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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



My Dear Parents and Children,

You are the most valuable asset on the campus and the life and spirit of a great institution. When we look around us, we always feel the need for purposeful, responsible, sensitive individuals who would understand what's required of them when it comes to applying their education to real use.

We, at St Xavier's wish to do the same with our children where we dream to take our children, entrusted to us, to a level where they may be seen as problem-

solving, solution - oriented compassionate human beings who are progressive in nature, a firm of resolve yet humble and empathetic to the core, to the needs of the fellow beings transcending cultures and nationalities, regions and languages.

We aim to cultivate through our education, equality of gender and respect for the values left by our forefathers even while looking ahead in future time, nurture free-minded creativity, enthuse fervour with sensitivity towards issues concerning all as the joy of living. The learning within the classroom and outside must be of similar kind and purpose to be effective in building confident children and the society at large.

It's a collective onus on the school and parents to carve out a time and environment for our children where they love to live, grow safely and confidently, aware, and

influence change. I come with genuine hope that we will bring about the best out of all of us as we truly deserve while being a part of this wonderful school working towards a common goal in perfect harmony.

I feel proud to be a part of this large family of St. Xavier's that absorbs one so effortlessly and I look forward to bringing to the table an open-minded democratic approach to learning together as a cohesive team of thinking individuals.

Let's join hands and make a concerted effort to bring a joyful, loving experience to the most important resource entrusted to us, our children, with utmost responsibility and care, believing so and always reminding ourselves that we are the chosen ones.

God bless

Dr. R.Alfred

STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

GRATITUDE



This tough time has made us realize the meaning of gratitude. We should be

thankful to all the community helpers , who have helped us like doctors , nurses , guards etc in this tough time , people who were admitted in hospitals and effected , doctors and nurses and other support staff of hospitals had helped them , we should be thankful to them .

We should also be thankful to farmers, milkman, and local shopkeepers for their help during this period.

We should be thankful to our teachers, headmistress, school management and support staff for providing us online teaching and knowledge without going to school.

Be thankful to Mother Earth, nature for wonderful flowers, lovely mountains, beautiful animals, singing birds and many more things which make us happy.

We should show our Gratitude to all of them.

Aadya Dokania

Class-II G



I AM THANKFUL ...

I am thankful for home,

And the food that I eat.



I am thankful for Mom and Dad,

who love and care for me.

I am thankful for my school and teachers,

to make me learn new things.

I am thankful for mountains and rivers,

to give me fresh air and water.

I am thankful for my friends,

who laugh and play with me.

I am thankful for love and caring people all around me.

Let's be thankful, let's be glad, for all the things we have.

Thank you, Lord, for everything.

Name – SARAKSHI SHARMA

Grade – 1F



GLIMPSES OF SPECTACULAR

PRE-PRIMARY

COMPETITIONS

Show and Tell 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.



With the aim of providing opportunities for our children of Kindergarten Show and Tell competition on the topic 'Sense Organs' was organized at our school.

Self-made beautiful props were used by the children to enhance their performance and to express their thought clearly. Children were judged on the basis of their knowledge about the topic, explanation, props, content and expression.



A big thank you to all our dear parents for their constant support.

CELEBRATIONS

“Let today be the start of something new.”

Role of a teacher in a student's life is beyond education. They are a leader, a coach, an advisor and a facilitator of positive growth. A teacher is responsible for overall development of a child. A teacher creates an inspiring environment where children can give their best. Here, at Xavier's we create such an environment where little Xaverians can Explore, Engage and Excel.



Being online classes, teachers have the capability to instantly convert their classrooms into a more uplifting space. In such an environment children feel more motivated and find pleasure in the online classrooms.



Celebrations are always full of emotions, especially during this pandemic. A lot of celebrations have been done in the first quarter to keep the spirit of our little munchkins high. We celebrated **Baisakhi, Eid, Laughter Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Earth Day, World Environment Day, Hanuman Jayanti** and many more.





Fathers were really pleased on their special day, the celebration was full of emotions as little Xaverians gifted beautiful crafts to their dads on the theme “Dad-My Super Hero”.

As it is said “Yellow is capable of charming God”, Keeping this noble thought in mind, our munchkins were all dressed up in yellow to celebrate the festival of Baisakhi. They also made a beautiful crop craft to mark the beginning of spring harvest.



Kids have shown boundless amount of energy to celebrate all the occasions. The team work

between the student and the teacher was worth an applaud.



ACTIVITY BASED LEARNING/DIDACTIC

Children are active learners rather than passive recipients of information. If children are provided the opportunity to explore on their own and an optimum learning environment, then the learning becomes joyful and long-lasting. Activity-based learning has always been an integral part of our curriculum as we guide the children right from their very tender age. The Pre-Primers totally love learning new things and what better way to learn by doing it

themselves. The virtual scenario has put up some challenges, but the bond between the teachers and their students overcome all.



The **Pre-Nursery** kids tried their hands on playing hopscotch and had fun with numbers. They also learnt many things about themselves and were able to complete their favourite booklet of “All About Me.” They made a weather wheel and an ice-cream cone for themselves related to summer season and learnt about healthy and junk food through an interesting activity of “Feeding the Caterpillar.” They also did many activities related to letters.



Nursery kids also had fun learning many new concepts. They did leaf printing and sponge printing. Summer season was reiterated with activities like lemonade and watermelon activities. Knowledge of letters was strengthened through the very interesting “Alphabet Road” where kids enjoyed walking on the road with music. When the music stopped, they had to tell the letter they were on, the phonic sound, and also some words related to that letter. This helped in building up their recognition of the letters, phonic sounds, and increased their vocabulary. They also made the correct formations of letters and numbers with play dough and lentils.



Kindergarteners tried their hands on various fun activities related to their syllabus. They learnt about vowels and did a “Vowel Hunt” activity where they had to find the vowels in their own names. Hindi had a plethora of activities related to different vyanjans. Students did “suji tracing” and made the vyanjans with clay. They also made a beautiful “chatai” related to

vyanjan “Ch.” They had fun with different shapes and made a cute crab with the shape semicircle. They also learnt new things about summer season and made their own summer treats. They loved making a mango tree with finger printing.

All these fun activities not only strengthen the learning and enhance fine and gross motor skills, but also make kids involved in a very positive way. Kids do not feel the burden of learning a new thing, but instead enjoy doing it on their own. They know that there is no better way to learn things than making their little hands messy and doing them on their own.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

“Yoga is not a religion. It is a science, science of well-being, science of youthfulness, science of integrating body, mind and soul.”



Yoga is an invaluable gift of India’s ancient tradition. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, world and nature. It is rightly said

that Yoga adds years to our life and life to our years.



It brings together physical and mental discipline to achieve a peaceful body and mind. It helps to manage stress and anxiety and keeps you relaxed. It also helps in increasing flexibility, muscle strength and body tone.



To rejuvenate and add refreshing touch to the present lifestyle, a fifteen-day workshop on Yoga was conducted for our Xaverian family from 7th June, 2021 to 21st June, 2021.

Filling the ambience with a positive aura, students and parents performed different types of asanas and breathing exercises under

proper guidance. They also attained insight about life transforming benefits of Yoga in every aspect of life.



With pleasure, we share here some glimpses of their Yogic journey.

VIRTUAL TOURS: CREATION OF LEARNING

VIRTUAL TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL

Early childhood is considered to be the most important phase of development which includes physical, social, emotional, linguistic and cognitive development. It is not only about achieving academic success but also creating a well-rounded child who wants to explore and learn from their surroundings. Experiencing everything with your own eyes is an essential part of early learning. This pandemic has caused huge challenges; one of such challenges was the lockdown of the schools. But as St. Xavier's has always believed that 'Learning

Never Stops, this challenge has not stopped us from imparting the education and nourishing the students with new learning skills.



Our Kindergarten started their new virtual journey with a lot of fervor and zeal. A Virtual Tour of the School was organized for them to provide a perfect and clear vision of different parts of the school like reception area, skating rink, splash pool, music room, clay modelling area and their most favourite playground area. Experiencing the vibrant colors of their classrooms with beautiful welcoming boards made them feel connected to the school. This virtual tour filled them with more enthusiasm and energy to explore and engage themselves in this new journey of learning.



ART FESTIVAL

Have you ever wondered as to what is art? Art is an expression of our thoughts, emotions, intuitions and desires. It is the source of inspiration which comes from the richness that we achieve from nature.

Art is a diverse range of human activities which broadly have two categories: visual and performing arts. We at St. Xavier's wanted to gift this beautiful expression to our little budding personalities who would carry our heritage and values, through all the thoughts and experiences they gain today.

For this thought to nurture and blossom, Pre-Primary planned an Art festival including both categories of visual and performing arts under which various clubs blossomed such as:

HASTHKALA

Hasthkala club aimed at enhancing our children's knowledge about painting techniques prevalent in India through ages. Two such techniques are Warli art and Block printing. In the workshops,

children learnt various methods that are used to depict the essence of these art forms. They created their own masterpieces of Warli Art on very beautiful self-made envelopes, decorating them with the ideas of their little minds.



They also learnt Block printing using their own natural blocks of vegetables and then taking their impressions onto paper, handkerchiefs and t-shirts. Watching children give creativity wings to fly, was truly a sight to behold.



ROCK THE FLOOR



Rock the floor which made everybody tap their feet to the beats of traditional dance of Goa. Children were taught Goan dance on beautiful Goan songs "Ya ya maya ya" and "Maria Pitache". The children indeed rocked the floor by their beautiful steps. They made it special and colourful by using flower cutouts, tiara for girls and vibrant clothing related to Goan theme. All of that gave a sneak peek into the Goan culture of happiness, joyfulness and merry making.



YOU IMAGINE WE CREATE

Expressions keep us evolving dramatically in our lives, 'You Imagine We Create' was one such category where our little ones have

evolved personally, socially, dramatically and theatrically. The children were introduced to the nine emotions: love, sorrow, peace, fear, courage, anger, disgust, laughter and surprise. Kids learnt how to express themselves using these emotions through an enactment. Some tips on makeup and colors to make the performance more expressive were also given.



SARGAM

Everything around us creates a sensation of music right from a chair to a flute, the air, the water and everything whispers a song, such is the tune of the nature. Sargam club taught children to create music using household items such as glasses, water, jar, and lentils/rice. These simple items were used to create entertaining and easy-to-learn rhythms for kids.

Kids learnt how to play "The Cup Game Song" by clapping, tapping on the table. Students were absorbed in the rhythmic pattern bustling with high energy making it all livelier.



MINSTRELS MELODY

Music heals, nurtures, soothes and creates ripples in stagnant water. Minstrel's Melody was a pure example of this thought. Children were introduced to the musical notes "Do Re Mi..." which forms the base of Mozart and Beethoven melodies. They also learnt the song "Salaam Namaste." Kids were told about different ways to greet people in India through this song. Emphasis was laid on the clarity of speech, expressions and singing. Such was the flavor of this club.



Art breathes and lives with us throughout, in formless expression of thought on paper or dancing in the winds, singing trails of joy and laughter. Let it stay with us now and forever.

St. Xavier's approach to inculcate this feeling will always allow students to live their world of imagination.

SUMMER CAMP FUN

We, at St. Xavier's High School, believe in innovative learning methods that help in gaining knowledge through experiences. Keeping this in mind, virtual Summer Camp was organized for our little Xaverians of the Pre-Primary.

Summer Camp started on 26th April and ended on 20th May 2021 with divergent activities for our little wonders to enhance their learning. Activities like Puppet show, Lego show, Scavengers Hunt, Memory Games and Chop Notch were a complete hit. Apart from this, activities like Yoga Bliss and Feel the Beat were enjoyed by the students with full ardour. Also, it was an eye-candy to watch our little kids being dressed as master chefs and preparing Divine Desserts. During Magic show, children enjoyed watching teachers dressed up as magicians and showing magic tricks. The cherry on the cake was the 'Rainbow Pajama Party' which was held on the last day of the camp.



It was delightful to see our dear students playfully learning through these virtual camps. The camp turned out to be full of exhilaration for both teachers as well as students.



EXPLORING CREATIVITY

Our ingenious, creative and imaginative young Xaverian, Rutvi Yadav of Pre Nursery has this amazing capacity of reiterating concepts with her own creativity which are taught during virtual sessions. She is walking on the path towards independence and life long learning, from such a tender age. Her ability to recreate concepts is worth applauding.



EXPOSITION OF IMPRESSIVE PRIMARY

ACTIVITY BASED LEARNING: THE LIFE LONG LEARNING PROCESS

The times are changing. It's the new normal each one of us is internalizing amazingly. No physical schools, but learning flowing inhibited for Xaverians. The learning which is lifelong, engaging, child centered, explorative, etc. eventually heading to a strong foundation of conceptual understanding.



The COVID-19 pandemic has caught us in the midst of our lives and has forced us to adapt to the new norm.

One of the most challenging 'new norm' is the restriction on the number of people gathering in one place at the same time, thus adding a huge question mark on ways to celebrate various special milestone socio-cultural or historic occasions, which are traditionally and historically celebrated in a grand way.



With schools shut due to the pandemic, celebrations have shifted online, with all kinds of events — ranging from cultural performances to debates — being planned digitally.

Xaverians too celebrated the rich culture and traditions, with utmost vigor and grandeur.



The celebrations have moved to a virtual platform with unique and creative ways to commemorate the special occasions.

If we have a glimpse into the virtual classrooms we would witness the most excited and engaged students; enjoying learning through hands on activities and upholding the school motto 'EXPLORE ENGAGE EXCEL' in these changing times as well.





GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER CELEBRATION

Good Friday is a religious festival celebrated by Christians across the world to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Easter is celebrated —the day of Jesus's resurrection with joyful songs and family gatherings.

A special online assembly was conducted on April 1, 2021 by St. Xavier's High School to enlighten the students about the miracles and teachings of Jesus Christ. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ was depicted through presentations and videos in a very solemn and touching manner to kindle the spirit of forgiveness among the children.

Xaverians unleashed their creativity in making beautiful and colourful Easter eggs. It was an enriching session giving message of peace, prosperity and forgiveness.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

“Let's nurture the nature so that we can have a better future.”



World Environment Day is observed on 5th June every year. It is the day to raise awareness about the environmental issues that our planet Earth is facing and the need to conserve our Mother Earth.

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A special assembly was conducted on 4th June to commemorate World Environment Day. The students were told about the importance of the day and also made aware of the need to take immediate action to save our environment. The concept of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle was reinforced through various activities. Students were encouraged to use waste materials like paper, old clothes to make eco-friendly bags and folders, plastic bottles to make planters, pen holders and many other useful items. They made beautiful posters, wrote slogans, recited poems and planted saplings to express their gratitude towards Mother Earth for Her blessings. It was a day celebrated with enthusiasm and fervour. It also provided an opportunity to Xaverians to hone their creativity. Our environment is a heritage and our legacy that we all have inherited.



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT ST. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL, SECTOR 81

**“The loveliest masterpiece of the
heart of God is the heart of a
mother”**

Mothers are the supreme creation of God. They are the sunshine brightening each day of their children with their love, warmth and care.



To celebrate the eternal bond of love and affection between a

mother and a child, St. Xavier's High School organized Mother's Day celebration on May 9, 2021 virtually. It was truly amazing to see Mother and Child duo twinning with same colour outfits.



Xaverians expressed their love, appreciation, respect and gratitude towards their Super Moms through songs, poems, dance and presentations. They were also engaged in plethora of fun filled activities, games and creating beautiful crafts for their Moms. They presented greeting cards, thank you notes, crowns, badges to their dynamic and amiable moms to make them feel special. All performances exalted the mother as God, teacher, friend, philosopher and guide and emphasized the truth that a mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It was a memorable day filled with joyous and emotional moments.



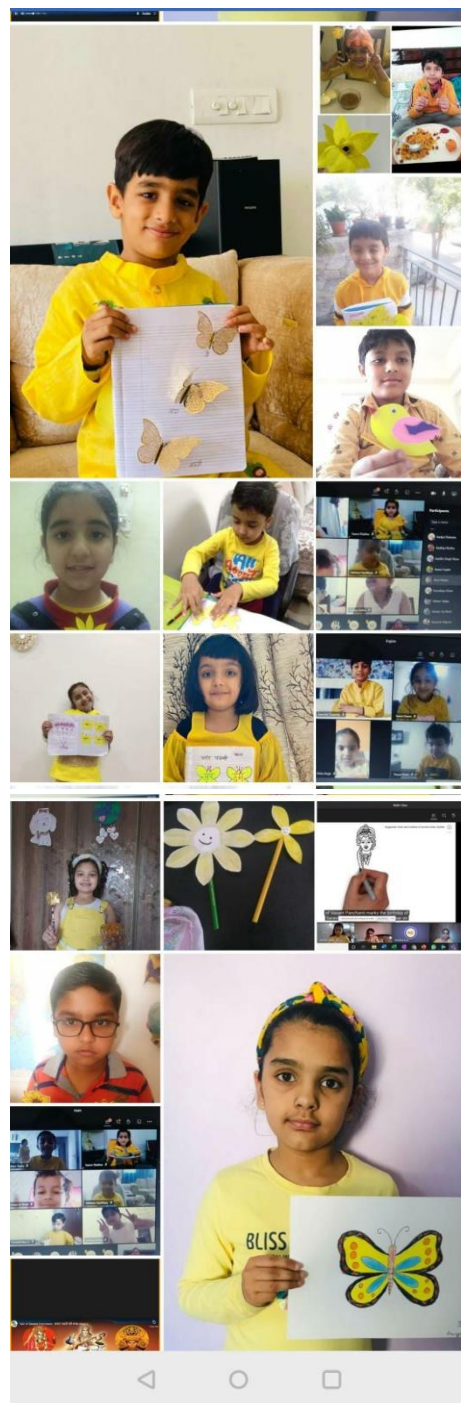
BAISAKHI AND AMBEDKAR JAYANTI CELEBRATION

Celebrating events and festivals is an integral part of learning at St. Xavier's High School. A special assembly on Baisakhi and Ambedkar Jayanti was conducted on April 13, 2021 virtually with great fervour and zest.



Baisakhi is a festival of happiness, joy and prosperity. It is a spring harvest festival celebrated in Punjab and other parts of North India. It also marks the foundation day of Khalsa Panth by the tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh. Xaverians were apprised about the significance of this auspicious day through presentations, videos and craft activities. Both teachers and students dressed up in traditional yellow attire and sought blessings of Almighty. Our students also

enjoyed creating yellow coloured craft.



“Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence”-B.R. Ambedkar

Xaverians also paid tribute to a great visionary, historian, politician, philosopher and father of Indian Constitution- Dr B R Ambedkar on his birth anniversary. They learnt about Dr Ambedkar's

principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity for a peaceful and harmonious society.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Each morning is a new arrival of a joy, at times a sorrow or some momentary awareness.



Let's choose to welcome and entertain them all with harmony! Xavier's family chose to step away from the exigencies of daily life and tuned into the subtlest of sensations through YOGA.

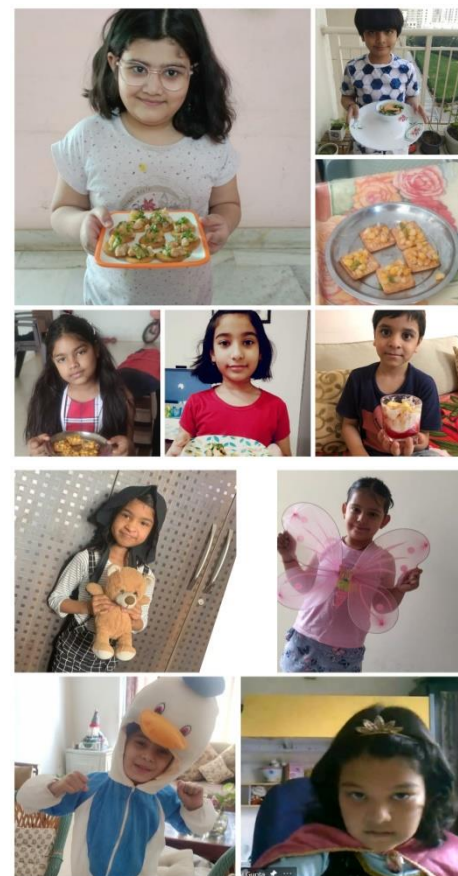


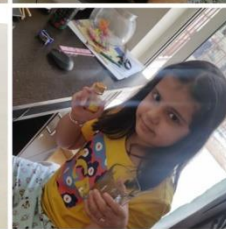
The fraternity coalesced and strived asanas towards perfection from 7th June'21 embracing the invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition, YOGA. Also, to honour and commemorate the rich Indian legacy of Yoga, a magnificent webinar was also conducted on International Yoga Day. Xavierians were live on Facebook with an eminent yoga instructor, Ms Gurpreet Kaur. They performed different yoga asanas, poses and meditation exercises. A special assembly added great value to the day enlightening the students about Yoga-the art of living and its blessings for a healthy life.



Embarking on this marvelous Yogic journey, they learnt that each yogic activity is a key to improve flexibility, strength and balance. They also attained an insight about life transforming benefits of Yoga in different aspects of our life.

SUMMER CAMP





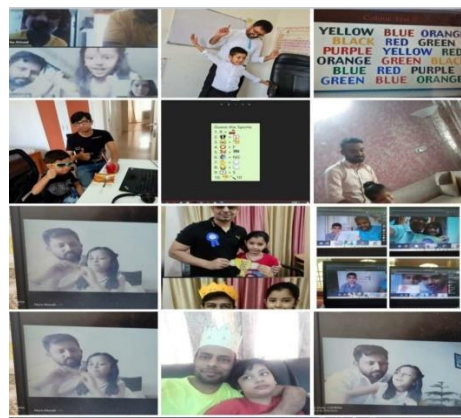
Summer Camp, a unique venue for growth, learning new skills, allowing kids to become independent and self –confident. The school took the initiative of keeping the students engaged during the summer vacation, several activities were devised which could be carried out by the students with little or no help from their parents. These were enjoyable activities which were keeping them tuned creatively, mentally and physically.



FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

'Thanks, dad for holding my hand and teaching me how to walk through the paths of life.'

Father's Day is a celebration honouring fathers and thanking them for their eminent presence and influence in life of their children and family. St. Xavier's High School celebrated the essence of Father's Day virtually on 20th June with great fervour and zest. Xaverians were super excited to have their fathers with them for online celebration. Beautiful performances, crafts, thank you cards and speeches enthralled the fathers with pride and joyous smiles. The highlight of the celebration was fun filled games which were thoroughly enjoyed by fathers and children.

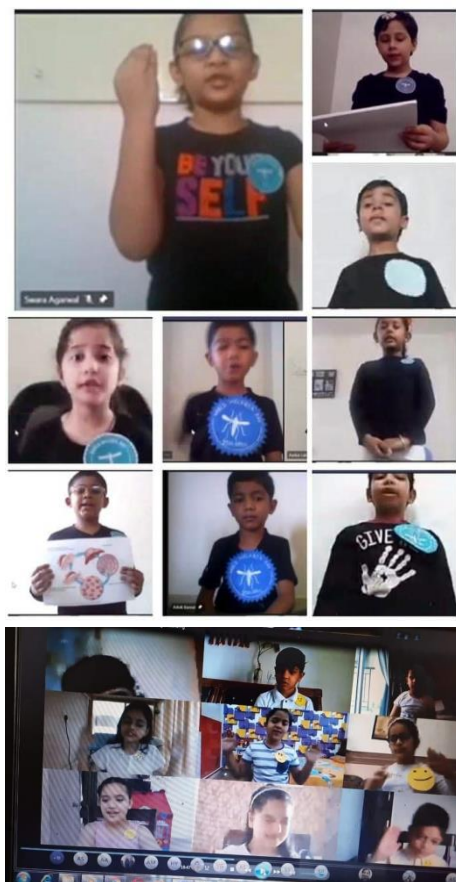


On this special day, fathers expressed their feelings and sentiments for their children. They talked about the amazing bond of love and affection which they share with their children. They also applauded the efforts of school for involving them in such a monumental celebration and giving them an opportunity to strengthen and nurture their relationship with their children. It was a memorable day which fathers and children will cherish for lifetime.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

This is a new era, the COVID – ERA, the innovations we make will go a long way in our future. COVID – 19 lockdowns have increased challenges but Xaverians have made leapfrogging innovations that will definitely have long lasting positive effects on their life.



One of the innovations is the exemplary virtual class assemblies presented by students across grades I – IX.

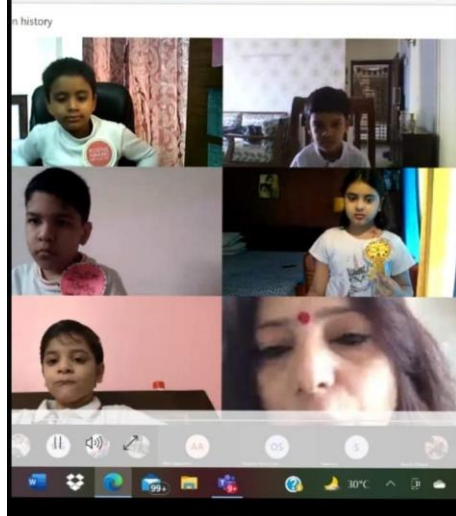
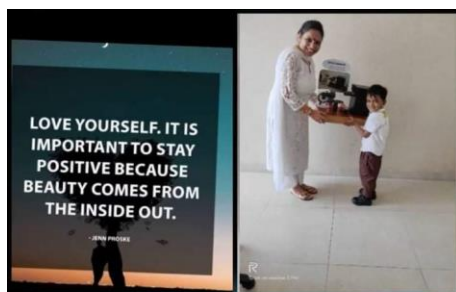




The new virtual tools in hand were put to diligent use by Xaverians in planning out their class special assemblies and exhibiting it par excellence. From the choice of topic, digital invites and the assembly presentation defiled all boundaries of confidence and presentation. Through these special assemblies they have again demonstrated their potential as proponents of strength and resilience.



Sharing a few glimpses and the topics for the assemblies:
The COVID 19 pandemic has undoubtedly sparked a new way of experiencing and learning and Xaverians have captured the learning momentum well and scaled new heights with their imagination and creativity.



INTERHOUSE CHESS TOURNAMENT

Sports teach us discipline, give us positive energy, confidence and build leadership skills.

Students from all the houses participated with great enthusiasm and made us proud with their sincere efforts and marvellous results.

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

Congratulates

XAVIER'S CHESS CHAMPS
Winners of Inter House Chess Tournament
Held on 25th May 2021

Category 3 (Under 15)

I st Position Ekaansh Singh House- St. Patrick Grade- X	II nd Position Dev Sharma House - St. Nicholas Grade- X	III rd Position Vaibhav Shaw House- St. Raphael Grade- X

"Winning Isn't Everything, But Wanting to Win Is"
- Vince Lombardi

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XAVIER'S CHESS CHAMPS
Winners of Inter House Chess Tournament
Held on 25th May 2021

Category 2 (Under 11)

I st Position Divyansh Shanker Bansal House - St. Raphael Grade- VI-A	II nd Position Ameya Verma House - St. Nicholas Grade- IV-B	III rd Position Harakh Vaghela House - St. Patrick Grade- V-C

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Congratulates

XAVIER'S CHESS CHAMPS
Winners of Inter House Chess Tournament
Held on 25th May 2021

Category 1 (Under 8)

I st Position Kiaan Singh House - St. Nicholas Grade- II-G	II nd Position Aryan Agarwal House - St. Patrick Grade- II-B	III rd Position Yugal Agarwal House - St. Raphael Grade - II-B

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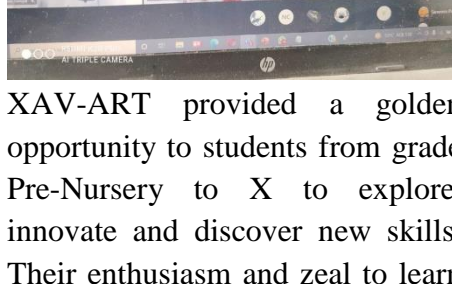
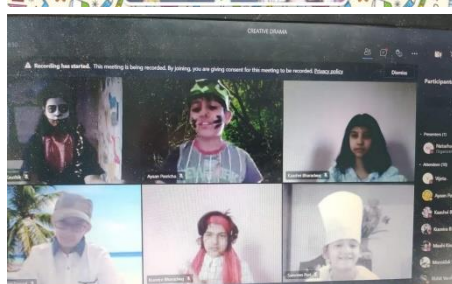
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XAV-ART GALORE: ART FESTIVAL

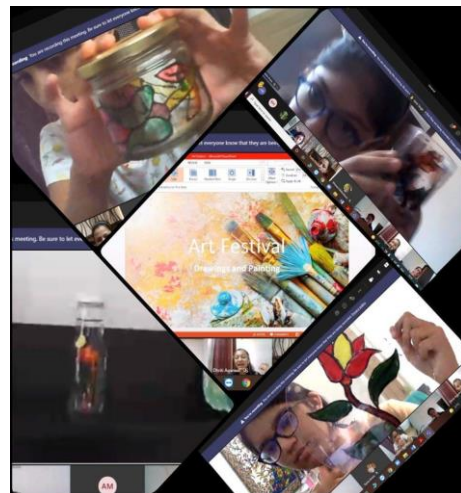
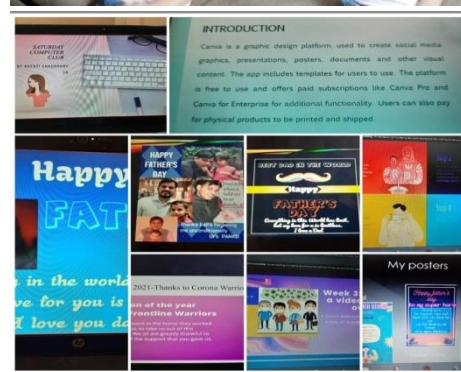
‘A unique blend of creativity, ingenuity and brilliance.’

With the aim to encourage self-expression and creativity, St. Xavier's High School hosted an art festival, XAV-ART in the first quarter of the session 2021-22. Children learnt that art is a form of creative human expression and transcended in different art forms.

The festival encompassed various visual and performing arts like drawing, painting, fabric printing, photography, sketching, theatre, music, dance, computer graphics, creative writing etc. It was a true delight to see Xaverians fully engrossed in the alluring charm of varied art forms.



XAV-ART provided a golden opportunity to students from grade Pre-Nursery to X to explore, innovate and discover new skills. Their enthusiasm and zeal to learn and excel during the festival was commendable. They were instructed by their teachers step by step and encouraged to create amazing masterpieces.





Fabric Painting Culmination

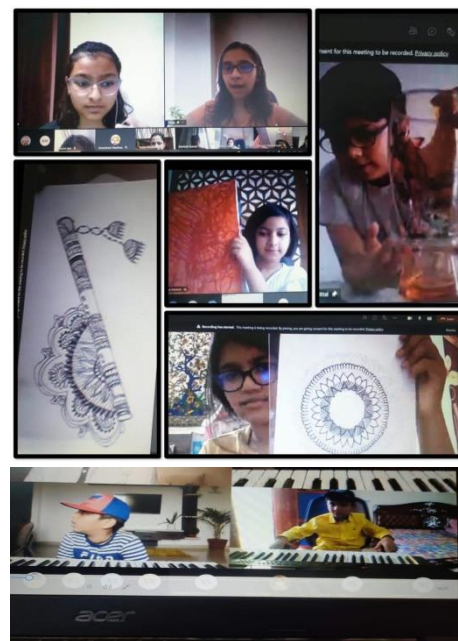
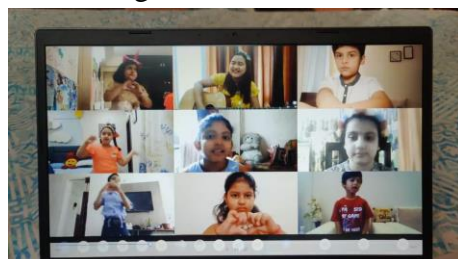


The festival culminated on 3rd July'21 with beaming smiles and vibrance. Our talented Xaverians showcased their artistic and creative abilities confidently on the virtual platform. The diligent efforts of teachers and students were quite evident in their presentations and art works. It was a proud moment for parents to witness the astounding talent of their children. Students extended their heartfelt gratitude towards their teachers and school for endowing them with an exquisite digital learning platform through XAV-ART. Our parents also acclaimed the school for

organising this stupendous event in these extraordinary times.



Our art festival XAV-ART was a joyous and illuminating experience for one and all. Kudos to our school, teachers, participants and parents for making this event a resounding success!!



Fabric Painting Culmination

