Aditya, Kartik, Shresth.

The hoops of the basketball courts were the next hurdle which we had to tackle. Alas, it went no better and we stood last in this event. Good performances were given by Akshat, Manan, and satwik.

As the 2022-2023 session came to an end, St. Francis' College was Blue all over again with a tinge of Red in the background. It would have not been possible if it were not for our dedicated House members Anmol, Chanpreet, Adarsh, Aditya, Manav, Meezan and many more for their constant involvement in every activity throughout the session.

Last but not the least, I would like to extend our vote of thanks to our House master, Sir R. Francis, for his constant support and involvement in the House activities. We were really lucky to have him through this journey and without him, I do not think that the Cock house shield would have been possible. I would like to express my gratitude to Ma'am R. Jackson for being one of the most supportive teachers and for solving every problem that we brought to her. I would also like to thank our PTI, Sir B. Verma, for conducting the activities and for the training he gave us, every step of the way.

With these words and a heavy heart, I pass on the blue flag to my next generation wishing them best of luck for their future endeavours and a message, always fight for the honour and dignity of this House, uphold the House motto, **"For Honour Alone"**, in all circumstances, as at the end of the day, that's what matters. With that, I sign off as the Captain of St. Andrew's House. ■

**Siddhant Chandra**  
Captain

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*"Success isn't permanent and failure isn't fatal"*



*"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth"*



*"The great aim of education is not knowledge but action"*





## St. Francis' House Report

*“Perseverance conquers all”*



**Siddhant Jain**  
Captain

*“Always aim for the moon,  
even if you miss, you'll land among the stars”*

Same was the case with us this year. From the very beginning we had just one thing in our mind to get our hands on the holy grail of St. Francis' College 'The Cock House Shield'. Although we were unable to win it and lost by a difference of mere 3 points, yet in the end what satisfied us was that all year round we gave our best and always believed in fair play.

Starting off on the lush green grass of our college, the battle ground of many warriors wearing the yellow armour ready to show their potential. “Football”, the word which creates a buzz, an environment of euphoria all around the campus, was the first event. Brilliant performances were given by Hamza, Akshat, Adeeb, Maharishi and Krishna. Despite their valiant efforts, we lost due to a controversial decision ending with the fourth place.

True to our house motto, we dove into the deep waters of St. Francis' College full of confidence. The next event on the list was swimming. We were the favourites to win and we surpassed all expectations. Shubh and Anmol won the 'Best Swimmer' award in their age groups securing us the swimming shield and putting us back on track for the Cock House race.

Then the most tiring event of all arrived at our doorsteps, 'Marathon'. Yashraj finished at the sixth place and Hamza, Shaurya, Samar completed the marathon which secured us the third place in the event.

Once again backfield! Athletics, the event which was often responsible for turning the points chart upside down in last few years, had arrived. Unfortunately, ended up in the fourth place despite the remarkable performances given by Adeeb, Hamza and Athletics Captain, Shikhar.

Athletics had shattered our confidence. The chances of winning the Cockhouse seemed bleak as we went into 'The Gentleman's Game', Cricket. We were not expecting a lot out of the event when Anshuman, Ali, Kinshuk, Faraz and Pushkar carried us to the victory in the Finals against St. George's House.

Then we marched onto the Basketball Court, which had become an extremely important event, to keep us in the race for Cockhouse. Akshat P. Singh and Fazal stepped up the occasion winning us our shield of the session.

Now it all depended on the March Past. Each house had practised the whole year to win the event. At last, we were bested by St. Georges' House in the marchpast and lost the Cockhouse by mere 3 points.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude towards House Teachers and my House Master, Mr. D. Jackson Sir without whom it would have been impossible to manage certain events. One of his orders that will remain forever in our mind, "Boys! Chins up, Chest out". Though our performance fluctuated, but right from the start, we had our chins up and chest out with pride.

With pearls in my eyes, I pass on the Golden Baton of St. Francis' House to my juniors and wish them good luck in their future endeavours. ■

***Adieu Alma Mater***

**Siddhant Jain**  
*Captain*

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## St. George's House Report

***"In Honour Bound"***



**Farhan Sheikh**  
*Captain*

The thought of leaving this illustrious institution brings tears to my eyes as I sit down reminiscing the beautiful moments I have experienced amongst these red walls.

The Franciscan sports calendar began with the sport which holds a special place in every Franciscan's heart, Football. Despite the great enthusiasm shown by Hamza Mustafa and Shreshth Pratap in 'C' division, we were left placed second. Similar results followed in both the other divisions. Notable performances were given by Arpan Gowan and Shiv Mehdiratta in 'B' division. In 'A' division, efforts of Brunch, Kamran, Chinmay and Wali helped us get the famous win against St. Patrick's house placing us as runners up.

Coming back from a pandemic, the defending champions of the Cockhouse didn't have the start we would have hoped for. With reignited spirits we hit the roads for the inter house Marathon, where we proved our mettle. Mohammed Affan and Madhav Prakash who secured 3rd and 4th places along with the efforts of the entire team with their hard work and sheer persistence helped our house to clinch the shield with a mounting lead of 20 points.

The Franciscan waters proved to be a good fishing ground for us as Joshua Das and Abhijay Singh performed a podium sweep by bagging most medals in the senior category. But the results in the junior category weren't replicated making us finish third on the table.

Next in line was Athletics which proved to be a big crowd puller this year. In 'C' division, Afraz Ahmed, Akshat Mishra and Shaurya Arora showcased their high potential. Arpan Gowan and Shiv Mehdiratta dominated the tracks in 'B' division. The 'A' division saw Tarun Kant, Madhav Prakash and Agamjot Singh rack up most of the medals. Agamjot Singh eventually went on to win the Best Sportsman of the Year award. But despite their immense contributions, we could only manage to get third position in the points tally.





After a disappointing end to Athletics, we went to the Basketball Court to redeem ourselves. Madhav Prakash, Shikhar Srivastava, Kamran Rizvi, Shivansh Verma and Ambeshu Tripathi showed their exceptional skills and got us to second position which brought us back in the fight for the Cockhouse Shield.

With another spurt of renewed energy, we took to the backfield for the sport which was watched and played by all of us as we grew up, that is Cricket. Saksham Dhir, Ankush Giri, Anay Dixit and Abhyuday Tomar played magnificently and helped us secure runners up position which made us the front runners for the Cockhouse Shield.

In literary activities, Vansh Agarwal, Arijit Chakravarty and Ojasv Arora proved that our talent pipeline was not only limited to sports but exceeded far beyond it.

The final stretch of the Cockhouse race was the March Past. With the immense support of Kamran Rizvi, Mohammed Faiz and Shubham Singh we defied all odds as our house contingent consistently marched towards glory. In the end, our collective efforts were rewarded with the March Past Shield making this a second feat.

We might have lost a few battles along the way but ultimately we won the war as we were able to get our hands on the ultimate prize, The Cockhouse Shield. In the end we were able to retain the coveted Cockhouse Shield.

I would like to conclude this report by expressing my extreme gratitude to Sir Srivastava for being a source of energy for me and the boys in our conquest for the prestigious Cock house.

As a child I always looked up to my seniors and would like to thank Abhijeet Srivastava and Job Ashish Tripathi for helping me whenever I needed guidance. Before I sign off, I'd like to express my gratitude to my brothers and fellow house mates Vansh Agarwal, Vranth Sinha, Chinmay Pratap Singh, Wali Abidi and Shailagra without whom managing the house and winning the Cock house would have been a gargantuan task.

I am extremely proud of the things we have achieved this year and wish my juniors nothing but courage and good luck as I depart from this prestigious institution which I will always call my home.

***"Rather fail with Honour than succeed by Fraud" ~ Sophocles*** ■

**Farhan Sheikh**  
Captain

*"The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance"*



*"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."*

## St. Patrick's House Report

### *"Fight the Good Fight"*



**Kushagra Pandey**  
Captain

*"You cannot swim towards new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore."*

This year was a year of diverse experiences for us. The first academic year without the hindrance of the pandemic with everything coming back to normal. To much joy, we performed well but were not supported by the blind goodness of fortune and thus we missed clinching the Cock House Shield. The house trotted down the path of time yet another year, picking up as it did with typical patrician ease, some setbacks and adding many a beautiful feathers to an already feathered cap.

With zeal and vigour the sequences of sports activities began with interhouse football championship- the heartbeat of every Franciscan. In 'A' division a brilliant game was displayed by Arnav Dev, Yash Kumar, Ayushman Pal and Danish Siddiqui but we unfortunately lost a gruelling penalty shootout and finished third. We also stood third and first in 'B' and 'C' divisions respectively. All in all we stood Second in the football shield.

Moving from the green fields to the blue waters, where our expectations were very high from our swimmers. In the 9-12 age group, Arnav Raghuvanshi performed brilliantly, other than that excellent performances were given by Aziz Naqui and Siddharth Singh in their respective age groups.

We were unlucky in Basketball due to lack of co-ordination amongst the team players despite having a stellar bunch. We ended up third in the tally, commendable efforts were shown by Faizan Siddiqui, Vivek Singh, Divyansh Singh, Dhairya Verma, Emad and Ashwin.

Marathon brought no luck to us and only Abdul Aziz (5th) and was able to make it in the top 15. And we were relegated to the last spot.

Athletics an integral part of sports in St. Francis', was welcomed with events in 'C' Division where our athletes comprising Yusuf Khan, Arjun Bajpayee, Kartik, Atharva and Shriv performed exceptionally well and contributed much more than expected. Yusuf brought many laurels for our house and was deemed the best athlete in his division. In 'B' Division, Arnav Singh, Raghav Chaudhary and Ata Ur showed grit and determination and gave a noteworthy performance. In 'A' Division, great athleticism was shown by Yash Kumar, Abdul Aziz, Divyansh Singh, Azal, Jason Bara and Dhairya Verma. Overall we stood a competitive second position in Athletic Shield missing it by a heartbreaking point.

The battle of Cock house now moved to the Cricket pitch where we stood fourth in the tally. Vivek Singh, Arnav Dev, Dhairya Verma, Mitanshu Shukla, Ranvir and Yuvraj played well and showed their hardwork, dedication and sportsmanship.





The last event for the academic session 2022-23 was March Past though, where the boys in the house contingent showed great co-ordination and marched like well trained troops to the second spot.

At the end of this emotional and unprecedented rollercoaster ride I stand here with nothing if not gratitude, gratitude towards each and every member of St. Patricks' House and every elder of the school that held my hand and guided me on the victorious path. I would like to express my profound deep regards to my House Master Mr. B. D'More for his exemplary guidance and constant encouragement throughout the year and without whom it would have been impossible to manage various events. I am highly indebted to our school management and our Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza for reposing faith in me.

We might have missed out winning the trophy but we surely won several young hearts, this was only possible because of the constant and irreplaceable support of every house teacher and participant that gave their all and beyond for the glory of our House and upholding its motto - **'Fight the Good Fight'** ■

***"All birds find shelter during rain.  
But the Eagle avoids rain by flying above the clouds"***

~ **Kushagra Pandey**  
Captain

## Farewell Address

~ **Yash Kumar** (College Captain 2022-23)

Dear Principal, Vice Principal, teachers, and all of my batchmates. What a day. Today I feel young and I feel old, I feel mature and I feel severely underprepared and nervous. In the school amongst the students, we are the oldest lot, but for the world we're going to enter into from next month, that holds a completely new story. It's the beginning all over again.

Before I go any further with my words today, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all my teachers, because very frankly, we are nothing without them, and St. Francis won't be St. Francis without them. My teachers have taught me some things which have helped me in becoming who I am today, and once again I am very thankful that. Be it the teachers in the Junior Block, Middle school, or Senior school, all hold a very special place in my heart.

- On the day of the Investiture Ceremony, Ma'am Jackson told me to stay humble throughout the year, and that's something that has been in my mind ever since, thank you ma'am for that.
- Ma'am Dacosta who very frequently catches us on our scooty escapades, reviewed my College Captain application, helped me with it, and asked me a very simple question, "Beta Yash, do you not remember anything I taught you in class 9th and 10th", safe to say letter formats haven't been my sphere of expertise.

- Thank you to Sir Francis for always pulling my leg, sir I will miss those interactions.
- Thank you to Sir D'More for always looking after us, when I showed up to this year's MUN without a tie, sir took me to his office and selected a tie that would match my shirt, a gesture which I would never forget.
- Thank you to Ma'am Gulati for correcting Danish, Sarthak and me in grade eight, we would not be the people we are today without your guidance.
- Lastly, but very certainly not the least I would like to thank Sir Jackson our coordinator and my Class Teacher, Sir Jackson is the reason all of us present here today are disciplined men, because the fear that one slap from sir carries is enough to make us tremble even in imaginary scenarios. Sir, there is also a message from everyone present here to you, we are very fond of the aura that you carry, and being even 10% of that in the future would be an achievement for us.

14 years of memories, of coming to St. Francis' College every day, this is something which nobody can summarize in a speech, but like all things I've done this year, I can try this too.

I remember the innocent child I was in second grade; it was my first time witnessing the Christmas Play, my first time tasting Plum Cake. remember rushing home that day, and telling my mother of the most awesome meal of my life, that piece of plum cake. It was on that day that I truly fell in love for the first time, in love with this school.

It actually hits me now of how much we've grown, and that there's no going back to childhood.

I remember coming to school on time, which was way back, when Revant and I were van-buddies, we would talk of how very soon we would reach class 9, and would become senior boys of the school. Now we're stood at the ultimate day of class 12th, guess time really flies by.

I'll never forget practicing for events in the Gymnasium Hall, proudly chanting Pepsi-Cola in inter-school events, settling arguments between batchmates, and my very fond memory, of going to Father's office on a near daily basis with proposals. I've been more times to Father's office this year than I've been for social meetings, thank you father for tolerating me.

Over and all, life in school has been a very joyful ride, a ride which I hoped would never come to an end. Surely, we had hoped for a better way for our 14th year at Francis to go on, but maybe somethings aren't just meant to be. We must indeed be grateful that we have been a part of this institution, it is without a doubt, our proud privilege to associate us with this school and refer to us as "Franciscans".

To my juniors, I wish you all the very best for the future, you must not take even a single moment of your time at this school for granted. I hope your batch becomes better than all previous batches, I hope that Francis never stops growing.

If I were to mention things that I would miss about this divine place, this speech would go on for days, because as I said, all things related to this campus, can't be expressed in a speech. All those sweet and bitter emotions come out better when you're on a call with 4 friends, reminiscing of how





beautiful life was, how beautiful Francis was, how beautiful all things were, how balanced everything was, when going to Francis was a daily routine. These school colours, the school tie, all memories associated with it, will remain with us till eternity. I personally haven't felt prouder in life, than when I did while marching with the college flag, I feel now that I'm ordinary, that I'm weak. It just isn't the fact that I'm no longer the head of the student body, it's the fact I'm no longer a part of the student body.

What my seniors used to say, is finally settling in my heart now, without me and you, Francis would remain the same, but without Francis, you just can't exist.

I hope that I made this institution proud this year, I had high hopes and dreams, guess they felt weak. But in the end, all that matters is that in my 14 years at this college, I've made countless memories, friends, I've been associated with some of the best seniors and juniors, and most importantly, I've made 200 brothers, whom I'll never forget.

It isn't up to me, but if it were, I'd be 4-year-old Yash again, wearing his cute little bow tie, exploring the school campus with his parents for the first time, ready to start life at Francis.

Thank you everyone, this is Yash Kumar, College Captain, batch of 22-23, signing off for one last time. ■

*“Education is the passport to the future,  
for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”*



*“Teachers can open the door, but you must enter it yourself.”*



*“A person who has never made a mistake  
has never tried anything new.”*



*“Procrastination makes easy things hard and hard things harder.”*



## Scholarships – 2022-2023



### **DR. PRATAP BAHADUR SCHOLARSHIP**

*for securing highest marks in ICSE examination for the year, 2022* **Parv Mahajan ~ 97.66%**

### **S. C. JOHRI SCHOLARSHIP**

*for securing highest marks in ICSE examination for the year, 2022* **Parv Mahajan ~ 97.66%**

### **ANUJ MOHAN SCHOLARSHIP**

*for securing highest marks in ICSE examination for the year, 2022* **Parv Mahajan ~ 97.66%**

### **SANDEEP ACHARYA SCHOLARSHIP**

*for securing highest marks in English ISC examination for the year, 2022*  
**Joyjeet Banerjee ~ 99%**

### **PARTH DHAON SCHOLARSHIP**

*for securing highest marks in Physics ISC examination for the year, 2022*  
**Joyjeet Banerjee ~ 97%**

### **SAGAR AGARWAL SCHOLARSHIP**

*for securing highest marks in Chemistry in ISC examination for the year, 2022*  
**Joyjeet Banerjee ~ 93%**

### **J. RODRICKS SCHOLARSHIP**

*for Best Student for the year 2021-22, Senior Section* **Prabhav Mishra**

### **ANUJ MOHAN SCHOLARSHIP**

*for Best Student for the year, 2021-22, Senior Section* **Prabhav Mishra**

### **BASIT NASEEM SCHOLARSHIP**

*awarded to the student securing 3rd Position in ICSE examination, 2022*  
**Paarth Agarwal & Dashmesh Deep Singh ~ 97%**

### **RITURAJ BHARDWAJ SCHOLARSHIP**

*for securing highest marks in English ICSE examination for the year 2022*  
**Madhuram Vatsal, Parth Pande, Dashmesh Deep Singh & Ishaan Agarwal ~ 96%.**

### **THE RUDY D'SILVA SCHOLARSHIP**

*for Best Artist in class VII for the year 2022-2023* **Eric Robinson Paul**

### **GRACIE HOLMES SCHOLARSHIP**

*for securing highest marks in Nursery D for the year 2021-22* **Adwait Arvind**





## St. Francis College Model United Nations Report

After almost two long years, the highly anticipated St. Francis' College Model United Nations returned to its glory amongst the sanguine red and white walls on the 8th & 9th of October.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, SFCMUN brought together more than 400 delegates from all corners of the country, all eager to deliberate, discuss, and debate various international issues and also celebrate the resilience of our community.

The Fourth Edition introduced the motto "Ad Meliorem Cras" (towards a better future). We witness today the beginning of a societal change similar to what we saw during the industrial revolution, where the internet can cause alleged regime changes, where "cancel culture" usurps tolerance, where secularism is deemed an anachronistic joke, where the line between nationalism and religion is ever so blurred, where the dispensation is unwilling to collaborate. It becomes the duty of youth to take a stand and shepherd the fate of this world.

As the most festive month of the year arrived, SFCMUN was all set to make its grand return in the Model UN circuit courtesy of months of hard work and toil put in by the Secretariat. This year the school hosted a roster of seven committees headed by the most experienced chairpersons in the entire country. Apart from the conventional committees which taught the delegates about many intricacies of the United Nations, SFCMUN introduced the Special Action Council, the Havana Conference and the United State Senate which enforced invigorating discussions and gave the delegates a strong flavor of diplomacy.

The Inaugural Ceremony was presided over by the Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Elias Cardoza and the Principal of the College Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza. Mementos and Gavels were presented to the esteemed panel of Executive Board members. As the conference was declared open, the day aptly commenced with the delegates being escorted to the various committee rooms by the logistics team.

As I walked through the bustling event, I couldn't help but feel a sense of pride and joy at the sheer determination of our community to come together and make this happen. From inspiring keynote speakers to insightful panels, and opportunities for meaningful connections, SFCMUN was a testament to the strength and vitality of the Franciscan Spirit.

After two days of intense debates, relentless lobbying, and thoughtful drafting of resolutions, the conference came to an end with an energetic closing ceremony as the gymnasium was drowned with the chants of 'Pepsi Cola Lollipop'. For the first time in its short yet resplendent history, the famous 'Best Delegation' Trophy returned to its rightful home but as gracious hosts, we gave the trophy to the first runners up La Martiniere Girls' College, Lucknow. A bitter sweet feeling engulfed me as I addressed the gathering and declared the conference closed. The conference was celebrated by a get-together at the old concert hall followed by the Principal's Dinner.

***To Infinity and Beyond. Pax-et-Bonum.***

**Vansh Agarwal**  
*Secretary General*

## SOF - Science Olympiad Foundation

**St. Francis' College**, Lucknow, led under the able leadership and guidance of our dynamic and visionary Principal **Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza**, is touching the extremes of success in the field of education and all round development of the students. The school follows a holistic approach towards education for the overall personality development of students and focuses on self-directed learning.

We believe that participating in competitions like **Olympiads** etc. which help students develop a set of skills and improves their aptitude as these exams hone their thinking and learning levels which helps them to grasp concepts better.

These competitions not only leave a positive impact on students but also challenge students to apply their knowledge and problem-solving skills in novel and challenging ways. They also provide opportunity for recognition and rewards that boosts the self-esteem of children and motivate them for further challenges and encouragement to participate in other such competitive events.

St. Francis' College has been organising events like **Olympiad Level - I** for last several years. This year **Olympiad Level - II (IMO, NSO AND IEO)** were also organised on its campus where students from lucknow and nearby places participated. The event was successfully led under the supervision of **Ma'am A. Agarwal**.

In the long run these events develop the skills and mindset needed to succeed in their future professional career and foster a culture of academic excellence and intellectual curiosity that encourages students to explore new challenges and opportunities. ■

**Advay Jain**  
Class VIII-B

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## Importance of Participating in Olympiads

Olympiad Exams are school-level competitive exams conducted by various organizations like SOF (Science Olympiad Foundation), Silverzone, unified Council and Eduheal etc. Many educational institutions, like St. Francis' College, are incorporating such traditional endeavours to build a strong foundation for the future of a student. Olympiads test the students from classes I to XII and are conducted at two levels : International Level Olympiad and National Level Olympiad.

Olympiad Examinations help to identify a child's capability and real potential that may help him survive better in today's modern competitive world. They motivate students to endeavour for a better and deeper understanding of scientific facts so as to enhance their reasoning, analytical and problem-solving skills. They also bring out the areas lacking proficiency so that a proper orientation can be given to improve in that area. They teach students a lot regarding time management. They are mostly about solving questions of a superior level. To participate in such exams, one needs to possess a different frame of intellect.





### Some prominent benefits of Olympiad Exams are :

- They are perfect to test a student's conceptual understanding of the subject.
- They improve the student's problem-solving ability and challenge him to think analytically.
- They prepare him for future competitive exams by testing his aptitude as well as his knowledge of particular subject.
- They provide exposure to students on National as well as International platforms.
- There are also many monetary rewards, recognition and medals that a student can earn.

The questions that come in Olympiad Exams are mostly based on the syllabus of the school. But the pattern of questions is somewhat different from that of the school. Our Principal, Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza and Olympiad Incharge, Ms. Anvita Agarwal, opt for exam dates in such a way that all the topics are covered by us with proficiency before we take the exams. Our subject teachers urge students to practice using the curriculum or past exams as much as possible. Our Principal and teachers motivate us throughout the exam.

Though preparing for the Olympiad exams does take a lot of effort and time, the real reward comes when the rank holders are felicitated by the Principal with medals, certificates and cash prizes. A photograph of the winners is the icing on the cake. The hard work culminates in appreciation and recognition which itself provides motivation for future exams.

Olympiad is a great platform to sieve out the best and the most talented students who are not just bookworms but have real knowledge that the world needs today. Participate in Olympiads and show that you are a real champion of the subject! ■

**Yash Dubey**  
Class VIII-C

## Winners of SOF Olympiad 2022-2023 (Level - 1)

### ENGLISH OLYMPIAD (INTERNATIONAL)

Class	Name of the Students	International Rank	Zonal Rank	School Rank	Type of Medal
VI-A	Vihaan Grover	297	133	4	Gold
VI-A	Aarnav Pandey	182	75	3	Gold
VI-A	Arnesh Srivastava	62	26	2	Gold
VI-A	Ahaan Agarwal	60	24	1	-
VII	Vihaan Dwivedi	202	102	3	Gold
VII-A	Arnav Srivastava	83	46	1	Gold
VII-D	Aarav Khatri	85	47	2	Gold

VIII-C	Ojasv Arora	151	70	3	Gold
VIII-C	Yash Dubey	76	32	1	Gold
VIII-D	Mahit Singh	145	66	2	Gold
IX-A	Ishan Kumar	17	10	2	–
IX-B	Devarsh Rastogi	30	18	3	–
IX-B	Abhiraj Singh	217	98	5	Gold
IX-B	Neev Mehrotra	216	97	4	Gold
IX-C	Shikhar Sharma	30	18	3	–
IX-C	Mohd. Ali Zaidi	4	3	1	–
IX-D	Aryan Mathur	384	171	6	Gold
X-B	Somnath Dev	17	13	1	–
X-B	Wali Zaidi	17	13	1	–
X-B	Shiv Mudgal	28	20	4	–
X-B	Satwik Verma	17	13	1	–
X-B	Shivang Garg	18	14	2	–
X-C	Akshat Singh	19	15	3	–
X-C	Mohd. Husain Abbas	50	34	5	Gold
X-C	Emad Rizvi	126	72	7	Gold
X-C	Shikhar Rai	94	57	6	Gold

## MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD (INTERNATIONAL)

Class	Name of the Students	International Rank	Zonal Rank	School Rank	Type of Medal
VI	Mohd. Ibrahim Siddiqui	339	151	2	Gold
VI	Ajith Gupta	883	333	4	Gold
VI	Neil Narain Sharma	583	228	3	Gold
VI	Aarav Rawat	260	125	1	Gold
VII	Vihaan Dwivedi	3486	972	5	Gold
VII	Ajinkya Purkar	3394	925	2	Gold
VII	Zain Madni Ansari	3420	942	3	Gold
VII	Zuhair Tayyab	3429	949	4	Gold





VII	Darsh Garg	2770	719	1	Gold
VII	Neer Saxena	3829	1104	6	Gold
VIII	Hardik Singh	2489	720	2	Gold
VIII	Malay Bisht	1989	578	1	Gold
VIII	Yash Dubey	2760	802	3	Gold
VIII	Rudransh Yadav	4109	1291	4	Gold
IX	Arnav Singh	391	181	2	Gold
IX	Atharv Agarwal	307	151	1	Gold
IX	Ritwik Vishbha Raj	828	361	3	Gold
X	Wali Zaidi	3758	1278	2	Gold
X	Palash Tiwari	4573	1578	3	Gold
X	Sudhanshu Agarwal	1065	412	1	Gold
XI	Siddharth Layek	2590	477	1	Gold

### SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (NATIONAL)

Class	Name of the Students	International Rank	Zonal Rank	School Rank	Type of Medal
VI-A	Ajith Gupta	113	62	1	Gold
VI-A	Aarnav Pandey	314	192	4	Gold
VI-A	Aditya Veer Singh	147	86	2	Gold
VI-C	Syed Arfan Hasnain	294	181	3	Gold
VII-A	Vihaan Dwivedi	236	135	3	Gold
VII-B	Ojas Srivastava	216	121	2	Gold
VII-B	Abir Banerji	237	136	4	Gold
VII-D	Neer Saxena	183	99	1	Gold
VIII-B	Advay Jain	355	200	1	Gold
VIII-C	Tanish Jaiswal	423	244	2	Gold
VIII-C	Ojasv Arora	519	305	3	Gold
VIII-D	Shashank Shukla	591	351	4	Gold

IX-B	Abhiraj Singh	227	123	1	Gold
IX-B	Ritwik Vishba Raj	365	201	2	Gold
IX-B	Saransh Kumar	399	219	3	Gold
IX-C	Aditya Singh	227	123	1	Gold
X-B	Somnath Dev	515	286	2	Gold
X-C	Manas Joshi	537	294	3	Gold
X-D	Sudhanshu Agarwal	219	94	1	Gold

## CYBER OLYMPIAD (NATIONAL)

Class	Name of the Students	International Rank	Zonal Rank	School Rank	Type of Medal
VI	Neil Narain Sharma	163	42	1	Gold
VII	Arnav Srivastava	605	206	3	Gold
VII	Zuhair Tayyab	571	189	2	Gold
VII	Saksham Agarwal	459	132	1	Gold
VIII	Vikrant Misra	217	68	1	Gold
IX	Aditya Singh	113	30	2	Gold
IX	Shikhar Sharma	76	12	1	Gold

- SOF also conducted institutional Scoal Studies Olympiad : Syed Mohd. Ebrahim of Class IX was awarded a Gold Medal of Excellence.

## Winners of SOF Olympiad 2022-2023 (Level - 2)

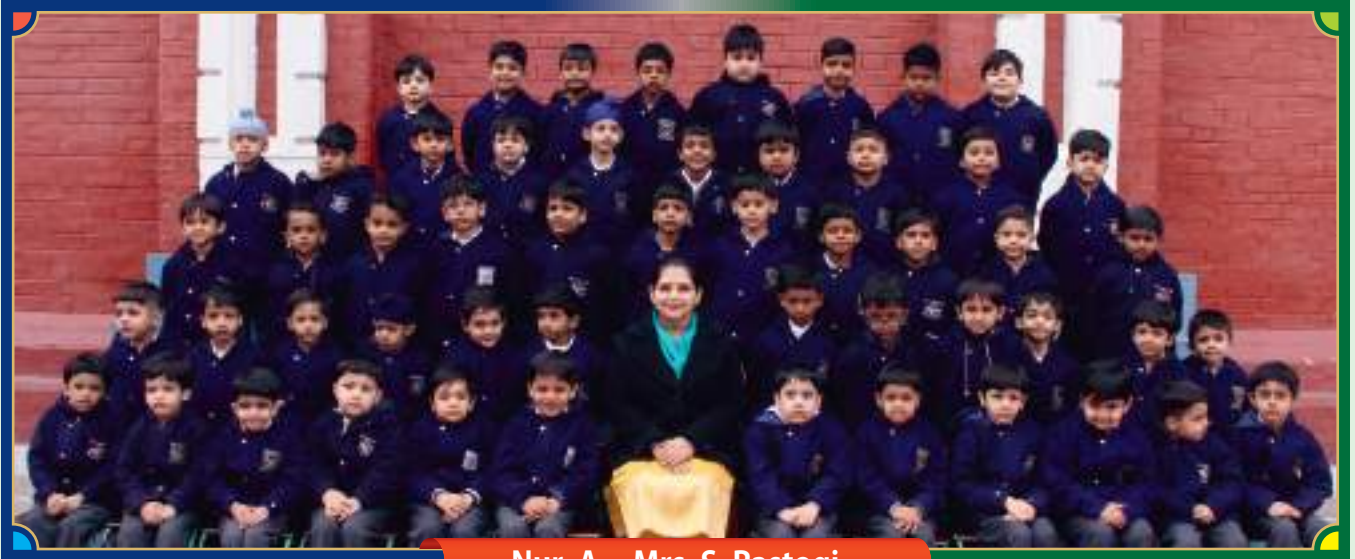
- Arnesh Srivastava of Class VII-A has made us proud by securing International Rank (23) and Zonal Rank (1) in the SOF International English Olympiad in the Uttar Pradesh Zone. His commendable performance has won him IEO-Zonal Gold Medal; Cash Prize of Rs. 5000/- and a certificate of Zonal Excellence.
- The following students from our institution have received certificate of Zonal Excellence in Zonal Level-2 Olympiad Examination.  
English Olympiad : Ishan Kumar (XI)  
Cyber Olympiad : Shikhar Sharma (XI)  
Maths Olympiad : Neil Narain Sharma (VI) & Malay Bisht (VIII)



# CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS



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Nur. A ~ Mrs. S. Rastogi

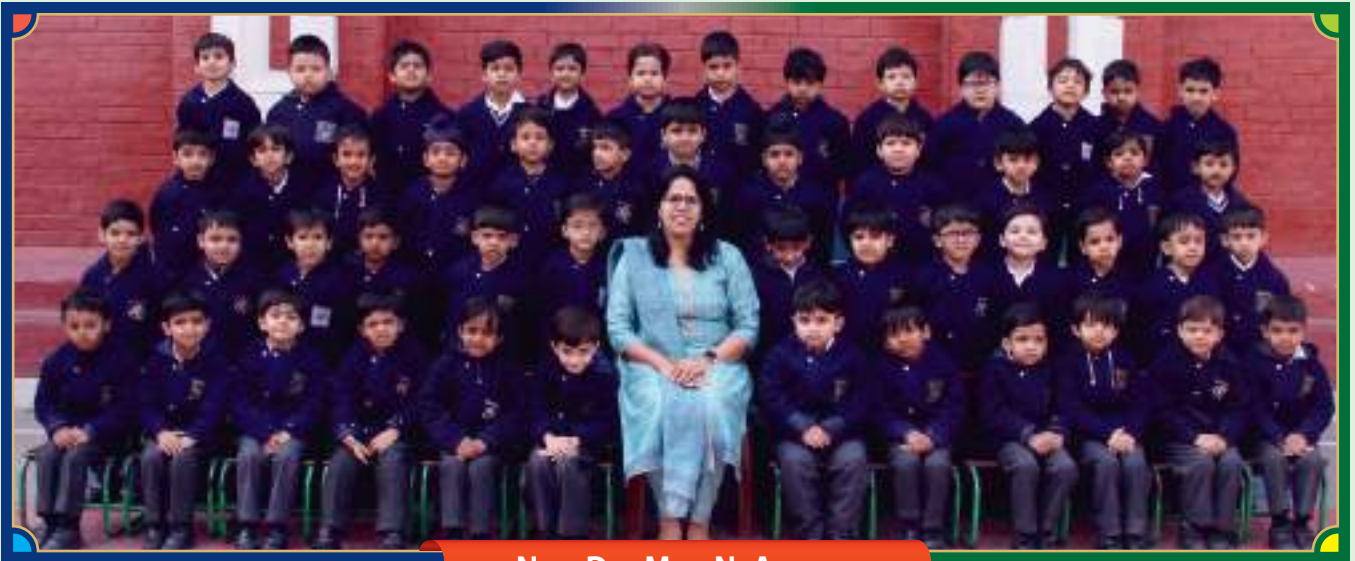


Nur. B ~ Mrs. B. Reid



Nur. C ~ Mrs. R. Gupta





Nur. D ~ Mrs. N. Arora



K.G. A ~ Mrs. A. Anuraag



K.G. B ~ Mrs. N. Bhawnani



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K.G. C ~ Mrs. N. Masih



K.G. D ~ Mrs. M. Michael



I A ~ Mrs. R. Dawra





I B ~ Mrs. A. Verma



I C ~ Mrs. P. Arora



I D ~ Mrs. M. Lal



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II A ~ Mrs. A. Kochar



II B ~ Ms. R. Bunny



II C ~ Mrs. I. Hill





II D ~ Mrs. J. Agarwal



III A ~ Mrs. B. Victor



III B ~ Mrs. M. Bennet



# CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS



The Franciscan  
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III C ~ Mrs. E. Paul



III D ~ Ms. D. Rastogi



IV A ~ Mrs. V. David





IV B ~ Mrs. A. Masih



IV C ~ Mrs. S. Kirkman



IV D ~ Mrs. P. Dixit



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V A ~ Mrs. S. Banerji



V B ~ Mrs. S. Mukherjee



V C ~ Mr. S. Franklin





V D ~ Mr. S. McDonald



VI A ~ Ms. A. Raghuvanshi



VI B ~ Mrs. M. Kishore



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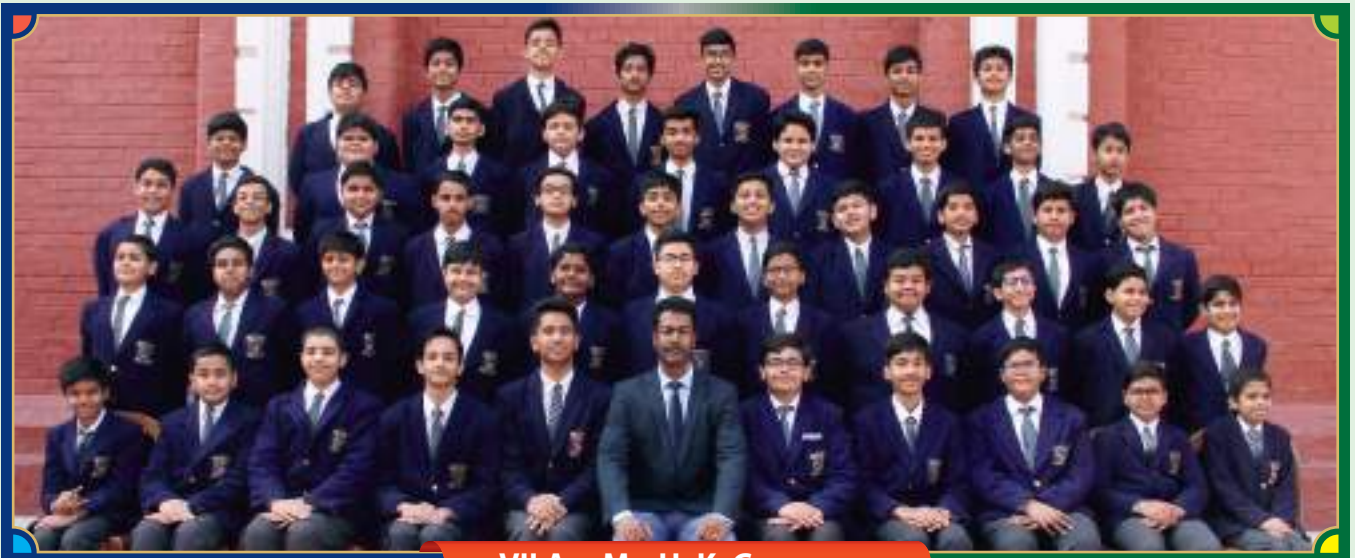
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VI C ~ Ms. V. R. Osta



VI D ~ Mr. P. G. Filose



VII A ~ Mr. H. K. Gregory





VII B ~ Mrs. S. Agarwal



VII C ~ Ms. P. Pandey



VII D ~ Mr. S. J. Singh



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VIII A ~ Mr. R. J. Francis



VIII B ~ Mrs. A. Agarwal



VIII C ~ Mrs. B. Sharma





VIII D ~ Dr. R. Srivastava



IX A ~ Mr. M. S. Lall



IX B ~ Ms. N. Upadhyay



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IX C ~ Mrs. P. Gupta



IX D ~ Mrs. C. DaCosta



X A ~ Mrs. R. Jaskson





X B ~ Mrs. K. Gulhati



X C ~ Dr. M. George



X D ~ Mr. S. Srivastava



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**XI A ~ Mr. A. Singh**



**XI B ~ Mr. S. K. Dutt**



**XI C ~ Mr. L. William**





XII A ~ Mr. D. Jackson



XII B ~ Mr. B. D'More



XII C ~ Mrs. R. Singh





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# *The Franciscan*

2022-2023

A stylized illustration of a quill pen writing on an open book. The quill is positioned diagonally, with its tip resting on the pages of the book. The book is open, showing several pages. The background is a light gray circle with a white center, decorated with various geometric shapes: stars, circles, and a larger circle. The text "The Muses' Bowen" is written in a cursive font, and "(English Articles Section)" is written in a sans-serif font below it.

## *The Muses' Bowen* (English Articles Section)

## In Conversation with Mrs. Sudha Nair (Ex-TGT, Biology)

**Interviewer :** Ma'am how long have you been associated with St. Francis' College, how has your association with the college been?

**Ma'am :** 11 years, and 11 years without a single leave. I have that feeling when I stepped inside St. Francis that I am safe, that is true too, 100% safe inside the campus, because that feeling is there. Feeling more than homely, that is what Francis is to me, something else that is out of imagination.

**Interviewer :** It is a Francis thing, it's unexplainable.

**Ma'am :** Yes, that feeling is out of the world, I worked with many institutions, I have 27 years of teaching experience but this feeling is not anywhere.

**Interviewer :** Ma'am when did you join the school?

**Ma'am :** 2011, when it was the first year of Father Lobo, he appointed me. I started teaching classes 7 to 10, classes which I teach right now too.

**Interviewer :** We were in class 1 at that time, now we're in class 12 \*chuckles\*

**Ma'am :** Many of my past students are still connected with me, I feel very happy when I see them. They meet me and tell me that ma'am you taught me in class 7. It is a very splendid feeling.

**Interviewer :** Ma'am I remember when I sat in your class for the first time in class 7th, you were asking questions right, back, and centre. I recall the feeling very well when you said the words "endoplasmic reticulum".

**Ma'am (laughs) :** Yes, some students still pronounce it that way, there is something special in that word, I don't know what it is. Something with the boys and the campus, it is a magic campus really, now I understand the students who hold their hands and cry during their farewell. I believe the pandemic period was a great loss for the students, otherwise there is more and more attachment. I feel that I'm leaving the college for my betterment only. But mentally, physically, and socially I can't leave this college. Once you leave this institution, that feeling comes to your mind. It's not nostalgia, it's just something else. No word can define it, that is the reality.

**Interviewer :** Ma'am how was your first day at St. Francis?

**Ma'am :** On the first day I was just eager to enter the campus, I was very enthusiastic. A little worried about how to manage classes with only boys, that was one thing. But I grew into it with time. This school gives you some unreal motivation. Class 11th and 12th students are extremely talented here, that is something I've noticed over the years. The real Franciscans are in those classes. Some commendable leadership qualities are present in the students here, which they will carry with themselves throughout their lives.







**Interviewer :** Ma'am your classes used to be like a pop quiz for us.

**Ma'am :** I loved quizzing students that way, made it easier for them to learn the things. It helped me to understand the students in a better way, the cross questioning was fun for me too.

**Interviewer :** Ma'am when we heard the news of you leaving the college, our first thought was that now our juniors wouldn't be as good in biology.

**Ma'am :** No no. A good teacher will come. Our students are extremely enthusiastic, sometimes too much but that is okay. We grow as we go. Adaptation is important too.

Words today describe only 0.1% of my life here. I love the Francis culture. I have experienced it myself too, my son took admission in another school but for two years he didn't use the other tie, even on his farewell he wore the Francis tie. I too can't leave this school, it'll never be a goodbye to Francis from my side, never ever. Francis is my greatest experience, I will miss it a lot.

**Interviewer :** Ma'am is there a message you would like to leave for the teacher who will be replacing you.

**Ma'am:** Yes surely. Be sincere towards your profession, always be passionate and enthusiastic. Do not demand respect, earn it. Each child is precious, acknowledge them, praise them, value them, enjoy the moments with them.

**Interviewer :** Ma'am we too would be leaving the college this year, those feelings are certainly mutual between us.

**Ma'am :** Right, think about when there will be just one month of time left, 4 weeks, 3 weeks, 1 week, and then 1 day. This type of an environment and feeling truly effects you positively. Even when the school is closed for breaks, I come to the Campus, there is a special bond that attracts one here. I leave the campus only because I have to look after my family at home, if no one is there then definitely I would love to stay in the campus only.

**Interviewer :** Ma'am you are in that league of teachers whom seniors like to remember and question present students if they are still at the college.

**Ma'am :** The students give much respect to the teachers here, they are very naughty but inside their mind, love and affection is present. That is something missing in all other schools, our bond means something else. The word 'Franciscan' means something, whether you are a teacher or student, once you join the campus you are forever a Franciscan. It is not a simple thing, too much attachment. These are not just buildings, this is a temple. The calmness is there. Before joining the school, when I saw the campus from the roads, what a feeling it was! I enjoyed that feeling. Really resonates the word 'shaanti'. I don't know how I will adjust at any other place with all these feelings inside me. The staff is amazing, working environment is exciting and supporting. Everyone here is precious.

**Ma'am talks of Expression :** Expression is really a real magic event, a festival. I love the slogan the students shout, "Francis on the top" this is all that I am going to miss. ■

## A Chat with Mrs. Priya Mahajan (Ex-Librarian)



**Interviewer :** Ma'am you've been associated with the institution for almost a decade now?

**Ma'am :** It's been nine years, seven months, so yes almost ten years. If you ask me St. Francis' has always been in my mind from childhood. So coming here was a dream come true. Not for me only, it was my father's dream, you know, he always wanted me to be a student at a convent school but unfortunately, none of us siblings got the opportunity. So I feel lucky to have been a part of Francis'.

**Interviewer :** Ma'am where did your schooling take place?

**Ma'am :** My schooling is from CMS and at that time it was affiliated to U.P. Board.

**Interviewer :** The infamous tough curriculum and the hard markings.

**Ma'am :** Yes, I experienced that. Which I think you people not do now a days.

**Interviewer :** Ma'am, in all those ten years there have been three principals if I'm not wrong. Do you have a favourite?

**Ma'am :** See, ten years, flew by like anything else. My ten years, flew. To answer your question No. I didn't have any favourites per se. Father Lobo was full of energy, he was exuberant, he was too excited, extrovert I should say. And if you look in contrast to that, Father Moras was a true administrator, you know. But both of them were best in their own ways.

**Interviewer :** What was your first memory when you came to Francis? When you entered this campus with red and white walls?

**Ma'am :** I remember each and everything. Just before entering the library, I heard a voice, and a boy shouted "Guido". All my nervousness, my tension, went away, and I realised that you know I'm in a cool place.

I think the environment I got here, cannot be found elsewhere and that I can promise you.

**Interviewer :** "Ma'am, we took Ma'am Nair's interview recently. She told us that whenever she comes down this road, she feels that there is a home waiting for her.

**Ma'am :** Yes, its a home for us. It's a second home. You won't believe I used to relax here rather than at my place. In my entire tenure I have not taken a single leave from Francis.

So if that's not the testament for it being a second home for me, I don't know what is. For a person to not take a leave is for a person to feel that they are safe and apart from that it felt I was going to miss something if I took a leave. You can understand how important this school is for me. I didn't feel like taking leave ever, I don't remember the thought of taking leave ever crossed my mind.





**Interviewer :** If you look back at your time what has been your favourite memory?

**Ma'am :** 'Expression'! I have never missed a single evening session, the music events, the choreography competition was the best thing. And luckily, as my handwriting was good, I was incharge of the certificates. So I was always the part of that, it meant that I had to say there till the end, the children used to have a gala time and that could be seen through their 'expression' of chanting pepsi cola.

**Interviewer :** Ma'am, now that you'd be leaving the institution, what feeling is there right now?

**Ma'am :** The feeling is of leaving something behind, that's why may be I'm not crying. I am just keeping myself together, reiterating that once a Franciscan is always a Franciscan. Wherever I go, I will remain a part of this school, this college.

**Interviewer :** Ma'am you were one of those teachers who accompanied the students to almost every inter school event, and this something that I wanted to know. How many events have you accompanied with the students with?

**Ma'am :** Oh so many, I have never kept a count. Being a librarian, I think I was the most approachable person for the principal to send me out with the kids and not even him, often the boys only because they beforehand used to come up to me and go all 'ma'am, may we give your name, ma'am, please". So they used to give my name and I have never said no to anyone.

**Interviewer :** How has Francis' changed from the time you began here?

**Ma'am :** From my perspective, some aspects of it have changed and some haven't. Yes, new teachers are coming but I know that they are going to eventually sail in the same boat. Once they are here for two, three, four years they will adapt and adjust to the norms of the College. Change should come. Its universal, but at its core it will remain the same.

**Interviewer :** Do you have a message for the upcoming batches, or the teacher that'll be succeeding you?

**Ma'am :** Everybody is unique and brilliant in their own way. Francis' will give you a lot of opportunities. Franciscan's can do anything.

Anything, I have seen children without attending coaching, without getting any tuition assistance from anyone, cracking the IIT exam. Many students have sat on these chairs and tables, they used to come to this ame library, sit all day and study.

There was this boy, Akash, he crakced JEE not only once, but twice, he used to issue this digit magazine. I remember this because, he was the only one who used to get the digital book issued every month and he cracked IIT not only once, but twice because the very first year, he didn't get his favourite subject, Computer.

**Interviewer :** I can't even begin to express the void that'll be here without you, without Guido bhaiya, who's leaving us in January.

**Ma'am :** You will not get this kind of environment anywhere in any of the schools or colleges. Even when I met her, you know, the previous librarian. Ma'am, she was a class apart. I cannot even compare myself with her. She had such a brilliant persona.

**Interviewer :** Yes ma'am, allowing us to make our props or giving us permissions to practice for inter school events!

**Ma'am :** Thank you so much, I have given permission to the children for doing whatever they feel like. but yes, not without my permission. If you're using a mobile phone, you need to tell me that. I have always allowed children to practice in the library because if they're going for a competition they'll be representing Francis' so they have to be the best and properly equipped. It's a big responsibility when you are going and taking children to other schools. It is very important. We are carrying a legacy of 138 years. ■

## Technical Dependency

*In a world of screens and endless codes,  
Our lives now follow digital modes,  
We rely on gadgets, phones and PCs,  
To navigate through life with ease.*

*But as we plunge in technology's hold,  
Our independence begins to fold,  
We forget how to write or read,  
As our brains succumb to screens and feeds.*

*So let us pause and take a breath,  
To find a balance and avoid tech's death,  
For though it makes our life so grand,  
Our minds and skills must still command.*

*Let's use technology with intention,  
And not let it rob us of our attention,  
For while it make things fast and neat,  
Our own abilities must stay complete. ■*



**Sudarsh Rastogi**  
Class IV-B

## A Child's Wish

*In a forest deep and green,  
Lived a child, just about thirteen,  
Wishing to learn, to read and write,  
Missing school, oh what a plight!*

*Birds and beasts were around,  
But no friends to be found,  
No teacher to guide the way,  
No classmates to laugh and play.*

*Books were all the child had,  
But no one to help when things got bad,  
Lessons learned all alone,  
No one to clap when answers were known.*

*Thus, the child made a wish one day,  
To go to school and learn in every way,  
Make new friends and have some fun,  
And study hard until the day was done. ■*



**Adlan Ansari**  
Class III-A



## Discipline in Student's Life



Discipline is a way of behaving that shows a willingness to obey rules, orders or code of conduct. The word discipline is derived from the Latin word 'disciplina' which means teaching, learning and growing. Discipline is a training that produces obedience or self control and it is also the ability to control a mental activity. It gives uniformity, consistency, clarity of expectations and reduces stress.

It also enhances our focus level which eventually helps us to lead to better performance.

At a student's level, where there is cut throat competition and time is extremely precious, self discipline is something students should aim to achieve. Through self discipline will come concentration which will help students to scale new heights of academic excellence.

Self discipline means that you SHOULD do rather than what you WANT to do. To be self disciplined you need to get yourself organized and accept corrections. Practice self denial for wrong deeds and welcome responsibility.

Self discipline is the ability to get yourself to take action regardless of your emotional state. It also means that you have to be very determined to achieve the goals you have set. Self discipline is the ability to reject immediate satisfaction or comfort in order to gain something better even if it requires effort and time to gain. It is the strength to withstand physical, emotional and mental hardships and difficulties. With these skills, one has the option to choose one's behaviour and reactions instead of being ruled by them. They make you feel more powerful and in charge of yourself.

The more you exercise self control on a consistent basis, the stronger you get. As your self control increases, the more you gain the ability to direct your life in a manner that is congruent with the true you.

The more congruent your actions are with your thoughts and feelings, the better you feel about yourself and the decisions you make. Discipline is a constant effort. If one follows discipline for long, it becomes a habit.

This also enhances your self-esteem and self-confidence, one tends to quit discipline due to factors like. So remember that - this cannot be the year of taking, of wanting, this has to be the year, you get it done. Always remember that action speaks louder than words. ■

**Pammy Bhatia**

*Counsellor & Personality Development Trainer*

*"Silence does not always mark wisdom"*

## Franciscans visit Dog Shelter in City

***“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way it’s animals are treated.”***



Keeping this quotation in mind 20 to 25 students celebrated India’s 75th Independence Day by visiting animal shelters in the city

Mrs. Caroline Borges is not just a regular teacher she hopes to inspire and educate students beyond bookish knowledge by making them practice patriotism.

On 15th of August after the school programme the students accompanied her along with their parents to celebrate her dog’s birthday who is an Indian breed and who is also an amputee.

Thereafter they went to Jeev Baseera and Nawabi Tail there are NGO’s who take care of injured dogs.

It is extremely important to sensitize students about our very own Indie breed dogs, they are mostly undervalued. Indie dogs have a better immunity and love unconditionally like any other animal.

We as proud Indians need to take pride in adopting Indie breeds too.

This Independence Day the focus was to teach the younger generation just as Indians were oppressed by the British and fought for our freedom, the Indian dogs have been neglected and need to fight for their freedom too. We need to honour our very own Indie dogs and accept them wholeheartedly.

The students donated old bedsheets, rice porridge, medicines bandages in their own little way so that the animals in need could get some. ■

**Mrs. Caroline Borges**  
(Teacher, Middle School)

*“Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the job”*



*“Wisdom is to soul, What health is to body”*



*“Knowledge is the key to success”*



## Academics and Sports in School Curriculum

Education is the key to success, and schools play a vital role in shaping the future of students. A well-rounded education is one that not only focuses on academics but also emphasizes the importance of sports and physical activities. Both academics and sports are integral components of a comprehensive school curriculum, as they contribute to the holistic development of students. In this essay, we will discuss the importance of academics and sports in the school curriculum.

First and foremost, academics provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in their chosen careers. Subjects such as mathematics, science, languages, and social sciences form the foundation of a well-rounded education. Through academics, students develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills, which are essential in the real world. A strong academic background equips students with the tools they need to pursue higher education and achieve their professional goals.



However, education is not solely about academics. Sports and physical activities are equally important in a student's life. Engaging in sports promotes physical fitness, builds teamwork and leadership skills, and instills discipline and perseverance. Regular physical activity is crucial for maintaining a healthy lifestyle and preventing various health problems. Sports also provide an excellent avenue for students to channel their energy, relieve stress, and develop social skills through interaction with teammates and opponents.

Moreover, sports and academics complement each other in several ways. Participating in sports teaches students valuable life lessons that cannot be learned in a classroom. It teaches them about dedication, hard work, and the importance of practice and perseverance. Students learn to set goals, manage their time effectively, and balance their academic and extracurricular commitments. Engaging in sports also enhances cognitive abilities, as physical activity stimulates brain function, improves memory, and increases concentration levels, leading to better academic performance.

Furthermore, sports can foster a sense of camaraderie and school spirit among students. It provides opportunities for students to represent their schools in various competitions and tournaments, creating a sense of pride and unity. School teams and sports events foster a sense of belonging and encourage healthy competition, which contributes to the overall development of students' character and personality.

In conclusion, a well-balanced school curriculum must include a combination of academics and sports. Academics provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills to succeed in their academic pursuits and future careers, while sports promote physical fitness, teamwork, discipline, and valuable life lessons. The inclusion of sports in the school curriculum helps create well-rounded individuals who are not only academically proficient but also physically fit and socially adept. By striking a balance between academics and sports, schools can ensure the holistic development of their students, preparing them to excel in all aspects of life. ■

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# Understanding Child Psychology

## *Insights from a Teacher's Perspective*

Child psychology plays a crucial role in shaping a child's overall development and educational journey. As a teacher, having an understanding of child psychology is essential to create a nurturing learning environment, design effective teaching strategies, and provide appropriate support to each child. This essay explores child psychology from a teacher's perspective, highlighting key aspects such as cognitive, social, emotional, and moral development, and the impact of these factors on the teaching and learning process.

**Cognitive Development :** Cognitive development refers to the growth of a child's thinking, reasoning, problem-solving, and information processing abilities. As a teacher, understanding the cognitive development milestones at different age levels allows us to tailor our instructional approaches accordingly. For instance, in early childhood, children are often in the preoperational stage, characterized by egocentrism and magical thinking. To facilitate learning, teachers must engage children through hands-on activities, concrete examples, and visual aids to bridge the gap between abstract concepts and their understanding.



**Social Development :** Children are inherently social beings, and their social development greatly influences their interactions with peers, teachers, and the learning environment. As a teacher, fostering social development involves creating opportunities for collaborative learning, promoting empathy, and teaching conflict resolution skills. By encouraging group work, discussions, and cooperative activities, teachers can enhance social skills, teamwork, and respect for others' opinions. Recognizing the diversity within the classroom and celebrating it also plays a vital role in promoting inclusivity and acceptance.

**Emotional Development :** Emotional development encompasses the understanding, expression, and regulation of emotions. Teachers play a significant role in supporting children's emotional well-being and helping them develop healthy emotional skills. Creating a safe and supportive classroom environment, acknowledging and validating children's emotions, and teaching them appropriate coping mechanisms are essential aspects of emotional development. Additionally, providing opportunities for self-reflection, expressing feelings through art, and practicing mindfulness techniques can contribute to emotional growth and self-awareness.

**Moral Development :** Moral development refers to the development of values, ethics, and a sense of right and wrong. As educators, we have the responsibility to guide children in developing a strong moral compass. By modeling positive behavior, promoting empathy, and discussing moral dilemmas, teachers can encourage children to think critically and make ethical decisions. Moral education can be integrated into the curriculum through literature, storytelling, and classroom discussions, fostering empathy, compassion, and responsible citizenship.



**Individual Differences :** Every child is unique, with varying abilities, learning styles, and needs. Recognizing and embracing these individual differences is crucial for effective teaching and learning. By employing differentiated instruction, teachers can adapt their teaching methods, materials, and assessments to cater to diverse learning needs. This includes providing additional support for struggling learners, challenging tasks for gifted students, and incorporating multisensory approaches to engage different learning styles. By embracing the diversity within the classroom, teachers can create an inclusive and equitable learning environment that fosters the growth and success of every child.

**Thus :** Child psychology provides valuable insights into the multifaceted nature of children's development. As teachers, understanding child psychology equips us with the knowledge and tools necessary to create an optimal learning environment that supports cognitive, social, emotional, and moral growth. By incorporating this understanding into our teaching practices, we can empower children to reach their full potential, cultivate their strengths, and overcome challenges, ultimately shaping them into confident, well-rounded individuals ready to contribute positively to society. ■

~ **Mrs. P. Arora**  
(Teacher, Primary Section)

## Books



*Books are our best friends  
They never quarrel or fight,  
They try to bring us education  
Like a sun bright.*

*All get confused with them  
As they have many questions,  
But if you will read them nicely  
You will become a great person.*

*They have many subjects  
Like English, Science and Maths,  
And they will give you knowledge  
As they are your best friends. ■*

**Shubh Karda Pailajani**  
Class II-B

## My Shadow

*Whenever I go outside to play,  
I see a boy who is just like me.*

*He is wholly dark,  
But he exactly is in the shape of me.*

*Whatever I do in front of him,  
He does the same and follows me.*

*Sometimes I try to chase him,  
But he is always one step ahead of me.  
Also, whenever I go in a sheltered place,  
He just disappears.*

*I never see his face,  
But I think he is spying on me. ■*

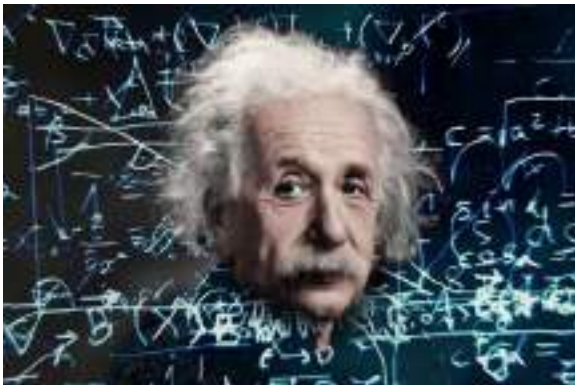


**Abdullah Usmani**  
Class IV-A

## Deja vu – Looking into the Past

Have you ever thought that what we see is happening or has it already happened? Let's explore what Science has to say about it.

Scientists calculated the accurate speed of light between 1890's and 1900s and it came out to be 299,792,458 m/s. During the same decade Dr. Albert Einstein discovered that the speed of light is constant throughout the universe and that it was the speed limit of the universe, meaning, nothing can travel faster or at the speed of light.



This sounds simple but it has a severe consequences it clearly states that the speed of light is NOT INFINITE, it is finite hence it has taken light a certain amount of time to reach us, this consequence becomes critical at the cosmic level. For example lets take our host star "SOL" in your words the SUN. It takes light about 8 min 20 second to reach earth from the surface of the sun, it means we see the sun as it was about 8 minutes ago! Hence we see 8 min 20 seconds into the past and we may never be able to see the sun of the present time from earth. It means even if something happens on the sun right now, we won't notice until after 8 minutes. The changes become more and more horrifying as the distance increases. Some stars are light years apart, it means light takes time in years to reach us, when we look at those stars we look years into the past. It means the more farther the object the more we look into the past. For example, PROXIMA CENTAURI the nearest star to us is 402 light years away, it means when we locate it or even look at it, we see four years into the past.

Some stars are eons apart, when we look at them through telescopes, we see billions of years into the past, and some stars may even go supernova (explode to death) and disappear like we don't even notice because the light we receive must have left the star a billion years ago when it lived, these type of stars are also called 'ghost stars' as of light even when, they are not there.

The universe is infinte but we see only a fraction of it, Why? Because it has not been enough time in the 13.8 billion year old history of the universe for the light of all the distant stars to reach us perhaps the farthest we move in the universe the more view stars, we discover as its light would have reached there i.e. more farthest or closest or nearest to the earth but not here on earth.

It all indicates that we can never look out into the universe without looking back in time.

Finally it comes to us even the nearest of the objects you see are slightly into the past as it still takes time for light to reach us, even objects are as low as are 1 metre awayare

$\frac{1}{299,792,458}$  seconds into the past. We may never be able to look in present at all. ■

**Abhiraj Merh**  
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## Explosion of Population

Population of a country refers to the number of residents of that country. Continuous and speed rise in the population of India, these days, has become one of the most discussed and even worrisome topic of our country. In the last six decades, India has gone through a growth of 215.5% in population. Referring to estimations, the number of people have risen from about 450 million to about 1.43 billions. According to a report by Times of India, our nation has 2.4% of total land of the world, while we accommodate around 18% of the world's entire population.



Recently, India overtook China and became the most populous nation of the entire world. Due to this immense population, India suffers serious problems. High population is among the most prominent of causes in inflation of the prices of goods. Even the general goods which are indispensable needs of human life, also become more expensive and so, tougher to purchase, especially for the lower and lower-middle classes of the society. Such goods majorly includes edibles and dairy products, which are among the everyday household requirements. Other major requirements include housing availabilities, healthcare and educational facilities, employment opportunities and so on. The demands for these requirements are far more than their availability. Inavailability of the above mentioned things are in turn, causes of other problems as well. The major reasons of problems like encroachment of public places, increase in crime rates, poverty, epidemics, and so on are unavailability of proper houses, unemployment, inflations, proper healthcare facilities etc. - which are the primary problems caused due to overpopulation. Also, the governance of so many people is a critical task for the governments. In addition to all this, the climate is also adversely effected by such high number of people. From all these points, it is safe to conclude that overpopulation is nothing more than a serious hindrance for a peaceful and prosperous future of our country.

If we talk about the causes of large of population in India, we find that the major cause of the same is illiteracy. People, especially who aren't properly educated remain unaware about the tragic outcomes of overpopulation. Early marriages and trifle knowledge of birth control among the masses also accounts to be one of the major reasons of the same.

Thus in order to control population increase, people must be made aware of the tragic outcomes of overpopulation and the best way to do so, is to promote awareness about the same. It can also be spread by means of social media, advertisements, camps, etc.

Now a days, many NGOs and government foundations have also been created which are making people aware of such concerns among the general people. In spite of that, still a large strata of society is yet to be made aware about these types of concerns. Small but concrete steps taken by us towards achieving a proper population balance will gradually lead us towards a better future. ■

**Nidheesh Rastogi**  
Class IX-B

## Clouds



*It is Hot  
The sky is blue  
A little cloud comes  
Looking for you.  
More clouds come  
They bring rain  
Sing and dance  
It's cool again! ■*

**Afham Kidwai**  
Class II-D

## Save Trees for the World

*Please save our trees.  
To make the world green.  
Don't destroy them around.  
Don't cut them all down.  
Please set all trees free.  
To save both you and me. ■*



**Sheikh Mohammad Moosa**  
Class KG-B

## Make it Green

*Lives are crying because it's not clean,  
Earth is dying because it's not green ...  
Earth is our dear Mother, don't pollute it,  
She gives us food and shelter, just salute it.  
With Global warming, it's in danger,  
Let's save it by becoming a game changer  
....  
With dying trees and animals, it's in sorrow,  
Make green today and green tomorrow....  
With melting snow, one day it will sink,  
How can we save it, just think ....  
Trees are precious, preserve them,  
Water is a treasure, reserve it ....  
Grow more trees, make Mother Earth green,  
Reduce pollution and make her a Queen ... ■*

**Arnav Chauhan**  
Class V-C



*"Lose as if you like it and win as if you are used to it"*



*"To climb steep hills, slow pace is required"*



*"Be the change you want the world to be"*



## Sasha Tyber is Locked

(Genre : #fantasy #adventure #science #fiction)

As the skies turn red and the planet trembles, America stands on the brink of disaster. However, a determined teenager named Sasha sets out on a mission to save her country. Able to see supernatural forces that others cannot, it's up to her to close the mysterious doors that are spreading chaos across the land. A perilous journey awaits as the fate of America rests on her shoulders.



Sasha Tyber is a 17 year old high school girl who lives with her aunt in Los Angeles. One morning while heading to school Sasha encounters a young man searching for abandoned areas with doors. She tells him about an old resort nearby, then follows the man herself to the resort. Sasha finds a door standing alone on its frame, which shows a starlit field through the doorway, but she is unable to enter it. She picks up a cat statue which becomes a real cat and flees. Frightened, she heads back to school. During lunch time, Sasha notices a blaze like column arising from the site of the resort that nobody else can see. Returning there, she finds the man from

before, trying to close the door. Seeing him struggle and get injured, Sasha rushes to help. They successfully close the door and the red column disappears, but not before crashing invisibly into the town and causing earthquake like damage.

Sasha takes the man, Mike Holland, to her home to bandage his wound. He explains that he travels across the world, finding and locking doors in abandoned places to prevent a giant supernatural "worm" from causing earthquakes. The cat from the resort appears and turns Mike into the dino shaped chair he was sitting on. Mike, now a dino-faced chair, chases the cat to a ferry headed for San Diego with Sasha following. He describes the cat as a keystone, and that the worm was released after its removal from near the abandoned door.

At San Diego, the pair use clues on social media from locals who have photographed the cat and named it "Romsy" to follow it across Phoenix, the location of next door, a mother named Rumi picks them up since she's from there. When they arrive at the city Rumi asks Sasha to baby sit her twin toddlers and help serve customers at her bar afterward. At the bar Sasha finds Romsy sitting with the patrons waiting for them to notice him and the worm reemerging. Sasha and Mike chase after Romsy to an old abandoned amusement park where the work is located. Mike demands that Romsy turn back into a keystone, but he refuses, wanting to "play" with Sasha. Sasha asked to close the door is enchanted by seeing the starlit field again but this time with her childhood self and an unknown female figure in the distance. Mike has to abandon fighting the cat in order to save Sasha from falling and to make sure the portal is closed. After locking the door Mike explains the portal leads to Ever - After where souls go after death. In the night, it is revealed that Mike is losing his sense of self in his chair form.

After tracking Romsy to San Antonio, Mike has Sasha take him to his apartment. He explains how the worm is sealed by the placement of two keystones in Eastern and Western America. The Western keystone has become the cat Romsy, while the location of the Eastern keystone is obscure. Romsy reappears and reveals that he has passed the function of the keystone to Mike's chair form. After dinking the reemerged worm, Mike turns into a keystone, leaving Sasha to seal it away. After the strange turn of events Sasha finds herself in a water cave housing San Antonio's doorway. Romsy approaches Sasha excitedly, hoping that she would accept him as her pet but she furiously drives Romsy away leaving Romsy heart broken.

Reuniting with her aunt Susan, who followed her from Los Angeles, Sasha visits Mike's grandfather at an hospital. He explains that Sasha's ability to see worms is the result of her entering the Ever-After realm once before. Moreover, the doorway that she first used is the only way for her to enter the realm again and save Mike.

Susan travels back to her home town in a village nearby. At a rest stop along the way she discovers that her aunt was possessed by the Eastern keystone. Susan takes Sasha to the ruins of the old home where they used to live with Susan's sister. Sasha finds the portal and enters in it with Romsy and the Eastern keystone. While Romsy distracts the worm, Sasha awakens Mike and turns him in human form. Realizing the expense of his freedom Romsy returns to being a keystone. With both the seals intact the worm is sealed once again.

Mike noticed a 12 years old version of Sasha who was lost in the Ever-After. The present Sasha returns her younger self her dino chair and leading her out of the realm for Susan to find her. After this Mike and Sasha also return to their world so as to marry 5 years later. ■

**Shaurya Shukla**  
Class VIII-B

## The Magical Pen

Nitika was a very bright student. She always stood first in class. She used to believe that the pen she used to have, had some magic in it, that is why she always stood first.

There was a girl, Ritu, who felt jealous of Nitika.

Once there was a Maths competition. Nitika was fully prepared for it. But Ritu misplaced her pen and when the Maths question paper came, Nitika panicked as she could not find her pen. She failed in the competition.

When her class teacher came to know, she called Nitika and reassured her. She gave her the paper again to solve it calmly. This time she did all the problems correctly. Now Nitika understood that it was the magic of her intelligence and not the magic of pen.

She thanked her teacher.

**Moral : Believe in your hard work. ■**



**Ronit Rai**  
Class III-C



## A Soapy Story



Once upon a time, in a small village tucked away in the rolling hills of the countryside, there lived a man named Raghav. Raghav was a quirky fellow who loved to make people laugh. He was always up to something mischievous and had a knack for getting himself into comical situations.

One day, he decided that he wanted to start his own business. He had always been fascinated by the idea of making and selling his own products, so he decided to try his hand at making soap.

Raghav spent countless hours researching and experimenting with different ingredients and scents until he finally came up with the perfect recipe for his soap. It was made with only the finest natural ingredients and smelled absolutely divine.

Excited to share his creation with the world, Raghav set up a small stand in the village square and began selling his soap. Initially, things went well. People were curious about his product and eager to try it out.

However, things quickly took a hilarious turn when one of his customers started to experience some unexpected side effects of using Raghav's soap. The customer, a grumpy old man named Birju, had purchased a bar of Raghav's lavender-scented soap and had used it to wash his face.

To his surprise, Birju's face had turned bright purple! He was so shocked by his reflection in the mirror that he promptly marched back to the village square to demand an explanation from Raghav.

Raghav was dumbfounded. He had never heard of anyone turning purple on using soap before! After some investigation, he realized that he had accidentally mixed in some beet juice instead of lavender oil, which was causing the unexpected side effects.

Despite the mishap, Raghav refused to give up on his dream of making and selling soap. He spent the next few days frantically experimenting with different ingredients and scents until he finally found the perfect combination.

This time, he was sure he had nailed it. He set-up his stand in the village square once again and began selling his new and improved soap.

To his delight, people were once again eager to try out his product. And this time, there were no expected side effects!

Raghav's soap became a sensation in the village. People couldn't get enough of it and were constantly asking him for more. Raghav was thrilled. He had finally found his calling in life.

From that day onward, Raghav came to be known as the Soap Master of the village. He continued to experiment with new ingredients and scents and his soap became more and more popular with each passing day.

Raghav slowly expanded his business and in no time his soaps became famous all across the globe.

And as for Birju, he never did quite manage to shake off that purple hue, but he couldn't stay mad at Raghav for long, especially once he realized how much everyone else was enjoying Raghav's soap.

In the end, Raghav's soap business was a huge success, and he lived happily ever after, surrounded by the sweet smell of success. ■

**Mohammad Hussian Abbas**

*Class XI-C*

## I am in St. Francis' College because :



Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom. I love my St. Francis' College, because it is the best school of the city. My teachers are kind to me. I love my school because it offers me a joyful atmosphere. The school is the place that prepares us for a good tomorrow. My school is located in a beautiful place with green trees. The school campus is full of grassy grounds, flowers and clean environment. It is a wonderful place to learn and grow. I am proud to be a member of St. Francis' family. ■

**Nakesh Agarwal**

*Class III-B*

## What's More Beautiful Than Nature?

*What's more beautiful than nature?  
What's more fascinating than nature?*

*From the massive mountains to the  
meandering rivers*

*From towering trees, to the blooming flowers*

*When Science gives up, then Nature steps in*

*So many Marvellous minds yet none at par  
with nature.*

*What's more glamorous than nature?*

*Is there anything more powerful than nature?*

*From the Sun's light to the star of night*

*From the air we breathe to the beautiful seas*

*From the sky that's blue to the land beneath  
you*

*Look around, it's all nature, we are nature.*



**Riddhesh Yadav**

*Class XI-B*





## Happiness



As humans we have an instinct for curiosity and complex behaviour. The urge to achieve more is never ending; there is minimal satisfaction. Making more money, achieving high positions, fame and name - all these goals oriented pursuits are not significant in themselves. The more you achieve, the more you crave for. Any experience of happiness or joy is shortlived. What makes a life significant or insignificant? Why does one pursue those goals? What makes one happy? If only we knew the answers to these

questions, would be able to come up with ways to tune our consciousness?

From Lord Krishna to Lord Buddha to Socrates and Gandhi, circumspect individuals were more than willing to advise us on how to live a happy life. Theirs were all simple traditions and pertinent ideas, an attempt to deepen human understanding of living well and happily. Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita taught us all about karma and selfless actions. Buddha gave us the eightfold path. Socrates believed the best way to live was to focus on the pursuit of virtues rather than the pursuit of material wealth. Gandhi gave the message of non-violence, truth, simplicity and sacrifices as the path to happy living. Happy living means thinking right without desiring for more material gains, the acquisitions of which may cause behavioural problems like anger, anxiousness, intolerance and dejection that subtract from our happiness. Stress due to outstanding debts may cause anger, impatience and intolerance and your behaviour might get out of control, if you're not choosing right responses, but merely reacting emotionally, you become a victim of your own circumstances. As a result, mental illness such as depression and anxiety may overpower you and push you to take extreme measures.

The drama of life and human reactions and consequent behaviours are strange indeed. Your near and dear ones might get closer to you when the going is good but may distance themselves from you in the hour of need and grief. How does one deal with the highs and lows of life, and face challenges with strength and equanimity? First we need to come to terms with the fact that pleasure is delivered from something outside whereas joy arises from within. The cause of unhappiness is never the situation, but it is all about the thought. Therefore, separate the thought from the situation and set the thought to find its balance in the equanimity if stillness. Right living comes from right thinking, for it is the thought that ultimately translates into action. Contentment is something that engineers right living and helps one find joy within. When one feels satisfied, a feeling of calm is experienced and there is no urge to acquire more even at the cost of one's health and relationship.

Craving for more and more is attributed to lack of resistance against material allurements. The Bhagavad Gita defines suffering caused by faulty thinking, perspectives, beliefs and attitudes which are taking a toll on our emotional state. The solution for all problems lies in resolving them through transformation of our understanding.

People can train themselves to be happier by changing the way they think and perceive the world. The people who live simple lives and think straight are happier. They feel less stressed and less depressed because they have figured out a way to balance their lives with their living environment. ■

**Abhyuday Verma**  
Class VIII-A

## Mankind's Greatest Failure

In the beginning, there was only the Earth, a lush and vibrant planet teeming with life. But as time passed, mankind emerged, and with it came greed, corruption, and a thirst for power that would ultimately lead to their greatest failure.



At first, it seemed innocent thought. Mankind began to explore and tame the wilds of the Earth, building cities and civilizations and carving out their own little corners of the world. But with each new advancement, they grew more and more arrogant, believing themselves to be the master of their own fate.

It wasn't long before their greed got the better of them. They began to exploit the Earth, stripping its resources and exploiting its inhabitants for their own gain. The more they took, the more they wanted, until their thirst for power and wealth became insatiable. As the years passed, the Earth began to suffer under the weight of mankind's abuses. The skies grew darker, the water grew poisoned, and the land grew barren. Mankind was blind to the destruction they had wrought, too focused on their own wants and needs to see the damage they were causing.

And then came the day when it all came crashing down. The earth began to rebel against its abusers, unleashing devastating storms, earthquakes, and other natural disasters that tore apart everything mankind had built. People scrambled to save themselves, but it was too late. Their fate had already been sealed.

In the aftermath, few survivors were left to pick up the pieces of a shattered world. They had no homes, no food, and no resources left, and they were forced to face the harsh reality of their own mortality. They had brought about their own downfall, and there was no one to blame but themselves.

The scars would always remain, a constant reminder of the consequences of unchecked greed and power, mankind's greatest failure. ■

**Mohammad Husain Abbas**  
Class XI-C



## Artificial Intelligence and It's Importance



In today's world, technology has become a valuable part of our lives. The everyday machines and gadgets are ever evolving aspects, which are brought about regular innovations on a regular basis. One such type is Artificial Intelligence (AI). Artificial Intelligence is the thinking and intelligence of the machines. This intelligence is very different from human's intelligence. Speech recognition and translation between languages are some of the most common tasks performed by it.

The origin of Artificial Intelligence is traced back to around 1956. The leaders wanted to develop a system which could do anything, from solving algebraic problems to speaking and understanding English. Since then, intelligence has gone through a phase of numerous advancements. Some of the other things which can be performed by AI are reasoning and the ability to control and manipulate things.

In today's time, there are a variety of types in which AI is used. Search Engines like Google Search, Recommendation Systems used by applications like YouTube and the option of Human Recognition Speech in the form of devices like Alexa are some of the common applications of AI used now-a-days.

The main goal of this intelligence is to make the work of humans easier. Besides this, it is also used for reasoning and problem solving, representation of knowledge, perception of machines, learning of computer algorithms and many more. Invention of Smart Traffic Lights in the year 2009 also contributes as one of the most important innovation in AI.

While Artificial Intelligence is evolving rapidly, there are also many concerns raised about it's impact in the upcoming period of time. There is also a fear that it would completely replace the human race in the upcoming times, as predicted by Scientist Stephen Hawkings. It could also lead to less or even no job opportunities for people. AI may also become biased to some people after becoming used to the world and the nature of humans. This is learned by them automatically according to the environment, and not by programmers and system designers. If this technology falls into wrong hands, it may increase the risks of cybercrime in the upcoming times.

In the recent times, applications have been made which could edit photos, documents and videos, make music, write codes and so on, all because of AI. Automatic cars like Waymo are also one of the most recent developments in AI. Companies like Google and Microsoft have made their advanced search engines in the form of BARD and ChatGPT, which helps in providing knowledge and solving problems by giving solutions in the form of human-like interaction.

Artificial Intelligence is very essential for the coming generations. It could reduce the efforts of humans and can easily carry out the required tasks. Recent developments are a good sign for the future of AI. However, we must not become too over dependent on these machines, as it may result not only in worsening of physical and mental state, but also it would deprive our state of social well being.

**Soham Agarwal**  
Class VIII-B

## **ChatGPT in Education : The Pros, Cons and the Unknown of AI**

***The remarkable language modeler took the world by storm late last year, but how will it really change things in education?***



ChatGPT is an advance Chatbot automation with General Pre-trained Transformer, going to revolutionize everything in the world of Technology. The Chatbot with huge memory is much better than Google, hence a panic wave to Google and Search Engine.

We have heard a lot about Artificial Intelligence in Science-Fiction movies and related stories, seems to be futuristic has become so popular among people in a very short period, which we had not even imagined. But friends, the things which we common human cannot imagine, it can make those things possible and seriously anything is possible when it comes to AI with the support of Microsoft.

ChatGPT is generative AI, or AI tool used to generate original text, images and sound by responding to conversational text prompts. As a natural language processing model, ChatGPT is trained on data sources such as books, websites and other text-based materials. Using algorithms and machine learning techniques, ChatGPT can recognize patterns in language and generate appropriate responses based on the given input. This generative AI has various features helpful in the field of education, as it can be used in Conversations, it remembers previous communications, Self-correction is possible, it has enormous applications in all fields and it declines inappropriate results.

However, it has many shortcomings like, it is human bias amplified as the information provided to it is by human only. The cost to run it is very very high. Incorrect information may be generated. It has limited information of past 2021. Human creativity can be challenged and it can be a biggest challenge to school education, as the students are already dependent of Mobile and Internet.

Because the AI tool appeared rather suddenly and was quickly adopted by students, educators are brainstorming and sharing ideas in their networks. Some classes or schools consider the use of generative AI to academic misconduct, while students in other classes may be encouraged or even required to use it. Since ChatGPT can solve all the problems, you name, there is larger related concern that students will rely on it to such an extent that they do not learn to produce original content. Therefore, some shools have banned the use of ChatGPT. ■

**Granth Srivastava**  
Class VII-A



## Write or Wrong

**The story dates back to the stoneage times.**

*\*Caveman enters into his house and sees his wife drawing.\**

**Caveman :** What's that funny drawing you've made?

**Cavewoman :** It's A, for alphabet, which will teach us to write.

**Man :** Write? What's that?

**Woman:** Spoken words are forgotton. But when we write, our words will be there for everyone to remember. It's like when you go for hunting A mammoth, you can leave a note informing me about it. I can do the same, when I go to pluck the fruits or hunting.

**Man :** Golly! It means writing will give us post-it notes?

**Woman :** It'll give us more, like diaries, which will record what happens which would be called History and book, which will tell the future generations, about us!

**Man :** Wow! History ..... sounds cool!

**Women :** It is cool, or will be cool. But unfortunately, I know some people will change it to suit their own needs. Writing, will give us other interesting things too, like civilisation, science, literature, social media - and most important of all freedom of expression, which means you can write anything you want, so long as it's not meant to cause mischief.

**Man :** Woah! I like this freedom of expression!

**Woman :** So, will a lot of people, like novelists, authors, poets and so on .....

**Man :** So, being a freedom of expressionist, like the people you told about, errrrr ....

**Woman :** Novelists?

**Man :** Yeah, novelists, but will they be classified as VHO, Very Hazardous Occupation?

**Woman :** Yes, it will be on the top of that list!

**Man :** But, if it would be so dangerous, why would people practise it?

**Woman :** Because they'll feel or understand that it is worth living for and also got something that has risk dying for.

**Man :** But, are you sure this will happen?

**Woman :** Yes, I know it will happen, because of a special kind of writing, the writing on the wall... ■



**Vihaan Dwivedi**  
Class VII-A

## Studies are our Greatest Fear



Studies are our greatest fear,  
It becomes worse when our exams are near.  
Studying thoroughly is always right,  
We have to be brave as a knight,  
We have to be courageous even though it is  
not a fight,  
studies are our actual teachers which increase  
our inner might.

Actually studies are not so hard,  
But they are also not easy as making a  
birthday card.  
They are our protector and our actual guard,  
It includes everything from easy to hard.

Work hard and don't waste your time,  
Study hard or tomorrow your finances will  
not be fine,  
If you ignore this message, this is your fine,  
You won't have money to buy or dine.

When we'll love studies as if it is our near  
and dear,  
then studies will not be our greatest fear,  
It will become better, when the exams will  
come near. ■

**Aarnav Pandey**  
Class VI-A

## Franciscan Forever

A journey better than many,  
Tho a feeling unlike any,  
The memories of these years were fun,  
And together as Franciscans everyone stood  
as one.

A moment that can never come back,  
Only the memories with numb eyes, just that  
"Pepsi Cola Lollipop" will lack.

Unlike others it wasn't about just being a  
student,

It was more about the Franciscan unity  
That never came to an end. ■

**Nakul Mehra**  
Class VIII-B



## Don't Give Up

When things go wrong as  
They sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging  
Seems all uphill.

When funds are low  
And debts are high,  
And you want to smile  
But you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing  
You down a bit,  
Rest, if you must,  
But don't you quit. ■



**Lavik Chanani**  
Class II-B



## In Search of New Energy



It would be hard to imagine a world without power, but it is easy to forget that the convenience we rely on everyday comes from sources that may one day run out or fail on us. Fossil fuels have powered our society since the industrial revolution, but unless we reduce our reliance on them, they will eventually be gone. Before this happens, they may have irreparably damaged our environment due to carbon emissions. Society is always looking for new avenues to meet its energy needs. The next power source is likely to be a range of energy sources combine to meet the world's demand

from hydropower to, one day, nuclear fusion which is at experimental stage today.

Burning coal has been a source of heat for mankind since ancient times. Coal is plant material from million of years ago that was buried and through heat, pressure and time beneath the earth, these plants formed into dense black substance we know today. Since it is made up of previously living organic matter, coal is considered a fossil fuel.

There are other fossil fuels that developed in a similar manner, such as natural gas, oil like petrol. fossil fuels may be the energy source of the present, but there is a little chance of being source of our future.

When we talk about nuclear energy, we are usually talking about nuclear fission, in which a controlled chain reaction is set off in enriched Uranium or Plutonium creating heat.

When we think of renewable energy, most of us think of the wind, water and sun. Today, despite some heavy investment in wind farms, solar panels and hydroelectric plants, these sources have only ever been able to supply a little of our energy needs. They have always been secondary sources of power, but these sources have limitations. The sun only shines during a day, the wind does not blow all the time and waves crash on the coast on a schedule too.

There are a few lesser known energy generation technologies that deserve a mention. When pure hydrogen is combined with oxygen the chemical reaction generates energy, the only byproduct being water. Biomass most commonly refers to using plants, especially crops as soy, as a material for burning.

Geothermal energy refers to the heat from beneath the earth's crust. There are multiple ways of harnessing the earth's natural energy.

It's clear that the question how will we generate power in the future?, It needs to be taken seriously. Science does not yet have all the answers. We will continue to use a mix of energy sources for the foreseeable future and they may never be a perfect solution, but with Science, government and culture at large pushing for it, a truly sustainable future may one day be reality. ■

**Shubh Sahai**  
Class V-B

## The Winged Hussars : Siege of Vienna

12th September, 1683, Vienna was besieged by the forces of the Ottoman Empire. The Holy Roman Empire and The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, both under the command of King John III Sobieski, fought the Ottomans and their vassal armies in order to defend Vienna from Ottoman annexation.

The Ottoman Army numbered around 1,70,000 men and 60 guns while The Christian Coalition had 90 000 soliders and some 140 guns. The seige lasted about 2 months. The battered defenders of Vienna had been firing every night .... hoping some day .... from somewhere .... a relief force would come to save the city. The Ottoman Nobleman, Kara Mustafa, was relentless in his war. He would spare no quarter.



One such night, when a rocket was fired, a rocket returned. The Holy League had arrived ... the cavalry had arrived. Kara Mustafa had realized the presence of enemy forces approaching. He decided to face the defenders and the relief force simultaneously. He deployed his finest janissaries and his sipahi cavalry against the city and a rag-tag group of troops to face the Holy league. The city is surrounded by rugged terrain which made moving in a formation difficult for the coalition troops. Kara Mustafa's men fired at the disorganised coalition infantry. The left wing of the coalition had prematurely attacked and much to the coalition leaders's horror, the rear followed suit. A fierce battle started with both ends, receiving heavy losses.

Later in the battle, the coalition troops maintained some form of discipline and made their formations. The important fortified towns changed hands several times in attacks and counter attacks. Eventually through, the Ottomans were defeated and pushed into the plains. Kara Mustafa now was surrounded. The coalition artillery devastated the elite Ottoman troops. To soften them up, cavalry sorties were conducted by the coalition.

And then .... the winged Hussars charged. The entire mountain turned black with dust as the massive cavalry charge took place. 3,000 Winged Hussars charged at the Ottoman camp head first and dealt the killing blow. Kara Mustafa managed to escape, but he was later executed for his defeat.

This defeat cost the Ottomans dearly and the Ottomans lost Hungary and much of the Balkans to the Hapsburg Monarchy. ■

**Avhinav Sah**  
Class VIII-C

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*“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet”*



## Currency of Highest Value



Time is a precious commodity that we must use judiciously. Every second that passes by, is a moment we can never reclaim. In a world where time is money, it is essential to make the most from every minute we have.

The effective use of time requires discipline, focus and a clear set of priorities. We must learn to prioritize tasks and not allocate our time on trivial matters or procrastinate important tasks.

We must also learn to balance our time between work, play and personal development. Though it's important to work hard, we should also take the time to pursue our hobbies and interests. We should also prioritize our health and well-being by engaging in physical exercise, meditation and other self care practices.

Ultimately, the effective use of time is a key factor in achieving success and living a satisfied life. By making every moment count, we can maximize our potential and make a positive impact on the world around us. After all, journey of a thousand miles starts from a single step. ■

**Rudransh Yadav**  
Class VIII-A

## Cool Fun Facts

- ➔ Do you know that kangaroos cannot walk backwards!! **Imagine the plight of not having a back gear!!**
- ➔ All kids are born colour blind!! **Oops!**
- ➔ Snails can take a nap of as long as 3 years!! **That's some sleepy head!!!**
- ➔ Do you know, goats have square pupils not round!!
- ➔ An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain!! **Oops! That's too small a brain for such a huge body!!**
- ➔ Horses can sleep standing and never fall over because they can lock their knees!!
- ➔ Human brain uses energy equal to a 10-watt bulb while thinking! **This is one electrifying fact!!**
- ➔ A blue whale's tongue weighs heavier than an elephant!!
- ➔ Octopuses have three hearts!! **What a hearty guy!!** ■



**Avyaan**  
Class I-A

## The Future is Here ! Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Artificial Intelligence which is abbreviated as AI is the most advanced and widely emerging field of Science and Technology. The term 'Artificial Intelligence' was first coined in 1956 by John McCarthy. Therefore, he is also known as father of AI. It is a next generation intelligence incorporated into the machines that can respond according to different situations. AI will form the basis of our future generation.



In simple words, AI means incorporation of an extra intelligent human beings' brain into the machines by which machines, computers, robots etc. will be able to react like living things.

So that, these machines can become capable of learning, planning, problems solving and responding as like human brain. It's very helpful in Science, Technology, human knowledge as such. AI is very useful in health management, robotic surgery, aviation, education etc. But misuse of AI in wars and other negative aspects may cause a permanent damage to human civilization. Pt. Jawarhar Lal Nehru said "Its you to decide the use of Knife to cut the fruits or to cut the hands", so it should be used in welfare and strengthening of human civilization. Famous socio-anthropologist, Max Weber though that "Science and Technology is the wheel of society". Therefore, its our prime responsibility to explore maximum innovative knowledge of AI and use it wisely for our well-being. ■

**Aditya Raj Upadhyay**  
Class V-B

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## The Boy and Cashew Nuts

A boy was very fond of cashew nuts, so his mother always gave him a few nuts to eat. The boy always asked her for more nuts. Every time the mother would say, "No, my dear, not so many at a time. If you eat too many at a time, you get pain in your stomach." The stern voice of his mother made the boy quiet. But he never felt that what she said was right.



One day the boy was alone in the house. His mother had gone out for some work. The boy managed to get at the jar of cashew nuts. There was no one to stop him eating that day so he ate as many cashew nuts as he could.

Next day the boy fell sick. He suffered from a severe pain in his stomach. He felt sorry for not obeying his mother.

**Moral of the story : Your Elders are your well-wishers. Obey them. ■**

**Tanush Sharma**  
Class I-A



## Metaverse



The word “Metaverse” is first used in 1992 in a Science Fiction novel “Snow Crash” by Neal Stephenson. The word metaverse is made up of two words “meta” and “universe” in which “meta” signifies the 3D virtual space and “verse” to universe. It creates an imagination with the help of internet in the immersive technology ‘VR’ and ‘AR’.

Metaverse is a network of 3D virtual worlds (social + economic). It is advancement of the technology such as AR and VR to exaggerate the development progress of various related technologies. It is a 3D virtual space where human experience — life exist.

The vision of Mark Zuckerberg (The CEO of Meta) is to make metaverse the successor of mobile internet. He said “we’ll be able to feel present, like we are right there with people, no matter how far apart we actually are. We’ll be able to express ourselves new, joyful, completely immersive ways and that’s going to unlock a lot of amazing new experience.”

Components of metaverse have already been developed within online video games such as Minecraft and many others. It has many aspects of social media to immerse into a three-dimensional world with the user represented as an avatar.

The software used to make metaverse possible is Universal Scene Description by Pixar.

Metaverse approaches many platform independent graphics and visual software but it was as per the government standard norms. It has been reported that bringing this technology will require more of the 1000 times efficient increase in computer’s infrastructure. Although it requires struggle with high quality and still might require much more time to be well stabled. ■

**Arjun Srivastava**  
Class VII-B

## 11 Interesting Facts about Quantum Physics

- ❖ Something can be both a wave and a particle.
- ❖ Objects can be in two places at once.
- ❖ It may lead us towards a multiverse.
- ❖ It helps us characterize stars.
- ❖ Without it the sun wouldn’t shine.
- ❖ It stops dead stars from collapsing.
- ❖ It causes black holes to evaporate.
- ❖ It explains the universe’s large-scale structure.



- ❖ Quantum Entanglement is a complex phenomenon which simply means once two particles are entangled in a pair, they both become dependent upon each other and are affected by each other's events, no matter how far apart they are or what lies between them.
- ❖ Retrocausality (or backwards causation) is a complex concept of cause and effect in which a future event affects a past one.
- ❖ The interaction between entangled quantum particles is faster than the speed of light. ■

**Shaurya Rastogi**  
Class VIII-C

## Aazadi Ka Mahaparv

On the 75<sup>th</sup> year of independence from captivity is no doubt an occasion to celebrate and rejoice. 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence is yet another milestone in the Indian history. Celebrating Aazadi Ka Mahaparv give us a sense of belongingness and being an intrinsic part of the country.



75<sup>th</sup> years ago we had broken the chains of being commanded and governed by people who didn't even belong to this land. It is time to pay homage to our leaders because of whom we stand tall with pride as we hoist the flag.

The Government has started a new initiative called '**Har Ghar Tiranga**' that instils a feeling of '**Har Man Tiranga**'. There has to be a tricolour, the spirit of strength and courage (Saffron), purity innocence (White) and last but not the least life, fertility, renewal, and resurrection (Green) leading to a feeling of patriotism and the courage to die for our country in our heart.

We have time and time again proved ourselves be it during Covid, Olympics or the Commonwealth Games. During the time of covid we followed the government rules and regulations to be able to defeat this virus. With a total of 22 gold medals won in the commonwealth games we are climbing the ladder in every aspect. Today the perception of most countries has changed towards India. Now countries understand our vast cultural, economics, defence, natural, resources strength. We have continuously demonstrated unity even in such diverse conditions.

I would like to end with few lines of one of my favourites song..... ■

तेरी मिट्टी में मिल जावां,  
गुल बनके मैं खिल जावां  
इतनी सी है दिल की आरजू

तेरी नदियों में बह जावां  
तेरी खेतों में लहरावां  
इतनी सी है दिल की आरजू

**Jai Hind !! Mera Bharat Mahaan !!!**

**Advay Jain**  
Class VIII-B





## Investiture Ceremony

**JUNIOR**

**SENIOR**



Pledging to be responsible office-bearers



Oath-taking by the Student Council



Pinning the badge of honour !



Prefects for the academic year 2022-23



Proud Moment - Junior Office Bearers



Captains of various Sports Teams



## Bidding Farewell to Fr. Lawrence

## Welcoming Fr. Anup



“Appreciation for your services and dedication”



“Applause to new beginnings”



“Our Good wishes and prayers for a successful future”



“We offer you our support and cooperation”



Three cheers for all your efforts and Hard Work,  
Fr. Lawrence



Proud to be part of the Franciscan Family





## Independence Day

## On Field Action



Releasing of the doves 'Symbol of Peace'



The Perfect jump to score a BASKET



A floral Tribute to the Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Ronald D'Souza



Hitting out for the perfect SIX



Perfectly synchronised March-Past



Striking the GOAL



Teachers' Day



“Teacher ~ our second parent, we love you”



Thank you dear teachers for your devotion and dedication



“Aim for the sky, you’ll surely reach your goal”  
~ Staff vs Students Basketball match



Prize Winners on Teachers Day





# Patron's Day



Concelebrated Holy Mass to begin the day



Mr. Prakash D., I.A.S., being welcomed as Chief Guest for the Special Assembly



Mrs. B. Sharma being felicitated on completing 25 years of service



Mr. H. K. Gregory being felicitated on completing 25 years of service



Mrs. V. David being felicitated on completing 25 years of service



A contingent of Old Boys ready for the March Past



## Annual Concert



Come Let's Praise the Lord ~ Prayer Dance



Something to talk About' ~ English Play



Adding colour and gaiety to the evening



Ex-Principals Rev. Fr. Vincent Pinto (L) and  
Rev. Fr. V. Nazareth (R) in attendance



The College Choir ~ Eighty students singing  
in perfect harmony



Retro Jam ~ Dancing in Perfect Sync is Retro Music





The  
Franciscan

2022 ~ 2023

## Annual Concert



Karmo-Ka-Phal ! Hindi Play



Orchestra ~ Jamming in to the time of Pancham (R. D. Burman)



The 'Pied Piper' drove the rats away



Orchestra replicating Boney M's Rasputin



The Prodigal Son ~  
God the ever patient and forgiving Father



Fiesta of Life ~ Choreography



**S.F.C. – M.U.N.**



Serious discussions on the International State of Affairs



Delegates deep in thought !



Another feather to the SFC Cap !



Inauguration of the SFC~MUN





## Children's Day Fete



"Snip, Snap ~ Let the good times roll!"



"I declare the Fete open" ~  
Manager, Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza



"Dropping the hoop in the bottle"



"Delectable Cuisine"



"The most coveted stall"



"Let's have a blast at the kiddies corner"



## Corpus Christi Procession

### Feast of Christ the King!



“Open the Gates for the King of Kings”



Celebrating, Christ the King of the Universe



Let us bow in adoration !  
Benediction at St. Francis' College



“Marching back for peace and hope”





## Christmas Festivities!

## Principal's Birthday Celebration



Message of Christmas by the Principal  
~ Love, Hope and Peace



May you blossom like the flowers ~  
A floral tribute by the Manager Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza



Waiting in anticipation for the Jolly Santa Claus



Our Little well-wishers greeting  
Rev. Fr. Rajesh on his birthday



'A Saviour is born'



Greeting Our Principal, Rev Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza  
with a beautiful card



**Cantata-Di-Natale ~ 2022**  
**Carol Singing Competition for Teachers**



Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Denis Naresh Lobo addressing the gathering ~



La Martiniere College ~ Laudable performance !



Consolation Prize jointly shared by La Martiniere Girls' College



Claiming the third position ~ St. Mary's Convent Inter College



Runners-up ~ St. Agnes' Loreto Day School



Champion of Champions ~ St. Francis' College



The Chief Guest and Principals of the participating institutions ~ "Moment of Great Pride"



Mellifluous onstage performances are becoming the hallmark of the Competition!





## Republic Day



Welcoming our Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Elias Cardoza with a floral tribute



NCC Contingent ~ Saluting the Flag



The Chief Guest addressing the gathering ~  
“The Importance & Significance of the Constitution”



Tricolour Kites a symbol to soar and reach the skies



Winners of the Cock-House Shield shared by St. Andrew's House & St. George's House





## Farewell - Class 12

## Staff Excursion ~ Uttrakhand



“We answered when duty called”  
~ Handing over the College Flag



“In the Lap of Nature” ~ Bonhomie unlimited



“Good bye to you my trusted friends”



“Heading towards fun and adventure”



“Bright, spruced and ready to face the world”



“The unmissable point, Cheese”





*Bidding Adieu to our Stalwarts !*



“Thank you dear Ma’am for nurturing our young minds”



“A token of appreciation for sincere service and dedication”



“Smiles to lighten you path and lend joy and happiness”



“For a fruitful journey ahead”



“Service and Commitment”



“An expression of gratitude and satisfaction”



“Will always be proud to be a part of the Franciscan Family” ~ Mrs. B. Sharma



The Staff Choir giving a musical farewell









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# *The Franciscan*

2022-2023



## APRIL 2022

**1st April : Commencement of New Academic Session** : The new Academic Session began after a hiatus of two years due to the Pandemic. It was very encouraging to see that students back on the campus. They were very excited to be back to school and meet their teachers. During the morning assembly, the Principal, Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza, welcomed the staff and students. He informed the students to be on time to the college, to be disciplined and not to bring the mobile phones to college, if it is urgently required, then it should be submitted in the Vice-Principal's office. He also welcomed in our midst two new staff members : Mrs. Rashmi Gurnani - PGT English & Ms. Vanessa Osta - TGT Science

The entire campus was abuzz with the excitement of the students. Parents too were pleased to escort their wards to and fro the campus.

### **8th April : Inter-House Hindi Elocution (VI-VIII)**

The Inter House Hindi Elocution was held and following were the results :

#### **Class - VI**

- First : Ayush Singh - VI-B (St. Patrick's House)  
Second : Harshit Agarwal - VI-C (St. Francis' House)  
Third : Arnesh Srivastava - VI-A (St. Patrik's House)

#### **Class - VII**

- First : Vihaan Dwivedi - VII-A (St. Andrew's House)  
Second : Sparsh Bhatnagar - VII-A (St. Francis' House)  
Third : Shashank Shekhar - VII-B (St. Patrick's House)

#### **Class - VIII**

- First : Shivansh Bansal - VIII-A (St. Patrick's House)  
Second : Hardik Singh - VIII-B (St. Andrew's House)  
Third : Yash Dubey - VIII-C (St. Patrick's House)

*The judges of the Competition were : (1) Mrs. Richa Srivastava, Cathedral Senior Secondary School; (2) Mrs. Ashima Dhulia, Christ Church College; (3) Mrs. Ruth Mrinalini Komal, Emma Thompson School. The competition was conducted by Mrs. Alice Dayal.*

**9th April : Investiture Ceremony** : The Student Council was invested with their badges and flags for the Academic Session 2022-23. The Programme began with the College Captain, Yash Kumar, taking his oath of office. This was followed by the House Captains, Prefects and Games Captain. The Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza addressed the new Student Council and gave them sound advice to be responsible in carrying out their duties. He advised them to develop the spirit of sacrifice and work hard. He told them to be humble, learn to obey, be well disciplined and set an example for the others. He said that a leader is chosen to lead others and when he stands out in a difficult situation, does he prove to be an exemplary leader. He told them that they represent a prestigious institution and must work hard to achieve success and bring laurels to the Institution. He wished them all the best and offered his support whenever needed. The programme concluded with the college Anthem. The list of the newly invested Student Council is as follows :





**College Captian :** Yash Kumar

**House Captains :** Siddhant Chandra (*St. Andrew's House*); Farhan Sheikh (*St. George's House*); Siddhant Jain (*St. Francis' House*); Kushagra Pandey (*St. Patrick's House*).

**Prefects :** Shikhar Srivastava, Shivansh Verma, Arnav Dev, Akshat Pratap Singh, Lokesh Rastogi, Adarsh Singh, Anmol Berry, Arpan Shalom, Vansh Agarwal.

**Sports Captains :** Chinmay P. Singh (*Football*); Danish Siddiqui (*Volleyball*); Fazal Mohd. Ali (*Table Tennis*); Manav Seth (*Badminton*); Aditya Kumar (*Cricket*); Joshva Das (*Swimming*); Vivek Singh (*Basketball*); Tammana Krishna Tejas (*Chess*); Shikhar Srivastava (*Athletics*).

**Editors :** Siddhant Mishra (*English*); Enosh Lamba (*Hindi*).

### 13th April : House English Elocution Competition (VI-VIII)

The following are the results of the competition :

#### Class-VI

*First* : Atharva Pandey - VI-C (*St. George's House*)

*Second* : Nikunj Mahendra - VI-A (*St. George's House*)

*Third* : Parth Pandey - VI-A (*St. Francis' House*)

#### Class-VII

*First* : Shardul Srivastava - VII-B (*St. Francis' House*)

*Second* : Sparsh Bhatnagar - VII-A (*St. Francis' House*)

*Third* : Rishit Srivastava - VII-C (*St. Patrick's House*)

#### Class - VIII

*First* : Ojasva Arora - VIII-C (*St. George's House*)

*Second* : Aryan Singh - VIII-D (*St. Andrew's House*)

*Third* : Sambhav Jain - VIII-C (*St. George's House*)

*The Judges of the Competition were :* (1) Mr. Mohit Jude - Cathedral Senior Secondary School; (2) Ms. Akanksha Singh - Emma Thompson School; (3) Mrs. Anugrah Singh - Christ Church College. *The competition was conducted by Mr. Savio J. Singh*

### 14th-18th April - Easter Break

#### 23rd April - Inter House Quiz Competition (VI-VIII)

Winners of the Inter-House Quiz Competition were :

*First* : *St. Andrew's House*

Samridh Kumar (VI-B); Vihaan Dwivedi (VII-A); Advay Jain (VIII-B)

*Second* : *St. Francis' House*

Amartya Pandey (VI-B); Ishaan Agarwal (VII-B); Rudransh Yadav (VIII-A)

*Third* : *St. Patrick's House*

Aayush Singh (VI-B); Aarush Bajpai (VII-A); Advik Singh (VIII-C)

*The Quiz was conducted by Mr. Ryan J. Francis.*

## MAY 2022

**2nd May :** Reyan Aziz Khan of Class X-A represented Uttar Pradesh in the Soft Tennis Sub-Junior National Championship held at Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir and won the Silver Medal in the Team Event.

**4th May - Labour Day Celebration :** On the occasion of Labour Day, the Support Staff of our College were felicitated. They were given a token of appreciation by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal said that it is a day to encourage all our workers who tirelessly work for the Institution in their respective areas. He attributed Labour's Day to St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of Churches and Schools and the Foster Father of Jesus. St. Joseph was a carpenter who toiled faithfully and sincerely. He not only taught Jesus, the occupation, but took good care of him as well. The Principal thanked the Support Staff for all their efforts in the smooth functioning of the Institution. The staff and students applauded them to express their appreciation for their service.

**7th May : Parent-Teachers Meeting :** The College campus was abuzz with the presence of the parents and students who eagerly met and interacted with the teachers and enquired about the well-being of their ward. It was encouraging to see a good footfall of parents on the College Campus.

**10th May :** Mr. Saurabh Kumar Dutt (*Teacher of Senior Section*) won a Bronze medal in the Strength Lifting Competition held at the Ranital Sports Complex, Jabalpur by lifting 230 kgs.

**14th May :** College closed for the Summer Vacations.

**16th -19th May : Staff Excursion to Nainital :** A group of teachers led by our Co-ordinator, Mr. D. Jackson went on a Staff Excursion to Nainital. The trip comprised sight-seeking to various places of interest. The Staff Members thoroughly enjoyed themselves and felt refreshed and rejuvenated.

**16th-28th May :** Summer Camp was held for the students. The activities covered in the camp were as follows :

- Speed / Mental Maths, Calligraphy, Communication and Language Improvement for classes I to VIII
- Music (Guitar and Keyboard) for classes III to IX
- Basketball for classes VI to XII

## JUNE 2022

**25th June : Birthday Celebrations and Farewell of our Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Lawrence Devin Norohna :** The staff members, headed by the Manager, Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza and the Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza gathered in the hall to greet Rev. Fr. Lawrence Devin on his Birthday and bid him farewell. Fr. Lawrence has been selected to go to Rome, for higher studies. He will do his Licentiate in Biblical Theology at Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome. This indeed is a golden opportunity and proud occasion for our College. The Programme began with a prayer by our Headmistress, Sr. Usha. Fr. Lawrence was greeted with bouquets of flowers by the Manager,





Principal, Headmistress, teachers of the Senior School represented by Mrs. S. Nair and Mrs. A. Kochar from the Junior School. Mr. Guido on behalf of the support staff too presented a bouquet. Fr. Donald D'Souza, gifted him a birthday Plaque on behalf of the Management. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Donald, thanked Fr. Lawrence for his contribution to the College as well as to the Parish. He said that Fr. Lawrence is a very talented priest and has worked relentlessly during the Pandemic by organising online competitions and events. He has been a great asset to the Institution and a spiritual leader. He wished him all the best and thanked him for everything.

Mrs. R. Jackson on behalf of the staff members, expressed her words of appreciation for Fr. Lawrence. She wished him on his birthday and said that he is a rare gem who has been specially blessed by God. She said that Fr. Lawrence has always been a very kind and approachable person. He would readily address our problems and find suitable solutions. He would even help the students who approached him. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza, thanked Fr. Lawrence for all that he did in the smooth working of the Institution. He praised him for his talents and skills and said that he would surely be blessed by God to rise in his priestly vocation. A Power Point presentation was displayed on the contributions of Fr. Lawrence towards the Institution. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza, presented him a Farewell Plaque on behalf of the college. The programme concluded with the College Anthem.

**30th June : Staff Meeting :** The Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza took a Staff Meeting and apprised the staff members with certain guidelines for the academic session. He also introduced and welcomed the new Vice-Principal Rev. Fr. Anup Lakra. He thanked Mrs. A. Sarkar, Mr. S. Massey, Mrs. S. Das and Miss Evelyn David for their service to the Institution. They resigned for personal reasons. He also welcomed the following new Staff Members : Dr. Ruchi Srivastava, Miss Pragya Pandey, Mrs. Beverly Reid and Mrs. Monika Lal. The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks by the Principal.

## **JULY 2022**

**1st July : College Re-opened after the Summer Vacation :** The College campus was abuzz once again as the students returned after the summer vacation, rejuvenated and refreshed. The Principal Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza welcomed the students. He advised them to be regular to the College as well as with their studies. He instructed them not bring the mobile phones to college. He welcomed the new teachers, Dr. (Mrs.) Ruchi Srivastava, Miss. Pragya Pandey.

**6th July :** The Principal welcomed Miss. Abhilasha Raghuvanshi, a new staff member who would teach English to classes VI-VII.

**11th July : Welcoming the new Vice-Principal, Rev. Fr. Anup Lakra :** The Principal, staff and students welcomed the new Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Anup Lakra at the morning assembly with a floral tribute and a welcome song. The Principal Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza introduced him and said that he is a good sportsman. He was working in St. Paul's Seminary. The Principal assured Fr. Anup Lakra of the support and co-operation of the Staff and students. Fr. Anup thanked everyone and expressed his pleasure of being associated with the College.

**11th - 16th July : Unit Test - I commences.**

**17th July : Results of ICSE (2022) declared :** The results of Class X (ICSE) was extremely successful and encouraging. Several students scored above 90%. The names of the first - three toppers are : *First* : Parv Mahajan - 97.66 %; *Second* : Uday Chauhan - 97.16 %; *Third* : Parth Agarwal - 97.00 %

**23rd July : Inter-House Talent Hunt Competition (VI-VIII)**

The results were as follows :

**Class-VI**

*First* : Ahaan Agarwal - VI-A (St. George's House)  
*Second* : Atharva Pandey - VI-C (St. George's House)  
*Third* : Ved Kumar - VI-B (St. Andrew's House)

**Class-VII**

*First* : Vihaan Dwivedi - VII-A (St. Andrew's House)  
*Second* : Esam Zafar - VII-D (St. Andrew's House)  
*Third* : Neer Saxena - VII-D (St. George's House)

**Class-VIII**

*First* : Yash Dubey - VIII-C (St. Patrick's House)  
*Second* : Aryan Singh - VIII-D (St. Andrew's House)  
*Third* : Shlok Bhattacharya - VIII-B (St. Francis' House)

*The Judges of the Competition were :* (1) Ms. Akansha Singh - Emma Thompson School; (2) Mr. Shane Castelino - Cathedral Senior Secondary School; (3) Mrs. Neena Singh - Christ Church College. *The Competition was conducted by Mr. Savio J. Singh.*

**23rd July : Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE), New Delhi conducted National Sports and Games, 2022**

*Certificate of Merit* : Kaarib Ahmad - X-A, First Runner-up under 17 category

*Certificate of Merit* : Yashvi Raj Yaduvanshi - First Runner-up under 17 category.

**24th July - Results of ISC (2022) were declared :** The students did exceedingly well. The toppers were : *First* : Joyjeet Banerjee - 98.25 %; *Second* : Siddharth Agarwal - 96.5 %; *Third* : Shreyansh Arora - 96.5 %

**26th July : ASISC U.P. and Uttarakhand Zonal Level Literary Competition - 2022 :** Mohammad Fazal Abbas (X-B) (Junior Category) secured the First position in the Declamation Contest which was held at City Montessori School, Asharfabad Campus. Arijit Chatterjee secured the Third position in the Senior Category.

**27th-29th July :** Our school participated in '**Entente**' an Inter-School Literary and Cultural event held at La Martiniere Girls' College, Lucknow. Our students bagged the following prizes :

1. Vansh Agarwal and Revant Sharma stood second in *Neurofrenzy*.
2. Devrat Singh Yadav, Shubham Singh, Harsh Kushwaha, Praharsh Saran and Satyavarat Singh stood first in *Aftershock*.





3. Aganjot Singh Behl stood second in *War of DJs*.
4. Arnav Dev, Anshuman Singh, Garv Gandhi, Siddhant Jain and Kushagra Pandey, stood first in *Shylock in Syndrome*.
5. Ojasva Arora stood second in *Trash to Treasure*.

**29th-30 July : ASISC Zonal Badminton Competition :** The under 17 team finished second winning silver medals. The under-19 team were crowned Champions of the District. Manav Seth, Manan Agarwal and Faizan Siddiqui qualified for the state competition.

**30th July :** Our school team participated in the **ASISC Zonal Table Tennis Competition**. Eshaan Aslam of class VII stood First in the UIN category - winning the distinct Gold medal. Shaurya Talwar and Labansh Agarwal qualified for states in the under-17 category. Amaan Ahmad and Syed Mohd. Fazal qualified for states in under-14 category. Our students won 10 out of 13 matches that they played against La Martiniere College.

## AUGUST 2022

### 13th August : Inter-Class Solo Singing Competition (Class VI).

The winners were :

First : Mohd. Maaz - VI-D (*St. Francis' House*)

Second : Ajisth Gupta - VI-A (*St. George's House*)

Third : Aarav Agarwal - VI-D (*St. George's House*)

The judges of the competition were : Dr. Ruchi Srivastava; Mrs. Priya Mahajan; Miss Pragya Pandey

**15th August : 75th Independence Day Celebration :** The 75th Independence Day Celebration, '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahaotsav**' was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. The celebration began with a High Mass in the College Chapel which was attended by the Staff and the students. This was followed by the college programme. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Rev. Fr. Ronald D'Souza. He is the Director of the Clergy Home and the Estate Manager of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow. He's been the Vicar-General of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow. He has been the Principal of various prestigious Institutions of the Diocese.

The programme began with welcoming the chief guest with a floral tribute. He hoisted the National Flag, while everyone sang the National Anthem with great pride and a deep sense of patriotism to mark this momentous occasion. There was a splendid display of March Past headed by the College Captain, Yash Kumar alongwith the Student Council, the four Houses, the NCC contingent and the contingent representing the Old Franciscan Association. The Vice-Principal said a prayer for the Nation. Yash Kumar expressed his sentiments on the occasion by delivering a speech in English wherein he spoke about the need for persistence and perseverance to uphold our freedom, to acknowledge the sacrifices made by our National heroes and to be thankful to our Freedom fighters. We should be proud to be associated with a country like India, for its rich culture and heritage. Arnav Dev, delivered his speech in Hindi, expressing the same sentiments. The College choir

regaled the audience with melodious patriotic songs in English and Hindi, Devashish Tripathi (IX-A) gave a solo performance on his flute. Speaking on the occasion the Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Ronald D'Souza thanked the Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza for his invitation. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Ronald said that the preparation for this momentous occasion, began much in advance. He said that we should bow our heads in gratitude to our freedom fighters who fought relentlessly to achieve our freedom. He told the students that they are the leaders of the future, who will lead the country in the next 25 years. They should develop a sense of patriotism towards the country and share their resources with the underprivileged. He said that the prevailing violence and hatred was not the path shown by our leaders, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawahar Lal Nehru and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. We must rise above all this. He told the students to discover their good qualities which could be coined, to discover the Diamond in them. They should use their positive energy to perform well and develop a good personality. The Principal, Fr. Rajesh D'Souza proposed the vote of thanks. He thanked the Chief Guest, staff and students for their presence on the occasion.

### **16th August : English Solo Singing Competitions (Class -VIII)**

Winners were :

First : Aryan Singh - VIII-D (*St. Andrew's House*)

Second : Isa Abdullah - VIII-C (*St. George's House*)

Third : Yash Dubey - VIII-C (*St. Patrick's House*)

*The Judges of the competition were : Mrs. Alice Dayal; Mrs. Priya Mahajan; Mr. Savio Joseph Singh. The Competition was conducted by Mrs. Caroline Borges.*

**16th August : La Martiniere Girls' College - Model United Nations** held from 12th-14th August. *Best Delegate - Joint Crisis Committee (Nazi Cabinet)* was awarded to Revant Sharma. *High Commendation - Joint Crisis Committee - 2 (Soviet Cabinet)* was awarded to Ananya Rai. *Special Mention for Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice*, was awarded to Aaditya Singh Juneja. *An Honourable mention for the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees* was awarded to Shreshth Tiwari.

**20th August : Parent Teacher Meeting :** A Parent Teacher Meeting was held wherein the parents attended the meeting in large numbers to enquire about the performance and conduct of their ward.

### **22nd August : The Association of Schools for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, U.P & UK conducted the Regional Literary Competitions, 2022.**

1. Mohd. Fazl Abbas (X-B) of our College was awarded the First position in Declamation in the Junior category, held at City Montessori School, Kanpur Road, Lucknow. He also qualified to represent the College at the National level to be held on 27th September, 2022.
2. In the same competition, Arnav Dev (XII-A) and Siddhant Mishra (XII-B) stood first in the Senior (XI-XII) category in the Quiz Competitions. The team also qualified to represent the College at the National Level which would be held on 27th September, 2022. This competition was also held at City Montessori School, Kanpur Road Branch. Our College overall secured the Second Runner-up position in this Literary Meet. They were awarded a trophy for the same.





3. In the Schools Premier Tennis League, Anant Vikrama (VII-C) of our College was awarded the most Promising Player (Div.-I).

### **22nd August : Inter Class Hindi Debate Competition - Class-IX**

The winners of the competition were as follows :

*First* : Akarsh Prakash (*Against the Motion*) IX-B (St. Patrick's House)

*Second* : Shaurya Verma (*For the Motion*) IX-C (St. George's House)

*Third* : Prakhar Misra (*Against the Motion*) IX-D (St. Patrick's House)

*The Judge of the competition was : Mr. Savio Joseph Singh. The Competition was conducted by Mrs. S. Srivastava.*

### **22nd August : Inter Class Talent Hunt Competition (Class-XI)**

The winners of the competition were as follows :

*First* : Ethan Joseph - XI-A (St. George's House)

*Second* : Isaah Yousuf - XI-A (St. Patrick's House)

*Third* : Mitanshu Shukla - XI-A (St. Patrick's House)

*The Judges of the competition were : Rev. Fr. Anup Lakra (Vice - Principal); Mr. Ajeet Singh; Mr. Innocent Marandi. The competition was conducted by Mrs. M. Satapaty.*

### **22nd August : Inter Class Talent Hunt Competition (Class XII)**

The winners of the competition were :

*First* : Arpan Shalom Kumar - XII-C (St. Andrew's House)

*Second* : Revant Sharma - XII-B (St. Francis' House)

*Third* : Yogya Pratap Singh - XII-A (St. Francis' House)

*The Judges of the competition were : Rev. Fr. Anup Lakra - Vice Principal; Mr. Ajit Kumar Singh; Mr. Innocent Marandi. The competition was conducted by Mrs. R. Gurnani*

### **23rd August : Inter Class Hindi Debate Competition (Class-X)**

The winners of the competition were as follows :

*First* : Madhav Krishna Agnihotri (*Against the Motion*) X-D (St. Andrew's House)

*Second* : Rudransh Dubey (*For the Motion*) X-A (St. Patrick's House) and Hamza Ansari (*For the Motion*) X-B (St. George's House)

*Third* : Mohd. Fazal Abbas (*For the Motion*) X-B (St. Francis' House)

*The Judges were : Mrs. P. Mahajan; Mrs. M. Satapaty. The competition was conducted by Mrs. L. Kar.*

### **25th August : Inter Class Solo Singing Competition (Class - VII)**

The winners of the competition were as follows :

*First* : Awesome David Dhulia - VII-D (St. Patrick's House)

*Second* : Shivendra Trivedi - VII-A (St. George's House)

*Third* : Akshat Gupta - VII-D (St. Andrew's House)

*The Judges were : Mr. M.K. Rai; Mrs. A. Agarwal; Mrs. Innocent Marandi. The competition was conducted by Mr. D. Awasthi.*

**29th-30th August : Model United Nations at St. Fidelis College, Lucknow :** The students attended the 3rd Edition of St. Fidelis Model United. The College team comprised 12 delegates. There were 5 committees in all with different agendas namely UNDP, UNCSW, UNSC, IAAE and Lok Sabha. The conference was a good opportunity for the students to learn about global issues that is impacting our society and to learn about International Negotiations. The results were as follows :

1. Ojasva Arora (VIII-C) *High Commendation in UNCSW*
2. Advay Jain (VIII-B) *High Commendation of UNDP*
3. Virat Verma (X-D) *High Commendation in UNSC*
4. Rudransh Yadav (VIII-D) *Special Mention in Lok Sabha*

## SEPTEMBER 2022

**5th September : Teacher's Day Celebration :** The occasion was celebrated with great joy and excitement. After the morning assembly, the students spent time with their teachers and met and greeted them. After this a friendly Basketball match was held between the Staff and students, the Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza refereed the match. The Staff won the match. Thereafter the staff gathered in the Gymnasium Hall, where our Principal addressed us and spoke of the relevance of being a good teacher. He said that teaching is a vocation and not a profession. It is very important to earnestly be involved in our vocation. We must share a good relationship with our students and impart good values in them which they could carry in their lives and remember all that has been taught to them. Some games were organised for the teachers and the winners got gifts. This was followed by lunch and the teachers were gifted a token of appreciation as well. The day was an enjoyable one, spent both with the students and staff members.

### 12th to 23rd September : Half Yearly Examinations

**27th September :** Mohammad Fazl Abbas of X-B stood first in the **ASISC Literary Competitions**, he participated in Declamation at the National Level. He represented Uttar Pradesh. He had earlier stood first in the zonal level, he then qualified in the regional level when he represented Lucknow. the competition was held at City Montessori School, Kanpur Road Campus. The National Level was also held at the same venue. He was awarded a trophy, a gold medal and a certificate. He has done our College proud as this is the first time that a student of our college has won the Declamation Competition at the National Level.







**28th September - 1st October:** Half Yearly Examination Answer Scripts were shown to the students.

## OCTOBER 2022

**1st October : Annual College Marathon** was held. The winners were :

**First** : Kartik Kapoor (*St. Georges' House*); **Second** : Aditya Kumar (*St. Andrew's House*); **Third** : Mohd. Affan (*St. Georges' House*).

**2nd October : Gandhi Jayanti Celebration** : The programme began by paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi. A Past vs Present, Swimming Competition was organised and the winners were awarded medals and certificates. The Principal Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza addressed the gathering.

**4th October : Patron's Day Celebration** : The celebration on Patron's Day began with a Holy Mass in the College Chapel which was offered by Rev. Fr. Ronald D'Souza, Fr. Rajesh D'Souza and Fr. Anup Lakra. The mass was attended by the staff and some students. We invoked the blessings of our Patron Saint, St. Francis' Assisi to shower his blessings upon the Franciscan family. This was followed by the College celebrations. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr. Prakash D., IPS, Additional DGP, Housing, Uttar Pradesh. The programme began with hoisting the College Flag and the choir singing the college Anthem. The Student Council, the four Houses, NCC and a contingent of the Past students presented a splendid March Past. On this occasion, three of our staff members, Mrs. B. Sharma, Mr. Hemant K. Gregory and Mrs. Vineeta David were felicitated for completing 25 years of sincere and dedicated service to the College. The Meritorious Students of ISC and ICSE, 2022 batch were felicitated for achieving highest percentage in the examination and in various subjects. Special Scholarships were also awarded to the students.

1. **Dr. Pratap Bahadur Scholarship** for securing highest marks in ICSE examination for the year, 2022 with an Aggregate of 97.66% was awarded to Parv Mahajan.
2. **S. C. Johri Scholarship** for securing highest marks in ICSE examination for the year, 2022 with an aggregate of 97.66% was awarded to Parv Mahajan.
3. **Anuj Mohan Scholarship** for securing highest marks in ICSE examination for the year 2022 with aggregate of 97.66% was awarded to Parv Mahajan.
4. **Sandeep Acharya Scholarship** for securing highest marks in English ISC examination for the year 2022 was awarded to Joyjeet Banerjee with 99%.
5. **Parth Dhaon Scholarship** for securing highest marks in Physics ISC examination for the year 2022 was awarded to Joyjeet Banerjee with 97%.
6. **Sagar Agarwal Scholarship** for securing highest marks in Chemistry in ISC examination for the year, 2022 was awarded to Joyjeet Banerjee with 93%.
7. **J. Rodricks Scholarship** for Best Student for the year 2021-22, Senior Section was awarded to Prabhav Mishra.
8. **Anuj Mohan Scholarship** for Best Student for the year, 2021-22, Senior Section was awarded to Prabhav Mishra.
9. **Basit Naseem Scholarship** awarded to the student securing 3rd Position in ICSE examination, 2022 was awarded to Paarth Agarwal and Dashmesh Deep Singh both with 97%.

10. **Rituraj Bhardwaj Scholarship** for securing highest marks in English ICSE examination for the year 2022 was awarded to Madhuram Vatsal 96%, Parth Pande 96% Dashmesh Deep Singh 96% and Ishaan Agarwal with 96%.
11. **The Rudy D'Silva Scholarship** for Best Artist in class VII for the year 2022-2023 was awarded to Eric Robinson Paul
12. **Gracie Holmes Scholarship** for securing highest marks in Nursery D for the year 2021-22 was awarded to Adwait Arvind.

The team of the Past students won several trophies for winning various sporting competitions which were held during Patron's Week Celebration.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest congratulated the achievers and thanked the Principal for the invitation. He advised the students to make the most of their present time and avail the facilities provided to them. The Principal proposed the vote of thanks. The program concluded with a Tug-O-War, which was followed by a high tea.

### **3rd-5th October : Dusherra Holidays**

#### **7th October : Showing of Answer Scripts to the Parents :**

The parents were shown the Half Yearly Answer Scripts of their ward. It was encouraging to see a good footfall of the parents on the campus.

#### **8th-9th October : Inter Section Poster Making Competition (Class-VIII)**

The winners were as follows :

*First : Triyakshal Tiwari - VIII-B (St. Andrew's House)*

*Second : Hardik Singh - VIII-B (St. Andrew's House)*

*Third : Shaurya Shukla - VIII-B (St. George's House)*

*The Judge of the competition was : Mrs. Monika Kishore. The competition was conducted by Mrs. C. Borges.*

**14th October : Inter School Quiz Competition :** 'True Observing India' recently organised an Inter-School Quiz Competition titled 'Quiz Buzz' comprising 50 teams from Lucknow. Arnav Dev and Akshat Singh X-C secured the first position in the Senior category in the Annual Inter School Quiz Competition.

#### **20th October : Inter Class Poster Making Competition (Class VI) -**

*The topic was 'Diwali'.*

*First : Shaurya Masih - VI-B (St. Francis' House)*

*Second : Bhaanu Pratap Singh - VI-A (St. Andrew's House)*

*Third : Divyam Singh - VI-A (St. Francis' House)*

*The competition was conducted by Mrs. Jasmeet.*

#### **21st October : Inter Class Poster Making Competition (Class VII).**

*Topic was 'Ways to Prevent Pollution'.*

The winners were as follows :

*First : Archit Agarwal - VII-C (St. Francis' House)*





Second : Paarth Shukla - VII-B (*St. Francis' House*)  
 Third : Pratham Sharma - VII-C (*St. Patrick's House*)

*The competition was conducted by Mr. D. Awasthi.*

### **23rd-27th October : Diwali Holidays**

#### **29th October : Inter Class Hindi Elocution Competition (Class -XI)**

The winners of the competition were as follows :

*First* : Harshit Arora - XI-A (*St. George's House*)

*Second* : Yashasvi Raj - XI-B (*St. Andrew's House*)

*Third* : Aditya Pratap Singh - XI-B (*St. Patrick's House*)

The Judges of the competition were : Mrs. R. Singh; Mrs. L. Kar; Mr. M.K. Rai. *The competition was conducted by Mrs. M. Satpathy.*

## **NOVEMBER 2022**

**12th November : Annual College Fete** : The Annual College Fete was organized on 12th November, 2022 at St. Francis' College as a celebration for Children's Day. The Fete was inaugurated by the manager Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza, he was accompanied by the Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza and Vice Principal, Fr Anup Lakra. The stalls on the front field were decorated attractively. There was tremendous excitement all over the campus with students and parents moving about enthusiastically from one stall to the other. There was a wide array of games and food stalls. Some of the games stalls were, Assorted Wheels, Coconut shy, Dropping the cans, Fishing the bottle, Hit the glass, Match the lucky number, etc.,

The Food Court comprised of Chola Bhatura, Chowmein, Kabab Paratha, a wide range of Chaat items, Ice Cream, Cold Drinks, Veg and Non -veg snacks, Biryani and mineral water. The major attractions of the fete were the Request Stall and the joyrides for the little kids. The whole campus reverberated with endless joy, it was exciting to see the students as well as the parents enjoying the games and the sumptuous food.

The Fete concluded with a vote of thanks to the parents and students for patronizing the fete. The fete was indeed a grand success as there was a large turnout of parents, students and guests who thoroughly enjoyed the fete.

**17th-18 November : Annual College Concert** : The Annual Concert of St Francis' College was held on 17th and 18th November, 2022. The programme began with the Prayer Dance titled '**Come, Let's Praise the Lord**' by the students of class III and IV. The Prayer Dance is a manifestation of thanksgiving to God. All auspicious beginnings must be dedicated to our Creator. This was followed by the English Play, titled, '**Something to talk About**' by the Senior students. It revolved around a burglar the Wolf who attacks Lord Rochester's Manor, to steal his Christmas gifts on the night of Christmas. '**Rhythmic Souls**', an Orchestra performance, which was divided into two segments. The first segment was a tribute to the legend R.D. Burman's composition with his signature tune of Sholay and the second segment was Rasputin by Boney M. The College Choir

comprising 80 students from class IV to VIII, sang both English and Hindi songs which were fillers of the concert. The students of class V and VI presented the **'Pied Piper of Hamelin'** based on the old English poem, which depicts the town plagued by rats and how the Pied Piper with his musical tune managed to get rid of them. **'Fusion Infusion'**, a dance performance presented by the students of class I and II, was based on different dance forms, both ethnic as well as classical dance genres. The performance of the children was captivating. This was followed by the Hindi play, **'Karmo Ka Fal'** by the Senior students, based on the theme of greed for money and the consequences faced by the main protagonist. **'Retro Jam'** presented by the little students of Nursery and K G. class was a splendid display of dance to the retro music of the 70's and 80's. Their performance enthralled the audience. The Biblical Tableau, titled the **'Prodigal Son'** was based on the theme of the unconditional love of God the Father towards his people and his ability to forgive when we falter. **'Fiesta of Life'**, the choreography was well appreciated by the audience. The theme was based on the celebration of life, on emerging victorious after the deadly pandemic that left the world distressed and distraught. The Concert concluded with the choir singing the *College Anthem* and the *National Anthem*. Several Principals, Guests and parents were present on the occasion who enjoyed and appreciated the efforts of the teachers and the wonderful performances of the students.

## DECEMBER 2022

**1st-7th December : Unit Test-II Commences**

**11th-15th December : Athletics**

**15th December : Inter House English Debate - XI-XII**

**Results :** *Best Speaker (For)* : Arnav Dev - XII-A; *Best Speaker (Against)* : Yash Kumar - XII-A; *Best Team* : Arnav Dev & Yash Kumar

**17th December : Cantata Di Natate 2022 :** Cantata Di Natale – A Carol Singing Competition was held on 17th December, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Francis' College Lucknow. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Rev. Fr. Denis Naresh Lobo, Vicar-General, Catholic Diocese of Lucknow. This competition was an On-Stage Group Singing Contest (Carols/Christmas Songs) exclusively for Staff Members from various institutions of the city. The first edition of this competition was held last year which was a resounding success. Teachers from nine Colleges participated in this competition with an audience of 400 people. This was an endeavor of our institution to encourage the talent of our teaching fraternity and to celebrate the season of Yuletide. Present on the occasion were several Principals, nuns, priests and guests. The hall resounded with melodious Carols accompanied by harmonious music. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Denis Naresh Lobo congratulated the participants, he spoke for the need of peace in the world today.

The Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza proposed the vote of thanks. He said that today's competition brings joy and peace. Christmas is something more special, as it's the birth of Jesus, God becoming Man, there was silence, wonder, joy - nature's expression. He thanked the Principals and teachers for their participation and joyful singing.

The winners of the competition were as follows -





- First** : St. Francis' College  
**Second**: St. Agnes' Loreto Day School  
**Third** : St. Mary's Convent Inter College

**Consolation Prizes :**

La Martiniere Girls' College and La Martiniere College for their laudable performance.

**20th December : Annual Class Picnics :** The students of classes VI-XI went for their Annual Class Picnic with their class teachers to various picnic spots namely, Anandi Magic World, Janeshwar Park, Zoo and Wonder World. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves with various games and entertainment. The day was full of utter joy, excitement and plenty of fun both for the students as well as the teachers.

**21st December : Christmas Celebration :** The students of the Senior section witnessed the Christmas Play and listened to beautiful Carols which were both enacted and sung by the students of the Junior school who with the combined efforts of Sr. Usha, the Headmistress and a group of teachers trained the students for the Nativity Play. Sir Amit Singh, the Music teacher trained the choir members. The Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza addressed the staff and students on the occasion. In his message he said, that every celebration has a purpose, it has a beginning and end. We are fragile and weak and to be freed of our evil, problems, great men have come to protect us. Man needed a superpower to be rid of evil so God sent his only son to redeem the world. The Nativity Play gives us a glimpse of festival to get rid of bitterness, and anger and come together to celebrate. He thanked the teachers and students for their efforts for the beautiful play and decorations in the class room. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, 2023. In the evening the staff Members gathered for the Christmas Celebration. It was an enjoyable evening. The college closed for the Winter vacations.

**JANUARY 2023**

**9th-19th January :** First Pre-Board Examinations for Classes X and XII alongwith Practical Examinations.

**16th January :** College re-opened for students of Nursery to XI. The vacation was extended due to the severe winter wave as per the order of the District Magistrate.

**18th January :** Shaurya Vardhan Verma of 7-B was awarded a Silver Medal at the North Zone Shooting Championship.

**20th January : Principal's Birthday Celebration :** The College celebrated the birthday of our Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza. The students greeted the Principal at the morning assembly with the birthday song, flowers, bouquets and cards. The staff gathered for a special celebration in the Old Concert Hall, Mr. Amit Singh, the Music teacher sang a beautiful song on the occasion. The Vice-Principal read a verse from the Holy Bible which was followed by Intercessory Prayers by the teachers. Mrs. Abhilasha Masih delivered a birthday message. She thanked the Principal for the support and encouragement and wished him all the very best. The Manager Rev. Fr. Donald D'Souza congratulated the Principal and wished him all the very best on his birthday. He even thanked him for his endeavours in the smooth functioning of the Institution. The teachers presented



the Principal with a bouquet and a card. The support staff presented him a sapling. The Principal thanked everyone for their greetings and good wishes. This was followed by lunch.

**26th January : 74th Republic Day Celebrations :** The Chief Guest on the occasion was Rev. Fr. Elias Cardoza, Procurator of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow. The programme began by welcoming the Chief Guest with a floral tribute. He was accompanied by the Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh V. D'souza and Vice-Principal Rev. Fr. Anup Lakra. He unfurled and hoisted the National Flag and the the National Anthem was sung. The four Houses alongwith the Student Council and NCC displayed a splendid March Past. Mohd. Suhaib Khan (IX-D) and Swapnil Anand (IX-D) delivered the Republic Day Speech in English and Hindi respectively. They expressed their sentiments of acknowledging the toil and struggle of our freedom fighters and the supreme relevance of the Constitution and to uphold its dignity. The College Choir regaled the gathering with patriotic songs both in English and Hindi. Speaking on the occasion the Chief guest Rev. Fr. Elias Cardoza said that the Constitution is there to govern and guide us. The diversity of our culture is very rich in every field. We should imbibe the values of our Constitution and have great zeal to succeed. We should respect the contribution of every citizen of the country who has worked towards her progress and fight to preserve it. Addressing the gathering, the Principal Fr. Rajesh V. D'Souza said that Education and talents are used for the growth of the country. One should be disciplined to be a leader. He complimented the March Past and Choir and praised them for showcasing their talents. He proposed the Vote of Thanks. The Prize Distribution for various Sports competitions was held.

**Shield for Best March Past :** *St. George's House.*

**Best Athlete :** 'A' Division : Agamjit Singh (*St. George's House*)  
'B' Division : Kartik Kapoor (*St. George's House*)  
'C' Division : Yusuf Khan (*St. Patrick's House*)

**Best All-Round Student (Junior) :** Aditya Tewari (V-A)

**Best All-Round Student (Senior) :** Arnav Dev (XII-A)

**Best Sportsman :** Agamjot Singh (XII-C)

**Cock-House Shield : (Joint Winners) :** St. Andrew's House & St. George's House

The programme ended with excitement and enthusiasm, where the winners were cheered and congratulated.

**27th January : ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) Certificates** were awarded to :

Ishaan Chadda - V-C (Merit) - Initial Piano  
Tanish Jaiswal - VIII-C (Merit) - Grade-I Piano  
Ajisth Gupta - VI-A (Distinction) - Initial Piano

**30th January :** Showing of Pre-Board Answer Scripts to Class-X

**28th January : Inter Class Creative Writing Competition Class-VII**

The winners of the competition were :

*First* : Ojasv Srivastava - VII-B (*St. Andrew's House*)  
*Second* : Kaustubh Mishra - VII-C (*St. Patrick's House*)





Third : Neer Saxena - VII-D (St. George's House)

The competition was organized by Mr. Deep Awasthi and judged by Mr. D. Jackson.

### **30th January : Creative Writing Competition Class VIII**

The results of the competition were

First : Ojasva Arora - VIII-C (St. George's House)

Second : Advay Jain - VIII-B (St. Andrew's House)

Third : Aditya Yashwardhan (St. Francis' House); Vikrant Mishra (St. George's House)

The competition was conducted by Mrs. C. Borges

### **30th January : Creative Writing Competition - VI**

The results of the competition were :

First : Atharv Tiwari - VI-A (St. George's House)

Second : Arunesh Srivastava - VI-A (St. Patrick's House)

Third : Virraaj Garg - VI-B (St. George's House)

The competition was conducted by Miss Jasmeet Kaur and Judged by Mrs. Sujata Banerjee.

## **FEBRUARY 2023**

**4th February : Parent Teachers Meeting :** There was a good footfall of parents who attended the meeting to enquire about their wards from the respective teachers.

**4th February : Farewell of Class XII :** The farewell programme began with the handing over the College Flags, House Flags and Badges by the College Captain, Yash Kumar, the House Captains and Prefects, Neil Richard Hamlin and Aditya Singh Juneja were the Masters of Ceremonies, both of them expressing their sentiments towards their seniors. The Vice-Principal, Rev. Fr. Anup Lakra read a verse from the Holy Bible and prayed for the out-going batch. The choir sang 'Seasons in the sun' as the farewell song. The College Captain, Yash Kumar delivered his farewell speech. He said that it has been a privilege to be a student of the College, he thanked all his teachers on behalf of his batch and expressed his gratitude for his over all development. On behalf of the staff, Mrs. R. Singh spoke to the students. She said that for the past 14 years, the student's personality has been shaped in this prestigious college and today the time has come to bid them farewell. It is the time for them to go out and explore the world, as the world is waiting for them. They have completed their school life with achievements and memories. Despite the challenges of Covid and personal losses, the students have taken up all these challenges and remained undeterred. Being blessed with talents, they should be dedicated towards their academic and curricular activities. They must work with diligence and carry the good moral and ethical values imparted to them. They must prepare themselves for the opportunities that lie ahead. Since the students are an ambassador of the college, they should not allow selfish interest to come in the way. They must leave a good legacy for their juniors. She advised them to think big and be optimistic, to remember God in all their undertakings.

The Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza, addressed the students and said that its not a good feeling to leave an Institution after 14 long years, to forgo their friendship and say goodbye. They must hold on to the good memories and be proud to be a Franciscan. He spoke to them on the importance of 'Shouldering Responsibilities'. He said there is no halfway about carrying out one's duty. One has to

be responsible for the decisions and actions. Responsibility is not just to hold a position, but to live a peaceful life. Our responses are either pro-active or re-active. Uptil now the students have been reactive but now its time to be pro-active, to be prudent of their concious choices, based on values and principles. One should not be ruled by external circumstances, sometimes things are not within our control. We should not follow mob mentality but strive for our even identity. He advised them to be original and be proud of who they are. They should always be grateful and thankful to the Institution and teachers and whenever they meet their teachers they should be courteous and polite. The programme concluded with a power point presentation and presenting the students with a personalized momento. They were then treated to lunch and bid farewell.

**13th February** : Board Examination of Class XII commenced.

**25th-28 February** : Minor (Final) Exams of Class VI-VIII.

**27th February** : Board Examination of Class X commenced.

## MARCH 2023

**23rd March** : Showing of Final Examination Answer Scripts to the Parents of classes VI-VIII

**25th March : Farewell Ceremony of the retired teachers** : The Principal and staff bid farewell to five staff members as well as two support staff members they were :

- **Miss R. Bunny** - 36 years of service
- **Mrs. B. Sharma** - 25 years of service
- **Mrs. A. Lawrence** - 23 years of service
- **Mrs. I. Hill** - 24 years of service
- **Mrs. R. Singh** - 9 years of service

The support staff members were : **Mr. Guido Vincent & Mr. Naushad Ali.**

The Principal Rev. Fr. Rajesh D'Souza thanked them for their selfless, sincere and dedicated service to the Institution. He said that it was an honour and privilege to work with them and regretted bidding them farewell but could not help it. The norms and policy of the Management had to be followed. They were gifted a beautiful memento, travel bag, basket of fruits and bouquets of flowers. The Staff choir sang a farewell song. Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. B. Sharma, thanked the management and staff for their support and encouragement during her tenure. She also laid emphasis on instilling good values in our students. It was a very emotional day bidding farewell to our Staff members. This was followed by a High Tea and a Staff Meeting for the new Academic Session.

**29th March : Distribution of Report Cards and end of Academic Session 2022-23** : The Academic Session concluded on a positive note. It was a year filled with achievements and success both in the field of Academic as well as Co-curricular activities. The support of the Principal, Staff Members, Parents and students enabled the year to be a successful one. After a gap of two years due to the Pandemic, the students were glad to be back to the College and return to the normal pattern of working. They enthusiastically participated in all the co-curricular activities, Annual Day and Sports Activities, making it a grand success, with the blessings and grace of God no untoward incident was reported and the year ended on a peaceful and satisfying note.

*In fond association* : **Mrs. C. Dacosta** (Chronicler)





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## *Hindi Article Section*

## मेरी प्रिय अध्यापिका

### “मैम होम्स”



बात सन् 2018-19 वाले सत्र की है। जब मैं के०जी० डी० का छात्र था। उस समय मेरी अध्यापिका जी मैम “ग्रेसी होम्स” थीं। जब मैं उनसे पढ़ता था तो उनसे बड़ा डर लगता था क्योंकि मेरे द्वारा किया गया कार्य उन्हें कभी भी उत्तम नहीं लगता था। वो मुझसे और बेहतर, और बेहतर कार्य की उम्मीद रखती थीं और उस समय मैं अपनी आयु की समझ के अनुसार यही सोचता था कि इन्हें कभी मेरा कार्य ठीक नहीं लगता।

परन्तु आज कक्षा 5 में आने के बाद और कोरोना काल में उन्हें खो देने के बाद ये समझ में आ रहा है कि वो मेरे कार्य को नहीं मुझे उत्तम बनाना चाहती थीं। वो हमारे भविष्य को उत्तम बनाना चाहती थीं। वो एक जौहरी थीं जो कक्षा के सभी छात्रों को हीरे जैसा देखना चाहती थीं।

जीवन में मैं जो भी सफलता पाऊँगा, वो मेरी प्रिय अध्यापिका मैम होम्स की देन होगी। इस दुनिया से वो जा चुकी हैं पर हमारे दिलों में वो सदैव ज़िंदा रहेंगी और उनकी दी हुई शिक्षा हमेशा मुझे प्रेरणा देगी।

“भगवान उनकी आत्मा को शांति दे”। ■

माज़ अली  
कक्षा-5 सी

## युवाओं पर सोशल मीडिया का प्रभाव

सोशल मीडिया एक सिक्के के दो पहलू की तरह हैं। एक तरफ यह दुनिया भर के लोगों को जोड़ता है और बातचीत और विचारों/ज्ञान के आदान-प्रदान की अनुमति देता है, दूसरी तरफ, यह भ्रामक पोस्ट, संदेश, संघर्ष, साइबरबुलिंग और मानसिक और शारीरिक स्वास्थ्य के मुद्दों को बढ़ावा दे सकता है। सोशल मीडिया चैनलों के विकास के पीछे का उद्देश्य संचार की सुविधा प्रदान करना था और युवा इस डिजिटल मीडिया के शुरूआती उत्साही रहे हैं। हालांकि, जुड़ाव का उच्च स्तर उनकी भलाई के लिए भी चिंता का विषय रहा है। बहरहाल, सोशल मीडिया आज हमारे जीवन की एक प्रमुख जीवन रेखा है और हर किसी के जीवन का एक अनिवार्य हिस्सा है, चाहे वह आधिकारिक हो या व्यक्तिगत स्थान।



Statista.com के अनुसार 2019 और 2020 के दौरान औसत दैनिक सोशल मीडिया का उपयोग प्रति दिन 145 मिनट था जो 2012 में 90 मिनट से अधिक है। फेसबुक, यूट्यूब, व्हाट्सएप और इंस्टाग्राम सबसे लोकप्रिय सोशल नेटवर्क



हैं जिनका चुवा लोग उपयोग करते हैं। 2021 में इन लोकप्रिय सोशल साइट्स के सक्रिय मासिक उपयोगकर्ता थे :

- फेसबुक 2.89 बिलियन
- यूट्यूब के पास 2.29 बिलियन
- व्हाट्सएप के पास 2 बिलियन और
- इंस्टाग्राम के पास 1.93 बिलियन।

हर घंटे, इंटरनेट उपयोगकर्ताओं की संख्या में ज़बर्दस्त वृद्धि हो रही है। 2021 में 12-15 साल के 87 प्रतिशत बच्चों ने सोशल मीडिया साइट्स का इस्तेमाल किया। वे अपने टैबलेट, स्मार्टफोन में गेम खेलते हैं और मैसेजिंग ऐप, आदि का उपयोग करते हैं। यहां सिक्के के दो पहलुओं की जांच की जा रही है।



### सोशल मीडिया के नकारात्मक प्रभाव :

- साइबरबुलिंग पहले मंचों पर ट्रोलिंग, चैट रूम, अनुचित तस्वीरें साझा करने, ऑनलाइन अफवाहें फलाने और बहुत कुछ के रूप में मौजूद था। यह तब और भी गंभीर हो जाता है जब दबंग लोगों को आत्महत्या करने, अपराध करने या जब लोग आतंकवादी गतिविधियों आदि का शिकार होने के लिए उकसाते हैं। सोशल मीडिया का उपयोग नफरत फैलाने, ब्रांडों और व्यक्तियों की प्रतिष्ठा को धूमिल करने के लिए एक उपकरण के उपयोग में किया जा सकता है, जो अनैतिक है।
- सोशल मीडिया का एक घातक प्रभाव लत है। लोगों को इसकी आदत हो जाती है और उनके पास लंबित कार्यों के ढेर के बावजूद इसका उपयोग करना शुरू कर देते हैं। इससे अनुचित नींद, मानसिक तनाव, समय बर्बाद करने और अन्य स्वास्थ्य सम्बन्धी समस्याएँ भी हो सकती है। ये सभी युवाओं पर सोशल मीडिया के हानिकारक मनोवैज्ञानिक प्रभाव हैं।
- लोगों के नौकरी छूटने, काम में अनुत्पादक होने के मामले बहुत सारी सामाजिक अशांति पैदा करते हैं और युवाओं के विकास में बाधा डालते हैं। छोटे बच्चे और यहां तक कि किशोर भी अन्य बच्चों के साथ खेलने के लिए बाहर जाने के बजाय इंटरनेट पर समय बिताना पसंद करते हैं, इससे उनके मनोवैज्ञानिक स्वास्थ्य पर भी असर पड़ता है।
- सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफार्म का उपयोग करते समय गोपनीयता एक चिंता का विषय है, क्योंकि उपयोगकर्ताओं का व्यक्तिगत डाटा सुरक्षित नहीं होता है। फेसबुक जैसे दिग्गजों की ओर से हुई चूक के कारण एक बड़ा डेटा लीक हुआ, जिसने इसके 419 मिलियन उपयोगकर्ताओं के फोन नंबर शामिल है। यह घटना लंबे समय तक इंटरनेट उपयोगकर्ताओं की यादों में वापस आती रहेगी। सोशल नेटवर्क पर व्यक्तिगत तस्वीरें और जानकारी साझा करना इसके दुरुपयोग और को जन्म देता है। इसलिए सरकार ने भारत में चीनी ऐप्स पर प्रतिबंध लगाया है।
- सोशल मीडिया पर बनने वाले आकस्मिक रिश्ते वास्तविक लग सकते हैं लेकिन वास्तव में, सार्थक रिश्ते वास्तविक दुनिया में पोषित और पोषित होते हैं। असल में सोशल मीडिया पर बनने वाले इस तरह के सम्बन्ध अलगाव और अवसाद पैदा करते हैं। इससे ऑफलाइन सम्बन्धों को होने वाले नुकसान का आंकलन नहीं किया जा सकता है। यह भलाई के लिए प्रासंगिक है, विशेष रूप से आमने-सामने की बातचीत, आदर्श छवियों, नींद के पैटर्न आदि के संदर्भ में। ■

कोन्चे

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## पुस्तक

पुस्तक का साथ, है कई मंज़िलों की सौगात  
पुस्तक के पन्नों का जुड़ाव भरे खुशियों की बरसात  
पुस्तक है ऐसी परम मित्र, जो देती  
खाली मन को एक नवीन चित्र  
पुस्तक है हम सबके जीवन की हमराज  
विद्या का गहन अहसास  
गुणों से भरा अंदाज़।

पुस्तक दे मानव जीवन को एक नई दिशा  
बड़े-बड़े शूरवीरों की कक्षा, भरे संकल्पों की फिज़ा  
पुस्तक रखती ऐसी आधारशिला  
जिसका हर पद्य या गद्य होता अपने आप में खिला।

पुस्तक बिन मानव जीवन नीरस, इसका अध्ययन बनाये  
कृत्यों को सरस  
पुस्तक का ज्ञान भरे उड़ानों में जान  
अज्ञानता का तिरस्कार कर जलाये ज्ञान का दीपक  
जो पढ़े वो बड़े पग-पग और महकता रहे जीवन भर  
समाज का हो कल्याण और जनजीवन बने सदा जागरूक।

पुस्तक करे नव चेतना का संचार  
विज्ञान का अविष्कार और भावों का आधार  
पुस्तक की यात्रा मनुष्य जीवन को सदा सिखाती रहे  
विचारों को पिरोती रहे, मार्ग का दिशा-निर्माण करे।

पुस्तक है जीवन की धारा  
सादगी का किनारा  
संजोए शब्दों का सहारा

अलंकारों की माला  
ओढ़े भाषा की पतवारा।



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## सुन लो मेरी पुकार ये

सुन लो मेरी पुकार ये,  
मेरे देश के वीर जवानो,  
सुनलो मेरी पुकार ये।

जात-पात का बंधन तोड़ो,  
निकलो तुम मैदान में,  
भारत माँ की सेवा में,  
तन-मन-धन से जुटना है।  
मेरे देश के वीर जवानो,  
सुन लो मेरी पुकार ये।

रुपया-पैसा सोना-चांदी,  
सब यहीं रह जायेगा,  
देश के नाम पर मर मिटोगे,  
तो नाम अमर हो जायेगा।  
इसलिये भारत के वीर सपूतों,  
इतिहास नया बनाओ तुम।  
मेरे देश के वीर जवानों,  
सुन लो मेरी पुकार ये।

भारत माँ की सेवा करते-करते,  
जो शहीद हो जायेगा,  
बड़े अक्षर में उसका नाम,  
इतिहास में अमर हो जायेगा।  
मेरे देश के वीर जवानों,  
सुन लो मेरी पुकार ये। ■



अनादि शंकर त्रिपाठी  
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## डॉ० कलाम द्वारा प्रेरक संदेश



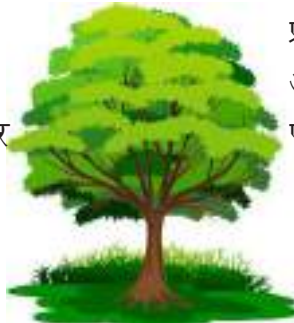
- ❖ सपने ऐसे देखो जो तुम्हारे अंदर बेचैनी कर दें, तुम्हें सोने न दें।
- ❖ यदि आप तट से दूर जाने का साहस रखेंगे, तभी सागर को नाप सकेंगे।
- ❖ कुछ बड़ा न होने का इंतज़ार न करें, जो कुछ आप जानते हैं, उसी से शुरूआत करें।
- ❖ सरलता, पवित्रता और सच्चाई के बिना महानता प्राप्त नहीं होती।
- ❖ एक महान उद्देश्य मानवीय सीमा की दीवारों को तोड़ देता है।
- ❖ ईमानदारी के साथ कठोर मेहनत का कोई विकल्प नहीं है।
- ❖ आज आप इस पर विचार करने के लिए सिर्फ पांच मिनट का समय दें कि आपके अंदर कौन-कौन सी विशिष्ट प्रतिभा, विचार, जानकारी या नज़रिया है।
- ❖ जब हमारे साथ ईश्वर है तो कौन खिलाफ हो सकता है।
- ❖ सपने, सपने और सपने ही विचार की ओर ले जाते हैं ..... विचार फिर कार्य का रूप लेते हैं।
- ❖ उत्कृष्टता को हमें अपनी संस्कृति बना लेना चाहिए।
- ❖ देश किसी भी व्यक्ति, संगठन या पार्टी से बड़ा है। ■

हार्दिक सिंह  
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## वृक्ष

वृक्षों की मधुर तरलता  
लाती है जीवन में सरलता  
हरियाली की पवित्र ममता  
बढ़ाये प्रकृति की परम विनम्रता

वृक्ष करते जीवन को निर्मम  
देते सहज, सुन्दर, फलयुक्त, तनाव रहित वातावरण  
हमारे जीवन का मूल्यवान आभूषण  
वृक्षों का स्पर्श महकाएं पर्यावरण  
प्रकृति का आधार करे जीवन का साकार



वृक्षों ने किया है प्रकृति का शृंगार  
मानव पृष्ठभूमि को उपहार

पर्यावरण को दिया नया आकार  
पेड़-पौधे का प्रकार  
दे प्रकृति को नवीन संस्कार

प्रकृति है पर्यावरण को पुरस्कार  
औषधियों का भण्डार  
दे कई रोगों का उपचार  
प्रकृति को कोटि-कोटि नमस्कार  
और बना रहे प्रकृति का हम बच्चों  
पर अपना प्यार। ■

प्रभु सेठ  
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## विश्व बौद्धिक संपदा दिवस - 26 अप्रैल



विश्व में युवा अपनी ऊर्जा और सरलता, जिज्ञासा और रचनात्मकता का उपयोग करके बेहतर भविष्य की दिशा में आगे बढ़ने के लिए नयी-नयी चुनौतियों की ओर बढ़ रहे हैं। ऊर्जावान और रचनात्मक दिमाग उन परिवर्तनों को आगे बढ़ाने में मदद कर रहे हैं जिनकी हमें अधिक स्थायी भविष्य की बढ़ने की आवश्यकता है। यूएसए ने भारत सहित 10 देशों को आईपी सुरक्षा के लिए “प्राथमिकता निगरानी सूची” पर रखा था। विश्व बौद्धिक संपदा संगठन WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organisation) संयुक्त राष्ट्र की एक विशिष्ट स्व-वित्त पोषित संस्था है। इसका उद्देश्य एक संतुलित और सुलभ अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बौद्धिक संपदा प्रणाली विकसित करना है। यह रचनात्मकता को पुरस्कृत व प्रोत्साहित करती है और सार्वजनिक हितों की रक्षा करते हुए आर्थिक विकास में योगदान करती है। 9 अगस्त 1999 को विश्व बौद्धिक संपदा संगठन के चीनी प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने बौद्धिक संपदा संरक्षण के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने और विश्व में बौद्धिक संपदा संरक्षण के प्रभाव का विस्तार करने के लिए प्रचार का और लोकप्रिय बनाने और प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए “विश्व बौद्धिक संपदा दिवस” की स्थापना का प्रस्ताव रखा। बौद्धिक संपदा संरक्षण कानून और विनियम, बौद्धिक संपदा अधिकारों के बारे में सार्वजनिक कानूनी जागरूकता में सुधार अविष्कार तथा नवाचार गतिविधियों को प्रोत्साहित करनी है। WIPO के सदस्यों ने 2000 में विश्व बौद्धिक संपदा दिवस समारोह को 26 अप्रैल में बनाने की घोषणा की। ■

ग्रन्थ श्रीवास्तव

कक्षा-7ए

## जीवन की सीख



आदित्य नाम का एक लड़का था वह अपने माता-पिता के साथ गाँव में रहता था उसका पढ़ाई में बहुत मन लगता था। उसका पढ़ाई में बहुत मन लगता था। उसकी स्कूल की टीचर उससे बहुत प्रभावित थी। और वह उससे कहती थी कि बड़ा होकर कुछ करेगा धीरे-धीरे समय व्यतीत होता रहा उसके जीवन में बहुत कठिन समय आया पर उसने दिक्कतों के आने पर भी पढ़ाई नहीं छोड़ी। वह बहुत ही कम उम्र से काम करने लगा था उसकी पढ़ाई अच्छी चल रही थी उसके आस-पास के दोस्त उस पर हँसते थे कि फटे-पुराने कपड़े पहनने वाला यह लड़का क्या करेगा। उसके दोस्त मस्ती करते और उन्हें पैसे की भी परवाह नहीं थी फिर भी आदित्य उन दोस्तों की बातों की परवाह किये बिना पढ़ाई करता रहता। जब आदित्य की पढ़ाई खत्म हो गयी उसकी एक अच्छी जॉब लग गई और जो दोस्त उस पर हँसते थे वह अपने जीवन में कुछ नहीं कर पाए। ■

वंश जैन

कक्षा-2ए



## पेट्रोल पर एक गंभीर सोच

आज की दुनिया में पेट्रोल ऊर्जा का मुख्य स्रोत एवं एक आवश्यक रासायनिक पदार्थ है जो न सिर्फ वाहनों के संचालन के लिए ही नहीं बल्कि बड़ी-बड़ी मशीनों के लिए भी अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण होती हैं। परन्तु वर्तमान समय में पेट्रोल व डीज़ल का मूल्य आसमान छूता जा रहा है जहाँ आज से २० साल पहले जो पेट्रोल का दाम २०-२५ रुपये प्रति लीटर था अब १०० रुपये लीटर से भी अधिक है।



जिसका मुख्य कारण जनसंख्या वृद्धि और भारत का अपनी ज़रूरत का ६० प्रतिशत आयात करने के कारण हैं। जबकि इसकी खपत बढ़ती जा रही है और लोगों की बढ़ती आमदनी के कारण है जिससे सड़क पर वाहनों की संख्या बढ़ रही है।

पेट्रोल की कीमते को तय कई कारक के द्वारा किया जाता है जैसे -

- बाज़ार कारक
- उत्पाद शुल्क
- तेल कंपनियाँ

भारत में पेट्रोल के बढ़ते दाम का कारण मुख्य रूप से दो है- पहला वैश्विक आपूर्तिकर्ताओं द्वारा तय किया जाने वाला दाम और दूसरा करों (टैक्स) की दर और पेट्रोल पर लगाए गए करों का स्तर होता है।

अतः हमें यह सब जानकर प्रण लेना चाहिए कि हमें अनवीकरणीय संसाधन का संचालन नियमित रूप से बरबाद नहीं करना चाहिए क्योंकि अगर खपत ऐसे ही रही तो वह दिन दूर नहीं जब भारत में पेट्रोल १००० रुपये लीटर बिकेगा। ■

सुहैब खान  
कक्ष-10डी

## महापुरुषों का महत्व



मानव समाज में भगवान राम, प्रभु यीशु मसीह और सभी महापुरुषों का विशेष महत्व है। एक चरित्र के रूप में ये महापुरुष सभी समाजों में प्रासंगिक है। दया, क्षमा, त्याग, करुणा, मानव सेवा, सच्चाई, परिश्रम, गुरु और बड़ों की आज्ञा-पालन जैसे अनेक गुण इन महापुरुषों में समाहित है। ये सभी गुणों को मनुष्यों में होना चाहिए। इस समय मानव जाति में इन गुणों का अभाव हो रहा है। इसलिए इन महापुरुषों का जीवन सभी लोगों के लिए अनुकरणीय है। इनके शिक्षा का पालन कर आपकी बंधुत्व और खुशहाल समाज बनेगा और 'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्' की भावना परिपूर्ण होगी। ■

अथर्व राज उपाध्याय  
कक्षा-3बी

## युवा पीढ़ी के नैतिक पतन का मूल कारण सोशल मीडिया है।

*“दिया बुझे तो दोष हवाओं को देने से पहले, कभी-कभी बाती तेल भी संभाल लिया करो।  
हर बात में कमियां खोजने वालों, कभी खूबियों को भी पहचान लिया करो।।”*

“युवा पीढ़ी के नैतिक पतन का मूल कारण सोशल मीडिया है।” इस विषय के विपक्ष में, मैं ओजस्व अरोरा अपने विचार व्यक्त करना चाहता हूँ। सोशल मीडिया की सकारात्मकता को हम नकार नहीं सकते।



वैश्वीकरण के युग में संचार क्रांति जनता को जागरूक करने का पुनीत कर्म कर रही है, सूचना को आम आदमी का अधिकार बना रही है, तो इस विषय के पक्ष या विपक्ष में बोलने से पहले मैं यह जरूर कहना चाहूँगा कि सोशल मीडिया ही आज के युग में अपने विचार को व्यक्त करने का सिर्फ एकमात्र सशक्त माध्यम है, और हमारे उत्थान के लिए नितांत आवश्यक है।

सोशल मीडिया को धीमा जहर और विकृतियों का विराट रूप बताने वाले और युवा पीढ़ी को दिग्भ्रमित करने का संगीन आरोप लगाने वाले अपने विपक्षी साथियों से मैं यह जानना चाहूँगा की क्या हम संयम, अनुशासन और गोपनीयता का पालन करते हुए, अपनी मनोस्थिति पर नियंत्रण बनाते हुए, सोशल मीडिया का उपयोग करते हैं? यदि नहीं तो फिर हमारे नैतिक पतन के लिए सिर्फ सोशल मीडिया को जिम्मेदार कैसे मान लिया गया है?

सदियों से हमारे देश में चली आ रही अनैतिकता और कुप्रथाओं के लिए हम कभी अपनी शिक्षा प्रणाली, तो सिनेमा जगत, कभी पत्र-पत्रिका और कभी-कभी समाज की जाति व्यवस्था और रूढ़िवादिता को दोषी मानते आए हैं। अपना दोष दूसरों पर मढ़ना तो मनुष्य का स्वभाव ही है।

सोशल मीडिया की उपयोगिता पर प्रश्न उठाने वाले तथा इसे नैतिक पतन से जोड़ने वालों से मैं पूछना चाहूँगा कि :

1. तब कहाँ था सोशल मीडिया जब भारत-पाकिस्तान बँटवारे के समय अनैतिकता की सारी हदें पार हो रहीं थीं?
2. तालिबानियों द्वारा महिलाओं के शोषण के लिए क्या सोशल मीडिया जिम्मेदार है?
3. किस सोशल साइट ने राम जन्म भूमि और बाबरी मस्जिद विवाद को शुरू किया था?
4. भ्रूण हत्या, यौन शोषण, महिलाओं पर अत्याचार क्या पहले नहीं होते थे?

आप ही बताइए कि यदि सोशल मीडिया न होता तो युद्ध घोषणा से लेकर शांति संधियाँ, परीक्षा की तिथि से लेकर परिणाम घोषणा हमें कौन बताता। कौन भ्रष्ट नेताओं के मन में जनता का डर पैदा कर पाता, कौन निर्भया को इंसाफ दिलाता, कसाब कैसे पकड़ा जाता, कैसे अभिनंदन अपने घर वापस आता, एलजीबीटीक्यू समुदाय के लोगों की बात कौन समझ पाता, मी टू आंदोलन भी आगे कैसे बढ़ पाता?



अतः मेरा मत सोशल मीडिया के पक्ष में जाता है, क्योंकि यदि हमारे इरादे नेक, चरित्र निर्मल और आचरण नियंत्रित होगा तो यही सोशल मीडिया हमारे युवा वर्ग के लिए वरदान साबित हो सकता है क्योंकि :

“रामायण और महाभारत तो सबने पढ़ी हैं, पर यह हम पर निर्भर करता है कि हम मर्यादा पुरुषोत्तम राम के चरित्र को अपनाएँ या रावण के। गीता के उपदेशों को अपनाएँ या फिर दुशासन द्वारा किए गए चीरहरण को।” ■

ओजस अरोरा

कक्षा-9 सी

## आओ भोला बचपन जी ले

डिजिटल चाइल्डहुड छोड़, आओ भोला बचपन जी ले,  
जब बादल से बरसे रिमझिम फहार,  
लग जाये कागज की नौका की कतार।

भीगे, नाचे, खेल-कूदे, मौज मनाये,  
करे इन्द्रधनुष का दीदार।

अलमारी में बंद किताबों की  
ज्ञानमयी दुनिया की सैर करे।  
रंग कलम से कागज में,  
अपनी कल्पना के रंग भरें।



कोने में पड़ी उदास गेंद,  
पर तेजी से किक लगाये।  
कैरम, लूडो, शतरंज, अन्ताक्षरी,  
की फिर से महफिल जमाये।

आभासी डिजिटल फ्रेंडशिप छोड़,  
अपने सच्चे मित्र बनाये।

चैट, ई-मेल, इंस्टाग्राम को त्याग  
कभी मित्रों से रूठे कभी उन्हें मनाये।

डिजिटल चाइल्डहुड छोड़, फिर भोला बचपन जी ले। ■

समर्थ पाल  
कक्षा-3 बी

## ज़िन्दगी

ज़िन्दगी कालिख थी, ना रगो में ठहराओं था,  
जिन्दगी तो उजागर तब हुई,

जब उसमें गुरु नाम का भी एक भाव था,  
ज़िन्दगी गिरवी रख कर भी न चुका पायेगें हम जिसका कर्जा,  
माँ ही नहीं भगवान के बराबर, गुरु का भी है उतना महान दर्जा,

किस्सा ज़िन्दगी का कभी शुरू भी ना हुआ होता,  
अगर ज़िन्दगी को ज़िन्दगी बनाने वाला गुरु ही न हुआ होता,  
इन्सान वो ज़िन्दगी के भव सागर से पार है,  
साथ जिसके माँ की परछाई और गुरु का ज्ञान अपार है,  
भगवान को भी भगवान बनने के लिए गुरु का ही ज्ञान काम आया था,

माँ ने तो ऊँगली थाम कहा था चलो पर,  
चलना कहाँ है यह गुरु ने ही बताया था,  
जानवर है वो रूह, जो हुई गुरु से रूबरू नहीं,  
अगर परखा जाये तो हर लिहाज से मेरे विचार में औरत से बड़ा कोई गुरु नहीं। ■

जोरावर सिंह  
कक्षा-3 सी



## “पिता”

कभी अभिमान तो कभी स्वाभिमान है पिता,  
कभी धरती तो कभी आसमान है पिता,  
अगर जन्म दिया है माँ ने, तो जग से कराता पहचान है  
पिता।

कभी कंधे पर बिठाकर मेला दिखाता है पिता,  
कभी बन के घोड़ा घुमाता है पिता।

माँ अगर पैरों पर चलना सिखाती है,  
तो पैरों पर खड़ा होना सिखाता है पिता।

माँ अगर है, मासूम सी लोरी  
तो कभी न भूल पाऊँगा, वो कहानी है पिता।  
कभी रोटी, तो कभी पानी है पिता,  
कभी बचपन तो कभी जवानी है पिता।

कभी हँसी तो कभी अनुशासन है पिता, कभी मौन तो  
कभी भाषण है पिता,  
माँ अगर घर में रसोई है तो, चलता है जिससे घर वो  
राशन है पिता।

बचपन में खुश करने वाला खिलौना है पिता,  
नींद लगे तो, पेट पर सुलाने वाला बिछौना है पिता।  
कभी मित्र, कभी शिक्षक, कभी रक्षक, कभी सम्मान है  
पिता,

कभी धरती तो कभी आसमान है पिता।

कभी अभिमान तो कभी स्वाभिमान है पिता।। ■



मनन अग्रवाल  
कक्षा-3 बी

## आँखें



आँखें, अक्सर धोखा दे जाती हैं  
कभी मेरे झूठ, कभी मेरी बात से  
मुकर के, मुझे एक मौका दे जाती हैं  
कि मैं अडिग रहूँ अपने सच पर,  
वो साथ देगी, भले फिर शर्म लिये,  
झुक के, नम होकर भी दृढ़ता लिये।  
उठकर, गिरकर, ये आँखें एक अदा  
एक भाव अनोखा दे जाती हैं।

कुछ आँखें ऐसी होती हैं  
जिनमें विश्वास झलकता है।  
मेरे हर सही-गलत को मानो  
कोई है, जो परखता है  
इस अनजान, अजब दुनिया में  
रोज़ नया कोई मिल जाता है  
पर उन कुछ आँखों को देख  
मेरा हर दोष बिलख उठता है

क्रोध, घृणा द्वेष से लेकर  
प्यार, चिंता, पागलपन तक  
सब कुछ “कह” जाती हैं ये दोनों  
फिर भी ख्वाब संजो के रह जाती हैं  
कभी ये मुझसे छल करके  
अंतर का झरोखा दे जाती हैं  
ये आँखें, अक्सर ही धोखा दे जाती हैं..... ■

अरनव चौहान  
कक्षा-5 सी



## युवा पीढ़ी के नैतिक पतन का मूल कारण सोशल मीडिया है।



सोशल मीडिया एक ऐसा माध्यम है जिसके द्वारा लोग एक दूसरे से संपर्क करके जानकारी सांझा कर सकते हैं। इसी तरह नैतिक पतन का अर्थ है इंसान के अंदर से नैतिकता का खत्म हो जाना। फिर वह इंसान अच्छा-बुरा, सही-गलत, लोग-लाज तथा समाज की परवाह नहीं करता।

इस बात का इतिहास साक्षी है कि जब-जब हमारे युवा किसी नशे की चपेट में आया है तब-तब उसने अपना योवन ऐसे ही गवाया है। वर्तमान में हमारे युवा एक ऐसे नशे की चपेट में आ गये हैं जिसको ना

तो खा सकता है, न पी सकता है और ना ही सूँग सकता है मगर इस नशे का प्रभाव बाकी अन्य नशों के मुकाबले बहुत अधिक है। जी हाँ यह नशा और कोई नहीं बल्कि सोशल मीडिया का नशा है।

सोशल मीडिया ने हमारे युवाओं के जीवन में इस कदर जगह बना ली है की सवेरे उठने के बाद वे योग या ध्यान करने की जगह सोशल मीडिया पे आने वाले नये संदेशों की बाढ़ में अपना बहुमूल्य समय बहा देते हैं।

इतना ही नहीं, जब वे कही तैयार होकर बाहर जाते हैं और एकाएक उनके सामने कोई दुर्घटना घटित हो जाती है तो वे उस दुर्घटना में शिकार हुए आदमी की मदद करने की जगह उसके साथ सैल्फी लेते हैं, उनका वीडियो बनाते हैं ताकी वे जल्द से जल्द सोशल साईट पे अपलोड करके अधिक से अधिक लाईक्स एवं वियूस बटोर सकें। सोशल मीडिया ने हमारे युवाओं के अंदर जो इंसानियत की भावना थी उसको चकनाचूर करके रख दिया है।

स्वामी विवेकानंद जी का कथन था कि अगर युवा का चरित्र, चिंतन और व्यवहार परिष्कृत हो जाए तो वे पुरुष से महापुरुष, देवतुल्य बन जाते हैं मगर सोशल मीडिया के माध्यम से हमारे युवा अश्लील वीडियो का आदान-प्रदान रहे हैं। उसे बड़ ही चाव से देखते हैं। यह बातें उनके चिंतन में धूमती रहती है और चिंतन से ही चरित्र का निर्माण होता है।

इन सभी बातों से यह सिद्ध होता है कि सोशल मीडिया ने हमारे युवा के चरित्र, चिंतन को दूषित कर दिया है।

चंदलाइन युवा भाईयों के लिये -

**बेहतर से बेहतर की तलाश करो, मिल जाए नदी तो समुद्र की तलाश करो।  
टूट जाते हैं शीशे पत्थरों की चोट से, टूट जाए पत्थर ऐसा शीशा तलाश करो।। ■**

हार्दिक सिंह  
कक्षा-9वीं

**“शिक्षा सबसे शक्तिशाली हथियार है,  
जिसे आप दुनिया को बदलने के लिए उपयोग कर सकते हैं।”**

## आओ सब मिल कर कुछ काम करे

आओ सब मिलकर कुछ काम करे  
पृथ्वी को बचाने में योगदान करे।

जल बचाए पेड़ लगाए, प्रदूषण हटाए,  
आओ सब मिलकर कुछ श्रमदान करें।



ओजोन परत हो रही है पतली  
सूरज की किरणें भेद रही है धरती का सीना

बढ़ रहा है धरती का पारा  
जीवों के जीवन पर है छाया संकट गहरा।

पिघल रहा है धरती का ताज हिमालय हमारा  
बढ़ रही है विपदा सुनामी और भूकंप की

बढ़ रहा है ग्लोबल वार्मिंग का खतरा  
कहीं सूखा तो कहीं बढ़ रहा है बाढ़ का खतरा

आओ सब मिलकर बचाएँ अपनी धरती माँ को  
आओ सब मिलकर कुछ काम करें। ■

अंश रस्तोगी  
कक्षा-12 सी

## सवेरा

सूरज निकला मिटा अंधेरा,  
देखो बच्चों हुआ सवेरा।  
आया मीठी हवा का फेरा,  
चिड़ियों ने फिर छोड़ा बसेरा।  
जागो बच्चों अब मत सोओ,  
इतना सुन्दर समय न खोओ। ■



अभयुदय प्रताप सिंह  
कक्षा-4डी

## गुरु की महिमा

गुरु की महिमा अपरम्पार,  
गुरु का सदा करें गुणगान।

गुरु के बिना हम सब अज्ञानी,  
गुरु ही देता है हमें ज्ञान।

गुरु की कृपा अगर न होती,  
हम सब रह जाते अज्ञानी।



गुरु है तो हम सब हैं मानव,  
नहीं तो बन जाते हम दानव।

गुरु दिखाता हमें है राह,  
तभी तो हम पाते सम्मान।

गुरु की महिमा अपरम्पार,  
गुरु की सदा करें गुणगान। ■

नैवेध सिंह  
कक्षा-2ए

## कोशिश कर

कोशिश कर, हल निकलेगा,  
आज नहीं तो, कल निकलेगा।  
अर्जुन सा लक्ष्य रख, निशाना लगा,  
मरुस्थल से भी फिर, जल निकलेगा।  
मेहनत कर, पौधों को पानी दे,  
बंजर में भी फिर, फल निकलेगा।  
कोशिश कर फल निकलेगा,  
आज नहीं तो कल निकलेगा। ■



आरव अग्रवाल  
कक्षा-4 सी



## बजट 2023-2024

प्रत्येक वर्ष सरकार आवागमन वित्तीय वर्ष के लिए आय-व्यय की घोषणा करती है। इस बार सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित वित्त लक्ष्य पत्र पिछले कई वर्षों से विविध है। इस बार द्वारा किए गए परिवर्तन से कई लोगों का मानना है कि यह-भारत को नई ऊँचाइयों पर ले जाएगा, वहीं विपक्ष का मानना है कि इससे सामान्य व्यक्ति की वित्तव्यवस्था पर बुरा प्रभाव पड़ेगा। इस बार के अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण परिवर्तन कुछ इस प्रकार से हैं -




१. वर्ष २०२२ एवं भूतपूर्व आय व्ययक में नागरिक के लिए धारा ८० सी, ८० सी सी डी, ८० डी एवं स्वास्थ्य बीमा योजना, किराया, आदि के अंतरगत कई कटौती दी जाती थीं एवं वर्षीय ४ लाख तक की व्यय पर वसूला जाने वाला कर माफ कर दिया जाता था किंतु अब सरकार ने ठोस कदम उठाते हुए इन सभी धाराओं के अंतर्गत दिया जाने वाला निगमन सम्पूर्णतः बंद कर दिया गया है एवं सालाना ७ लाख तक की व्यय को निःशुल्क को उपयोग करने की अनुमति प्रदान की है।
२. सरकार ने विदेशी व्यवसायों को भारत में आने के लिए कई अनुवृत्ति प्रदान की हैं एवं उन पर लग रहा कर का स्तर भी कम किया है। कई जगह हो रहे निवेशकीय बैठकों का सरकार द्वारा आयोजन यह साफ करता है कि सरकार देश को पूंजीवादी की सहायता से आगे बढ़ाना चाहती है।
३. सरकार ने यू.पी.आई. पर हो रहे व्यवसायिक लेन-देन पर रुपये २००० से ऊपर १.१ प्रतिशत का कर लगाने का निश्चय किया है। २०२२ में लगभग ७५०० करोड़ कार्य सम्पादन हुए हैं। हम इसका अंदाजा इससे ही लगा सकते हैं कि पिछले वर्ष केवल दिसम्बर के महीने में लगभग १२ लाख करोड़ रुपयों का लेन-देन यू.पी.आई. से ही हुआ था।


इसी के साथ-साथ सरकार कृषि पर ध्यान देते हुए ४३०० करोड़ भान्दा प्रोजेक्ट को देगी जिससे कई छोटे किसानों को आर्थिक मदद मिलेगी। सरकार ने स्वास्थ्य व्यवस्था को ध्यान में रखते हुए अनेक मिशन लॉन्च करने का सोचा एवं कई नए अस्पताल बनाने के लिए करोड़ों रुपयों की कुंजी जमा की गई है। उम्मीद है कि सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित लक्ष्य इस आय-व्ययक द्वारा अवश्य सम्पूर्ण होगा। ■

अर्जुन अग्रवाल  
कक्षा-10डी

## चुटकुले

 दो ट्रक ड्राइवर थे। वे एक दिन बहुत पतली गली से जा रहे थे। दोनों आमने-सामने से आ रहे थे। दोनों को उस गली को पार कर के अलग-अलग रास्ते जाना था। अब बताओ वे कैसे अपने रास्ते जायेंगे?

उ. पर दोनों तो ट्रक ड्राइवर थे। ट्रक थोड़ी लेकर जा रहे थे। आराम से पैदल निकल जाते।

 दुनिया में कितने देश हैं।

उ. एक देश है, बाकी सब विदेश हैं। ■



मो. इब्राहिम खान  
कक्षा-4बी

## दसवी कक्षा एक युद्ध



कक्षा दसवी वह कक्षा है जहाँ 9५-9६ साल के बच्चों को सिपाही की तरह तलवार रूपी कलम और ढाल रूपी पुस्तक के साथ मैदान रूपी स्कूल में पूरे वर्ष के लिए भेज दिया जाता है जिसमें वह पूरे वर्ष अत्यंत प्रयत्न करके बोर्डस रूपी युद्ध में विजय करने के लिए सभी अपनी कसरत करते हैं।

मैदान (स्कूल) में जाते एक सप्ताह भी नहीं पूरा होता कि सेनापति, रूपी माता-पिता हमें प्रोत्साहित करना चालू कर देते हैं और कुछ हद तक हमें लालची भी बना देते हैं। जैसे ऐलान कर रहे हो कि जिसने युद्ध में ६० प्रतिशत दुश्मनों को धराशाही किया उसे १००० स्वर्ण मुद्राएँ (रुपये) मिलेंगे जिसने ६५ प्रतिशत दुश्मनों को मारा उसे एक नया घोड़ा (बाइक या स्कूटी) मिलेगा, और जो उससे अधिक सफलता प्राप्त करेगा उसे रियासत का ताल्लुकदार बनेगा।

इतनी सारी बातें सुनकर कुछ सिपाही मुंगेरिलाल के हसीन सपनों में चले जाते कुछ लालच में आकर अत्यंत परिश्रम करने लगते परन्तु एक महीने के बाद तलवार (कलम) तो दूर कि बात है एक सुई भी नहीं उठाते। कुछ निरंतर तलवारबाजी के साथ प्रयत्न करते रहते।

ऐसे ही पूरा एक वर्ष बीत जाता है और सारे सिपाही मैदान में एकत्रित होकर एक-एक क्षेत्र में विषय रूपी दुश्मन पर विजय प्राप्त करते और कुछ धराशायी हो जाते हैं। ऐसे यह युद्ध लगभग एक माह तक चलता है और उसके बाद सभी सिपाही तलवार और ढाल फेंक कर अपने सेनापति से इनाम माँगते और पता चला कि सेनापति ने झूठे सपने दिखाकर ठग लिया। ■

सुहैब खान  
कक्षा-10डी

## 75वां स्वतंत्रता दिवस



एक लंबे संघर्ष के बाद १५ अगस्त, १९४७ को भारत को ब्रिटिश शासन से मुक्ति मिली थी। हर साल स्वतंत्रता दिवस के मौके पर उन सभी नेताओं को सम्मानित किया जाता है जिनका भारत को आज़ाद होने में योगदान रहा है। अभी एक वर्ष पहले भारत अपना ७५वां स्वतंत्रता दिवस मनाया है। एक लंबे संघर्ष के बाद १५ अगस्त, १९४७ को भारत को ब्रिटिश शासन से मुक्ति मिली थी। हर साल स्वतंत्रता दिवस के मौके पर उन सभी व्यक्तियों को सम्मानित किया जाता है जिन्होंने भारत को आज़ाद कराने में योगदान दिया है। स्वतंत्रता दिवस के दिन भारत के प्रधानमंत्री लाल किले में तिरंगा फहराते हैं, और राष्ट्र को सम्बोधित करते हुए भाषण देते हैं। स्कूलों में और संगठनों में विभिन्न सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम आयोजित किये जाते हैं।

स्वतंत्रता दिवस हमें अपने देश की रक्षा के प्रति  
समर्पित रहने का स्मरण करता है। ■

अर्नव गुप्ता  
कक्षा-6डी



## अमूल्य जानकारी

मैं पृथ्वी के बारे में बात करूँगा।  
 पृथ्वी, सौर मंडल का अकेला ग्रह है, जहाँ जीवन है।  
 पृथ्वी पर पानी और सांस लेने की हवा है।  
 यहाँ पर पौधों और जीवों की लाखों किस्में हैं।  
 हम मानव सबसे समझदार जीव हैं।  
 हमारी आबादी बहुत ज्यादा है।  
 हमें पृथ्वी से बहुत सारी चीजें मिलती हैं।  
 जैसे हवा, पानी, भोजन, मकान और अनगिनत जरूरी चीजें।  
 हमें भी पृथ्वी को अच्छा रखने में मदद करनी होगी।  
 पानी, हवा और जमीन में जाने वाले कचरे को कम करना होगा।  
 प्लास्टिक पृथ्वी को तबाह करने का सामान बनता जा रहा है।  
 हमें इसका प्रयोग कम से कम, और बहुत जरूरी होने पर करना चाहिये।  
 यह हमारी नदियाँ, समुद्र और जमीन को बहुत तेजी से खराब कर रहा है।  
 कुछ भी बनाने से हमें।  
 “रिड्यूस-रिसाइकल-रीयूस” की व्यवस्था अपनानी चाहिये। ■



आदित्य सिंह  
कक्षा-3डी

## “सुन तो मेरी पुकार ये”

मेरे देश के वीर जवानों,  
सुन लो मेरी पुकार ये।

- जात-पात का बन्धन तोड़ो,  
निकलो तुम मैदान में।  
भारत माँ की सेवा में,  
तन-मन-धन से जुटना है।  
मेरे देश के वीर जवानों,  
सुन लो मेरी पुकार ये।
- रुपया, पैसा, सोना, चाँदी,  
सब यही रह जायेगा।  
देश के नाम पर मर मिटोगे,  
तो नाम अमर हो जायेगा।  
इसलिए भारत के वीर सूपतो,  
इतिहास नया बनाओ तुम।  
मेरे देश के वीर जवानों,  
सुन लो मेरी पुकार ये।
- भारत की सेवा करते करते,  
जो शहीद हो जायेगा।  
सुनहरे अक्षर में उसका नाम,  
इतिहास में अमर हो जायेगा।  
मेरे देश के वीर जवानों,  
सुन लो मेरी पुकार ये। ■



अनादि शंकर त्रिपाठी  
कक्षा-9डी

“जब तक किसी काम को नहीं किया जाता, तब तक वह असंभव है।”



“जिंदगी में पछतावा करना छोड़ दो, कुछ ऐसा करो कि तुम्हें छोड़ने वाले पछताए।”

## चतुर किसान



एक बार एक किसान के पास एक बकरी, घास का एक गट्टर और एक शेर था। उसे एक छोटी नाव पर एक नदी पार करनी थी। जो एक बार में उनमें से केवल दो को ही ले जा सकता था।

किसान मुश्किल में था कि अगर वह पहले शेर को ले जाए तो उसकी अनुपस्थिति में बकरी घास खा जाएगी। यदि वह घास ले ले तो शेर बकरी को खा जाएगा।

अंत में, उसने सही समाधान ढूँढ़ लिया। उसने पहले बकरी को ले गया और नदी के दूसरी तफर छोड़ दिया। फिर उसने शेर को अपने दूसरे चक्कर में ले गया। वह शेर को छोड़कर बकरी को वापस ले आया। बकरी को इस ओर छोड़कर, वह घास की गट्टर के साथ ले गया। वह शेर के पास छोड़ कर बकरी को लेने के लिए अंत में लौट आया। इस प्रकार वह बिना किसी नुकसान के नदी पार कर गया।

**नैतिक शिक्षा : छोटी सी सूझबूझ भी आगे बहुत काम आती है। ■**

अर्नव चौहान  
कक्षा-5 सी

## बेटी बचाओ, बेटी पढ़ाओ

बेटी बचाओ, बेटी पढ़ाओ कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य बेटियों के अस्तित्व को सुरक्षा प्रदान करना है और बेटियों के जन्म दर में बढ़ोत्तरी करना है। कन्या भ्रूण हत्या को रोकना है, इसलिए हर चिकित्सालय में बाहर “कन्या भ्रूण हत्या कानूनन अपराध है” यह वाक्य देखने को मिलता है। लड़कियों के प्रति शोषण का खात्मा करने उन्हें आत्मनिर्भर बनाना है।

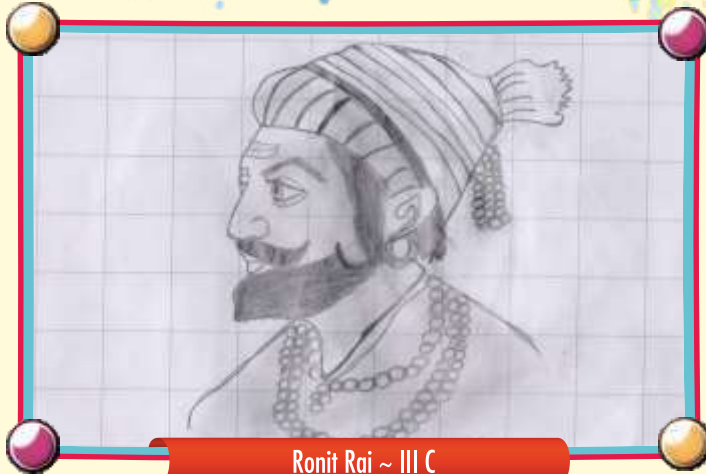
इन अभियान को जितना फैलाया जा सकता है उतना फैलाना होगा, जिससे हर गाँव और शहर में लड़कियों को हीन भावना से देखना बंद हो जाए। उन्हें पूरा सम्मान और पूरे अधिकार मिल सके। स्वामी विवेकानन्द जी ने कहा था कि “नारी का उत्थान स्वयं नारी ही कर सकती है। कोई और उन्हें उठा नहीं सकता है। वह स्वयं उठेगी। बस, उठने में उसे सहयोग की आवश्यकता है और जब वह उठ खड़ी होगी तो दुनिया की ताकत उसे रोक नहीं सकती, वह उठेगी और समस्त विश्व को अपनी जादुई कुशलता से आश्चर्यचकित कर देगी।” ■



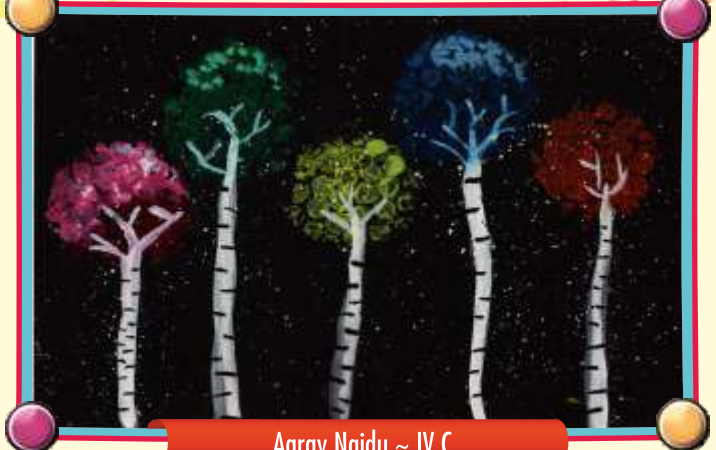
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Ronit Rai ~ III C



Aarav Naidu ~ IV C



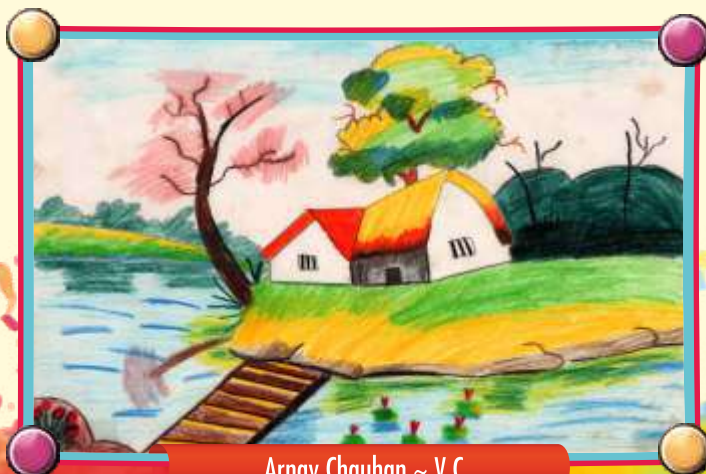
Aviral Singh ~ V A



Maulik Pandit ~ V A



Yesrivardhan ~ V C



Arnav Chauhan ~ V C



Parshva Jain ~ V D





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