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THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL AFTER SWEARING IN

EDITORIAL

THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Dear Readers,

The new academic year crept in, and after a short break—only for students—we resumed with our business as usual. Actually, in The Sagar School's journey, the term 'business as usual' is a complete contradiction of sorts. Business it is, but there is no such thing as 'usual' while you are going over a constantly changing landscape. Life never stagnates! You will be amazed how much can happen in just six odd weeks before the vacation. We welcome our new students with a zest; senior student buddies taking care and helping the new arrivals in settling down. And lo and behold, in the first week itself, they are packed off to camps and Sunday cycling tours, one class at a time. It is our way of baptising the new-comers blend with our culture; it works, and also helps bonding.

Competitions in Classroom Boards, Hostel Decoration, Poetry Recitation, Inter-House Dance followed by Model United Nations (MUN-2019) and two Inter-House Sports

Tournaments; plus the mandatory ISA Assemblies are enough to pack the six weeks! Hold on — we are still to mention the mother of all exciting events — the elections to the prestigious Students' Council! So by the time you realise your bearing, you find yourself packing for the summer vacation. While the time flew by, you were put through so many exciting activities that the newcomers feel they have been with their mates for long.

The CBSE surprised us with early declaration of results. We have posted a summary of our results in this newsletter. We are tremendously satisfied with the outcome; the Editorial Board compliments the students, teachers and parents of the students for such a superlative performance.



STUDENT EDITORS CREDITS

Au Revoir THE OUTGOING PRINCIPAL

Our Principal, **Dr. Deepak Raj Singh Bisht** departs during the vacation. He served with us for five eventful years. He made noteworthy contribution towards streamlining some of the processes, especially in the area of academics. He leaves us at high with best board results so far. We assure him we shall further the momentum not only in academics, but in all the spheres of School's endeavours.

We wish him all the very best in life.

Before the students departed for vacation, we organised a farewell assembly for him. Here is the parting message from Dr. Bisht, and some glimpses of the touching farewell when Dr. Bisht couldn't hold back his tears.

MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRINCIPAL

To begin with, I would like to express my gratitude to our Founder, Late Dr Vidya Sagar for having gifted such a magnificent institution to the society, which I was a part of, for the last five years. The Sagar School is unique in many ways, and if I were to describe it in minimum words, I would call this institution 'an island of excellence'. The very foundation of this great institution, laid by a visionary of our times, based on values of ethics, service to the community and bringing up global citizens, separates this establishment from the rest. Therefore, serving here was an exceptional gift bestowed upon me by the Almighty and I would like to remain ever grateful to every one whom I served with. I am thankful to the School's Management for having given me the opportunity to associate with the School.

For me it was a great learning. My journey with The Sagar School gave me immense experience packed into a short span of five years. I am moving on with a much clearer perspective of the world of education. And once again I would like to thank everyone for having contributed towards my individual growth — starting from our Founder, whom I did not get an opportunity to serve with, but his life's story that exists in the folklore, his vision, his directions on various matters in the past, the very culture he aspired for the School, were not only inspiring, but great learnings for me; Chairperson Ms Rosemary Sagar, Director Ms Sharmistha Julka, my colleagues in the School and of course the children of the School, were all very valuable sources of learning for me. Thanks indeed!

To my colleagues in the School campus, I would like to remind you of our commitment to the Vision-2020 and beyond. We have put in a lot of efforts thus far, and I am sure it will be taken to its logical conclusion. I wish you all the very best for it.

To the children of the School — Thanks for all the pleasant moments. You made me feel so important while giving me such a misty departure with the choices of choir songs, the parting speeches by the Head Boy and the Head Girl, the Auld Lang Syne, and all those love filled cards. I really felt touched by the way you all lined up to bid me a tearful farewell. You will always remain close to my heart.



TO REMIND YOU OF US – A PAINTING BY A STUDENT



A SPECIAL CARD FROM THE STAFF



SINGING "HE IS A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW"

Festivities & Accolades

THE DANCE OF DEMOCRACY

It is no less than a celebration. The electoral process excites everyone; the parleys, haranguing, speculations and even the ugliness of no-holds-barred names calling make the exercise so vibrant. The Country has gone through one, so it is fresh in every one's memory. Well, the election to our Students' Council is no less exciting. Based on Universal Franchise where the staff and students, all vote, the process begins with filing of nominations. Students filing their nomination have to fill in a self-assessment questionnaire at the time of filing. The Vigilance Committee of the Election Commission then vets the nominations. Once the nominations are approved, the candidates are allowed to canvass their candidature in front of the constituents. The School level appointments canvass in front of the whole School in amphitheatre, followed by the House level appointments in front of respective Houses in various venues. And of course behind the scene confabs, gossips, speculations etc. go on as it would in any election; but we are a responsible civilised society where no one breaks the moral code of conduct. All in all, it's a great experiential learning for our students.

And then the polling takes place on an appointed day and hour. The concept of 'secret ballot' is strictly adhered to by all our students and staff. Voting happens in the Computer Lab, through our in-house designed electronic platform, in the presence of the 'Returning Officer' appointed for each class.

GLIMPSES

Filing of Nominations...





ELECTION COMMISSION AT WORK



FILLING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Canvassing for Votes...



YOU CAN TRUST ME TO SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY



TOGETHER WE SHALL RECLAIM OUR TOP POSITION!



VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE I AM THE BEST IN SPORTS

Electronic Casting of the Ballot in Computer Labs — There are no EVM Controversies here!





VOTING IS MY RIGHT – I KNOW MY RESPONSIBILITIES TOO!



PLEDGING TO SERVE - FROM HERE TO ETERNITY...

THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Students' Council was sworn in through a grand ceremony as always. The ceremony was presided over by Mr. Shiv Bhaskar Dravid-CEO Connect Hub as our Chief Guest.

The members elected to the Students' Council are:-

Head Boy – Purab Golechha; Head Girl – Diviya Mavaskar Sports Captain – Karan Mavaskar; Girls' Prefect – Aditi Yengkhom

House Captains:

Diamond – Abhinav Yadav; Emerald – Divyansh; Ruby – Binayak Agrawal; Sapphire – Pranav Lahoti. All from Class XII.

Vice Captains:

Sports – Chaitanya Nitharwal; Diamond – Akshay Dayma; Emerald- Neeraj Jakhar; Ruby – Karanpreet Singh; Sapphire – Tanishq Wadhwa; Girls' Vice Prefect – Yepekali Lois Chishi.

All from Class XI.

Juniors' Prefect – Sheloka Vusshe; Junior Girls' Prefect – Iris Sarda, both from Class VIII.

Mr. Shiv Dravid, a young enthusiastic entrepreneur was an instant hit with our students. In his address to the students he urged them to follow what they would love to do. He gave a few examples from his own experience how he went through the periods of extreme uncertainties during the 'India Against Corruption' movement. But what kept him going was his conviction that he was doing the right thing by supporting a larger cause of the society at that juncture in his life. He further kept the Students' Council members engrossed in his informal chat over tea that followed the ceremony.

Our best wishes to our Students' Council!



WITNESSING THE OATH TAKING



THE CHIEF GUEST BEING HONOURED WITH A MEMENTO



MOMENT OF PRIDE



THE YOUTHFUL CONNECT – FORMAL SPEECH...



AND INFORMAL CHAT...

THE WORLD DANCE DAY

In 1982 the Dance Committee of International Theatre Institute founded International Dance Day to be celebrated every year on the 29th April, the birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727-1810), creator of modern ballet.





A SYMPHONY OF INDIAN DANCES BY THE RUBIES... FROM KATHAK TO BHANGRA AND BIHU

Dance is where culture is shared and borders fall into the space of inclusion and unity, through the unspoken language of universality

(WORLD DANCE DAY 2019: MESSAGE BY KARIMA MANSOUR, THE EGYPTIAN DANCER NOMINATED FOR THE MESSAGE BY ITI)

The intention of the **International Dance Day Message** is to celebrate dance, revel in the universality of this art form, cross all political, cultural and ethnic barriers, and bring people together with a common language - **Dance**.

At The Sagar School, we pride in seeking and enhancing the 'individual creativity' of the Sagarians, whatever be the art. The World Dance Day is celebrated every year with a hotly contested Inter-House Dance Competition. It is an audio-visual delight – a live one at that! This year's competition was no different. It was a tough contest till the first three Houses – a real problem for the judges. But then, in walked the Diamond House with their dance based on the theme of 'brave warriors' in the context of medieval India. A team consisting of ten girls and four boys, all dressed up as warriors of yore mesmerised the audience with their sheer energy level and choreography. It was a terrific performance with everything ranging from dresses to music, sound levels and the light effects in a perfect sync. The dance sequence was scripted and choreographed by Ms Sonia Bohra, an alumni and daughter of the House Master, Mr Anand Bohra. Here are some glimpses of the World Dance Day celebrated at the campus Auditorium.



A GLORIOUS PERFORMANCE



A GREAT COMBINATION OF ENERGY AND COLOUR...





STUDENTS PUTTING THE STAGE ON FIRE!

From the Classrooms

CLASS X BOARD RESULTS 2018-19

40% of our students achieved over 90% in various Subjects



SAMARPITA MAHADANI

Scored
100% IN SCIENCE
100% IN SOCIAL SCIENCE
98% IN ENGLISH
96% IN MATHEMATICS
90% IN HINDI



NANDIKA BAHL

Scored
95% IN ENGLISH
95% IN MATHEMATICS
95% IN SCIENCE
95% IN SOCIAL SCIENCE



PRAGYA AGARWAL

Scored
97% IN SOCIAL SCIENCE
94% IN MATHEMATICS
94% IN SCIENCE
92% IN ENGLISH



VIBHAV TAYAL

Scored
95% IN MATHEMATICS



HEMANT RAO

Scored

92% IN SOCIAL SCIENCE
90% IN MATHEMATICS



ANKUR DAYMA

Scored
92% IN SOCIAL SCIENCE



RISHABH MEHTA

Scored
92% IN SOCIAL SCIENCE



SUMIT DAYMA

Scored

92% IN SOCIAL SCIENCE



Md. AMANAT
MOHAIMANUL ISLAM

Scored
92% IN SOCIAL SCIENCE



SAJANTHUNG DAVID KIKON

Scored
91% IN ENGLISH
91% IN SOCIAL SCIENCE



YEPEKALI LOIS CHISHI

Scored
91% IN ENGLISH



CHAITANYA NITHARWAL

Scored
90% IN ENGLISH



LAKSHAYA AGARWAL

Scored
90% IN SCIENCE



OMKAR RAI

Scored
90% IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

CLASS XII BOARD RESULTS 2018-19

69.38% of our students achieved over 90% in various Subjects



ANSHUMAN MURARKA

Scored

98% IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
98% IN GEOGRAPHY
97% IN HISTORY
96% IN ENGLISH
95% IN SOCIOLOGY



NIKETAN KUMAR

Scored
100% IN PSYCHOLOGY
90% IN ENGLISH



MIJI JUNG

Scored

99% IN INFORMATICS PRACTICES
99% IN GEOGRAPHY
98% IN PAINTING
95% IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
93% IN ENGLISH



VANCHANO PATTON

Scored
99% IN GEOGRAPHY
98% IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
95% IN SOCIOLOGY
94% IN ENGLISH



VIVEK CHAUHAN

Scored
97% IN PAINTING
96% IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
95% IN GEOGRAPHY
94% IN SOCIOLOGY
93% IN ENGLISH



KESHAV CHHAPARIA

Scored

99% IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
97% IN ENGLISH
95% IN PHYSICS
95% IN CHEMISTRY



YOGESH

Scored

99% IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
95% IN CHEMISTRY
95% IN ENGLISH



AMAN AGGARWAL

Scored

99% IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

97% IN ENGLISH



REEMAK DAWE

Scored
99% IN COMPUTER SCIENCE



KOMAL JHANGU

Scored

97% IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

95% IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

95% IN GEOGRAPHY

90% IN ENGLISH



AMAN AGARWAL

Scored
97% IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
96% IN ENGLISH
93% IN MATHEMATICS



AYUSH RUNGTA

Scored
96% IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
95% IN CHEMISTRY
93% IN MATHEMATICS



MAURICE YENGKHOM

Scored
96% IN ENGLISH



YUMLAM KAMIN

Scored

95% IN PSYCHOLOGY

90% IN GEOGRAPHY



WEWASA POJAR

Scored

95% IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

93% IN GEOGRAPHY

90% IN PSYCHOLOGY



WANGCHUK TSETEN TONYOT

Scored

98% IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

97% IN GEOGRAPHY

93% IN SOCIOLOGY

91% IN HISTORY



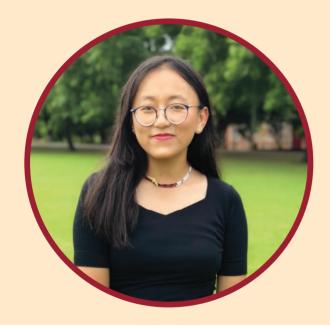
ARYAN AGRAWAL

Scored
96% IN ENGLISH



TARH KONIYA

Scored
95% IN ENGLISH
92% IN BIOLOGY



NOTSONU KHATSU

Scored

95% IN PSYCHOLOGY

94% IN ENGLISH



NARMADA KOIJAM

Scored

95% IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
95% IN GEOGRAPHY



ARNAV RAI

Scored
95% IN ENGLISH



ANUJ GUPTA

Scored
95% IN PAINTING



ISHAN RANA

Scored
95% IN PAINTING



AASTHA SINGH

Scored
94% IN ENGLISH



NITIN MEHLAWAT

Scored 94% IN ENGLISH



SHUBHAM GUPTA

Scored 94% IN ENGLISH



HARSHIL RAI

Scored 93% IN ENGLISH 92% IN BUSINESS STUDIES



HARSH AGARWAL

Scored 93% IN INFORMATICS PRACTICES 93% IN INFORMATICS PRACTICES 91% IN ENGLISH



HARSH GARG

Scored



SHUBH SHARMA

Scored 93% IN PAINTING



ASHISH JAKHAR

Scored 92% IN INFORMATICS PRACTICES 91% IN ENGLISH 90% IN ECONOMICS



NIKHIL WAIKHOM

Scored 91% IN PAINTING 90% IN BIOLOGY



ARYAMAN JULKA

Scored



HIMANSHU AGARWAL

Scored 90% IN COMPUTER SCIENCE 90% IN INFORMATICS PRACTICES



THE INTER-CLASS NOTICE BOARD COMPETITION

PROUD OF THEIR WORK!

Inter-Class Notice Board Competition shouldn't be a big deal. Isn't it?

But No! It is a big deal for the Sagarians. They spare no quarters when it comes to competitions; be it anything! So the judges once again had a problem at hand. In the theme based competition, our students find ingenious ways to make the whole classroom look so artistic and sublime. The sheer get up of the interiors would make any adult want to be back as students all over again!

Students of each class picked up themes like 'Authors and Books', 'Our Heritage', 'Universe and interesting facts about Universe', 'Mathematics Geniuses', 'Inventions and interesting stories behind those Invention' etc.

In Academics I, Class V led by their Class Teacher Ms. Sohini Sanyal took the top honours followed by Class VIII-B led by Mr. Bharat Gulati and Class VIII-A led by Ms. Subhadra Kumari at 2nd and 3rd slots respectively. In the Academics II, Mr. Yogesh Singh Adhikari's Class XII-C strode away with top honours, followed by Class X-A led by Mr. J. Jeyakumar and Class XII-B led by Ms. Priyanka Singh at 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

Here are some glimpses of the creativity, skills and above all, the pride in team work.



"WE ARE OUT OF THE WORLD" THEY SAY...WELL, THEY ARE!



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE!



BIRTHDAYS ARE A BLAST – WHAT A THEME!



IMAGINATIVE AND ARTISTIC



GETTING THE REWARD OF HARD WORK...

THE MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN-2019)

A long standing desire of our students finally got fulfilled. Conducting 'Model United Nations' in short MUN has been practiced by many schools. Even the Sagarians have been attending the Doon School's MUN in the past years. Students do a role play of delegates of different countries, so they have to prepare themselves for the same. It gives the students a real opportunity to research and then debate the burning issues. Students love it, plus they widen their horizon on various subjects.

Can you imagine ninth and tenth graders discussing the Iran Nuclear Deal at the IAEA as delegates of Iran and P5 of the Security Council?



PARTICIPANTS AFTER THE EVENT...

So it was an amazing maiden event; and guess who led the initiative? Two Old Sagarians, **Shreyaman Bhargava** and **Shourya Singh Negi** of the **Class of 2016**. Both are still students pursuing their Bachelor's degrees; they could find time for this event and successfully conducted the same.







THE DEBATE

More than sixty students participated in the two days' event. The MUN witnessed two committees - IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency, agenda - Iran Nuclear Deal) and UNGA (United Nations General Assembly, agenda - Steps to alleviate terrorism).

The committees were chaired by Shreyaman Bhargava, and Ayush Verma, a guest and University companion of Shreyaman. The Deputy Chairs were - Shourya Singh Negi, Muskan Sarda, Class X and Divyansh Duggal, Class XII. The Secretary General of MUN, Binayak Agrawal, Class XII gave the valuable support to organise the event. The students of classes VIII to XII were a part of this MUN. All the students, as the delegates of different countries presented themselves very enthusiastically and were well prepared for their respective agenda points.



THE MUN HEADQUATERS



PREPARING FOR A PRESENTATION...

From the Hostels

SETTLING THE NEWCOMERS

A great way to bond!

A good number of new students have joined the School in the first week of April. They have settled down well. A lot of efforts have been put in by senior buddy students.

A great way to bond!

Here are some glimpses of our new students when they arrived and at the time of departure for the summer vacations.



DEPARTING FOR THE SUMMER VACATION





NEW STUDENTS ON THE FIRST WORKING DAY

HOSTEL DECORATION COMPETITION



GIRLS POSING IN FRONT OF THEIR BOARD

Our junior girls have a monopoly over this competition. But this time, all three top honours went to Satya Hall blocks – Junior Girls led by Ms. Anita Negi, followed by Senior Girls led by Ms. Manjula Ambastha and the Junior Boys led by Ms. Ila Malik in that order.

We really come to know of the talents and creativity in our children when we go around judging for the Hostel or the Classroom Boards Competitions. Not only do the children brighten up their surroundings with their innovative ideas plus hard work, they are also eager to explain the various themes behind their efforts. And you ask them the individual names, "who made this chart?" most often the reply is "the whole team Sir". They always acknowledge the collective efforts and those of their teachers, who indeed bring the best out of them.

So, well done Junior Girls, Senior Girls and Junior Boys for putting up an excellent show.



I JUST LOVED DOING THIS BOARD!



AND SO DID I...



ADMIRING THE BOARD!



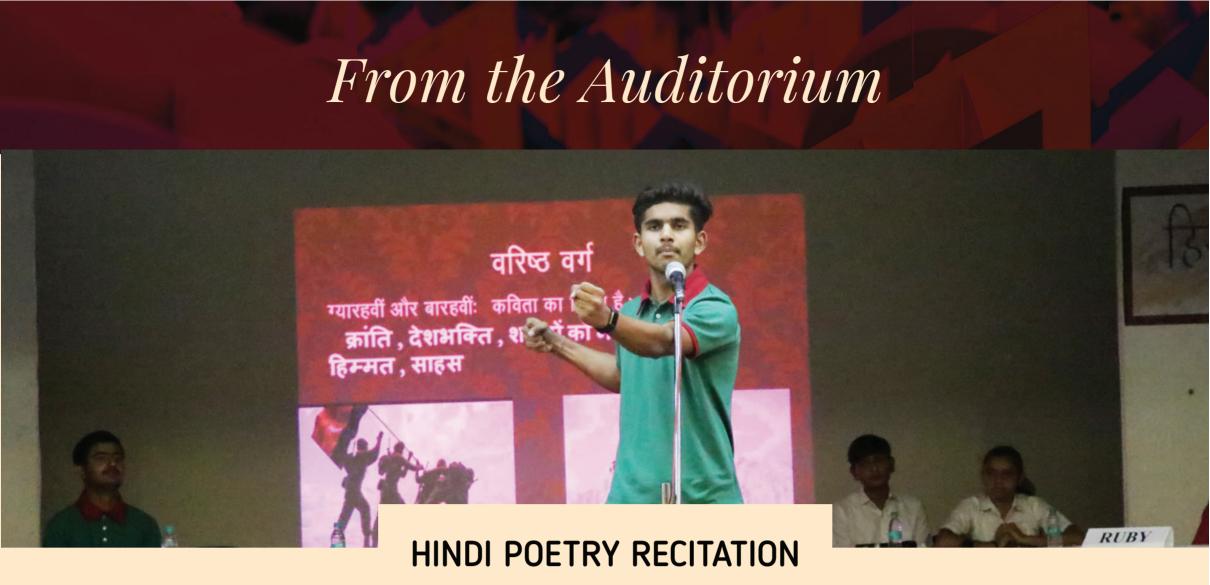
SHOWING OFF THEIR COLOURFUL ARTWORK...



LEST THE JUDGES FORGET TO NOTICE... FUN...



PROUD OF THEIR BOARD DECORATIONS!



The Inter-House Hindi Poetry Recitation this year left us spell-bound. To begin with, each and every poem selected by the students was class! No run-of-the mill stuff. Competition was in four categories, each having a different set of themes to choose from. Each and every participant had very carefully selected the theme, the character and the delivery style. Some of the students, especially the juniors had gotten under the skin of the character they were living while reciting the poems.

Did we see some budding theatre artists of the future?

Juniors were further sub-divided into two categories, viz. Classes IV to VI in Category I and Classes VII and VIII in Category II. They were given different themes for different categories to choose from – e.g. Hard work, Humaneness, Relationships, Seasons, Morning and so on. In Category I, Veeral Singh (Class V) walked away with 1st position, followed by, Chandni Pamani (Cass VI) at 2nd and Garv Gulati (Class VI) at 3rd positions respectively. In Category II, Arya Veer Sahni (Class VII) mesmerised the audience and won the 1st position, while Gayatri Verma (Class VIII) secured the 2nd position. The third position was shared by Anushka Kumawat (Class VIII) and Mayank Mishra (Class VIII). Three freshers', who had joined the School a mere two weeks ago won positions in the competition.

Seniors were also sub-divided into two categories, viz. Classes IX and X forming Category III and Classes XI and XII in Category IV. They were given different themes like Bravery, Patriotism, Revolution, Salute the martyrs etc to choose from. In Category III, Kartikey Singh Shahi,(Class IX) bagged the 1st position followed by Madhav Mittal (Class X) at 2nd, and Uttam Singh (Class X) at 3rd position. In Category IV, Pranav Lahoti (Class XII) won the 1st position while Abhinav Yadav (Class XII) secured the 2nd position. The third position was secured by Vishal Katheria (Class XII).



RECITING A POEM COMES NATURALLY TO ME!



THE HEAD GIRL RECITING HINDI POEM...



THE WINNERS



SOULFUL RENDITION

ISA Assemblies

WORLD AUTISM DAY

Conducted by Ms. Subhadra Kumari and her team of junior students, this assembly was a marvelous display of empathy and understanding. Starting with the 'thought for the day', followed by reflections, videos, role play and a song, the young ones were indeed successful in convincing us that autism is not a disability; it is just that the autists need an understanding and empathetic approach from us. The innocence of children is indeed a powerful tool in this otherwise materialistic world; we could feel the touch given to us by our own innocents.



THE YOUNG ARTISTS AT THEIR THEATRIC BEST...



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

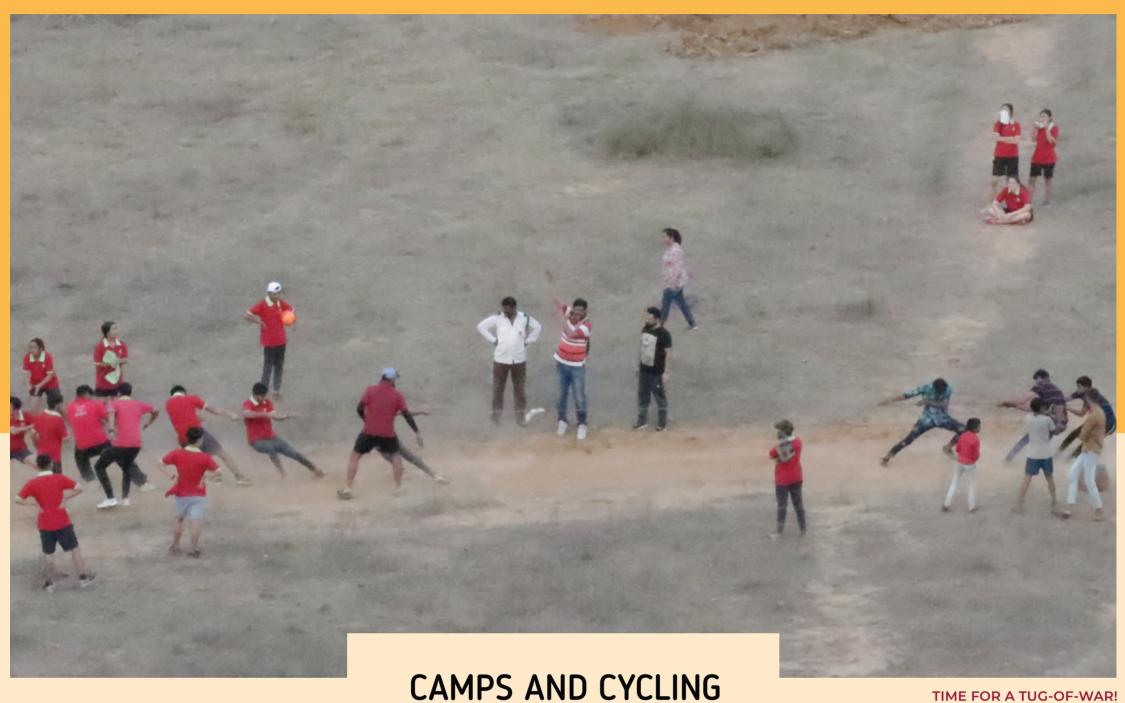


AUTISM IS NOT A DISABILITY...



A DELIGHTFUL PERFORMANCE BY THE STUDENT CHOIR

Sports Round-up



TIME FOR A TUG-OF-WAR!

What better way to begin an academic year!

Learning happens best when it is fun. And sitting under the clear sky on a starry night is a pleasure unbound. From the School, you walked up the hills, reached the camp site where a small tent is going to be your home, a clean, neatly spread tarpaulin your sitting area that has blue sky as your roof; a plentiful of games to bust your energy; an open air kitchen where you would participate in camp cooking with the kitchen staff.

We are fortunate that in our clean, secure surroundings of the Aravalis we can give all that to our children. So here are some glimpses of our children having their date with mother nature. Pure delight!



THE CYCLISTS ...



WHEN OPEN SKY IS THE ROOF...



TIME FOR A FUN RIDE...



THE CAMP KITCHEN – WHAT'S COOKING?

INTER-HOUSE SPORTS



FINALISTS POSING BEFORE THE MATCH

In April, we had two Inter-House fixtures, both in racquet sports.

In Squash, the Inter-House Championship was conducted on League Cum Knock Out basis in four groups: Group –A Under 19 Boys; Group –B Under –17 Boys; Group –C Under –14 Boys and Group –D All Girls. Diamond House rallied to the top followed by Ruby, Emerald and Sapphire. The finals between Sapphires and Diamonds was a scintillating contest, though not much was at stake since Diamonds were way ahead of the Sapphires on the basis of combined tally of all four groups.





INTER-HOUSE SQUASH... LET THE MATCH BEGIN!

The Inter– House Table Tennis championship was also conducted on League Cum Knock Out basis, but in Five Groups. Group – A Under –19 Boys; Group – B Under – 17 Boys; Group – C Under –14 Boys; Group – D Under –19 Girls and Group – E Under –14 Girls. This championship was won by the Rubies followed by Sapphires, Diamonds and Emeralds.



FIRST SERVE OF THE MATCH...



MATCH ON AN INTENSE SWING

Workshops/Outings/Miscellaneous

WORLD HEALTH DAY

In keeping with our commitment for the welfare of communities around us, we organised a medical camp on the World Health Day. Dr Veer Singh (Pediatrician) and our in-house team of nursing assistants carried out health checkup and gave treatment to 50 men and women from the neighbouring villages. Seven of our students also helped the medical staff in successful conduct of the medical camp.



FREE MEDICAL CHECKUP ON WORLD HEALTH DAY



DR. VEER SINGH EXAMINING PATIENTS

Sagarians welcome their newly appointed Principal, Dr. Amlan K. Saha and Vice-principal, Mr. Shailendra Mishra at a staff lunch hosted by the Director, Ms. Sharmistha Julka















