

SCHOOL REPORT (2024-25)
ST. FRANCIS CONVENT SCHOOL, SIKANDRA, AGRA
“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere “

The aim of **St. Francis' Convent School** is to impart training in all the fields, namely, **academic, physical, cultural, spiritual and moral** and to awaken the **creative interest, attitudes, values and skills of the students** and to enable each one to be a self-motivated person, capable of making a difference in his /her neighbourhood. Hence St. Francis' Convent School is Community of learning in which all **members, students, staff and parents participate**. Students are exposed to social issues of **Justice, peace**, concern for the underprivileged and the environment.

The school is committed to giving students a **sense of God, a sense of Sacredness of life and the need for sound spiritual ethos**. It has a whole year-round planner with projects and programmes to inspire the students to grow into good men and women with a **strong sense of family, social and national responsibility** and to remain deeply rooted in one's own cultural identity but open to appreciate and welcome all that is good in the culture of the other.

The school paves way for a holistic growth of an individual by providing a structured learning environment, fostering academic growth, nurturing social and emotional skills, encouraging critical thinking, promoting positive values and tailoring a curriculum to cater to each one's need. The school meticulously plans the academic sessions keeping in mind the above stated vision and mission of the Institution. The following are to mention a few:

The school tailored an academic calendar keeping Periodic Tests, Half Yearly exams, Pre-Board and Annual Exams in mind and enabling students to learn various skills such as effective time management, critical thinking etc. Additionally, the school also keeps Remedial Classes (after school hours) of 1 hour for weak students of all classes.

- ❖ Celebration of Institute week with a particular theme and formation of Seraphnian Cell with various activities inculcates in pupils the teachings of Venerable Mother Seraphina and practice her virtues.
- ❖ The celebration of St. Francis feast motivates the students to respect all the creatures and protect our common home – mother Earth. Earth Day, Van Mahotsav etc., are celebrated. Plantation Drive was also undertaken in order to promote balance in our environment and to instil values among children who grow to be better human beings. Cleanliness Drive was also organised in order to instil values and make children more sensitive towards their environment.
- ❖ Celebration of national festivals like Independence Day, Republic Day, Gandhi Jayanti etc., Various activities undertaken in this regard brought the spirit of patriotism. Children not only remembered the freedom fighters through their pen and colours but also expressed their opinion through their thoughts. All these were done

via various activities/competitions to test their creative, literary, cultural and digital skills.

- ❖ Celebrations of Constitution Week and Constitution day marked the significance of Indian Constitution and the students gained knowledge about constitutional values through various activities and presentations revolving around the theme of our constitution.
- ❖ December is a season of joy and peace as it marks the birth of Lord Jesus. This festive season always brings the aura of blessings and sharing. Christmas celebration was an integral part of the month, this year too. With carols, inspiring and thought-provoking skit to dance and sharing, all came under one canopy.
- ❖ Gratitude Day is organised by the students of class X in order to show their reverence towards all those who have been a part of their journey since LKG.
- ❖ Inter religious prayer meetings brings religious peace, mutual understanding, respect and tolerance.
- ❖ Every year Investiture ceremony is conducted and School cabinet is formed in order to form leaders with a motto: Leadership is drawing the best from all.
- ❖ *Summer Camp* was organised for students of classes Nursery - VIII in the month of May for the rejuvenation of children. The camp offered a diverse range of activities designed to inspire creativity and practical skills in children. It was mainly focused on skill development.
- ❖ Celebration of St Clare's Feast, Mother Mary Feast and Patron's Day familiarizes the students to the ideologies of these visionaries and to imbibe the best from their lives and helps them to be children with values.
- ❖ A *Cross-Country Event* is organised on the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand on 29th of August each year with various relevant themes to bring the competitive spirit and health consciousness in the students and parents the most optimistic manner.
- ❖ The Franciscan family agglutinated on 26th November to celebrate the *Constitution Day* in continuation of Constitution week celebration to highlight the eminent contribution being credited by its makers for strengthening the human force in our nation. It also emphasised on inculcating constitutional values in the students.
- ❖ The school organizes various Value based and theme based celebrations such as Annual Day to cater and bring out the latent talents of many of the children.
- ❖ *General Health Check-up camps* are organised for the students.
- ❖ *Book Fairs* are organised by in the school premise to enhance the reading habits of students.
- ❖ Various Olympiads and quizzes are conducted for the students on all subjects.
- ❖ Many awareness programmes such as *Cancer Awareness Programme, AIDS awareness programme etc.,* are conducted to educate children about the dangerous effects of these disease. They are also informed about its prevention and detection too.
- ❖ Special workshops are arranged for the students to understand the hazards of Cyber World.

- ❖ The students participate in various inter school competitions and district level and CBSE Cluster level sports events. Many of our students are a part of District and State level Teams.
- ❖ School assemblies are a reflection of our inner thoughts and in order to introspect them from time to time, assemblies are conducted with current themes, special themes, one act plays, presentations, word of the week etc., Special assemblies such as that of Mahavir Jayanti, Id-Ul-Fitr, Buddha Purnima, Janmashtami, Diwali, Guru Nanak Jayanti etc., are also celebrated to keep up inter-religiosity, unity and brotherhood.

CBSE Activities (2024-25)

Throughout the year, we had a spectrum of CBSE activities and competitions without compromising on the academic excellence which has been the foundation of the institution. Few of them are as follows:

- CBSE Environmental activities like 'Jal Doot' and 'Rain Campaign'.
- CBSE Science Challenge (2024-25)
- CBSE Reading Mission:-
 - National Reading Day
 - CBSE Budding authors
 - CBSE Reading Mission & Initiative (2024-25)
 - CBSE Reading Challenges (2024-25)
- CBSE Expression Series for session (2024-25)
- Selection trials at school level for participation in CBSE Games (2024-25)
- Har Ghar Ganga Campaign
- Swachhata Pakwada (2024-25)
- Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign 2024
- Rashtriya Ekta – Diwas – reg
- Celebration of Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav (2024-25)
- Celebration of Constitution Week

Enrichment Programmes

The school aims at holistic growth of each child. In order to understand their day-to-day problems and to build a good relation with them, CTP (Class Teacher Period for one-and-a-half-hour) is undertaken once a week to meet each student in person and to understand, guide and counsel the students too. This definitely acts as a panacea in solving major problems of the learners. Besides this the school counsellors are allotted counselling period in their timetable to meet children with extra need. In the same context time to time PTMs are organised to aware the parents about overall growth of their child. Many times, parents are separately called to discuss their intrigue matters. Motivational seminars/ talks are conducted by the class teachers for all classes on the topics provided and age appropriate. Parents orientation as well as counselling too is done if required.

The staff is an active participant in all online/ offline capacity building programmes organised by CBSE, and other subject related workshops organised by various publishers from time to time too. In the same context workshops on Health and Wellness, Developing Hindi Language Skills, Making classroom Happy through English Communication was attended by the teachers wherein they later took a similar workshop for their colleagues. An offline seminar on Financial Literacy was also organised in the school premises. Time and again peer teaching is also done in order to learn, unlearn and re-learn.

Social Concern

The need of the hour is to produce citizens with character and conscience. The school is constantly promoting the same by nurturing the essence of humanity into these young minds.

- Each year students collect provisions to be given to various places such as Leper's colony, Blind school, Missionaries of Charity, Old age homes etc. Students accompany their mentors to such places where they learn that life gives hundred reasons to cry but it is up to us to make someone's life smile. In this way it fosters their emotional growth. Teachers too contribute separately and provide necessary things to the people found near road sides, construction sites etc.
- The school provides tricycle for physically challenged persons in collaboration with ACDSS.
- As a part of humanitarian society, the school also provides fee compensation/ free-ship to students belonging to economically backward classes and to those who lost their sole earning member.

Sports and Games

The school imparts facility for physical development through various games and sports which are a part of school curriculum too. Trained PTI, proficient in these games coach the students with ardent zeal.

- Yoga
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Kho-Kho
- Football
- Mass P.T. during assembly
- Cross Country event on National Sports Day
- Basketball
- Chess
- Tug of War

Every year the students participate in the CBSE Cluster sports activities and win many medals.

Safety and Security

As far as educational institutions are concerned, safety and security are of prime importance these days. The school not only provides a conducive environment for studies but also adopts various measures for safety of its students. Some of the measures adopted are:

- CCTVs, Fire extinguishers on each floor to check any mishap, Proper e-care system for better and quicker communication.
- Records of all van/auto drivers (photocopy of driving license, vehicle registration etc.)
- Record registers for students taking half day leave. (Duly signed by the concerned person with his whereabouts and contact details), Record register for late comers
- Health record of each student
- POCSO Committee, Grievance Cell, Discipline committee for time-to-time inspection of students, Anecdotal records etc., are kept
- Fire safety and evacuation drills are done time to time.

The hallmark of our school education proclaims to live a modest life with a character well knitted with humanity, love, sacrifice and brotherhood towards others. It also aims at integral formation of people. To acknowledge the same, prayer meetings are held periodically to mould the children into a well-grounded human.

To sum up, the school along with management support and guidance is meticulously working to fulfil the aim of education in the most upright manner. It is indeed a challenge which we are trying to meet each year and will continue to toil for the same. The school also appreciates the whole hearted co-operation of different agencies working to build a wonderful nation through these young minds. In the end we pray to Almighty to bless each one who is contributing to make this world a better place to live in.


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