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Summer Camp 2019

The Summer Camp organised by the XPTA, started on 21st May 2019 in the campus of St. Xavier's High School. The event was inaugurated and officially announced open by the XPTA President Mr. Ajit Jha, followed by the best wishes and words of encouragement by our Principal, Fr. A. Christu Savarirajan S.J. The programme continued for a fortnight. The students and their parents participated in it with great zeal and enthusiasm.

There were various activities in the summer camp-like Swimming, Table-Tennis, Karate, Painting, Art and Craft, Western dance, Spoken English and Basketball, to enhance the hidden potential and skills of the children. The students of all age group starting from L.K.G to the STD. 9 took part in the camp. The tiny tots of L.K.G and U.K.G were taught to make animals with common household items. Maximum participation was in swimming where they were trained in swimming skills like freestyle, back-flip, floating and paddling by the national and state level trainers. The programme finally concluded on 4th June with a Western group dance. The students of the Spoken English activity camp shared their views and experiences on communication skill.



Dear Readers

We are back with the second issue of Xavier's Chronicles. We capture here varieties of activities which once again enunciate our purpose of providing students a holistic growth. Last three months witnessed more innovative events where teachers and students were engaged in discovering latent potentials within them. Thus it was a "Journey withing" that led them all to "Self-Discovery". I take this opportunity to appreciate the Editorial Team for giving a colourful picturization of our joyful moments.

**Fr. A. Christu Savarirajan, S.J.,
Principal**

Professional Development Programme

On 17th June, 'Professional Development Programme' session was held at St. Xavier's High School for the Primary teachers. The Resource Persons for the session were Mrs Bhagwanti Gupta and Mr Charles. They discussed various innovative techniques through different games to attract the attention and the concentration of the learners. These techniques, if introduced in the classroom, would prepare the children to take the inputs and make learning last longer. The second part of the session focused on developing proficiency in communication. The learners must enhance the most important skills of language- Listening, Speaking, Writing and Thinking to make them competent so that they can face the challenges of the world.

The teachers of all the three wings were engaged in the activity cum seminar related to school pedagogy. They worked and studied in groups and extended their understanding through power-point presentation. In short spell, all the teachers emerged with splendid presentations that elevated their professional skills and expertise. At the same time, they nurtured a spirit of collegiality under the expert guidance of the Principal.

Seminar on Intelligent Management of Emotions

On 17th and 18th June, a seminar on Intelligent Management of Emotions was held at Atmadarshan for the teachers of St. Xavier's High School. The resource person was Fr. Joseph Kootinal S.J.

Emotions are very powerful. They can break us if we are not able to manage them. Issues related to the efficient handling of our emotions intelligently were discussed. These handlings are based on belief, knowledge awareness, perception and meditation. Belief is the root cause of any emotional breakdown within us. Knowledge is a tool which is needed to change our negative beliefs into positive. Through meditation, we can understand that human beings are simply a drop in the ocean. Through daily routine meditation, we can estimate our potential. Apart from the elucidation on the benefits of meditation, motivating and rejuvenating videos were shown.

International Yoga Day

A session of Yoga and Meditation was organised by the Alumni Association in the School Auditorium on the International Yoga Day, 21 June 2019, under the expert guidance of Yog Guru, Dr. Vinay Sinha. The session was attended by Fr. Principal and Vice-Principal along with the teachers, staff and the members of the Alumni Association. Several simple and effective Asanas were shown by the Yog Guru. He taught them how to make mind and body flexible, energetic and free from stress.

It was a wonderful session for making life easy, healthy, peaceful and stress-free in this world of stress



Seminar on Positive Behavior Management Skills

A seminar on 'Positive Behaviour Management Skills' was held on 18th June 2019, in the school auditorium. It was conducted by our Principal, Rev Fr. A. Christu Savarirajan S.J. The whole discussion was centered on one pertinent question- "What if it happens in your class?", real-life discipline issues were discussed. Teachers were asked to discuss in their groups the root causes of negative behaviour issues and provide positive solutions to them. Thus, it turned out to be an analytic and transformative exercise where teachers were challenged to modify their classroom management skills. Finally, the groups were invited to present their findings and insights before others.



English Rhymes Recitation Competition

Rhymes act as rhythmic energy for the tiny tots who love to listen and recite poems with action. On 22nd July 2019, English Rhymes Competition was held at St. Xavier's High School for L.K.G kids. The programme started with great enthusiasm. 112 participants displayed their talents in reciting popular rhymes like "Two Little hand", "Rain Rain Go away", "Teddy Bear", "Chubby Cheeks" and so on. The graceful presence of the Principal Fr. A. Christu Savarirajan S.J motivated the students. His words of appreciation encouraged the students to give their best.

English Story Telling Competition

A wise man once said, "After nourishment, shelter and companionship, stories are the things we need most in the world ".It's the stories which give wings to our imagination and take us to places beyond the boundaries of our physical world, into the land of fairies, cartoon characters and wishing trees. To incite this curiosity among children, a storytelling competition was held on 26th July 2019 for U.K.G. students of St. Xavier's Kid zone. Principal Fr. A. Christu Savarirajan, SJ graced the occasion with his presence and the programme started with the Motivational Speech given by Vice Principal Fr. Devashish Prasad, SJ. Children narrated moral based stories on the stage. Facial expressions, gestures, voice modulation and use of props made the competition very competitive.

Welcoming our new Rector

On the auspicious day of the celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Xavier's welcomed Fr. Joseph Sebastian S.J as the new Rector.

Acting Rector Rev. Fr. Peter S.J., welcomed Fr. Joseph Sabastian S.J. by presenting him a bouquet and highlighting the greatness which lay hidden in him. We felt ourselves blessed hearing Fr. Rector, a man of dynamic personality, addressing the Xavier family.



Celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

We prepared ourselves for this feast with the Ignatian week which was marked with special assemblies based on themes taken from Ignatian Spirituality. Like every year, the feast was celebrated with great zeal. On 30th July, a day before the feast, a Special Assembly was organised where the entire Xavier family cherished the depiction of the glorious life of St. Ignatius. The celebration began with garlanding the statue and lighting of the lamp. The melodious choir and the prayer dance made all of us feel the significance of the day. The limelight of the programme was a drama performed by the YCS students based on the entire journey and transformation of Inigo, a soldier to St. Ignatius, a saint. The celebration came to an end with the speech of our Principal, Rev Fr. A. Christu Savarirajan S.J., who enlightened us with the principles and beliefs of St. Ignatius and the hardships he faced in his life.



Science Exhibition

St. Xavier's High school, Patna organised a three-day Science exhibition in the School Hall and the Library, from 8th August to 10th August 2019. The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Sr. Mary Rashmi A.C, Principal of Patna Women's college, Hon'ble Mr. Kumar Gunjan, Special Judge CBI, with the presence of the Rector, Rev. Fr. Joseph Sebastian S.J, Rev. Fr. Principal Fr. A. Christu Savarirajan S.J, Rev Fr. Vice Principal Fr. Devashish S.J. Students from class III to class X participated in the exhibition with great vigour and made praiseworthy projects. Some of the projects made by the creative students were-the models of Chandrayaan-2, Tesla coil, JCB machine, Gesture Control Drone and on Circulatory System and Respiratory system. Hydraulic Bridge, Eyeblink detector, a hand sensor control drone and a smart dustbin were some of the eye-catching working models. The exhibition had more than 150 models. It covered several themes like resources management, waste management, water body conservation, transport and communication digital and technological solution. Students from other schools were invited on this occasion. It provided the students with a platform to present their ideas and to be interactive. It also allowed the audience to recognise the "Original Thinkers".



Little Artisans All Around



On Friday, 2nd of August 2019, the young Xaverians turned into little artisans. To add up more joy in the celebration of Raksha Bandhan, a Rakhi making competition was conducted in the school by the LTS club. The students from LKG to class X participated in it with great zeal.

On this occasion a charitable amount of ₹10 was donated by each student to raise money for the poor children, ensuring that they are not deprived of the immense happiness which this festival of love spreads. The students were involved in exhibiting their creative and innovative skills by fabricating exquisite Rakhis by their inventive hands. The Rakhis were an amalgamation of modern and traditional styles. The members of the LTS club also prepared Rakhis for the Trees in the campus in order to show their love and gratitude for nature.

On 14th August and 18th August Book-Mark Making Competition and Water Candle making Competition were held respectively for the LTS Members by their mentor Dr. Punam Gupta. "Little Hands-Greater Taste" under this banner the Little Chefs of LTS cooked food without fire exhibiting their innovative skills. The talents of the students were commendable and well appreciated by all.



Celebration of Independence Day

The 73rd Independence Day was celebrated in a grand way at St. Xavier's High School. Rev. Fr. Joseph Sebastian S.J., the Rector of the school hoisted the National flag followed by the National Anthem. A melodious Patriotic song was presented by the school choir. A dance drama on the Pulwama attack was staged by a group of dancers. The whole programme was full of enthusiasm and made the spectators emotional.



Career Counselling Session

A Career Counselling Session was organized by the Alumni Association (SXAA) for the students of Std 11 & 12 on 05th August 2019. The eminent speakers were Col Prem Prakash, Mr. Vijay Sinha, Mr. Vishnu Choudhary and Mr. Amitabh Pandey. The speakers dealt in detail the vast spectrum of job opportunities available for youngsters and they also gave them tips on how to prepare for these careers. The students found the session highly beneficial.

Motivational talk by Mr. Rajesh Fernando

On 23rd August, Mr. Rajesh Fernando, a motivational speaker, an illusion artist with an attractive personality, came to St. Xavier's High School to mould and train young minds of class X. Mr. Fernando showed how the 3As- Attitude, Aptitude and Altitude can help students achieve 4S- Sustain, Shine, Succeed and Supersede. He even motivated the students to carry along with them passion and vision to the school. Finally, he started his real magic - the magic with his words. He made the students realize the importance of their parents in their lives. His last speech made everyone emotional.



Inter-School Sit and Draw competition

Second Shyama Prasad Memorial Sit and Draw Intra/Inter-School painting competition was held on 29 & 30th August 2019. This mega event was organized by the Alumni Association of St. Xavier's (SXAA). Twenty-six schools participated in the competition. Participation was from class 1 to 10. Mr. Pawan, a noted cartoonist of the Hindustan times, was the chief guest for the event. There were two categories: In category A, Sister Nivedita Balika Vidyalaya stood First, St. Michael's High School emerged Second and Loyola High School came Third. In category B, Notre Dame Academy got the First as well as Second prize and St. Xavier's High school received the Third Prize. The 'Best of the Best' champion trophy was awarded to Carmel High school. The judges Mr. Amitabh Pandey and Mr. Ashish Asthana were felicitated during the ceremony.



English and Hindi Poem Recitation Competition

St. Xavier's Primary School conducted an Inter House English and Hindi Poem Recitation Competition for classes I to V. The English Poem Recitation Competition was conducted on 20th and 27th August, whereas the Hindi Poem Recitation Competition was conducted on 28th, 29th and 30th August. The activity was conducted for the first time at St. Xavier's in an attempt to promote English and Hindi speaking skills, learning correct pronunciation, proper voice modulation and to develop communication skill. The confidence, expression, talent, oratory skill of each student of the House from each class made the event a memorable one and was well appreciated by Fr. Principal and the teachers.

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