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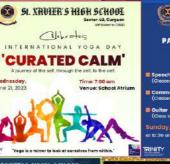
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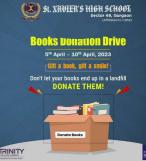




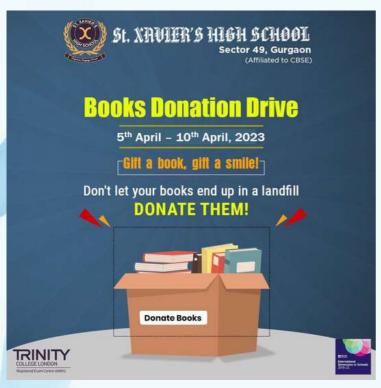








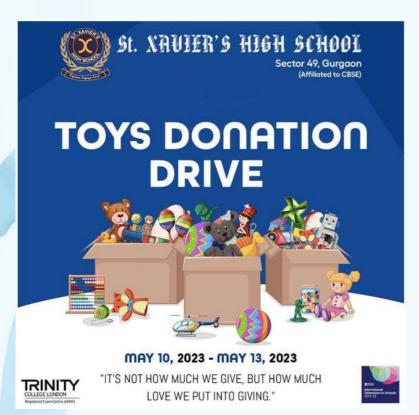
BOOK DONATION DRIVE





At St. Xavier's High School, we believe that what may be unnecessary to someone might be another person's necessity. We, therefore, instill compassion in our students to change the lives of the people around. To this effect, with warmth and fondness the school organised Book Donation Drive from 5th to 10th of April, 2023. We encouraged students to spread the word and drop the old story books, comics, school books or any other children's books at the school's gate which were further bequeathed to those not as fortunate as others. Venue of book donation drive was Outside Gate No. 1.

TOY DONATION DRIVE





Giving is not just about donating. It is about making a difference and spreading a smile!

At St. Xavier's High School, we truly believe that deeds of giving are the very foundation of the world. We, therefore, tried to infuse empathy and kindness among our students to make a difference in the lives of the people around them. To this effect, with gratitude and warmth, the school organised Toy Donation Drive. We encouraged students to spread the word and drop the old and used toys of the children at the school's gate No. 1 from May 10, 2023. - May 13, 2023 The collected toys were donated to the underprivileged children.

THE SPOTLIGHT

A SESSION WITH THE AUTHOR Ms. MANISHA MAHAJAN





An Interactive Session with Ms. Manisha Mahajan was a gateway of opportunities for the aspiring and budding authors at St. Xavier's High School to enhance their intellectual and creative writing potential. The event was initiated with an interesting discussion led by the author where she shared few significant insights with the students. The students also shared their creative journey of writing books and getting them published successfully. The session was quite enriching, lively and fruitful for the students as they asked their queries from the phenomenal personality, Ms. Manisha Mahajan, author of 'A Call From Me, To Me'. It was an overwhelming experience for the young Xaverians as they got truly inspired and motivated to author a book someday.

INTER-CLASS ENGLISH HANDWRITING



It is truly said that handwriting is an important skill that often becomes the first impression for people. An Inter-Handwriting Class English Competition was conducted on April 12, 2023 for the students of Grades III-VIII. The pdf file of the School Song was shared with the students which was required to write and submit as an entry for the English Handwriting Competition. 30 minutes were given to the students to complete the task. The competition was conducted in the zero and first period.



ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION - RAZPLUS



Kids A-Z, is a blended learning platform which enhances the Reading Skill of children. Kids A-Z, collaborated with Raz Plus, provides access to printable, projectable, and digital formats to strengthen the connection between what is being taught and what students independently practice. The students can delve into the ocean of books with Kids A-Z. Log-in credentials of the students for accessing the Kids A-Z portal were shared by the class teacher. The students are allocated books on every Monday and the same is discussed in the classroom on Friday. To further brief the students about the Kids A-Z platform and help them use it to the optimum, an online information session was scheduled on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 on Zoom at 5:45 pm for Grades IV to VIII. The queries were addressed by Ms Vidushi Maan, Advisory Board Member-Reading & Literacy Programme at St Xavier's High School, Gurgaon.

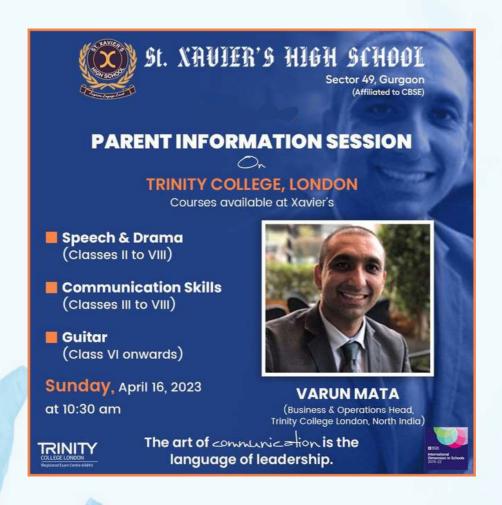
WORLD EARTH DAY

'Creativity is nothing, but a mind, set free.' Torrie T.Asai

Inter-Class An Poster Making Competition was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 for the students of Grades 111- V111. The theme of competition was World Earth Day. Learners were provided with A-4 size sheet by the school. The duration of the Poster Making Competition was of 40 minutes, allotted to complete the poster. Any colouring medium (water colour/sketch pens/crayons etc) could be used by the students. A suitable title to the poster related to the theme- World Earth Day was mandatory to write. Every poster had a message related to Nurturing the Earth. The competition was conducted in the zero and first period. Judgement was given on the basis of creativity, content. imagination and overall presentation.



Information Session on the Trinity College, London



An Information Session on the Trinity College, London courses available this session was organised on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 10:30 am. This session was conducted by Mr Varun Mata, Head - Business and Operations (North), Trinity College, London and provided an insight into the conduction and assessment of the courses. The session also included an Open House session for the parents to address their doubts/queries.

CBSE SCIENCE CHALLENGE



Science is inexplicably linked with our lives and helps us to understand the world around us better. As an initiative to generate curiosity, enquiry and higher order thinking skills among the learners, the Board organised the CBSE Science Challenge for the students of Grades VIII to X. The theme of the CBSE Science Challenge was Science, Environment Sustainability. and challenge was conducted through rounds - within school, and Inter-School. The CBSE challenge was free of cost for participation. All the students of Grades VIII to X were eligible to participate in Round One (first stage). For Round Two (second stage), best 6 students (best 2 students from each participating class) were further nominated. The Science challenge paper comprised a variety of stimulants MCQs. followed bγ The task for participating students was focused both on speed and accuracy. All the participants of Round Two were issued online an participation certificate by the Board. Appreciation Certificate were given to best performing students. First round was conducted in the School premises on Friday, April 21, 2023 during school hours.

INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DECLAMATION

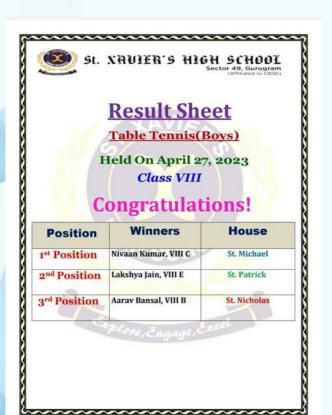


Inter-House English Declamation was organised on May 1, 2023, to hone the oratory skills among the students. Declamation is a rhetorical set speech. exercise or a participants had to present their views on the theme-"Actions speak louder than words". The children were in high zest and zeal. The bar extremely high for the wherein, each competition, participant could feel their pulse was well everyone roaring as prepared, spoke confidently expressions and excellent diction. Honourable Director-Principal Sir, Mr. John Rafi, appreciated the efforts of all the participants and encouraged other students to come forward in such events.





INTER HOUSE TABLE TENNIS



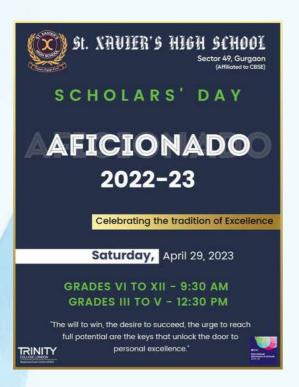


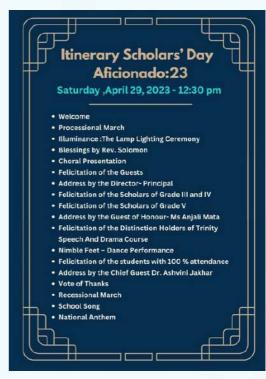






SCHOLARS' DAY





Celebrating the tradition of excellence at St. Xaviers' High School, Sector 49, the diligent and perseverant Xaverians of Grades VI - XII (Session 22-23) were recognized as well as felicitated for their scholastic success and accomplishments The event was initiated with the arrival of the Chief Guest - Mr. Banwari Swaroop - Former Director, Ministry of Defence, Joint Secretary UPSC Defence & Additional Controller General of Defence Accounts, Business Head and Operations Head, North India, Director Principal - Mr. John Rafi, Middle Wing Headmistress - Ms. Geeta Kanwar, Pre-Primary Headmistress - Ms. Aparna Chandra, Senior Co-ordinator - Ms. Swati Rana and Primary Co-ordinator - Ms. Geetha Parmeswaram. This was followed by the customary grand processional march of our stellar scholars walking the glorious gait earned by their persistent, assiduous and unwavering endeavours.

The auspicious lamp lighting ceremony was initiated by all the distinguished dignitaries. The Director Principal addressed the scholars and shared his inspiring thoughts.

The dextrous young Xaverians showcased diverse, soulful and zestful performances under the effective mentorship of the accomplished teachers. Be it the choir or western dance; the promising artists were beyond comparison. The profound scholars of Grade VI-XII for the session 2022-23 were felicitated by the honourable dignitaries for the pursuit of excellence in academics and commitment to lifelong learning. The dedicated students with 100% attendance were also felicitated for their sincerity and devotion to duty followed by the felicitation of the distinction holders of Trinity Speech and Drama Course. The Cock House Trophy was bagged by St. Nicholas House for the Middle School and St. Raphael House for the Senior School for displaying unmatched prowess in all areas.

It was an overwhelming experience for the parents to witness this epic moment and capture it in still as well as motion pictures to cherish as lifelong memories. Scholars' Day culminated with the words of wisdom from the Chief Guest, Mr. Banwari Swaroop followed by the Scholars' recessional march.

SCHOLARS' DAY

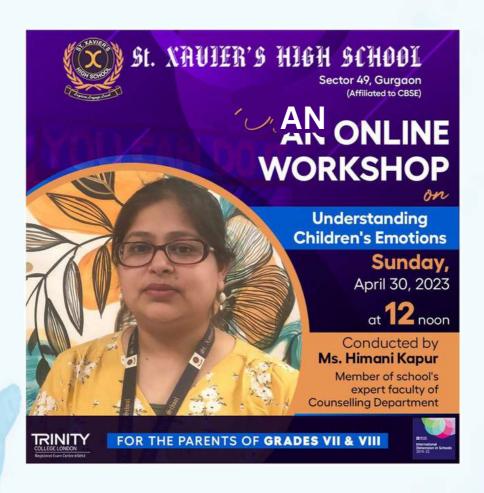






AN ONLINE SESSION ON

UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S EMOTION



Parenting with empathy is linked to everything from healthy attachment to emotional intelligence and solid relationship skills. The School conducted an online session for the parents of Grades VII & VIII on 'Understanding Children's Emotions' by Ms Himani Kapur, Counselling Expert at St. Xavier's High School on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 12 noon to equip them to understand their children's emotions.

A WORKSHOP ON CYBER SECURITY

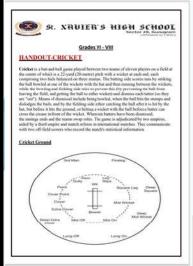


"True Cyber Security is preparing for what's NEXT, not for what's LAST"

A session regarding awareness about Cyber Security was conducted by Dr Rakshit Tandon, a meritorious student of St. Peter's college Agra, an Ethical Hacker certified by the EC council, certified Computer Forensics Expert from Brain Bench Director and Founder of HackDev Technology, delivered an intriguing and engaging talk on cybercrime and cyber security. He deliberated in detail on general awareness about several CYBER crimes happening and where to report them. He made the children aware that taking care of their digital diet one must balance it like a balanced food diet. The interesting session ended with an interactive question answer round, students actively participated and responded promptly. Overall, the entire workshop was extremely informative, it was an eye opener for all to be cautious about the online safety of children, the expertise knowledge on the subject brought in awareness about the threats that children face and internet addiction and also about the laws that exist to protect (hildren. This workshop left a great impact on each listener's notion about cybercrime and cyber security and would surely aid students to be cautious in future while using Internet.



A QUIZ ON CRICKET









"Talent is vital, but hard work is all it takes to be a legend."

We sincerely believe in nurturing the talent of our young students and empowering them with a platform that facilitates their athletic interests. The handout based on the particulars of cricket was shared with the students to help the students learn in-depth about Cricket. The sports teacher discussed the same in the classroom. The school conducted a quiz pertaining to the information shared in the handout for the students of Grades VI–VIII on Monday, May 15, 2023.

INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE



"Power to the voice is Power to the People."

Inter-House English Debate Competition was organised on Thursday, May 11, 2023 for the students of Grades VI -VIII. The aim of organizing debate competition was to hone the public speaking skills of the students and teach them to be articulate while expressing their thoughts and opinions. The session was the kaleidoscope of opinions, thoughts and perspective that enhanced the knowledge and understanding about the topic – "Technological Advancement poses a greater threat than population growth does to the health of our planet." The topic was unveiled with the teams a day prior to the commencement of the competition. It was set up in the British Parliamentary style comprising of four teams from all the houses with four speakers- the Principal, First, Second and Reflective Speaker from each team. Two teams proposed the motion and other two teams opposed the motion. With so much intensity in the air, the competition began with a three-panel jury. The viewpoints of the participants captivated the audience with cheers and claps. The team members deliberated on the motion, contested each other's points of view and finally presented some astute points from all sides of the spectrum. The pinnacle of the competition was the rebuttal from opposing and proposing teams with brain storming questions and prompt answers in highly assertive manner. Four Reflective speakers who put forth their points eloquently in a strong convincing expression finally summed up the debate.

The adjudicators expressed highly appreciative inputs and offered a valuable feedback for all the participants with a special mention on clarity of mind-set and thoughts. At last the motion was carried.

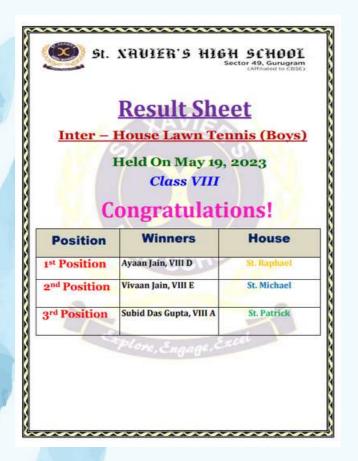
- · St. Nicholas House bagged the First Position.
- · St. Raphael House secured the Runner-up Position.
- · Sayra Sardana was declared as the Best Speaker.
- · Runner up Speaker was awarded to Vritti Kumaria.
- Best Reflective Speaker was awarded to Sanjam Gujral.

The day was impactful and left not just the students but also the teachers with much to think about. It was hailed a success and has set the bar high for the students in the upcoming events.

INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE



INTER-HOUSE LAWN TENNIS





We, at St. Xavier's High School, have always believed in inculcating sports as an integral part of our curriculum. That is why it gave us immense pleasure to invite the students of Grades VI - VIII for Inter-House Lawn Tennis Championship conducted on May 18, 2023 (Thursday). A Google form was shared with the parents to confirm students' participation in the competition. Trials were conducted on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 for the same.

MOMents:2023



"A mother is a walking miracle, there is no heroism greater than motherhood. There is no love as pure, unconditional, and as strong as a mother's love!"

It's time to gear up ..to CELEBRATE MOTHERHOOD!!!

Vivacious moms were invited from Grades III - VIII to celebrate MOMents :2023 on May 13, 2023. A fun-filled day which had something for every mother! Several competitions were planned for moms like:

- · Guldasta Fresh Flower Arrangement
- · Master Chef Mom Fireless Cooking
 - · Rhythmic Raga- Solo Singing
- Mom & Me—Moments of Milestones Collage Making
 - · Kalakari Poster Making
 - MOM-i-Doll Diva in a Saree

Moms were supposed to choose to be part of any one of the above. A Google form was shared with all the moms to fill and to confirm their participation. There were limited seats in some of the events.

Moms were also invited to write an article in not more than 300 words on the theme

"My Interpretation of Motherhood".

It was an open challenge for all the mothers.

The articles were to be mailed by interested moms at moments@stxaviershighschoolgurgaon.com

MOMents:2023

It was a team activity. Mothers could participate along with their child/children. The theme was "An All-rounder Maa". The time limit was 1 hour for the activity. A rectangular A3 sheet was provided to all the participating moms. Reporting time was 9:45 am and the preparation time which was given to the mothers was 15 minutes. Competition commenced at 10:15 and got over by 11:15 am. Venue of the activity was XII B classroom-1st Floor-D-Block. Felicitation Ceremony was conducted at 1:30 pm in the school atrium.

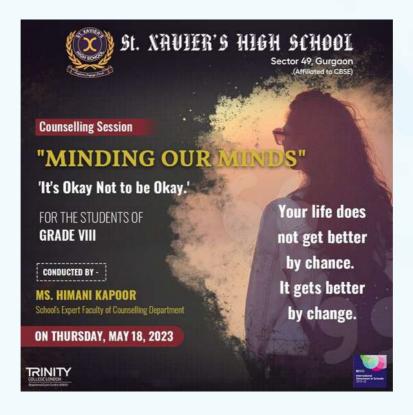


SESSION ON PUBERTY AND ADOLESCENCE



An interactive Workshop was conducted by Dr. Mahima Arya for the girls of Grades V1-V111 on 'Puberty and adolescence' to make the students aware about the emotional and physical changes of puberty and how to cope up with these transformations. The workshop captured the attention of the students and addressed various issues that they were dealing with, to put them at ease.

Minding Our Minds



"Mental strength is not the ability to stay out of darkness, it's the ability to sit in the darkness knowing that the light will shine again."

Counselling is designed to make students aware about the significance of mental health in their lives. It facilitates students' achievements, improve their behaviour and help them develop socially. St. Xavier's High School organised an Interactive Workshop Minding Our Minds: Its okay not to be okay" for the students of Grade VIII conducted by the school expert faculty of Counselling Department, Ms. Himani Kapoor on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

"What mental health needs is more sunlight, more candour and more open conversation."

SUPERLATIVES OF TOURNEY









THE MONTHLY BATTLE FOR BEING MOST COGNIZANT



CLASSASSEMBLY

HAPPY BAISAKHI BY VIII A



The assembly initiated with the Lord's Prayer. This was followed by thought, word and news (National, International, Weather forecast, Sports and Xavier's news) of the day. The students elucidated about the significance and relevance of Baisakhi. A beautifully penned poem in English was recited by Veydant. The dance performance by the students thrilled everyone. Amazing facts related to Basakhi were shared by the students. At the end of the assembly students whose birthday was approaching were called upon. The Head Mistress Middle wing, Ms. Geeta Kanwar commended the students and the Class Teacher, Ms. Lata for conducting a well planned assembly.

CLASSASSEMBLY

NEVER GIVE UP BY VIII C



On April 25, 2023 the students of Grade VIII C along with their class teacher, Ms. Nisha Chauhan conducted the Class Assembly on the theme "NEVER GIVE UP." The assembly initiated with the Lord's Prayer. This was followed by thought, word and news (National, International, Weather forecast, Sports and Xavier's news) of the day. A skit and a special song was presented by the students. The Head Mistress, Ms. Geeta Kanwar praised the class teacher and the students of Grade VIII C for their hard work and practice in putting up a good performance.

CLASS ASSEMBLY A TRIBUTE TO SHAKESPEARE BY VIII F



The assembly, depicting the story of the bright pearl and an unparalleled figure in the history of English Literature, 'William Shakespeare', was conducted on May 2, 2023 by the students of class VIII F. The students represented his inspiring story through a powerful and engrossing skit and explained how this pre-eminent dramatist of the sixteenth century is regarded as the greatest writer of English language in the world and is also called the 'Bard of Avon', inspired millions through his writing skills. Remembering God is a way of talking to God so the students gave a soulful start to the assembly by seeking the blessings of the Almighty with the Lord's Prayer followed by an insightful thought, word of the day and current affairs for keeping the students updated. This was followed by an enthralling performance by students on "The world is a stage" where they showcased different stages of life so perfectly. The performance affirmed that certainly Xaverians are different and have their unique distinct style to keep their audience captivated. So, in the end, the stage was set on fire by students parrating some of the eternal timeless quotes from his world famous novels and also explaining their relevance and importance in today's era. The hall echoed with the continuous applause for the performing students. It surely did take a lot of effort, perseverance, and teamwork to put this assembly together but all was worth it when the performances got appreciated and applauded by our honourable Director-Principal, Mr. John Rafi and beloved Headmistress, Ms Geeta Kanwar, who have always believed in the students' potential and provided with opportunities to explore, engage and excel!

CLASS ASSEMBLY

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS BY VIII D



Morning assemblies bring together the staff and students and cultivate a sense of belonging to the school. It's the perfect time to impart and imbibe new learnings with positivity. On the May 9, 2023, the students of class VIII D organised an insightful assembly on Sustainable Development Goals. These goals, also known as SDGs are designed to bring people together to improve life around the world. Created by the United Nations, they are a set of common goals to help us overcome global challenges like poverty, inequality, climate change, etc. A solemn prayer about our beautiful planet paved the way for a soulful start of the assembly. Through enthralling short chorus along with a rap, the students introduced the Sustainable Development Goals to their fellow students. Holding placards with pride they stated the 17 goals and spread a message environmental awareness. The conclusion on thoughts about the future was powerful and left the audience contemplating. A captivating round of self-composed poems at the end addressed the intent that both the Earth and its species should live and promote a sustainable and environment. Our honourable Director-Principal, Mr. John Rafi appreciated the assembly and praised the students by reinforcing the message for future.

CLASSASSEMBLY

MOTHER'S DAY BY VIII E





"Youth fades, love droops, the leaves of friendship fall. A mother's secret hope outlives them all." —Oliver Wendell Holmes The assembly initiated with a special prayer for Mothers. This was followed by thought, word and news (National, International, Weather forecast, Sports and Xavier's news) of the day. The students (Aarav and Nimeesha) also elucidated about the significance and relevance of Mothers' Day Celebration. A beautifully penned poem in Hindi was recited by Gautam. The musical performance by the students left everyone emotional and pensive. A short skit was performed based on an incident from Thomas Alva Edison's childhood portrayed the unconditional love of a mother exquisitely. This was followed by a rhythmic dance performance by the students. At the end of the assembly, students whose birthday fell that week were called upon. The Director-Principal commended the students and the Class Teacher, Ms. Prachi for conducting a well planned assembly.

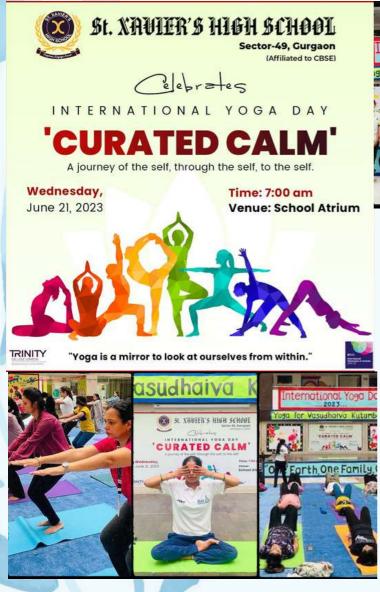
SHINING STARS



We are extremely proud of the outstanding achievement of our Champion,
Aashna Singhal of Grade VIII C for securing Third Position in Badminton
Championship 2023 organised by Delhi Capital Badminton Association.
We convey our best wishes and heartfelt congratulations to the proud parents!
The diligence, determination and dedication displayed by our brilliant Xaverian has added another feather of success to her crown.

Keep your aim high and make a plan to fly!

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CURATED (ALM'23: Embrace the Harmony Within





"Yoga for Vasudaiva Kutumbum"

International Yoga Day is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of yoga in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and to encourage people to incorporate yoga into their daily routine. Yoga, an ancient practice originated in India, offers a holistic approach to health and wellness, combining physical postures (asanas), breathing exercises (pranayama), meditation, and relaxation techniques. St Xavier's High School, Sector 49 celebrated International Yoga Day - 'Curated Calm': A journey of the self, through the self, to the self on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. A rejuvenating yoga session led by Ms Sharda Rani, a renowned voga facilitator was conducted in the school atrium. Parents. teachers and participated with great enthusiasm and took a pledge to integrate yoga in their lives by practicing it regularly along with their family and encourage friends to take up yoga for a healthier lifestyle.

RESONANCE FROM THE PARENTS HEART

Thank You for Your Guidance and keeping the children in good spirit they are

flourishing. <u>Aarya (VIII A) & Geet Mehta (VIII C)</u>



Everything is going well. Thank You for your Guidance.

<u>Ishant Singh (VIII B)</u>



Appreciate your efforts, Mam. Thanks for the Guidance. Shanaya (VIII B)



Aarav's result are great. Satisfied with teachers efforts. Children are enjoying coming to school.

<u>Aarav Saxena (VIII C)</u>



We are very happy the way Vaibhav is improving. Vaibhav Rathore (VIII C)



Thanks for taking care of the kids. I am happy that Shaurya is adjusting to the new class and teachers.

Shaurya Goswami (VIII D)



RESONANCE FROM THE PARENTS HEART

Thank you so much mam for all feedback, grooming and nurturing of the students <u>Keshav Goyal (VIII D)</u>



Thank you teachers for your guidance and supports.

Anysha Santara (VIII E)



We were very happy to meet the teachers. Teachers' candid way of explaining and handling students is very impressive. Thank You Teachers.

Aayush Gautam (VIII E)



Thanks for the cooperation and support extended from the staff.

Akhil (VIII F)

The Parent Teachers meeting was very fruitful. We are satisfied that our child is in proper hands for his future grooming.

Lakshay Garg(VIII F)

