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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Staff, Students, and Well-wishers,

It is with immense joy that I share with you the first edition of our newsletter for the academic year 2024-25, capturing the essence of the past three months at St. Francis School. This year, we are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of our school—a testament to 25 years of dedication, growth, and unwavering commitment to excellence. We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating this significant achievement.

This newsletter offers a glimpse into the vibrant activities of our school community. Our journey this year began with comprehensive teacher training programs, where our dedicated educators embraced the latest pedagogical techniques. Our classrooms have been thoughtfully refurbished, creating an environment where every student can flourish. For our board students, we have intensified our focus, offering enhanced preparation and unwavering support as they embark on this crucial phase of their academic journey.

This year, we have placed a strong emphasis on academics, focusing on providing every student with the support and resources they need to excel. Alongside our pursuit of academic excellence, we have made a heartfelt commitment to maintaining a clean and neat campus. Our initiative to create a plastic-free environment is a testament to our dedication to sustainability and our responsibility to the planet. Students and parents deserve a special thanks for your kind cooperation in this regard.

As we celebrate this Silver Jubilee year, I extend my deepest gratitude to you, our cherished parents, students, and well-wishers. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and involvement are the pillars upon which our school stands. I am equally grateful to our remarkable staff, whose rededication and renewed enthusiasm have been the driving force behind the changes and new progress. A special note of thanks to the editorial committee and the design team for their meticulous effort in bringing this newsletter to life.

As we look forward to the months ahead, let us continue to strive together, hand in hand, in our academic pursuits. With our collective effort and shared commitment, I am confident that we will not only celebrate this milestone but also soar to even greater heights in the years to come.

With warm regards,

**Fr. Saji Mathew**  
Principal,  
St. Francis School Jamnagar



# SEMINAR ON NEP 2020



A comprehensive seminar on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was conducted for the staff of St. Francis School, Jamnagar on June 08, 2024. The session was led by Fr. Saji Mathew CMI, the principal of the school. This seminar aimed to enhance the staff's understanding and preparedness for the implementation of NEP 2020 at the school level.

The seminar provided the teachers with a detailed vision and comprehensive understanding of the NEP. The seminar focused on the policy's key aspects, such as curricular reforms, emphasis on holistic education, and the integration of technology in the classroom. Through this session, the teachers were equipped with the necessary knowledge and tools to effectively adapt to and implement the policy in their teaching practices. Fr. Saji Mathew highlighted how the NEP 2020 aims to transform India's education system by promoting critical thinking, creativity, and lifelong learning.



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# KINDERGARTEN Teacher Training

An enriching half-day training session for the kindergarten teachers was held on June 15, 2024. The session, conducted by Mr. Santhosh and Miss. Ammu from Bangalore, focused on equipping teachers with innovative and multifaceted methods to engage young students in their foundational years.



The training emphasized the importance of creating an engaging and stimulating learning environment for kindergarten students. Mr. Santhosh and Miss. Ammu introduced a variety of techniques designed to capture the attention and interest of young learners. These included interactive activities, creative teaching aids, and strategies for fostering a love of learning from an early age.





# ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL COMMENCES NEW ACADEMIC YEAR WITH

# PRAAYER SERVICES



As we embark on a new academic year, St. Francis School sought the divine blessings of God for their teachers, students, and parents through prayer services held on various dates. The kindergarten prayer service took place on June 20th, followed by the Primary section on June 21st, and culminated with the High School prayer service on June 24th. These services were poignant reminders of the strength and unity we derive from our shared values, creating a supportive and enriching educational journey for all members of our community.



# PRAYER SERVICES







# *International* **YOGA DAY**



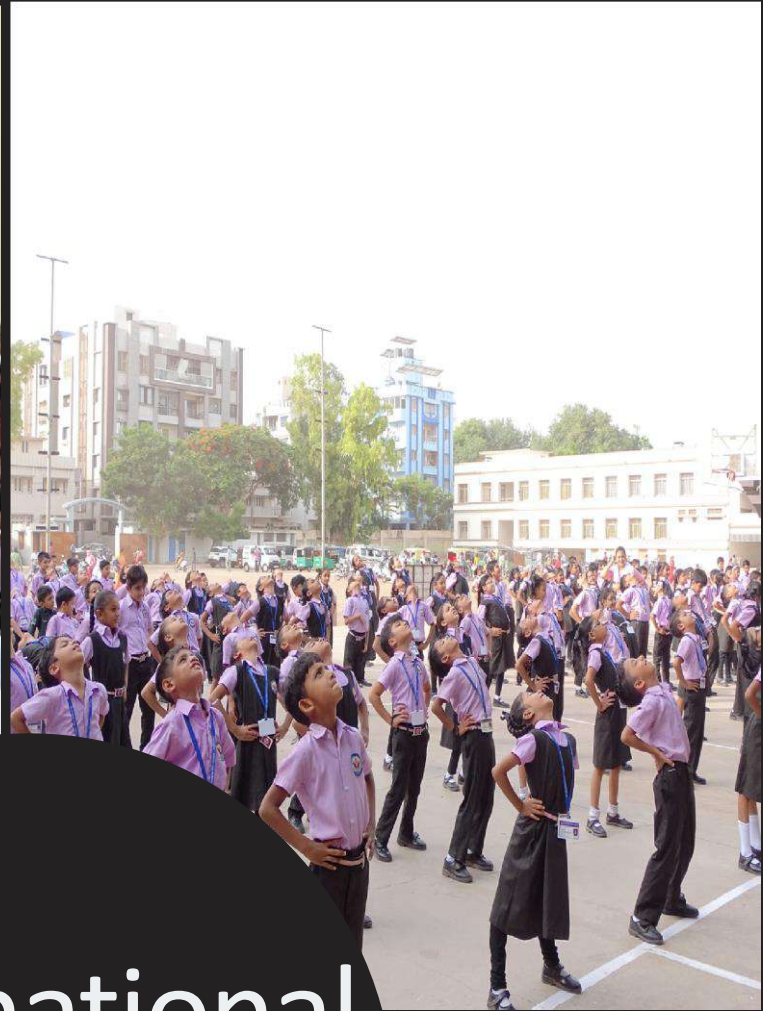
**The celebration of International Yoga Day at St. Francis School on June 21 served as a reminder of the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and achieving overall well-being. This event emphasized the holistic benefits of yoga, promoting physical fitness, mental clarity, and emotional balance among students and staff.**



Highlighting the event, our NCC cadets showcased their commitment to health and discipline by participating in a special yoga camp held at INS Valsura. A total of 22 dedicated cadets from our school took part in the camp, engaging in various yoga practices and learning about the profound impact of yoga on their physical and mental health. St. Francis School's observance of International Yoga Day underscores our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who value and practice a balanced and healthy lifestyle. This celebration marks another step towards promoting overall well-being within our school community.







# International Yogaday





# ENGAGING PARENTS' ORIENTATION



St. Francis School recently conducted a series of Parents' Orientation sessions for various classes, aimed at reinforcing the vital partnership between parents and teachers, which is fundamental to student success. Held on different days for each class, these sessions were designed to foster cooperation and mutual understanding, ensuring a cohesive support system for our students' educational journey.



During the orientation, vibrant discussions covered a range of important topics, including effective home study practices, the critical role of parental attention, and strategies for maintaining student discipline. These interactive sessions provided valuable insights and practical advice, empowering parents to play an active and supportive role in their children's academic lives.





# ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS RALLY



On June 26th, in observance of Anti-Drug Day, St. Francis School organized an impactful awareness rally to highlight the dangers of drug abuse among the younger generation. Spearheaded by the Eco Club and NCC, this rally served as a powerful reminder of the harmful effects of drug abuse, aiming to educate and empower our students. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, who marched through the streets, carrying banners and chanting slogans to spread the message of a drug-free life. Their efforts underscored the severe consequences of drug abuse, reinforcing the importance of making healthy, informed choices.

St. Francis School remains steadfast in its mission to educate and protect its students, ensuring they are well-informed about the dangers of drug abuse and equipped to make positive life choices. This Anti-Drug Awareness Rally marks a significant step in our ongoing efforts to foster a drug-free environment for all.





# ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL EXCELS IN INDIAN TALENT OLYMPIAD 2023-24



St. Francis School has once again demonstrated its commitment to academic excellence by achieving stellar results in the prestigious Indian Talent Olympiad 2023-24. This year, an impressive 70 students were awarded Certificates of Merit, reflecting their dedication and hard work. Among the standout performers, Panchmatiya Dhanvi of Class 3 emerged as the English topper, showcasing exceptional linguistic prowess. Jerome Domnic excelled in Mathematics, while Kumari Navya not only topped her class in science but also received a distinguished Certificate of Excellence for her outstanding performance. In Class 4, Bharadwa Ramya was honoured with an Excellence Award in Mathematics, and Kazi Mohammadanas achieved the distinction of being the class topper in Mathematics.



The remarkable achievements of the students were matched by the exemplary contributions of the teaching staff. Ms. Rita Masani, Ms. Parul Parmar, Ms. Sheena George, Ms. Shilpa Bajaj, Ms. Rekha Bhatt, Ms. Jalpa Sisodiya, Ms. Preeti Gurnani and Ms. Roselinjulia Benjamin were honoured for their innovative academic initiatives, inspiring students to strive for excellence. St. Francis School was bestowed with the prestigious Golden School Award for the participation in Indian talent Olympiad 2023-24, underscoring the institution's unwavering commitment to fostering academic brilliance on a national scale.





# CLEANLINESS DRIVE



The NCC cadets of St. Francis School organized a cleanliness drive promoting hygiene and environmental awareness. It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm of the students engaged in cleaning the campus. Their efforts will help in inculcating a sense of responsibility and civic duty among the fellow students of the school.



# MR. RAJESH DUTTA HONoured FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE CEECT



In a remarkable achievement, Mr. Rajesh Dutta has been awarded a special certificate of appreciation by the Centre for Communicative English Excellence Certification for teachers (CEEECT). This prestigious recognition highlights his impressive and extraordinary performance in Lexile growth, underscoring his profound commitment to excellence in communicative English. In receiving this accolade, Mr. Dutta has exemplified what it means to go the extra mile. His success story serves as an inspiration to others, encouraging them to strive for excellence and to recognize the value of perseverance in achieving their goals.





# SELECTION OF PREFECTS



Elections were held for the positions of School Prefect, Vice Prefect and House Captains, where in the Principal, Vice Principal and teachers cast their votes to select the best candidates. Each candidate addressed the gathering, highlighting their leadership skills, commitment to the school and their ability to serve as a role model for other students.







# FIRE SAFETY TRAINING

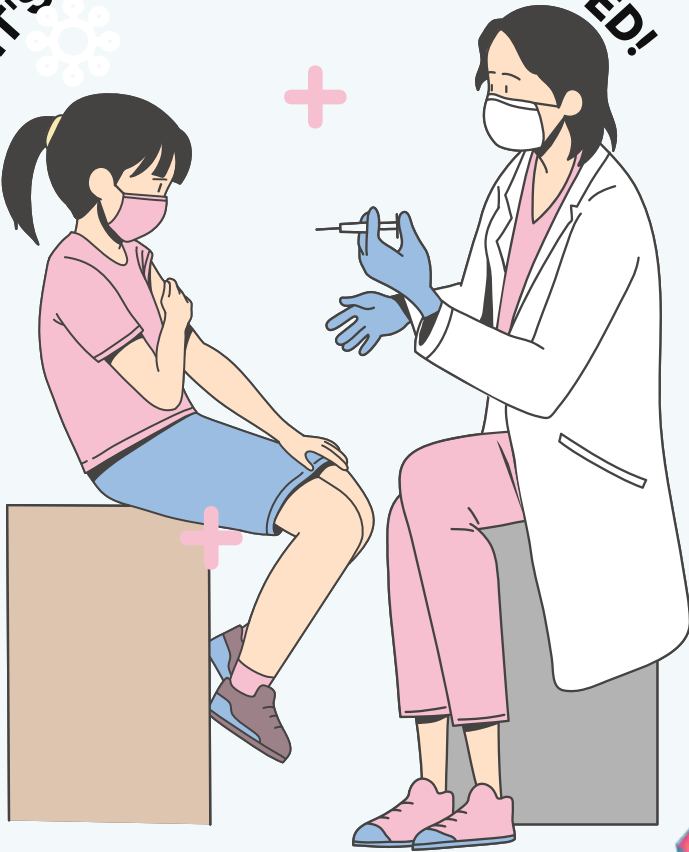


The disaster management committee of St. Francis School organized a fire and safety training session for the teachers to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to respond effectively in case of a fire breakout.

The key components of the training included understanding fire hazards, learning how to use fire extinguishers, executing evacuation procedures, significantly reducing the risk and enhancing overall safety of the school environment.

## IMMUNITY BOOST: ST. FRANCIS STUDENTS PROTECTED AGAINST TETANUS AND DIPHTHERIA

IT'S TIME TO GET VACCINATED!



A vaccination drive targeting Tetanus and Diphtheria was organized in the school by the government to enhance the immunity of students against these serious diseases. The drive was executed with precision by healthcare professionals who ensured that all eligible students received their vaccinations. In conjunction with the vaccination, informational sessions were held to educate students on the importance of immunization and its critical role in preventing life-threatening infections. These sessions provided valuable insights into the benefits of staying up-to-date with vaccinations and the impact it has on public health. The vaccination drive not only safeguarded the health of the students but also demonstrated the school's commitment to the well-being of its community.

# INVESTITURE CEREMONY



The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2024-25 was held with great enthusiasm. During this significant event, prefects, vice prefects, captains, vice captains, and class monitors were vested with their badges and responsibilities. The ceremony was graced by the presence of the chief guest, S.P. Zala the Police inspector. In his inspiring address, he emphasized the importance of boldness and sincerity in leadership. He urged the newly appointed leaders to aspire to be assets to the nation through their dedication and hard work.

The newly vested leaders pledged to uphold their duties with integrity and to lead by example, fostering a culture of excellence and responsibility within the school community. The event concluded with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment among the student body, setting the tone for a successful and productive academic year ahead.









# FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KINDERGARTEN

St. Francis School has introduced 'a bag less day' for the kindergarten, where students engage in various activities, combining learning with play to create a stimulating and enjoyable environment.



Activities like arts and crafts, sensory play, music and dance help in developing fine motor skills and artistic expression.







# HEALTH CHECKUP AND AWARENESS SESSION FOR THE STUDENT WELL BEING



St. Francis School recently hosted a health checkup organized by the local government hospital, offering a thorough assessment of students' well-being. This initiative was part of the school's ongoing commitment to ensuring the health and safety of its students. In addition to the checkup, a talk on "Precautions to be Taken for Protection Against Cholera" was conducted, emphasizing the importance of hygiene and preventive measures. The session educated students on crucial topics such as proper handwashing techniques, safe drinking water practices, and maintaining cleanliness in their surroundings. The event was a significant step toward fostering a healthier and safer school community, ensuring that students are well-informed and equipped to maintain their health.





# BOOK FAIR INSPIRES READING AT ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL



The book fair organized by Pauline Publications at St. Francis School, Jamnagar, on July 29 and 30 offered a vibrant platform for students and teachers to immerse themselves in the world of books. The fair featured an impressive selection of titles across various genres, including literature, science, history, and self-help, catering to diverse interests, and reading levels.

The event played a significant role in promoting reading habits among students, sparking curiosity, and fostering a lifelong love for learning. It also provided an opportunity for teachers and students to discover new authors and explore different perspectives, enriching both academic and personal development.



# Disaster Management

## Seminar To Promote Safety in School



A Disaster Management Seminar was organised in the school in collaboration with Jamnagar Municipal Corporation and the Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA) which was a significant step toward promoting safety in the school.



Through this comprehensive program, the seminar aimed to foster a culture of safety and preparedness, contributing to a safer environment for both students and staff at school

The seminar's primary focus was to enhance the preparedness of school staff and students in the face of emergencies. Experts led interactive sessions covering crucial topics such as CPR, fire safety, and emergency protocols. These sessions provided participants with hands-on experience in life-saving techniques, proper fire safety measures, and efficient evacuation procedures.





# 3D Adventure: Exploring the Wonders of Science and Imagination

On August 8th, St. Francis School organized an exciting 3D show for its middle school students, offering a journey through various fascinating realms. The adventure began with a stunning exploration of our vast universe, captivating students with its endless wonders. The excitement soared as they virtually set foot on the moon, experiencing the thrill of space travel and the lunar surface in stunning 3D. The show continued with a fascinating look at our solar system, showcasing the unique features of each planet. Students were then transported to the prehistoric world of dinosaurs, where they could see these magnificent creatures up close. Finally, they dived under the sea, discovering the vibrant and mysterious world of marine life, all while wearing their 3D spectacles for a truly engaging experience.

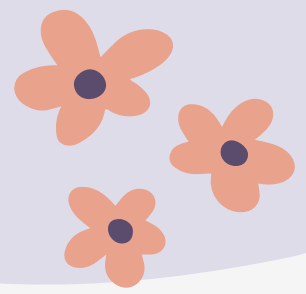
# PROJECT PREPARATION



Project preparation in school is an integral part of the educational process, helping students develop critical thinking, research skills and collaborative abilities.

**It typically begins with selecting a topic that aligns with the curriculum and sparks students' interest**





Throughout the project, students learn to manage their time, work independently and present their findings clearly and confidently.



# VIBRANT HUES OF FREEDOM: A COLOURFUL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Green House students organized a spectacular and colourful Independence celebration at our school, filled with vibrant displays and energetic performances. The event was a visual feast, with decorations in the national colours creating a lively atmosphere throughout the campus. Students showcased their talents through lively dance, musical performances, and dramatic skits that highlighted the spirit of freedom and unity. The celebration also featured a dazzling array of arts and crafts, including intricate banners and patriotic artwork. The day concluded with a joyous display of school spirit, as students and staff came together to honour the nation's heritage and celebrate its vibrant legacy









# EXCELLENCE IN ACTION: MITAL SHAH EARNS TOP HONORS AT OFFICER'S TRAINING ACADEMY



St. Francis School proudly celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of ANO Second Officer, Mital Shah, who recently excelled at a prestigious 20-day training program held at the Officer's Training Academy in Gwalior. Demonstrating exceptional skill and knowledge, she secured 1st rank in Naval Practical, showcasing her proficiency in the field. In addition to this remarkable achievement, Mital Shah was also honoured with awards for Best Uniform, Personality, and Character.

These accolades reflect her exemplary dedication, discipline, and overall excellence, setting a high standard for her peers. Her success not only highlights her personal commitment but also brings immense pride to St. Francis School, underscoring the high standards and capabilities of its staff. Mital Shah's achievements serve as an inspiring example of the values and excellence that the school strives to instil in its community.



**DREAM BIG  
STAY POSITIVE  
WORK HARD AND  
ENJOY THE JOURNEY ..**



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