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## Editorial

Dear Readers,

The Academic Session 2023-24 has brought along with it new exciting opportunities for all of us at Saint Paul's School. The school saw a spate of activities – celebrations, seminars, competitions and events that kept us all on our toes! Each day, our quest for excellence receives a new boost. We are extremely happy to record the memorable moments in the last few months at school and present them before you all. Au revoir!

## Saint Paul's Day- Counting Blessings, Expressing Gratitude

To commemorate St. Paul's Day which falls on 29th June and for an auspicious beginning to the Academic Year 2023-24, prayer services led by the students and teachers of Grades 4, 6 and 12 were held in the school auditorium. Rev. Fr. James, Principal, the students and teachers sought blessings of God in the journey ahead with grateful hearts. The school hall reverberated with the divine notes of prayer songs and devotional dances presented by the students!



## Independence Day – Saluting our Heroes, Celebrating our Diversity

A colourful programme was organized in the school to mark the 77th Independence Day of our nation. The programme began with the hoisting of the tri-colour by Chief Guest Col. Prakash Vyas. This was followed by a spectacular parade by the School Captains marching to the beats of the school band. A replica of the Amar Jawan Jyoti was created in the school to pay tribute to the Param Vir Chakra Awardees for their supreme sacrifices. The entire assembly was full of moist eyes as the Chief Guest, Principal Rev. Fr. James, Guest of Honour Rev. Fr. Jose and teachers placed wreaths on the replica of Amar Jawan Jyoti with moving patriotic songs playing in the background.

The cultural events included a beautiful prayer dance and captivating instrumental music compositions by our budding musicians depicting the rich legacy of



Indian Classical music. The diversity and unity of our nation was showcased through a vibrant presentation of folk dances and traditions of the different states of India. One of the attractions of the programme was a thought provoking skit performed by the students, highlighting the true meaning of patriotism. National pride and patriotic fervour were evident in the medley of songs presented by the students on the occasion.

Special Class Assemblies, Shows and activities were also conducted prior to 15th August 2023, as part of week-long Independence Day celebrations in the school.



## International Yoga Day- Yoga for Well-being



We, at Saint Paul's School, celebrate 'International Yoga Day' every year to keep our students connected with the ancient Indian disciplines and inculcate healthy practices among them from an early age. On the occasion of 'International Yoga Day 2023', the students enthusiastically performed various yogasanas like vrikshasana, tadasana, padmasana followed by suryanamskar under the guidance of their Sports teachers. The excitement of our young learners was palpable as they sat on their colourful yoga mats and demonstrated the various yoga poses taught to them with ease!

## Investiture Ceremony-Leaders in the Making

Prefectorial Council is a platform for our young leaders to contribute to the discipline of the school and share their ideas for the progress of the school. As per the school's tradition, elections were held for the formation of the Prefectorial Council 2023-24. The first week of July was earmarked for vigorous campaigns by the prefect candidates to persuade the student voters! On the D-Day of the election, the students of Grades 6 to 12 cast their votes for their favourite candidates. The newly elected Prefects, Assistant Prefects, House Captains, Vice House Captains and Monitors were officially vested with their duties and responsibilities along with their badges during special Installation Ceremonies held on 11th and 12th July 2023 for the Senior and Junior Prefectorial Councils respectively. Eminent theatre coaches from Bangalore, Mr. Sibu Vaz and





Ms. Soundhary Vaz graced the events. They motivated the young leaders to develop qualities of team work, dedication and commitment; lead by example and make the school proud! Rev. Fr. James, Principal, administered the oath to the young leaders who pledged to work for the betterment of the school and take it to greater heights.

### Ananya Marndi spells success at Collins Spelling Bee-Season 4



Our student Ananya Marndi, Grade 6 was shortlisted as one of the top 36 spellers across the nation from among 14,000 students, in the prestigious Collins Spelling Bee Competition- Season 4. She was the only student from Gujarat to achieve this distinction. Congratulations to our Spelling Wiz!

## Awareness Session on 'Harmful effects of Drugs and Narcotics'- Students pledge to 'Say No to Drugs'

In view of the World Narcotics Day held every year on 26th June, the school had organized an Awareness Session on 'Harmful effects of Drugs and Narcotics' for the students of Grades 11 and 12. The Resource Persons for the Session were well known educationist, Mr. Minu Jasdanwala and Police Sub-Inspector Mr. A.V. Kher. It was indeed an eye-opening session which convinced the students to pledge to 'Say no to Drugs, Yes to Life'.



## Vigyantram- Project Based Workshops by Abhyuday IIT Bombay- Decoding Technology

Abhyuday IIT Bombay conducted three different hands on workshops in the school on 2nd and 3rd August 2023. The AI and Robotics Workshop for Grades 8 and 9 focused on the fundamentals of algorithms, python programming, coding concepts, data science, machine learning and computer vision. Wake up application, secret agent app, space invaders game,

doctor's app and get the gold game were covered during the Mobile and Game Development Workshop for Grades 6 to 8. A separate workshop on Autonomous Robots was conducted for Grades 6 to 9 in which the students learnt about visitor counter system, blind stick, android mobile control robots and object detection robots. The students with the best performance during the workshops were awarded.



## Career Counselling Seminars- Mission Margadarshan

Career Counselling Seminars were organized by the school in association with Brainberg Knowledge Solutions, Pune from 21st to 24th August 2023. Psychometric tests were conducted for the students of Grades 8 to 10 by experts to help students identify their top abilities, interests and dominant personality trait and provide them the most suitable job or career recommendations accordingly.



The findings of the test will also be used to give tips to the students to improve their study habits. A joint session for the students and parents was conducted wherein guidance was provided regarding various courses available, top educational institutions offering these courses and the eligibility criteria for the same. Some of the teachers of the school were trained to become certified career counsellors who will carry forward the initiative.

## Orientation Programmes for Parents-Building Partnerships

We, at Saint Paul's School, believe in working in tandem with the parents as our partners in the progress of the children. Therefore, the school organized series of Orientation Programmes in the months of June and July 2023 for the parents of Pre KG to Grade 12. The parents were briefed about the policies, rules and regulations of the school by the respective Class Co-ordinators. They also gave to the parents, an overview of NEP besides the curriculum, teaching methodologies, assessment schedules, co-scholastic activities and the new initiatives of the school.



## Sports Round Up

### Shooting Stars!

Our students made their mark in the Shooting Competitions at District Level with a haul of gold, silver and bronze medals!



14<sup>th</sup> Open Rajkot District Shooting Championship-  
15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Jaitra Malli (Rifle Shooting-1) Gold Medal, 1 Silver Medal  
Rudransh Mehta (Rifle Shooting-1) Gold Medal, 2 Silver Medals  
Kushal Bharadia (Rifle Shooting-1) Gold Medal, 1 Silver Medal,  
1 Bronze Medal

Karin Khakhar (Rifle Shooting-2) Gold Medals, 2 Silver Medals  
Manyta Mehta (Rifle Shooting-1) Gold Medal, 2 Silver Medals  
Varjoli Shingala (Rifle Shooting-1) Gold Medal, 1 Silver Medal  
Nilansh Verma (Pistol Shooting-1) Gold Medal, 1 Bronze Medal

8<sup>th</sup> Open Ahmedabad District Shooting Championship -  
4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Kartik Bhalia Rifle Shooting- Bronze Medal



7<sup>th</sup> Kutch District Shooting Championship-  
10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Nilansh Verma Pistol Shooting-Gold Medal  
Manyta Mehta Rifle Shooting- Gold Medal  
Jaitra Malli Rifle Shooting- Gold Medal

6<sup>th</sup> Open Bharuch District Championship-  
15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Nilansh Verma Pistol Shooting-Bronze Medal  
Karin Khakhar Rifle Shooting- Silver Medal  
Jaitra Malli Rifle Shooting- Bronze Medal  
Rudransh Mehta Rifle Shooting-Gold Medal  
Devpratapsinh Jhala Rifle Shooting-Bronze Medal

## FOOTBALL CHAMPS!

Subroto Cup Football Championship  
We are proud of our U 14 and U 17-Boys Football Teams and U 17-Girls Team for becoming the Rajkot City Winners in the Subroto Cup Football Championship held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023.





## INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

Our students showed outstanding performance in ASISC NWR Chess Competition at Bhavnagar bagging top spots.

- U 14 Boys-Darsh Jobanputra- First Position, Shiv Chetla- Second Position, Aayushman Barochia- Third Position
- U-14 Girls- Swira Masrani- Second Position, Jia Donga- Third Position
- U 17 Boys- Shivansh Zalawadia- First Position, Jatan Chandarana- Second Position
- U 17 Girls- Presha Lothari- First Position, Swara Patadiya- Second Position
- U 19 Boys- Rishi Pajwani- Second Position



The School U-19 Basket Ball Team (Boys) comprising of Harshil Kasundra, Aditya Faldu, Abhyudaya Dave, Pratikraj Mudaliar, Aadit Patadia, Hitarth Dadhuk, Jihan Bhupta, Dhruvrajsinh Jadeja, Rajeev Rajani, Neel Maru and Haard Bhadania secured the Second Position in the ASISC NWR Basketball Championship held at Ahmedabad.

Raena Jeevrajani of Class 10 secured the Second Position in the ASISC NWR Creative Writing Competition and Dishika Pansuria secured Third Position in the ASISC NWR Drawing Competition held at Ahmedabad.

Nirva Chadaniya, Hiteshree Gajera and Rutvi Asher bagged the Second Position in the ASISC NWR Lawn Tennis Competition held at Nadiad.

Viha Moliya of Class 6 was declared the winner of the Sudoku Contest –July 2023 conducted by The Dreams Magazine.

Our students also participated in the following Competitions:

- **WizQuiz 2023-Online Quiz Competition by National Defence Academy.** Our students qualified for the second round.

- **All India Albert Barrow Memorial Creative Writing Competition for Senior Category at Bhavnagar**
- **All India Frank Anthony Memorial Debate Competition for Junior Category at Ahmedabad and Senior Category at Vadodara**
- **ASISC NWR Art and Debate Competitions at Ahmedabad**
- **Tata Building India Essay Competition 2023 for Grades 6 to 12.**

## Intra School Competitions

The School Campus was buzzing with exciting Intra School Competitions. Here's a glimpse: Solo dance and Solo singing.



## Educational Visits at a glance- Learning beyond the Classroom

Rajkot Science Centre- Grades 5, 8 and 9  
Hotel Fortune-Grade 11 Commerce



## Media Spotlight

Articles, poems and paintings of our students are regularly published in The Times of India, NIE. An article by our Green Guards on their visit to the Narara Island Sanctuary received a wide coverage.



## Developmental Drama Workshops- Bringing Theatre into Education

Theatre as an educational medium emphasizes on learning through role play and drama in an environment of research, inquiry, exploration and creativity. Renowned theatre coaches from Bangalore, Mr. Sibu Vaz and Ms.Soundhary Vaz along with their team members conducted a series of workshops in the months of July and August 2023 for our students and teachers of the Middle School. During the workshops, the students and teachers participated in many lively theatre activities and learnt about the



basic drama tools. The sessions helped bring an overall positive change in the students, their thought processes, perspective and way of communication. The teachers also ideated on how different drama techniques can be integrated within the curriculum to make learning more engaging for the students.

