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New Year Greeting from the Principal



My dear children and parents,

Greetings of the new year to you all.

I sincerely hope the advent of this new year has brought you joys and hopes unknown to you and seen you and your family safe and healthy.

The whole St. Xavier's family joins hands in wishing you a magnificent new year with all its promises and success. We always feel a special joy in reaching out to you which is well reciprocated in the innocent

smiles of our children that give us a purpose.

The year gone by has been challenging to many and we as one united family stand by them emotionally and mentally to share the joys and sorrows of each one. Nonetheless, there have also been valid reasons to thank God for all the blessings of togetherness He has bestowed upon us.

We saw that we have learnt to overcome many obstacles and pave a new path to tread during the pandemic turning stumbling blocks into stepping stones.

The kids are waiting to come back to school and we are waiting and praying as well for them to come back soon. They are the life and spirit of the school and their laughter is missing on the campus.

The core happiness is our children and our focus is on them to help them discover the true joy of learning through how education is imparted meaningfully.

May you all flourish within your families in 2022 and may this be a positive year of new hopes and aspirations.

On behalf of the school management and the staff, I extend my warm wishes for your good health as we realise that safety and wellness have become a priority now for all.

Let's be together in the hard times praying for the good times to return soon, still growing still rejoicing in all we have and all we can preserve for our children with greater confidence and courage promising ourselves we will overcome.

We pledge to make the most of the opportunities God has given us and make it a memorable and fruitful year ahead so that it may be the best ever we had. Stay safe and protected.

A very happy new beginning!

God bless you all!

Dr R Alfred

Principal

STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

THINK, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE



With all of
your mind,
can you
imagine...
living a
sacred and
victorious
life?

With all of your heart, can you
believe...

that you're covered by His
righteousness?

With all of your might, can you
achieve...

the desires that He has purposed
for you?

So what do we do with our lives?
We leave only a mark.
Decide to give it all or nothing.
We can make a difference.
You can make a difference.

Live up to your dream
cause people are watching
this little old thing
can be such a tragic
so care who you are
and people will see
that you've got something special.

Dream, believe, achieve.
No matter how tough the battle
may seem.
The journey is never easy
Nor was it meant to be.
Never stop improving.
Strive for excellence.

We cherish many dreams in mind;

But when the time comes we fail;
Knowledge of experience gives
ideas;

That only can do miracles ever!
But simply dreaming gives
pleasure.

And we forget time to implement!
Vision of the whole is needed
To have ambition and
programme!

-Akshat Agarwal (6-A)

IMAGINE, BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



Once I saw
a caterpillar
all alone.

On a half-
eaten leaf, it
sat on its
own

Its dreamy
thoughts went up to the sky.

Imagining, once it shall be a
butterfly.

But to be a butterfly, the little
worm knew.

That a big cocoon it shall have to
sew.

How shall I stay in a pupa without
moving for so long?

Without eating for days, how can I
remain strong?

It mourned out loud in panic and
fear.

On hearing its cry, a kind butterfly
came near.

The kind butterfly offered to teach
it the way.

How to turn into a beautiful
butterfly someday.

Imagine, Believe and Achieve is
the key.

To become anything, you wish to
be.

The caterpillar believed in these
golden words.

And gathered strength for its
journey onwards.

With utmost energy, all the leaves
it started to munch and eat.

To stay in the cocoon patiently and
perform the tough feat.

It started to weave long threads of
silk.

Within days, a pupa around itself it
built.

Soon, a part of its skin turned
black.

And delicate wings sprouted from
its back.

One fine day the chrysalis burst
open.

Emerged from it a magnificent
butterfly of colour golden.

It dried its wings under the sun
with pride.

And flew into the sky to mark its
first big stride.

- Sonakshi Sanyal (6-A)

CHRISTMAS



Merry
Christmas to
my respected
teachers and
my dear
friends.

Hope you all
are safe and

doing great during this corona virus pandemic. As Christmas is round the corner, I would like to tell you the true meaning of Christmas for me with the help of a short story. For me the true meaning of Christmas is to make someone happy and fulfill their wishes.

Every Christmas, I wish to have a toy from my mom and dad being Santa for me to fulfill my wishes. On last Christmas, I wanted to have a dinosaur toy, so I went to a toy shop with my dad. When I was entering the toy shop with my dad, I saw a little boy standing in front of the shop with his mom and requesting her to get him a toy car. But his mom told him that she is not having enough money to get the car for him. He got sad and had tears in his eyes. I felt sad for the little boy and remembered that my mom always says the real happiness is to help others and make them happy. I requested my dad to get him a toy car as a Christmas gift. My dad felt so happy and bought a toy car for the little boy. I gave the car to the little boy and wished him Merry Christmas. The boy got so happy and so did I for bringing a smile on someone's face. I also got a huge

dinosaur as my Christmas gift.

So, friends this Christmas please be someone's Santa and spread happiness all around you. Thank you and please be safe. Merry Christmas to all of you.

-Ayan Nandal (I- D)

CHRISTMAS



Christmas is
celebrated
on the 25th
of
December.

We
celebrate
Christmas

because it is the birthday of Jesus Christ.

On Christmas we exchange gifts and sweets, bake cakes and go to Church to pray and sing Carols. We also decorate our homes with X-mas trees and wear new clothes.

As we fall asleep, Santa comes in a Reindeer cart and climbs quietly down the chimney with a bag filled with gifts and puts them near the tree.

I am happy that Santa gives me many gifts every year. I make muffins and orange juice for Santa as a return gift. I make a list of gifts I want from Santa and I promise my mom to be a good girl for the whole year so Santa will give me all the gifts I have in my list.

All of these things make Christmas my favourite festival and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas!!!

- Rimaya Sharma(1-G)

NEW YEAR 2022 – EMBARK ON A NEW JOURNEY



Year 2022
shall be more
special than
any other.

For it will be
celebrated
with joy and
laughter.

We'll do our

best to make things right.

And will work hard - all day and
night.

Let's take a vow to help the poor.

By giving them alms more and
more.

We'll understand the meaning of a
family

And live together happily.

Let's maintain safety and personal
hygiene.

Coz it's essential for our well-
being

We'll enjoy next year all Corona-
free.

Thereby, shall live together in
peace and harmony.

We'll celebrate the New Year in an
eco-friendly way.

And continue to pray and value
every day.

This is a promise from me and you
Let's make this pledge come true!

- Adrika Mukerji (IV- B)

GLIMPSES OF SPECTACULAR

PRE-PRIMARY

ACTIVITY BASED LEARNING

Activity based learning is a teaching and learning process where information is given to the students and they decide how to process it and take the learning aspect in their own hands. Thus, activity-based learning ensures that the information is processed, used, and retained rather than just heard or memorized. Activity based learning is the main focus at St. Xavier's High School, thus, providing a creative and fun filled environment that helps students to analyze and evaluate the concepts.



The curriculum is a compilation of structured activities to provide an ease to understand the concepts right from Pre-Nursery. Activities like **letter matching with paper cups**, **number train**, **quantification by play dough balls** not only help to foster their

fine motor skills but also help them to enhance their thinking and reasoning. Listening to the concepts of EVS, they make mental note of observations from their listening experience and express the same through craft like **Day/Night concept**, **table manners**, **story crafts** etc. At St. Xavier's high school, hands on experience is given to the children through the activities like **shoe polishing for introducing cobbler**, **making fruit salad to understand the concept of healthy eating better**.



We at St. Xavier's believe that developmental aims are the targets to be achieved over a period of preschool years through interesting variations and in tandem with an individual's pace. Children learn most things through exploration, observation and experience therefore, activities in nursery are designed to enhance their cognitive development including writing

skills. Activities like **Semolina Tracing**, **Clay Formations**, **Slate Practice** are done on a daily basis to make the children understand the formation of letters and numbers in a fun way. To enhance the vocabulary, **free hand drawings of the objects** related to the letters is practiced. Considering the creative and logical development, activities like **live experiments** for introduction of colours, understanding the **properties of water**; **seed germination** are planned in the curriculum. **Dramatic play**, **role play** activities are conducted to identify the emotions of self and others.



Little Xaverians in Kindergarten get the opportunity to effectively engage themselves in the activities like free hand drawing of the things which they have observed and experienced with revised

ideas. Conceptual learning is also fostered with the opportunities to express themselves through role play activities, object talk etc. Number readiness activities like **rocket making for reverse counting, house for hundred** are also done to elate the curious minds of our juniors. Other interesting activities done for their holistic development are formation of **vyanjans with play dough and semolina.**



Thus, including such activity based learning provides a proper connect with the students with a better chance of grasping the concepts and retaining important information. This helps us to create a fun and interesting environment which leads to a positive

succession in our little Xaverians throughout the year.

CELEBRATIONS

“The more you celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.”

We are very fortunate that we have so much to rejoice and so many reasons to celebrate every now and then. This quarter was full of lively festivities for the Pre-Primary Wing.



October started with observing **Gandhi Jayanti**. Kids learnt about the importance of this day and why Mahatma Gandhi is rightly called the Father of the Nation. They also learned about his life motto of “See no evil, hear no evil, and speak no evil.”



Then came the festival of celebrating the victory of good over evil – **Navratri and Dussehra**. Kids were explained the importance of these 9 days and how they are named and celebrated differently with much pomp and show in various parts of our country. They saw the story of Goddess Durga and demon Mahishasur and learnt about the different things related to this festival. They also saw the story of Lord Ram and Ravana and how again good triumphed over evil.

Pre-Nursery kids made a mask of Lord Hanuman, who played an important role in getting Sita back. Nursery and KG kids made a Ravana craft with ten heads to signify the different bad habits that Ravana had. Kids played games and danced to some fun music and garba. Pre-Nursery kids made a beautiful goody bag.

October got over with celebrating the harvest festival of **Halloween**. Kids learnt about the significance of this day and were excited to wear the spooky costumes and makeup.



Teachers also added a fun element by dressing up with some scary makeup and costumes.

Kindergarteners made a Halloween hanging to ward off the evil spirits.



The month of November started with celebrating the festival of lights – **Diwali**. Pre-Primers were made aware of how everyone was happy and had lit up the roads when Lord Rama was returning to Ayodhya after 14 years of exile. Emphasis was laid upon an “eco-friendly” Diwali. Pre-Nursery kids decorated diyas and candles and made a toran. Nursery kids painted beautiful diyas. Kindergarteners made a decorative piece using shape cutouts and diyas.



Then came a very special day dedicated to the future of our country – **Children’s Day**. Our precious little kids had a day full of fun-filled activities planned especially for them. For their virtual class party, they dressed up in their favourite dresses and came with their party snacks. Kids learnt why the birthday of our first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is celebrated as Children’s Day.



Teachers made the day special by getting dressed up and decorating the classrooms for their lovely kids. The day was full of interesting games, music and dance. Kids made cute hand puppets for themselves.



The birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, also known as **Guru Nanak Jayanti**, was celebrated where kids learnt about Guru Nanak Dev Ji's life and his magical powers. They were made aware of the importance of this day and many things about his life, his teachings, his beliefs and his 3 golden rules of "Naam Japo, Kirt Karo, and Vand Chako."



They also went on a virtual tour of "The Golden Temple at Amritsar" and saw how this auspicious day is celebrated on a large scale at the Gurudwara.



It was the time to be thankful for all the good things that we are fortunate to have in our lives. Once again, **Thanksgiving Day** was celebrated by the Pre-Primers and the importance of being thankful for the smallest things in our lives was discussed. Kids also listed the things that they feel fortunate to possess. Pre-Nursery kids made a hand reflecting the things that are important for them.



Nursery kids made a beautiful Thank You card. Kindergarteners made a cute headgear that they were very happy to wear.

The birthday of the Saviour of the world – Jesus Christ was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm and joy. Kids had prepared really hard through the month to put up a great show. The celebration started with a special webinar. Confident little Xaverians told everyone about the true spirit of Christmas. They had also prepared special Christmas dances and a nativity play depicting the birth of Lord Jesus.

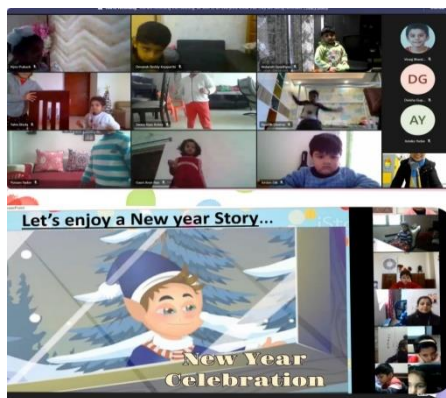


The spirit of Christmas was everywhere as the celebration continued virtually for the kids. Kids dressed up in Christmas colours, had fun with dance and music. Pre-Nursery kids made a wreath, Christmas tree and yummy chocolate balls. Nursery and KG kids made a beautiful 3D Christmas tree.



The physically closed gates of the schools were not able to stop the children and their teachers from soaking in the Christmas spirit and festivities.

This happening quarter ended with celebrating the upcoming New Year with a class party. Kids got to know what a New Year is and how it is celebrated in different parts of the world.



They were made aware about the different traditions followed around the globe on this special occasion. Kids had fun with dance and music in their class party. They were also made to think about their New Year resolution and a good change that they would like to bring in their lives.



After having such an eventful quarter, we are definitely looking forward to a lot more reasons to celebrate and a more happening time ahead.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

“Light is good from whichever lamp it shines. Knowledge is good from whatever source it originates.”

Special Assemblies are one of the important aspects of a school’s curriculum. The benefits of special assemblies are to unify students, develop core values, learn discipline and build confidence. They powerfully nurture the development of intrapersonal intelligence. All the important

national days and festivals are celebrated in school through special assemblies.

The special assembly sessions are very helpful in giving the students motivation and vision in their daily tasks. It's the first platform, which is provided to young minds for boosting their confidence for public speaking and imbibing a feeling of team spirit in their nascent minds.

Keeping up with the same, the little Xaverians present their views and ideas every month. They pick up different topics to represent and strengthen the important values and beliefs in us.

With pleasure, we share some glimpses of their presentations.

DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

Nothing is impossible. The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible and the impossible. Students of KG A presented a virtual special assembly on the topic "Do the Impossible." They gave a lovely dance performance during the assembly and spoke their lines with full enthusiasm.



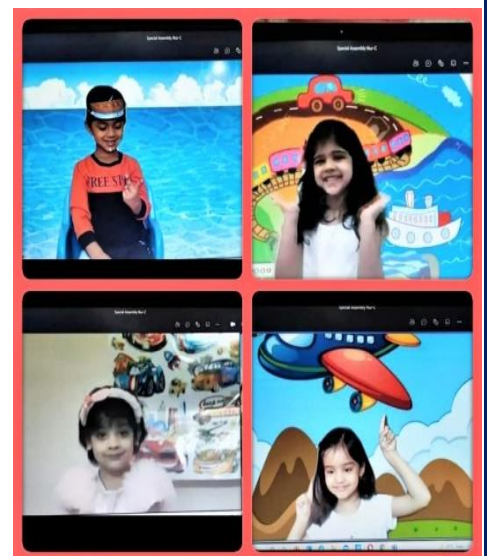
BEN AND HIS BREAKFAST BASKET

"Every time we eat is an opportunity to nourish our body." Keeping this in mind, the students of Nursery C conducted the special assembly on farm animals and things we get from them to make our morning breakfast healthy and nutritious.



TRANSPORT

Transport is one of our most basic human needs. The importance of transportation is showcased in how individuals, businesses, and governments rely on it to access resources. People would find it difficult to move around places as easily as they do now if there were no buses, trains, planes or cars.



The students of Nursey C conducted a special assembly on 'Means of Transport'. They gave a beautiful dance performance during the assembly and were looked really cute, dressed up as different means of transport.

COMMUNITY HELPERS

While grownups understand the value of community living, children need to be taught about the social system to inculcate respect for society and its people. To build a healthy society, it is imperative to teach kids about community helpers.



To spread the message that without community helpers, survival would be much difficult for us; as we depend on each other for so many things, students of Nursery D presented a special assembly on the same. They spoke their lines confidently and overall enjoyed their performance.

HALLOWEEN DAY CELEBRATION

Halloween is the time to have fun and is especially enjoyed by kids. It is a time when people dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating and carve jack-o'-lanterns from hollowed out pumpkins. Ghosts and witches are popular costumes

of the children who go from house to house saying "Trick-O'-Treat!".



A special assembly was conducted by the students of KG B to celebrate this festival. They dressed up in their favourite costumes and did some spooky makeup. They excitedly told the significance of the festival to everyone.



GOOD HABITS AND MANNERS

"Good manners are better than good looks." A virtual special assembly was presented by the students of Nursery E in a story

form through which, they conveyed the message that good manners are always in fashion. The use of magic words was also depicted in a loving way.



GURU NANAK JAYANTI CELEBRATION

A festival is an occasion of enjoyment and celebration, which promotes child's social interaction and harmony. Celebration of these festivals bring the children closer to each other's customs and traditions. To spread awareness on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, little Xaverians of KG B conducted the special assembly on Guru Nanak Jayanti

in which they explained the important aspects of this festival.



THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude. This day is celebrated worldwide which marks the importance of gratitude and blessings in one's life. To spread the message about important values of this day, students of KG C presented a special assembly on the said topic. Children wore a special turkey headgear and spoke their lines confidently and with full energy.



STAY HEALTHY AND STAY FIT

Healthy eating, getting the right nutrition and being physically active is an excellent way to help our body stay strong and fit. Students of KG E presented their virtual special assembly based on the theme "Stay Healthy and Stay Fit." Students enacted like different nutrients of a healthy diet. They spoke with full confidence and explained about the importance and benefits of eating healthy food.



CLUB TIME

Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.....

Students discovered by being an active part of the Clubs, that learning could be immense fun. A mixed blend of dance, life skills, experimental learning, language proficiency and sports was a joy to initiate with the **club activities** this quarter. A plethora of activities were conducted under all the clubs.





CHESS CLUB

The innovative experiences at Life Skills Club – enabled students master the essential life skills through exploration, discussion and presentation. Quiz on critical thinking, blindfold activity, and anger management was enjoyed by all. Students also relished learning jazz, hip-hop and belly dancing under Western Dance Club Level Up and some intriguing chess moves in the Check Mate Club. Numbers were just magical with activities like clock making, etc., in the Number Ninjas club.

The wide spectrum of experiment-based activities conducted by the Science Club – Team Newton included making a model on the topics - lungs, rotation of earth, first aid kit, dancing raisins, magical wheel, etc. Literary Club – The Eloquent Coterie was no different. It welcomed everyone with a passion for reading and creativity.



TEAM NEWTON



NUMBER NINJAS

As we all know that first step is the hardest, the rest of journey is all bliss. Our little Xaverians have already taken their first step and are surely going to have an exciting and enlightening expedition ahead.

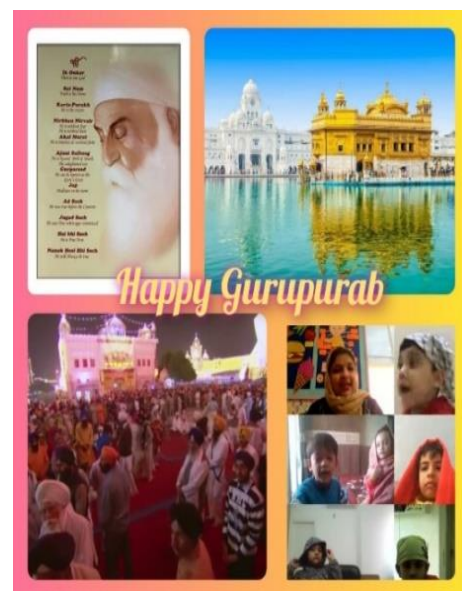
ENRICHING LEARNING THROUGH VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

St. Xavier's have long looked towards technology to elevate learning experiences in the

classroom. The importance and need for practical and reality-based learning has opened the doors to different approaches, one among them being virtual field trips. Virtual field trips create a highly interactive experience for students. This technology equips students with the freedom to discover, view and learn at their own pace. Virtual field trips hold a special place in our online classrooms and create an interactive, stimulating and enriching learning experience for students.

VIRTUAL TOUR TO GURUDWARA

St. Xavier's believes that for maintaining communal harmony and respect, it is very important for children to understand about the different religions and culture. Celebrating the occasion of 'Gurpurab,' a virtual tour of "The Golden Temple at Amritsar" was organized for our Pre-Primers, which exposed them to the religion of Sikhism and their rich culture.



Happy Gurpurab



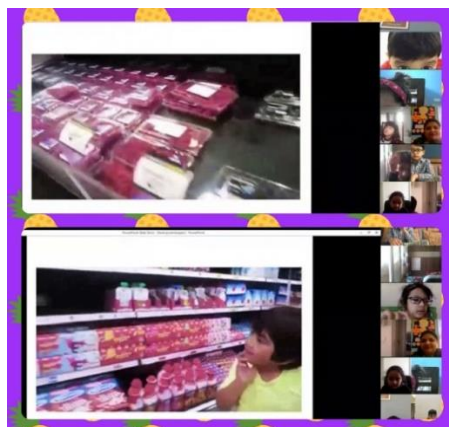
The tiny tots were very excited about this new experience. They learnt about the various activities that are carried out during this auspicious occasion. Students also explored the “langar hall, the world’s largest free eatery” where food is cooked and served without any discrimination. They came dressed up in traditional attire and covered their heads during the tour to Gurudwara.

VIRTUAL TOUR TO SUPERMARKET

Connectivity of online classrooms with the outside world drastically improves the process of learning and helps in understanding the concepts better. Continuing this platform, an online tour to supermarket was organized for the Pre-Primary kids, which helped them to understand the importance of nutritious food and healthy life.



On this virtual tour to the supermarket, children were made to identify the types of foods found there. They were shown different sections of the supermarket like fresh fruits & vegetables section, grain section, meat/dairy/frozen food section, bakery, and canned goods.



It was demonstrated to them how things are bought, billed and paid for. On the whole, it was a fun learning yet educational experience for each child and also an encouragement to follow the healthy lifestyle.

VIRTUAL TOUR TO FARM & JUNGLE SAFARI

Another exciting journey of virtual tours was conducted in the month of December when children

explored the world of animals. This adventure-laden trip was not only an enthralling experience for the kids, but also informative and enriched them with knowledge, curiosity and learning.



They learnt about the different habitats, food habits and species of animals. From the quack-quack of a duck to the mighty roar of a lion, from an innocent lamb to a dangerous tiger, from a shed to a den, from herbivores to carnivores, children enjoyed the journey of beautiful farmland and thrilling jungle safari. Watching different kinds of animals in their natural habitats made children feel connected to their environment and they learned to be empathetic and caring to the needs of animals.



Such virtual tours connect the learning with reality making the children more actively engaged in the class with a highly interactive experience.

VIRTUAL TOUR TO CHURCH

Christmas is the most awaited time in winters and one of the most enthusiastically celebrated fiestas at St. Xavier's every year. This time also, our Nursery kids celebrated it with lots of euphoria. The most fascinating part of this festivity was a virtual tour to the Church, a place of worship which reconnects us with God.



Children witnessed the Church with tranquility, as if they could feel the presence of the Almighty. Children were amazed when they saw the place where people assemble to pray.



Overall, it was a soothing experience like an expanse of a clear sky or a calm sea. Kids also sang carols and Christmas rhymes together with great joy.

IN-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Competition is an integral part of our Pre-Primary curriculum and it plays a valuable part in developing child's learning, as it helps them to sort information and build their confidence.

PRE-NURSERY, DRESS UP COMPETITION

Dress up competition was organized by the school for tiny tots of pre-nursery where they dressed up as "What I Want To Be". This activity was excellent for children as it sparked their imagination and made them think more.



PRE-NURSERY/NURSERY, FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

May on this Halloween you get more treats, without any spooky tricks.



Halloween may have secret and scary things behind the door but we love Halloween. It was beautiful to see how happy it made children when they participated in Halloween themed fancy dress competition with full enthusiasm.



A mesmerizing fancy dress competition was organized virtually for our little munchkins of pre-nursery and nursery. They were dressed up in different costumes of witches, magician's and other various characters. Children danced and enjoyed with their friends virtually and had gala time together.

NURSERY, POEM RECITATION COMPETITION, THEME- NATURE

To spread the fragrance of poetry among the students of Nursery, Recitation Competition was organized in the school. Our cute poets enjoyed the beauty of expression, thought, feeling, rhyme, rhythm and the music of words.



The main purpose behind conducting such competitions is to build self-confidence, develop the oratory skills and self-expression. It was delightful to see children performing with full enthusiasm.

KG, SHOW AND TELL COMPETITION, THEME - IMPORTANCE OF PLANTS AROUND US

Show and Tell competition was organized for the little Xaverians of Kindergarten. Entire Kindergarten participated in the competition, where children were encouraged to speak on the given topic. The competition provided

children with the platform to display their talent and also highlighted their confidence and command over the language.



The competition began on a pleasant note where little Xaverians bubbled with energy, their excitement was easily visible in the way they expressed themselves and the competition turned out to be full of enthusiasm and creativity.

Children were judged on the basis of their knowledge about the topic, fluency, props and time duration.

KG, DANCE COMPETITION THEME-FESTIVALS

When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. Dance improves flexibility, coordination, balance, range of motion, stamina, muscle tone, strength and posture. But physical fitness is just one of many benefits of dance that can enhance child's life in so many ways. ...



Little munchkins of Kindergarten were so excited to do solo dance competition. All the participants were very energetic and performed their dance forms enthusiastically, they were dressed beautifully according to their song.

PLAY N SWAY

The play n sway sessions continued for this quarter as well. Kids had a completely engaging day with a plethora of activities. Children were very excited because they were meeting their teachers and friends for the first time.



They were absolutely swayed by beautiful decoration around and jumped with excitement to get

engaged with various activities. They had a gala time by singing and dancing with their music and dance teachers. They also enjoyed doing their most favourite activities, drawing and colouring.



They also got some fancy tattoos. Parents were happy to see their little ones laughing and having fun and could not stop applauding the school's efforts which was evident in their positive feedback. Teacher dressed up as a clown cheered up the kids and also gave them an adorable clown takeaway.

COMPETITIONS

Learning and Development is part and parcel of our school curriculum, we believe in holistic development of the child, with this aim we always strive to provide a platform to our young Xaverian's to foster. Our little stars participated in different Inter School competitions and made us feel proud.

EVENT: RAZZMATAZZ, MOTHERS DIVINE PUBLIC SCHOOL

"Hum Fit to India Fit" with this positive idea our little Xaverians participated in the Inter School Dance competition where they performed with one of their family members showcasing their dance moves with rhythm and pose. **Myra Gogia** bagged **SECOND POSITION** for the school.



EVENT: CYNOSURE, G D GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Twinkling stars of Xavier's with their expressions and voice modulation won the hearts of the judges. All through they recited a Hindi as well as an English Poem with full confidence and brought laurels to the school. Our Nursery students **Anahita Raj & Aamira Saini** bagged **FIRST POSITION**.



Stories are all time favourite of children and they are at their best in weaving the same. Our young story tellers narrated a moral story which was well spoken with great enthusiasm and zeal and once again proved them the young leaders of tomorrow. To add one more feather in the cap of Xavier's **Adhvaryu Choudhary** from KG won **THIRD POSITION** in the story narration competition.



EVENT: MAADHYAM, IMPERIAL HERITAGE SCHOOL

As a Human being we need to create surroundings full of love and care for animals. With this aim our little ones were given an opportunity to walk the ramp showcasing their favourite animal's beauty. They walked through a Jungle with all props and beautiful costumes as Zoo Fashionistas. The cluster of 6 animals, 3 each from Nursery's & KG's made us proud and bagged **FIRST POSITION**. **Divisha**, **Viraaj**, **Advik** from Nursery & **Ridhi**, **Advik**, **Shanaya** from KG.



EXPOSITION OF IMPRESSIVE PRIMARY

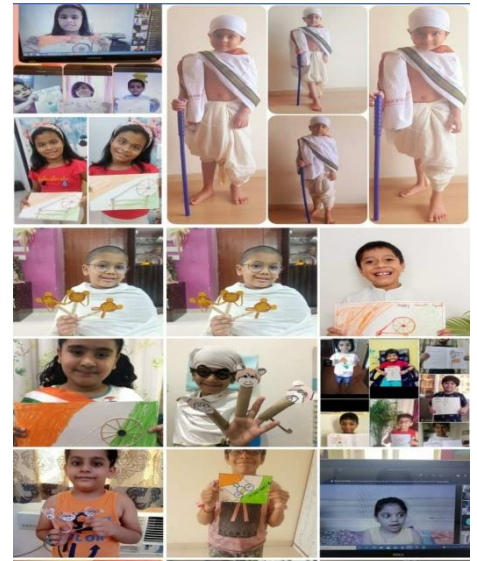
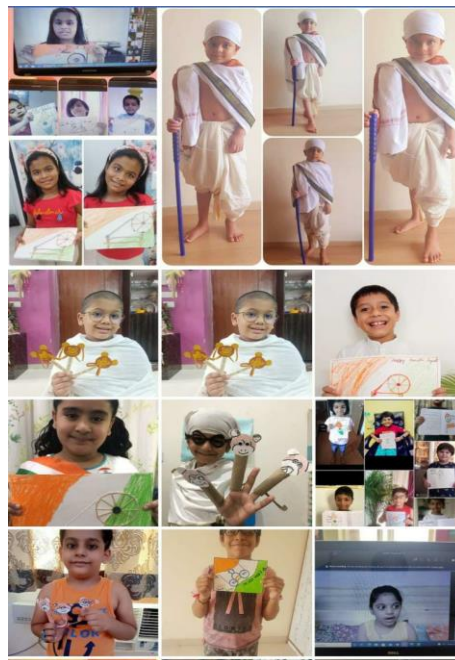
CELEBRATIONS

GANDHI JAYANTI, 2021- INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

In a world, torn apart by violence, terrorism, unhealthy competition, degradation of moral values and culture, we seek love, peace, tranquility, human dignity and revival of our glorious past laden with values and ethics, what better reasons are there to remember Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, the father of our nation, a great leader, an immortal soul who taught the world how to win a war with peace. India marked the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, fondly remembered by people across the world as “Mahatma” or “Bapu”, on October 02.



Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated by the nation to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Proud Xaverians also took it upon themselves to pay homage to this noble soul in a special assembly on 30th September, 2021. The highlights of the assembly were anecdotes from Gandhiji's life as presentations which depicted our freedom struggle and the role Gandhi ji played to help us achieve our prized freedom.



This was, particularly, useful for our young Xaverians who are slowly becoming aware of the acute hardships our forefathers faced as they struggled to free our motherland. The celebration gave the children an insight into the life and times of Gandhi ji and encouraged them to think about the values of sacrifice and freedom. The assembly echoed with Gandhiji's favourite devotional song, 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram...'. Following this, the children dived in various activities like paragraph writing, craft making activity, drawing and painting on the theme of 'Swachh Bharat'. It was a delight to watch little Xaverians dressed as Bapu.



सच्चाई का लेकर राख,
और अहिंसा का ले मख,
तुने अपना देश बचाया,
गोरों की था दूर भगाया.
दुश्मन से प्यार किया,
मानव पर उपकार किया.
गंधी! फस्ते उदो नमन,
उझे रहते प्रेम-सुमन.

HAPPY GANDHI JAYANTI

“India is known as a land of festivals and celebrations, Dussehra is one of them which is unique in its perception and significance.”



Children learnt values of honesty, respect, humility and obedience, which are at the core of our Indian

epic, Ramayana. The celebration was glorified as the kids presented tremendous poems, dance and song performances and shloka enchantment evidently added spirituality to the ambience. Quizzes and craft activities entirely soaked the children in festive spirit.



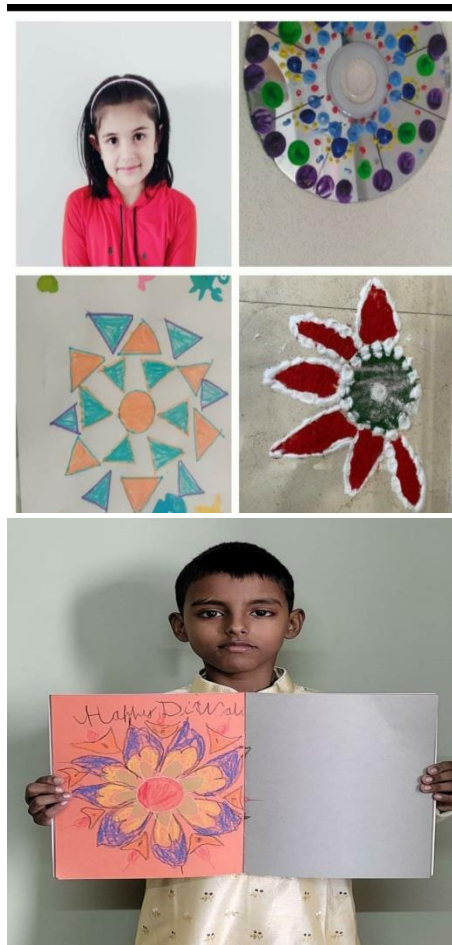
The enthusiasm of Xaverians knew no bounds as they performed virtual dandiya. All the children zealously participated and enjoyed the celebration with much ardour along with the pledge to follow the path of dharma.

ECO FRIENDLY DIWALI

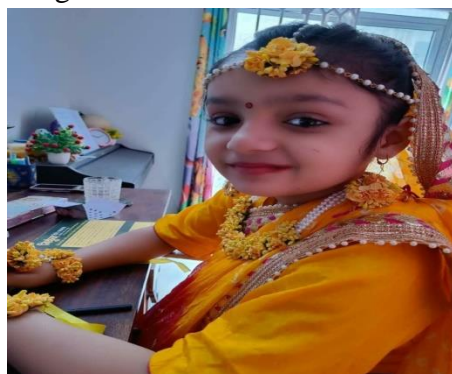
‘Let’s Make a Difference! Let’s Celebrate Green Diwali 2021!’

Festivals are an expression of joy and connect with the man’s highest aspirations and deepest yearnings. Diwali, the festival of lights, is a celebration that marks the victory of good over evil, light over

darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

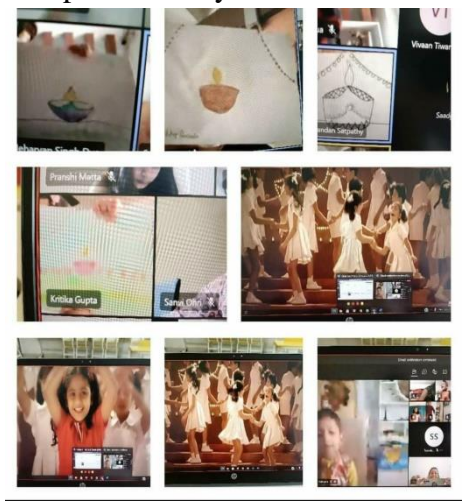


Diwali is celebrated across all communities of India, creating a homogenous environment of goodwill and happiness. This festival reminds us of our primary responsibility to pursue the path of light and represent the brilliance of life in health, wealth, happiness, victory, courage, sharing, joy and enlightenment.



Diwali is the time for both gratitude and gaiety.

The school was abuzz for Green Diwali Celebration, an IDS activity, on 2nd November, 2021, with Xaverians all set to celebrate Diwali through the virtual special assembly. It was wonderful to see Xaverians firing up the festivities with their enthusiastic and energetic performances. A plethora of activities which included shloka presentation, Diwali song singing and zesty dance performances, poster and rangoli making, resulted in a glorious Green Diwali celebration. Each and every performance by the students decked up in all of Diwali fineries was praiseworthy.



The Eco-Friendly Diwali celebration was marked with fervour and chose to underscore a special message through the presentation and activities that the joy from possessing and enjoying is nothing compared to the joy of giving.



A brief presentation on “Say No to Crackers” sent a positive message not only to Xaverians but to the entire society as a whole to conserve the environment. The special assembly on Diwali urged our students to celebrate Diwali with a good cause, to experience the joy of giving, to be environment friendly and enjoy a noiseless Diwali and above all to spread the light of happiness through understanding and caring. The assembly successfully ended with a message that if we care even

a little bit about the society, we can easily light up the lives of the needy by spending the amount we would spend to buy firecrackers, on some good and noble cause, helping the poor and the needy.

CHILDREN'S DAY

“There is no garden as beautiful as childhood.”

November 14 is celebrated as Children's Day or Bal Diwas every year in India. The special day is celebrated in remembrance of India's first Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru, born on November 14, 1889, also known as Pandit Nehru. Nehru, who was fondly called Chacha Nehru or simply Chacha ji. He was very popular among children for his love. November 14 marks Nehru's devotion to welfare, education and development of children and young people.



A day marking childhood was celebrated with fun and frolic.

Xaverians enjoyed a power packed rainbow of programmes planned especially for our beloved students. It all began with a special school assembly wherein the teachers stepped in to the shoes of our students and conducted the entire assembly right from Lord's prayer, reading Xavier's bulletin, sharing the thought of the day, significance of the day and an engaging, hilarious skit was thoroughly enjoyed by Xaverians.



Students cheered for their teachers as they saw them performing as kids and laughed boisterously at their jokes. The classes were buzzing with excitement and joy as the endless fun flowed with movie time, music and dance engulfed everyone in laughter and happiness. The day concluded with distribution of sweets and creative take aways. The celebration ensured the wonderful memories lingering in everybody's minds.



GURU NANAK JAYANTI CELEBRATION

Keeping in view the secular ethos, the school celebrated and rejoiced in the spirit of the festival, Guru Nanak Jayanti. A virtual special assembly was conducted on 18th November, 21 for grades I-IX, to mark the occasion and bring home the relevance of the festival to our young generation.



The celebration enlightened the students about the solemnity of the festival. The assembly commenced with the mool mantra 'Ek Omkaar' echoing in the session. It was scenic the way Xaverians were soaked in the spirit with their heads covered with saffron cloth throughout the assembly reflecting their pure devotion.



The students were shown glimpses of the sacred life lived by Guru Nanak Dev Ji. They were also enlightened about the significance of Gurupurab and various rituals associated with the festival.



The teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji were shared by Xaverians with great fervour and respect. Serenity and calmness floated in the air with the beautiful humming of the shabads and it paved the way for a very fruitful and productive day for all. The festival was celebrated by Xavier's family with great pride, honour and respect.



The assembly reached to its end with Guru Nanak Dev Ji's message of oneness and compassion for all.

BLACK CATS AND WITCHES BREW, THIS HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION IS FOR YOU.

Halloween is a time for celebration, a day that marks the end of summer, the harvest and the beginning of winter. In our quest to enable Xaverians peep into and

build interest in culture of other countries as well, a Halloween Boo Bash was organized which evidently made the ambience spooky.



Xaverians of grades I-IX brimmed with super excitement and joyous spirit to mark Spooktacular Halloween celebration on 29th October, 2021. They decked up in various outfits to mark the welcoming of good spirits and driving away the bad spirits in their lives. It was a treat to watch super happy Draculas, wizards, witches, goblins and other interesting characters walking around.



Excited faces were seen everywhere as children posed for photographs. The students got the opportunity to go for Trick o' Treat, enjoy candies, and dance on Halloween celebration. In order to celebrate the spooky side numerous Halloween activities were thoroughly enjoyed by the children. They were absolutely engrossed in activities like Pumpkin Carving, Skeleton Making, Elocution, Scariest Face Painting under their facilitator's guidance.



A nerve-racking story was the ultimate climax for the exuberant students who were really engrossed in the movie and absorbed the moral to 'drain the ghost with in us and deploy the angel in our hearts for a better world.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

Christmas is a festival of joy, sharing and giving. It is also celebrated to rejoice the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas Celebration was held with great fervour and gaiety, spreading the message of love and joy among Xaverians. The celebration commenced with buzzing wishes of Merry Christmas to bless everyone's life with new hope, positivity, joy and bliss. Also, the New Year should bring better times ahead for everyone.





A special assembly was well planned and executed wherein the teachers presented an enriching story based on the birth of Jesus Christ. The significance of the festival was brought to the students through this amazing story. Mellifluous carols like “Joy to the World” and many more were sung by the students bringing the spirit and gaiety of Christmas alive. The teachers explained the meaning of ‘CHRISTMAS’ and shared some interesting facts related to the festival. The foot tapping dance numbers filled the hearts of children, donned in Christmas related costumes, with cheer and joy. Teachers organized online games and craft activities which added excitement to the celebration.



Xaverians were exhilarated, adding effervescence to the celebration while attempting the riddles. The celebration dazzled with live webinars, ‘Choc ‘N Chuckle’, ‘Jingle Ball, 2021 where Xaverians not only celebrated the birth of Lord Jesus but also tried their hands on scrumptious cookies and mouth-watering cakes with charismatic chocolatier, Ms. Ritika Nasa Arora. St. Xavier’s High School carried out a drive named ‘Joy of Giving’ with an aim to

spread happiness and fun to the under-privileged children. Xaverians got to experience the joy of giving by delightfully donating eatables, clothes and other gifts to bring a smile to the lovely faces. Everyone earnestly pledged to extend a helping hand to the needy people.



The school was blanketed with awe-striking decoration with bells, stars, streamers, joy sticks, Christmas tree, chimney and many more. It was indeed true that the warmth of Christmas was felt from the heart and the actions just proved it right!

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

“A leader is the one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.”

The investiture ceremony is a solemn occasion where all the young students are prepared to don the mantle of leadership and exhibit the responsibilities entrusted upon them by the school.



A grand inauguration of Student Council was done on November 13, 2021 through the impressive Investiture Ceremony. The ceremony was graced with the benign presence of our respected School Director, Principal, Headmistress and parents.

The day commenced by seeking blessings of the Almighty followed by plethora of events. The student council members marched spritely and majestically in sync with the beating of the drums to receive their badges. After receiving their prestigious badges, they took an oath and pledged to work earnestly to uphold the honour, glory and dignity of the school. It was a proud moment for all the parents to witness their children being invested with great responsibilities while embarking on their journey of being leaders.



The School Director congratulated the newly elected members and emphasized on the need to be humble while holding responsibilities. Also, our school Principal and Headmistress motivated the students to strive harder with unified zeal for the betterment of the school. The ceremony culminated with the Vote of Thanks.

WEBINARS

WEBISODES – SAMPOORNA RAMAYAN

The lamps lighted on Diwali symbolize the victory of good over evil. We celebrate this story each year by lighting millions of them all over the world.

**ST. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL SEC 81, GURUGRAM**

PRESENTS
SAMPURNA RAMAYAN
THE PEREGRINATION OF LORD RAMA

WEBISODES WILL BE LIVE FROM
OCTOBER 26, 2021 *Sun* NOVEMBER 3, 2021

JOIN XAVERIANS TO GLORIFY THE DIVINE SAGA



Xaverians recreated the divine saga to celebrate the joyous festival and spread the light of positivity in the world.

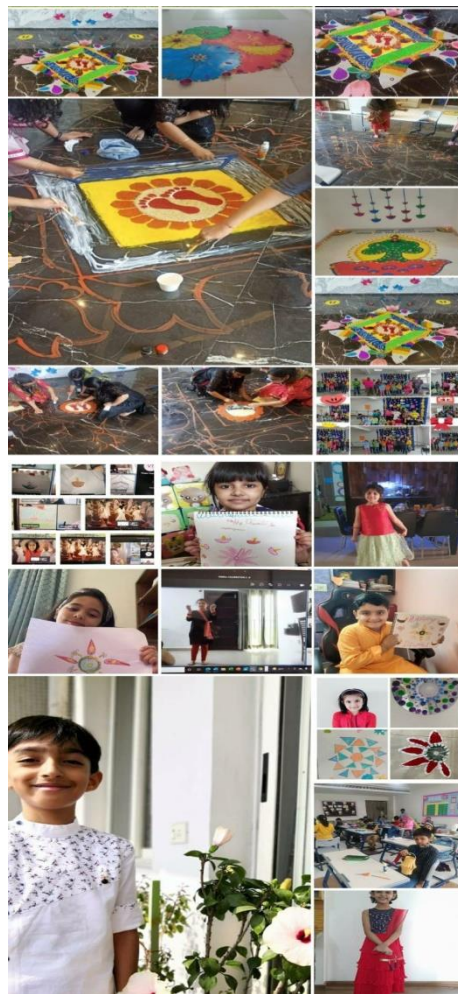


With the aim to touch the lives of as many as possible and to proliferate the true essence of the festival, the episodes of Sampoorana Ramayana were released to revive the earthen diyas and celebrate Diwali with love, happiness and merriment.

ART WEBINAR

Art is the most beautiful form of expression. It has the power to transform, illuminate, educate, inspire and motivate. Art has the power to connect us to what we are

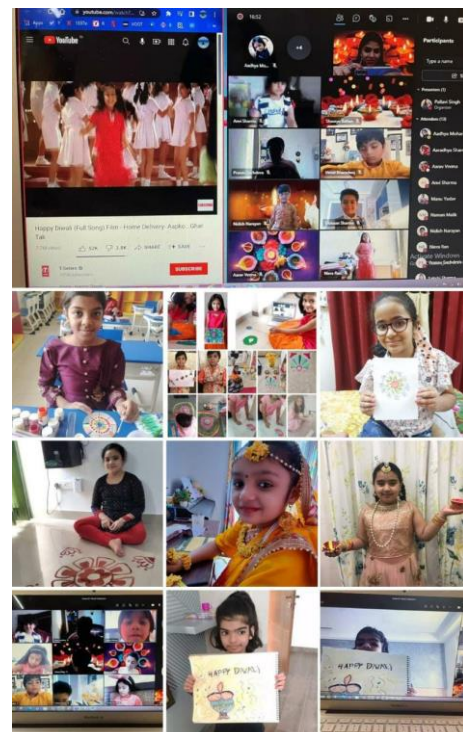
deep within and enlightens us of what we are capable of.



An Art Webinar was conducted on 1st November'21, based on the approaching festival of lights, Diwali. Our talented little Xaverians hosted the webinar by welcoming our honourable guest Ms. Meeta Rampal, an eminent person in the field of Fine Arts.



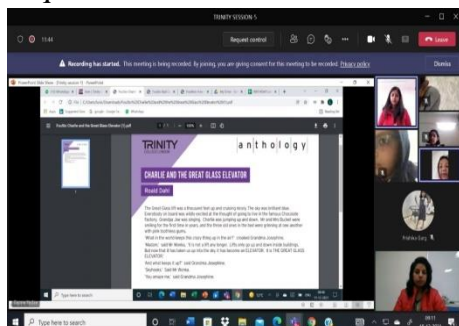
Ms. Meeta gave our viewers a wonderful and intriguing 'live' tutorial on how to decorate diyas, step by step, with the help of acrylic colours and various decorative items. The session was very enlightening and the ideas shared and taught were very creative as well as innovative. Viewers poured in their comments and likes making the webinar even more successful.



TRINITY SPEECH AND DRAMA COURSE BY TRINITY COLLEGE, LONDON

Communication is power. Those who learn effectively and put it to effective use, they can change their own experience of the world and the world's experience of them.

When we think about preparing students for college, career, and life, just teaching by book doesn't suffice. To meet the demands of our changing economy, we must go beyond math, social studies, and science—the future of education lies in helping students develop lifelong skills that will set them up for success in the 21st century. And communication is one of the skills that triggers the acquisition of other skills.

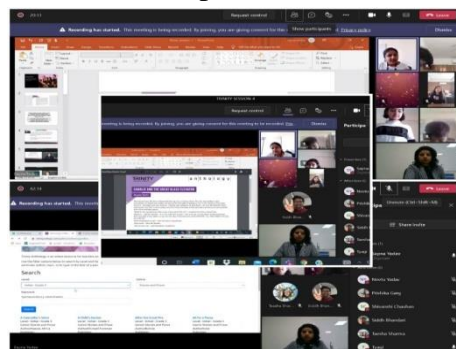


Xaverians are fortunate enough to get opportunities to hone these much-required skills.



The school has rolled out Speech and Drama Course affiliated with Trinity College, London for students of grades I – IV initially.

The Parent Orientation Session held on October 30, 2021, by Mr. Dale Edwards, India Head - Academic Team - Language | Communication | Drama | Performance Arts @Trinity College London and Mr. Varun Mata, Varun Mata – Head Operations, Trinity College London – North India, eminent associates with the esteemed institution was quite aspiring and informative for the parents. The parents were well equipped with the necessary details about the course and the plan of action.



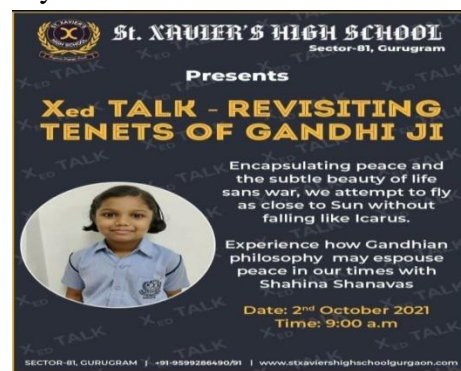
The excitement and enthusiasm of parents got vividly reflected in their participation during the question round and the highly appreciative comments that flowed in during the session.

The session was truly informational and commendable. Let us give wings to our children to fly and reach the zenith of creativity and innovation.

XED SESSIONS

There is not a single person in India who is untouched by the principles of Gandhiji. The strong impression of his principles was clearly witnessed in the way Shahina of grade II presented her perspective in Xed Talk session on

the momentous occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.



It fills us with immense pride to visualise our bright future through the eyes and thoughts of this young Xaverian.

Her eloquent thoughts and confident presentation left all jaw dropped and motivated one and all to reflect and uphold Gandhian principles.

PLAY AND SWAY

Students had a fun celebration in their Play 'n Sway sessions as they met their teachers and friends. Doing activities together for the first time in the new Normal made them really happy.



They were excited to meet their teachers and clown and also got a cute takeaway from them.

COMPETITIONS

St. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL
Sector-81, Gurugram

Congratulates

THE WINNERS OF MAADHYAM 2021-22
An Interschool Competition Held at Imperial Heritage School.
EVENT NAME- ZOO FASHIONISTA

 Viraj Bhardwaj Grade I First Position	 Divisha Gupta Grade I First Position
 Advik Khandewal Grade I First Position	 Ridhi Garg Grade I First Position
 Advik Rao Grade I First Position	 Shonaya Khatwa Grade I First Position

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Sector-81, Gurugram

Congratulates

THE WINNERS OF MAADHYAM 2021-22
An Interschool Competition Held at Imperial Heritage School.
EVENT NAME- WORKING MODEL : SMART CITY

 Senior Pratap Singh Grade V First Position	 Darsh Kasek Grade V First Position
 Anshuman Singh Grade V First Position	 Trisha Pandit Grade V First Position

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Sector-81, Gurugram

Congratulates

THE WINNERS OF MAADHYAM 2021-22
An Interschool Competition Held at Imperial Heritage School.
EVENT NAME- SHOW N TELL: LOSING, LOST, GONE FOREVER

 Arav Babbar Grade I First Position	 Aayan Jain Grade I First Position
 Abhimanyu Shandilya Grade II First Position	 Saanvi Shekhar Grade II First Position

ACHIEVEMENTS

Another milestone achieved by St. Xavier's High School, Sector 81.

The Times School Survey has ranked St. Xavier's High School, Sector 81 as the second-best school in Challengers Category. It gives us immense pride to share that Xavier's is one of the top progressive schools in new Gurugram in terms of innovation, academics, life skills, sports, education and co-curricular activities. It is readily passing the legacy to explore, engage and excel among its learners and growing each year with flying colours.

St. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL
Sector 81, Gurgaon
(Affiliated to CBSE)

Congratulates

MAHIRA GOGIA
GRADE KG
and her Mother Richa Gogia

FOR SECURING SECOND POSITION
In the Inter School Competition
Held at Mother Divine Public School (Razzmatazz)

EVENT- AS FIT AS FIDDLE DANCE COMPETITION

St. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL
Sector-81, Gurugram

Congratulates

The winners of Inter School Competition held at Laneer International School

 Rudra Pratap Singh Tomar Grade II First Position Story Narration	 Ashvika Agarwal Grade II Third Position Story Narration
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Congratulations for the incredible feat!!

St. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL
Sector-81, Gurugram

Congratulates

THE WINNERS OF CYNOSURE 2021-22
Interschool Competition Held at G.D. Goenka Public School, Paschim Vihar

 Vaidika Manchhar Grade II THIRD POSITION REVAMP YOUR MASK	 Sanya Chandra Grade VII THIRD POSITION DIV (SCIENCE INACTION)
 Ananya Kishor Grade IX THIRD POSITION MADHUBANI PAINTING	 Anshika Singh Grade IX THIRD POSITION LA POESIE French Poem
 Chhavi Bhatnagar Grade VIII THIRD POSITION DIV (SCIENCE INACTION)	

St. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL
Sector-81, Gurugram

Congratulates

THE WINNERS OF CYNOSURE 2021-22
Interschool Competition Held at G.D. Goenka Public School, Paschim Vihar

 Amrita Saini Grade I FIRST POSITION RHYME RECITATION (ENGLISH)	 Anahita Raj Grade I FIRST POSITION RHYME RECITATION (HINDI)	 Advitay Choudhary Grade I THIRD POSITION STORY RECITATION (KG)
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St. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL
Sector-81, Gurugram

Congratulates

Agastya Singh Negi
Grade I

Second Position
(Silver Medal) in 1 lap (200mt)
Third Position
(Bronze medal) in 2 lap (400mt)

At 35th Haryana State Roller Championship 2021
Organised by
HRSA at Panchkula

Well Done for a Commendable Feat!!

St. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL
Sector-81, Gurugram

Congratulates

 Advait Nair Grade I First Position (Gold Medal)	 Anahita Singh Grade I First Position CATEGORY Inline Skating
 Vaidika Manchhar Grade II Second Position (Silver Medal)	 Gunav Reddy Grade II Second Position (Silver Medal)

In Open Roller Skating Carnival Meet
Organised by
House of Skating, Gurugram

Well Done for a Commendable Feat!!