

Young EXPRESSIONS

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THE ODYSSEY....



St. Xavier's School has been reigning for the last 40 years on the path of distinction in the field of academics, sports, extracurricular activities and nurturing emotional and spiritual growth of children. The Odyssey of St. Xavier's School has been a very enriching one to all those who have been emotionally involved with the growth of this institution. But in the words of Napoleon Hill -"Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle." We too believe in the notion of striving continuously till the desired result is achieved. The magazine 'YOUNG EXPRESSIONS', portrays the various initiatives taken up in this session for the overall upgradation of students' performance in every sphere of life. The session 2022-23 indeed played a very significant role in reaching to the larger section of the community by spreading the values and message of

St. Xavier's through Sharing and Caring Campaign, Social Outreach activities, free health check-up programmes and by endeavouring into many such remarkable ventures. One of the major events of this year was the Annual function titled 'Hide & Seek' through which our students tried to reach out to the people to convey the universal message that God is within us and we need not stay wandering here and there in search for Him. I congratulate the efforts of our Editorial Board, Staff and students, the technical team who have made it possible to keep alive the ethos of team work. I pray to God to bless us all and guide us throughout our precious journey of life. Let's work together hand in hand for the growth of this institution as "Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success."

Regards
Fr. Christopher Michael
(Manager)

Dear Students, Faculty & Parents,



As we embark on a new academic year, it is essential that we take a moment to reflect on our journey so far and assess where we stand in achieving our goals. Last year, we set some immediate objectives for ourselves, and it is time to evaluate our progress. The next objective was to define processes through documentation in cases of indiscipline, improve remediation for weak students and reduce noise in classrooms and corridors. These methods yielded beneficial result by documenting records in diaries, registers, portal and ensuring proper file system to track and address indiscipline, improving classroom control and reducing noise levels. One of the most important tasks was to renew our focus on critical thinking, develop criteria building in learning pedagogies. Students were encouraged for higher-level questioning, designing, planning and exhibiting innovative ideas and all such measures certainly led to the improvement in assessments. Priority was given to counseling at regular intervals.

Our next aim was to make a serious effort to monitor and improve smart class usage, implement Bloom's Taxonomy, and ensure regular correction of notebooks. We did achieve satisfactory results by organizing teaching plans and assessments, implementing Bloom's Taxonomy and correcting notebooks regularly. To pay a good deal of attention to Co-Curricular activities, teachers were involved in various activities through a documented learning objective plan to make these periods more productive and meaningful. These activities will be implemented in the coming session with full swing. The next target of the school was to work for a major improvement in the Physical Education program. We made fair progress by ensuring daily attendance, defining and describing teaching and learning curricula, creating teams to compete at district and state levels and improving physical fitness and athletics. A very significant step was taken to restructure the Art, Music, and Dance classes. Organizing a school cabinet, making certain that the students retain agility through different dance forms remained some of the most important objectives of the session. 'Reading maketh a man perfect'- With this thought in mind, our final goal was to promote reading habits. A large stock of books relevant to various subjects were added in the library and both the students as well as teachers were encouraged to read books of their choice. We have made significant progress in achieving our immediate goals and I am confident that we will continue to build on this momentum in the new academic year. With our collective efforts, we will continue to provide a world-class education that prepares our students to make meaningful contributions to the society. Our first goal was to ensure improvement in language and reinforce English communication with students and faculty members. We made some progress but more concrete and systematic approach is required. We did accomplish satisfactory results by implementing the 'Golden Silence Moment', encouraging soft skills development during the zero period and promoting decency in behaviour.

Sincerely,
Fr. Cidlo Furtado
(Principal)

“THE BEST INHERITANCE PARENTS CAN GIVE THEIR CHILDREN IS THEIR TIME EACH DAY”



Dear Parents,

As parents we strive to give the best of everything to our children be it education, lifestyle or upbringing. But we often confuse best with all things fancy. When it comes to parenting nothing, absolutely nothing can replace the quality time with your children. You, with your attentive presence, can contribute immeasurably to shape your child's personality. Play schools, play dates, parks, dance classes, games or any other classes are not meant to replace parents' part but are only add-ons in today's fast paced lifestyle. Parenting in today's time is tough hence making it essential for parents to have a positive impact on children.

Positive parenting is need of the hour. Actions of a child are influenced by the parents' relationship with that child. We, as parents, want the best for our kids. But for that we need to put in reliability, affection, appreciation along with understanding and acceptance so that they are motivated to be themselves. Let's stop comparing our kids to others and accept that each child is different and unique.

Let's embrace their individuality and respect their choices instead of constantly trying to make ideal children. There are no perfect children but there are all unique children.

Warm Regards

Regards
Ms. Pallavi
(Co-ordinator)

ROLE OF CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Different activities during school hours play a pyramid role in overall development of students. Co-curricular activities are an important part of a student's life which add up to their personal and professional growth. Here, at St. Xavier's School, the co-curricular activities are framed and balanced with academic curriculum so that every student gets to learn beyond subjects. Since, co-curricular activities are merged with academics therefore, it ensures that students understand and learn effectively.

Arshpreet Kaur
Activity In-charge



"RAISING INDEPENDENT KIDS"

We, as parents, are obsessed with providing the best to our kids so much that we almost provide them readymade. No wonder we want our kids to be confident, positive and independent individuals and nevertheless to say that raising independent kids and over pampering can never go hand in hand. Loving your child doesn't mean making his/her life easier. Instead it means preparing your child for the world and this can be done only if we let them experience different emotions, experiment and explore things in the environment while also being able to make his/her small decisions in day to day life. By constantly nagging or suppressing their feelings or by not letting them do anything because they will not do it perfectly will only make them under confident, dependent on others both emotionally and mentally. So let's take small initiatives to let our kids have independence to express themselves without the fear of judgement, explore and experiment to learn new skills/interests. So that we can raise more independent kids.

Inderpreet Kaur
Editor



IMPORTANCE OF MORAL VALUES

“Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value”- Albert



I think morals are a set of rules according to which we can judge a person. They help to shape person into good human beings. But these moral values are on the verge to die. Most of the children live in nuclear families which is the main reason for the dearth of moral values. 90% of the precious time of kids is spent in childcare or tuitions. Both the parents are busy in their jobs and never spend quality time with their kids, which is the need of the hour. The results of fading moral values can be detected in the behaviour of our kids. Being disrespectful, rude and impulsive are commonly seen emotions in them. Due to these changes, the society is totally changed because the fore frontiers are these kids who are the products of loneliness. So, let's pay attention towards the demands of our society and create a good society by giving moral values to our children.

Gurvinder Kaur Gill
Teacher

TECHNOLOGY

“We are changing the world with technology”- Bill

Today we are living in the era of gadgets. We are equipped with gadgets like smartphones, laptops, and computers. We feel glad that we are carrying all knowledge with us. But have we ever thought about the consequences that this technology is having on our children? They have become slaves of this advancement in technology. We feel that we are taking our children towards the positive side of life. But we can't foresee the adverse effects of this technology. Children are losing their imagination and thinking power. They just search on Google and find answers to most of their questions. Children play games and apply the same techniques in their real life. Kids are losing interest in outdoor games as they prefer only mobile phones. We are giving slow poison to our children if we are allowing them to use these. So, let's pledge not to give mobile phones to our children to save them and the society.

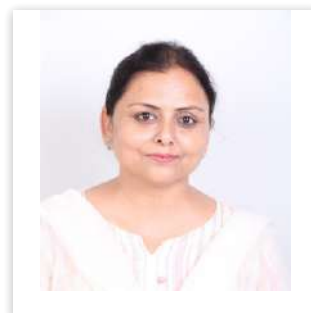
Amandeep Kaur
Teacher



ENTICING EXPRESSIONS OF YOUNG DANCERS

Buzzing with zeal and fervour, our young learners can resolutely prove that they don't have two left feet. Dance not only develops children's psychomotor skills but also enhances their verbal language. It's enlightening to learn how language expressions and movement are entwined. Whilst filling their hearts with incessant joy, confidence and pleasure it also teaches them structured movements and aesthetic attributes which are amalgamated to illuminate their lives and hone their skills like no other.

Pushpinder Kaur
Teacher



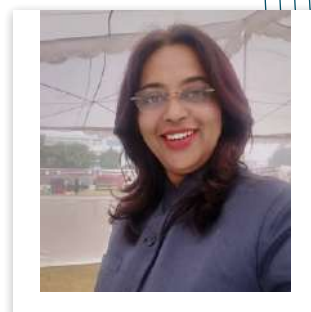
'A TEACHER 'S NEW YEAR'

A teacher 's New year starts in the month of April.... New students, new books and new syllabus. The days pass by and comes May, preparation for periodic assessment and home work for holidays. June goes in Vacation at home or at hill station. July comes with new challenges of bringing her students back to the track. August brings competitions, activities National festivals and Raksha Bandhan. September starts with revision and exams. October goes in result and festivals. November comes with days so small- full of studies, activities and winter's carnival. December reigns with mood of Christmas and New year. Then starts the winter break that ends with a new year's beginning.

The teacher changes the date on the black board saying "An year passed more" January, February, March Go!! Here goes the year and starts a new April. This rotation goes on and on. She doesn't even realise when her hair grew grey. Then comes a day when she goes to a hospital. The man with moustache sitting on the chair; the doctor gets up and touches her feet to seek blessing. She cleans her spectacles to clear her vision to recognise the person The man says "Ma'am I am your student you taught me years back".

She has tears in her eyes and blessings on her tongue; then goes back home. She saw herself in the mirror " Oh God ! I didn't ever realise when my new year starts and ends"

By: Bharti Sharma
Teacher



YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE THE WHOLE STAIRCASE, JUST TAKE THE FIRST STEP.



Dear students

There's only one thing you can do when confronted with difficult times: 'Moving forward'. When life pushes you to the ground, force yourself and back up again. Don't allow the challenges of life to break you. Keep fighting the hardship and make one tiny little step after another.

Moving forward during times of hardship is incredibly difficult and challenging. But after some time, you'll notice that you've eventually overcome the struggle by taking one step after another.

Let's take an example of a person, born in a home with modest means. In order to support his family, he used to sell the local newspaper at a newsstand. Moreover, as a student, he wasn't perceived to be the brightest spark, but his willingness to move forward allowed him to achieve success. Later he was called with many different names 'A Scientist', 'A Jewel in the Crown', 'A Missile Man' etc. He is none other than our 11th president **A.P.J Abdul Kalam**.

The great leaders, the famous players are great today for their never to stop attitude and keep going.

Dear Children, You are just your intelligence.

"Don't take rest after your first victory because if you fail in second, more lips are waiting to say that your first victory was just luck." "If you fail, never give up because **FAIL** means **"First Attempt In Learning"**... **A.P.J Abdul Kalam**

The only thing you can really do is to keep moving forward. Take that big leap forward without hesitation, without once looking back. Remember kids even a rock moves on. So, **Get... Set... Move!**

Geeta Gupta
Teacher

PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME: CELEBRATING ED'U'CATION

Parent Orientation Programme was organised by the management of St. Xavier's School, Bathinda for the Parents of LKG students (session 2022-23).

The Director of Education Rev. Father Dominick Falcao, Manager, Rev. Father Christopher Michael, Principal, Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado, Rev. Father Vinod Ba, Rev. Father Joseph D'Souza and many other dignitaries graced the occasion.

The main objective of the programme was to foster positive connection between parents and teachers to improve children's academic achievements, social competencies and emotional well-being.

Teachers shared tips about what seems to be helping the child.

The chief guest Mrs. Megha Mann addressed that, St. Xavier's is an institution that has shaped lives of the children with love and care.

The principal Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado shared his vision with the parents to make the children thinkers, learners, dreamers and not just rote learners. He said "Let us be there for the kids and help them to dream big".

In order to celebrate education, a docket and a box containing material to aid the teaching learning process was gifted to the parents.

The programme ended with a short interaction with the teachers.

Overall, the programme was fruitful and a good learning experience for all.



CELEBRATING THE WALKING MIRACLES

'A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone else's'. Rewarding the comforting arms, Mother's Day was celebrated in the school wherein mothers of the students of LKG and UKG were invited and honoured. The occasion also offered mother child duos to have quality time together along with fostering the bond between them in the form of various activities and games.

MERI MAA MERA JAHAN

Rhymes are the perfect way of expression and learning for the children; they love this way of learning as it excites them without making them feel burdened. Meri Maa Mera Jahan-hindi rhyme competition was organised for the LKG students wherein they expressed their love for their mothers in the form of rhymes. All the participants recited beautiful rhymes with great cheerfulness.



BEATING THE SCORCHING SUN WITH 'AQUA FUN'



Sportive little ones of LKG-III beat the blistering heat with 'Aqua Fun' which was a part of a fun filled week from May 23, 2022 to May 27, 2022 in the school campus. It also aimed to streamline things to make up for the loss of time and energy bared by the students during lockdown.

'Aqua Fun Day' included activities like Tug of War, Rain Dance, Sprinklers, Duck splash, Fun with Boats, Games, Races and Rainbow Bubbles. Along with these, light snacks were also arranged for the students. The children's appeasement for the day was worth witnessing.



MESMERIZING 'SUMMER FIESTA-LITTLE GUIDING LIGHTS'

"Summer Fiesta-Little Guiding Lights" made its way and amazed everyone on a Parent Teacher Meet that was held on May 25, 2022. Lower and Upper Kindergarten kids showcased different art and craft related items for display and sale.

Some of the highlights of the programme were Block Printing, Bindi Art, Green Love, Food Stalls (Popcorn, Ice-cream, Cotton Candy, Jal Jeera).

People at the fiesta enjoyed thoroughly.



TINY TOTS ROCK IN 'NEWBEES EQUIVALENCE'

Young minds are inquisitive as well as quick learners provided they get enough opportunities their way. Leaving no stone unturned, the little stars from LKG, all dressed up as various characters, unleashed their talent on the stage on April 28, 2022 in a 'Newbees Equivalence' an opportunity for them to explore themselves. They rocked the stage leaving everyone round the corner just spellbound.



DAY WITH A FAVOURITE TOY

Toys help children bond with each other and with adults. They also nurture a child's cognitive development during childhood years. Children are closest to their toys and to bring this warmth in the school, Toy Day was celebrated for the students of UKG on April 29, 2022 wherein the students brought their favourite toys to school and shared their views on them. The activity was done class wise hence, giving the students a better understanding of each other and to gain confidence while speaking on stage.



STUDENTS SHOWCASE 'TIMELESSLY TRENDY' FASHION

Fashion is a form of self-expression while also adding to the confidence and personality of an individual. Children, undoubtedly, have magnetism towards the fashion and natural instinct to imitate elders. Giving the freedom to try the fashion of their choice, 'Timelessly Trendy' contest was organised on May 24, 2022 for the students of class I wherein they showcased their fashionista self and also shared views on the same.



CHILDREN'S TAPPING TOES

Dance is the hidden language of the soul; it refreshes the mind and energises the body. 'Tapping Toes' – a dance competition was organised for the students of class 2. The children actively participated and showcased their talent. The children enjoyed the performances throughout.



BLOOMS AND POEMS

Rhymes help in honing up vocabulary of the children; they also help them with expressions. And to boost the love for rhymes among children, Blooms and Poems-rhyme competition was organised for the students of UKG on May 12, 2022. The little students actively participated and articulated the rhymes with full enthusiasm.



WEAVE A TALE

Awakening the creative mind, Weave A Tale competition was organised for the students of class 3 wherein the participants were shown a set of pictures and they had to frame a story based on those pictures. This competition helped them scratch their heads and frame creative stories in order to present in the competition.



TRAINING SESSIONS FOR STAFF

Leaving no stone unturned to keep its teachers updated and upgraded, the school organised various training sessions for the faculty members from June 1, 2022 to June 7, 2022.

HEALTHY MIND CREATING HEALTHY MINDS

Understanding the importance of a healthy mind of a teacher, Rev. Father Ivon D Almeida, Principal, St. Xavier's School, Rampura Phul delivered a session on 'Healthy Mind Creating Healthy Minds' wherein he focussed on the need of keeping one's mind healthy and taking care of one's health. He emphasised that only if the teacher is healthy and happy, can she deliver her best to the students, hence, turning them into happier children. He also focussed on prioritising mental health and positivity in order to lead a healthy life. Father also trained the staff members to get rid of the negative emotions through healing so that peaceful and positive life can be lead ahead.



YOGA- MEDITATION

In the times when stress has become inevitable part of lives, both personal and professional, it becomes essential for the organisations to help its employees destress themselves from time to time. Keeping this aspect in mind, the school organised Yoga- Meditation sessions for its staff members to help them be calmer, achieve clearer vision and have better focus towards their goals. The session was delivered by Mr. Varinder Singh.



ART WORKSHOP

An Art Workshop was organised to hone up the creativity of the staff members. It was held by Ms **Sukhraj Kaur** and Ms **Mandeep Kaur** wherein teachers were trained on different art work such as painting trays, fabric painting and pot making. The teachers loved the hands-on experience and were thrilled to see the pieces of their work. The teachers were provided the certificate for the same. The teachers felt rejuvenated after a week's workshop on various subjects and topics. These sessions helped the teachers come out of their comfort zone and try their hands on new areas of art.



SELF DEFENCE

Knowing that self-defence is need of the hour for every individual, Self Defence sessions were also conducted for the teachers to train them with techniques of self-defence. It also included using or enhancing one's strengths to the fullest while also using attacker's strength against him. Self Defence session was held by **Mr. Varinder Singh**.

The teachers expressed their gratitude towards the school management for arranging such sessions for them. The sessions left them relaxed, confident and motivated for future.



FIRST INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR JUNIOR WING

The investiture ceremony of St Xavier's School, Bathinda for the Junior wing for the academic session 2022-23 was held on July 30, 2022 in its campus. It was conducted with utmost earnestness and passion. The occasion was graced by the presence of the chief guest Dr. Deepak Arora, Director, Advanced Cancer Institute of Bathinda along with **Rev. Father Christopher Michael**, Manager and **Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado**, Principal, St Xavier's School, Bathinda.

The newly elected Junior Head Boy, Junior Head Girl and House Captains were conferred with badges and sashes by the chief guest. The newly appointed captains took pledge to hold the motto of school in highest esteem. The second edition of the school magazine 'Young Expressions' was also veiled in the event.

Addressing the students, **Rev. Father Christopher Michael**, Manager congratulated and appreciated the students while also guiding them to be role models for other students.

The projects made by the students were displayed in the exhibition which was inaugurated by **Dr. Deepak Arora** along with Rev. Father Christopher Michael and **Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado**.



'AN EXHIBIT AND VITALITY VISIT' ON PTM

Keeping in mind the moto 'Celebrating Education', St. Xavier's School, Bathinda organized a Parent Teacher Meet on October 8, 2022 in order to deepen the association between parents and teachers aiming for the continuous growth of children. The teachers interacted with the parents to share the academic performance of the students.

Rev. Father Christopher Michael, Manager and **Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado**, Principal of the school also organized 'An Exhibit and Vitality Visit' on the same day which included exhibiting the talent of tiny tots in the form various items made by them in classrooms. The seeds of seasonal vegetables and flowers were also displayed for the visitors. It also included fun zone for the students that comprised of various games and activities for the kids to have a good time and unwind themselves.

Vitality visit included Pediatric Consultation, Dental Check Up, Eye Check-Up, Physiotherapy Consultation, Blood Donation and special discount on health check-up packages by Xaverian Healthcare & Clinical Lab in an attempt to contribute to a healthier society. The parents appreciated efforts of the school towards the society and children. They were also appeased to see the display of art by the school.



BIG CELEBRATIONS ON TEACHER'S DAY

'Teachers should be the best minds in the country'.

With an aim to value and acknowledge the contribution of teachers, St. Xavier's School, Bathinda celebrated Teacher's Day in its campus. The event was graced by the presence of **Rev. Father Christopher Michael**, Manager, **Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado**, Principal, **Rev. Father Vinod Ba**, **Rev. Father Venito** and all the teaching staff.

The event included the performances by the students of class 1 in the form of songs, dance, drama. Few games for the teachers and

students such as Mini Me, Tug of War, Musical chairs were also a part of it. Students of all classes wished their teachers, presented them token of love and made it a memorable day for everyone.

Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado, Principal while addressing the teachers, thanked them for their endless efforts imparting knowledge among students and motivated them to further do their best so that the learning continues forever. He also stated that teachers have the power to change the world and mold the fragile minds, all they need to do



GALA TIME FOR TEACHERS

The school management threw a grand party for its teachers on the occasion of Teacher's Day and all the teachers were on cloud nine to witness such a magnificent evening planned for them. **Rev. Father Christopher Michael**, Manager, **Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado**, Principal, **Rev. Father Vinod Ba** and **Rev. Father Veneto** were also present on the occasion. The evening was hosted by Bhavdeep Romana, who with his witty remarks, lighted up the evening and brought smiles on everyone's face.

The management left no stone unturned to make it an amazing event; the program included Teachers' awards, ramp walk, dance, singing, games, food and much more. All the teachers were left awestruck looking at the arrangements. Teachers' awards were also a part of this splendid event where different teachers were awarded for their wonderful contribution towards school and students under various categories. Many teachers participated for the Mr. TeachRITE and Ms. TeachRITE title which included ramp walk and question answer round. **Mr. Vijay Bhudev** and **Ms Saumya Mishra** bagged the position of Mr. TeachRITE and Ms TeachRITE respectively. Apart from this, many teachers displayed their talent such as singing, dancing and had a great time.

Adding to the charm of the event, all the teachers were presented with gifts on their special day to make it even more memorable and to cherish the memories of this beautiful evening forever.



ST. XAVIER'S BLAZING NIGHT ON COMPLETING 4 GLORIOUS DECADES

Celebrating education for the last 40 years and enjoying the status of the renowned one in the region, St. Xavier's School, Bathinda organised 'Hide & Seek'- Annual Day Celebrations for the junior wing on November 18, 2022 in its campus.



The occasion was graced by Dr. Baljit Kaur, Cabinet Minister, Punjab with her presence as a chief guest. However, **Rev. Father Remy Cardozo**, SFX, Provincial Superior & Chairman, Society of Pilar, Punjab Haryana was the guest of honour on the event. **Father Christopher Michael**, Manager, St. Xavier's School, Bathinda and **Father Cidloy Furtado**, Principal, St. Xavier's School, Bathinda felicitated the chief guest and the guest of honour.

The programme comprised of various performances such as dance, singing, theatre, martial arts to exhibit the talent of its little champions. The event was one of its kind which was worth witnessing with the best of lighting and sound along with young talent of the school.

On addressing the gathering, **Dr. Baljit Kaur** expressed her appeasement towards the performances while also congratulating the principal and staff for putting up such a magnificent show. She also stated that if Punjab has schools like St. Xavier's School, Bathinda, the children of Punjab will not have the need to go abroad, as it boosts their confidence and shapes their personality to prepare them for life.



HIDE & SEEK



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Fr Remy Cardozo also addressed the gathering and congratulated the school for a successful event. He also expressed his pleasure towards the school's all round contribution towards society. 'Be it in academics, sports, social service or charity, the school leads the region in every aspect', he stated.

Fr Christopher Michael, Manager expressed gratitude to the chief guest and guest of honour for gracing the occasion with their presence. He also appreciated the efforts of the teachers, students and the helping staff in order to make the event a successful one.

DIWALI FESTIVITIES & FUN

Adding colour and glitter to Diwali festivities, the school organised various competitions for different classes such as Diya Colouring Competition for UKG, Rangoli Making Competition for class I, Greet Fleet Competition for class II and Deco Well Competition for class III for make Diwali more memorable and special. The children displayed best of their talent and created beautiful pieces.



LEAP DAY AND XAVIERITE DAY

Giving students hiatus from studies and to enhance their creativity as well as physical activity, the school continues to provide them one day exclusively dedicated to numerous activities. The vision is to give them better exposure required for inculcating life skills.



WEEK LONG CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - SHARING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Welcoming the Christmas season, the season of joy and gift giving, St. Xavier's School, Bathinda, under the guidance of Rev. Father Christopher Michael, Manager and Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado, started a campaign 'Sharing the Joy of Christmas' in which the students from the school collected eatables, clothes, stationary and other goodies to be shared with underprivileged groups at different places to share the joy of Christmas. The school also hosted children from different institutes under this campaign for various competitions.

A visit to Prayas School was organised in an attempt to share the joy of Christmas with the underprivileged children while also providing its students a sense of sharing, caring, compassion, empathy along with a sense of responsibility towards the society. Living to the expectation, the students of St. Xavier's School, Bathinda not just collected various items to be gifted in the Prayas School but also presented performances before them in order to put smiles on their faces.



Continuing to share the joy, the students also visited Leprosy Colony in the city, a community for the treatment of lepers, people suffering from leprosy wherein they exhibited their talent and gifted the presents. Apart from the gifts and performances what our children gave at the colony are the beautiful smiles and spark in the eyes of everyone there which was worth witnessing.

Another visit was to Advanced Cancer Institute to share the joy of Christmas with the survivors of cancer. They also paid tribute to the doctors and the other members of the hospital. Rev. Father Veneto Colaco also accompanied the children along with the coordinator, Ms Pallavi Jain and the teachers from the school. The students sang beautiful Carols to boost the festive mood. Rev. Father Veneto Colaco gifted the Christmas goodies to the survivors and blessed them for a healthy life ahead.



The school also organised Sports Event for the underprivileged children, supporting staff and for the children from Bal Niketan in its campus in order to share the joy of Christmas. The event included various games in the form of competitions wherein the participants performed to the best of their capabilities and had a wonderful time. The winners were awarded prizes for their outstanding performances. Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado, Principal congratulated all the winners and encouraged everyone to always give their best to excel in life and to never give in.

The children were gifted Christmas goodies; they also enjoyed music and dance along with their friends to lift up the festive mood.

Overall, the month full of sharing and caring, helped our children become more compassionate towards others and practice more empathy in life hence, becoming better humans to build a better world.



DANCE WITH GRAND FRIEND

Continuing to share the joy of Christmas, event 'Dance with Grand Friend' was organised wherein the students of LKG rocked the dance floor with their grandparents. It was a duet dance competition. Rev. Father Vinod Ba graced the occasion with his presence. He expressed his appeasement witnessing such an event and applauded the kids for their performance. He emphasised upon the role of grandparents in kids' upbringing and expressed that he was glad to witness that these munchkins are getting the right company as friends at home. He presented the winners and position holders with the awards.



ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL CELEBRATES 74TH REPUBLIC DAY

St. Xavier's school, Bathinda in a full patriotic swing, celebrated 74th Republic Day on January 25, 2023 in its campus.

Rev Father Christopher Michael, Manager and **Rev Father Cidloy Furtado**, Principal graced the occasion with their presence.

The program was well organized where students of classes II and III showcased their talent in the form of dance, play, march past, singing. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the program. The students through this function, learned about India and its rich heritage through all these performances.

Rev Father Cidloy Furtado, Principal congratulated everyone on this day. He appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers for putting up a great show. He informed the students about the Republic Day and the Constitution of India. He also stated that in order to take our country to greater heights we, as citizens, need to be more responsible and take small steps to be better version of ourselves. "We need to be good citizens of our city, our state and our country; as good citizens make good nations", he added.

The program was concluded with the national anthem.



TWO-DAY EVENT 'ST XAVIER'S LUMINAIRE, 2022-23'



Setting the tradition, St. Xavier's School, Bathinda organised 'St. Xavier's Luminaire, 2022-23' in its second consecutive year which was scheduled on 3rd and 4th February, 2023 in the school's junior wing campus.

Dr. V.k. Aggarwal, a renowned professor of English Literature graced the occasion with his presence. Rev Father Christopher Michael, Manager, Rev Father Cidloy Furtado, Principal, Rev Father Anthony, Rev Father Ivo Dias and Rev Father Lino Santiago also marked their presence on the opening ceremony.

The program was an inter-school competition which comprised of various events related to sports, public speaking, theatre, critical thinking and creativity. Various schools participated in this program with full zeal and enthusiasm.

Mr. V K Aggarwal applauded the efforts of the school for an arrangement of such event which provides opportunities to the children to showcase their potential and help in honing up their confidence. He also appreciated hard work and dedication of the children.

Along with various competitions, it also included excellent performances by the students of the host school. The performances included march past, dance & singing which enhanced the beauty of the day.

It was a two-day affair where one day was dedicated to the sports events and the other comprised of events evaluating other skills.

The closing ceremony was graced by **Mr Rupinder Singh**, District Sports Officer along with **Rev. Father Christopher Michael, Manager** and **Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado, Principal**. All the winners of different events were given the prizes and 'Star Plus Convent School, Raman' won the trophy of the winning school. **Mr Rupinder Singh, DSO** congratulated the winning team along with winners from the different events. He also emphasized upon the importance of consistency of efforts towards achieving one's goals irrespective of the final results and encouraged all the students to keep up the hard work.

Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado, Principal expressed his gratitude towards all the students and teachers of all the schools for being part of the events. He also appreciated the efforts of students and teachers of all the schools and encouraged the students to always explore new things.

The programme was concluded with the national anthem.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

“A room without books is like a body without a soul”- Cicero

Reading is a skill, once developed, enhances knowledge and vocabulary along with upgrading comprehension skills. Books help in expanding the thinking horizon and reading books is a habit every student should have. Keeping this view, **Scholastic Book Fair** was organized in the junior wing campus of the school from February 6, 2023 to February 10, 2023.

Rev. Father Christopher Michael, Manager, inaugurated the exhibition and interacted with the students about the importance of books and how reading can help in improving their communication skills, creativity along with providing them knowledge about their topic of interest. He also emphasized upon utilizing the leisure time in reading instead of using gadgets in order to be a great leader in future.

The exhibition included books on various subjects and as per different age groups which attracted the students, teachers and parents.



LITTLE TRAVELERS' FUN BONANZA

Travelling is a therapy to the soul, understanding this well and to ignite the spark of adventure and travelling among the young travelers from LKG-III, St. Xavier's School, Bathinda organized one day picnics and trips for LKG to III.

Students of classes I to III were taken to a one day trip to Chandigarh on March 11, 2023 where the students visited Yadavindra Gardens (Pinjore Gardens) and Mahendra Chaudhary Zoological Park(Chhatbir). The students learned about the history of places while cherishing the beauty of these places. They were accompanied by their teachers who guided them during the visit about the places and about discipline in their conduct to be maintained. The students learned about travelling with friends and taking care of themselves when away from parents. They also had their meals independently which were part of the trip and helped them being independent while choosing and having their meals.



The students of LKG and UKG visited Mini Zoo Bir Talab Bathinda along with their teachers on March 15, 2023

and March 16, 2023 respectively. On their visit, they were shown main attractions of the Zoo. Little travelers were also explained about Zoo and its functioning. After the visit, the children were taken to Mc Donald's where they relished the meal and had more fun with their friends.

All the students had a great time on their respective visits while the parents applauded the initiative of the school management and expressed their gratitude for providing them with the much-needed exposure.

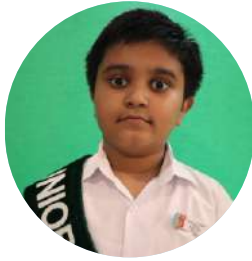


SPLENDID HOLI CELEBRATION AT ST. XAVIER'S

The children of LKG and UKG had a great fun while splashing colours at each other. All the teachers accompanied them and enjoyed the festival of colours. Children brought sweets and different cuisines in their lunch boxes and had a great time in their lunch break by sharing the sweets with their friends and teachers.



MESSAGE BY THE HEAD BOY



I, Vansh Goyal, Junior Head Boy of this institution would like to thank the management and staff who found me capable to take up this responsibility. It's indeed a pleasure for me to carry out the assigned responsibilities in a sincere, systematic and dedicated manner. My prime duty will be to take care of the norms and discipline of our school. It is an honour and privilege for me to be a head boy of the school. I promise to work hard with devotion and determination. Thank you all once again for putting your trust in me.

Vansh Goyal - III E
Junior Head Boy

MESSAGE BY THE HEAD GIRL



I would like to extend my thanks to the management and teachers for having faith in me and considering me capable of taking up the role. I have been given a great responsibility to be a head girl. I feel privileged to have this opportunity. I would also like to thank my teachers for always trusting me. I promise to put in my sincere efforts towards the responsibilities assigned to me.

Japneet Kaur - III B
Junior Head Girl



TOPAZ HOUSE (VICE-CAPTAIN)
BHAVIN GARG - III E



TOPAZ HOUSE (CAPTAIN)
IBADAT KAUR - III A



SAPPHIRE HOUSE (VICE-CAPTAIN)
SAANVI SINGH - III D



SAPPHIRE HOUSE (CAPTAIN)
GUNTESHWAR SINGH - III D



RUBY HOUSE (VICE-CAPTAIN)
KAVYA - III C



RUBY HOUSE (CAPTAIN)
ANVI BANSAL - III A



EMERALD HOUSE (VICE-CAPTAIN)
SAMARTH AGGARWAL - III B



EMERALD HOUSE (CAPTAIN)
VIDHANT SAYAL - III C

"EVERY CHILD IS UNIQUE"

Children are like birds,
Some fly high,
Some fly low.
Some run fast,
& some run slow.
Some score high,
& some scores low.
Some like singing,
& some like to dance.
some like to paint,
& some like plants.
To me every child is like a different flower,
Altogether they make this world a beautiful garden.

Parent of Erin
2nd B

God is a great examiner,
We all are examinees.
Life is an answer book,
This world is an examination hall,
Where we sit and take test.
Time allowed is three hours.
First bell rings in childhood,
Second bell rings in youth,
And third bell rings in old age.
By the message from God,
the examination is over
and the copy is snatched;
don't try to deceive by writing useless stuff,
otherwise, you may lose marks.
Write down whatever you know,
Later, don't say the paper was lengthy
And time was short.
Life then meets an end.
If we fail, we come to the same hall again.
If we pass, we find eternity
And the permanent blessings from heaven.

Parent of Divyansh,
3rd E

MY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Little scared little excited. I left my home with a backpack and my bottle. I reached my school and standing at the gate I wondered, "What place is this". I entered the gate and met many new faces all were strangers, no one I knew. I reached my class and saw many little people who looked like me. Some were crying and some were playing, I wished everyone and started my first day in class with them.

Then came a gentle lady who was just like my mom, she hugged us, played with us and introduced herself as my class teacher. The whole day was full of fun and frolic making new friends and learning new things, giving me a feeling of entrepreneur.

From here I entered the new phase of my life. And came home with a big smile.

Bikram Jit Singh,
Parent of Divjot Kaur,
LKG-A

In St. Xaviers Junior Wing we play,
With joy and laughter every day,
But don't let that fool you,
We're serious about our studies too.
Our teachers guide us every step of the way,
Helping us learn and grow, day by day,
We discover new things every moment,
And our love of learning is truly potent.
In the classroom we work hard,
But on the playground we let down our guard,
We run and jump and play and shout,
Our energy never running out.
From sports to music to art,
We learn something new from the very start,
Our education is well-rounded and complete,
And we're proud of our achievements, so sweet.
In St. Xaviers Junior Wing we find,
A community of kind and curious minds,
Where learning and play go hand in hand,
And every child is encouraged to take a stand.
So here's to our school, so bright and true,
To the place where we learn through and through,
We're proud of our achievements,
It's plain to see,
And we're grateful for everything this school has given to you and me.



OUR SPORT STARS





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