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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Yet another session comes to a close. The winter has been a rather cold one. The School re-opened after its winter vacation on the 9th of January with lots of fog to welcome students. A session of events and a term full of serious learning. This year has been academically very beneficial to the senior-most students. The extra classes, time and individual attention has given them that extra edge. Apart from that, special classes for students of class XI & XII were organized to prepare them for the entrance exams to IIT, engineering and medicine. It not only motivated them but also made them aware of the changing trends in the competitive examinations.

The last week of February witnessed The Sagar School family bid farewell to the students of Class XII. It was an emotional send off that put the twelfthies on another platform, where they could not contain their sentiments for having to bid goodbye to the place that nurtured them with care and affection. They have put in their best effort to achieve success in the Board Examination and stand at the threshold of a new life, for which, we believe, they are well prepared. Most of us would agree that the days we spent in school are certainly the best days of our lives. It is in school that we make our first friends, compete to excel, hope for places in the sports teams, and learn our first lessons about life.

The young student is living in an exciting time, with an increasingly diverse society, new technologies and expanding opportunities. To help them prepare to face and become the next generation of parents, workers, leaders and citizens, every student needs support and guidance. Children face unique and diverse challenges, both personally and developmentally, that have an impact on academic achievement and personal well being.

The elementary years are a time when students begin to develop their academic self-concept and their feelings of competence and confidence. They are beginning to develop decision-making, communication and life skills, as well as character values. It is also a time when students develop and acquire attitudes toward school, self, peers, social groups and family. Comprehensive developmental school counseling programs provide education, prevention and intervention services, which are integrated into all aspects of children's lives. Early identification and intervention of children's needs is essential in removing barriers to healthy growth. Although a lot of work on this front is done by the teacher, yet a professional counselor provides a proactive leadership that engages all stakeholders in the delivery of programs and services to help students achieve school success. The School has appointed a qualified psychoanalyst to supplement and reinforce the efforts of the school staff to ensure holistic and wholesome education of all Sagarians.

KUDOS TO THE PRINCIPAL & Ms. HANSA SANTANAM!
The School wins the Best School Award for spreading the message of Financial Literacy in the region.

THE SAGAR SCHOOL STUDENTS SHINE IN THE NATIONAL LEVEL YOUNGBULLS MONEY CHALLENGE!

The 4th All India level YoungBull\$ Money Challenge was a closely contested competition with students from 16 states in India vying for the top slots.

Students of The Sagar School participated in the 4th All India level YoungBull\$ Money Challenge, 2011 conducted recently by YoungBull\$ Education, an educational organization based in Mumbai.

YoungBull\$ Education conducts events and training programmes in schools every year to help students, teachers and parents become money savvy. Handling money wisely is an important Life Skill, in the current economic scenario.

With inflation going sky high, the need for Financial Literacy is growing. Understanding the various financial terms, the concepts used in banking, investing, analyzing the investment options available and being able to analyze their costs / benefits is called Financial Literacy.

THANK YOU, YOUNGBULLS \$ MONEY CHALLENGE!

CONSOLATION PRIZES IN THE ALL INDIA LEVEL WRITTEN QUIZ	
1. RAJEEV GUPTA	X A
2. JASKARAN SINGH BINDRA	XII A
3. SISIRA HAWAIBAM	XII B
4. VIVEK AGARWAL	XII B
SPECIAL PRIZES IN THE STORY WRITING CATEGORY	
1. KHUSHBU MITTAL	VI
2. MUSKAN RUNGTA	VI

THE SHINING TROPHY! REMRY & SAGAR CRICKET MATCH

21 January

One of the most eagerly awaited friendly but keenly contested match of the cricketing season is the one played between Remfry & Sagar and The Sagar School. This year the match was played on the T-20 Pattern. It was a tough match unlike previous years, when it used to be a cake walk, for The Sagar School team. However, this year too, The Sagar School team proved its mettle yet again and emerged victorious. The toss was won by The Sagar School and elected to field first. The Remfry & Sagar team scored 125 runs for 8 wickets in 20 overs and set a target of 126 runs to win for The Sagar School team. The Sagar School team achieved the target of 126 runs in just 17.5 overs at the cost of three wickets.

A lot of fun and banter went on in the garb of commentary and kept the spectators in splits more like electioneering with each party trying to outdo the other in spirited repartee.



THE BADMINTON WONDER

The match on the Cricket Field was complemented by a clash between the two sides on the Badminton Courts inside the Sports Centre. Aryaman Gir (VIII A), who has played at the state level, was invincible. The spectators were also impressed by the splendid display put up by Mr. J.B. Abhay & Mr. Ashok, Mr. C. A. Brijesh & Ms. Meenal Mallik from Remfry & Sagar.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

26 January

A day to celebrate the day when India's constitution was laid down. A day to remember all the freedom fighters, a day to behold the nation in reverence, a day to take a pledge to uphold all that India stands for. The national flag was unfurled by the Principal and the whole School celebrated this day in a unique manner.



Dance, song and a delicious lunch prepared by teachers and students. There was loads of dough to knead and roll out into puris. The students and their teachers took turns serving food to the

entire support staff of the School in thanksgiving.

The Principal himself was seen busily frying puris and later leading the team of attendants waiting on the guests.

A rewarding day full of enjoyment!

CONFERENCE –ONE GLOBE 2012 - UNITING KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITIES

03 - 04 February

The conference at The Taj Mahal, Man Singh Road, Delhi is the first Annual One Globe conference organized by Salwan Media where distinguished group of leaders from the government, business, NGOs, Academia, and the Media discussed a theme that required multiplicity of perspectives and experiences to create 21st century knowledge economy.

The keynote address was made by Hon'ble Minister, Kapil Sibal on 3rd February. Ms. Rosemary Sagar spoke on 'Emerging Trends in Education' along with other Heads/Directors of reputed schools.

It was an exhilarating and informative program for the students of the School because many speakers dealt with emerging trends in education, the era of international educational partnerships, quality plans for India's next generation, studying abroad, demystifying VISA, popular and emerging destinations for study abroad, cracking the standardized tests/admission process etc. The concept of community colleges was also something new and informative for the students.

Our students by virtue of their high level of general awareness and excellent communication skills were the centre of attraction for most of the Presidents and Directors of colleges and other educational institutions from USA, Canada, Netherlands and Australia.

The most interesting personality who really focused on the students was, Jacques Steinberg, Editor, The Choice, the college admission blog of the New York Times who gave to them signed copies of his book.

Parental view of education was also a point discussed making everyone realize that education and the passion of the student must move hand in hand.

EXCEL: QUEST

07 February

RESULTS OF THE DRAWING AND MATHEMATICAL AP-TITUDE CONTEST CONDUCTED BY NESTLE GROUP AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

OH HEISOO	GOLD MEDAL	DRAWING
AMAN AGGARWAL	GOLD MEDAL 93%	MATHEMATICAL APTI-
PREETI YADAV	GOLD MEDAL 93%	MATHEMATICAL APTI-

A READING SESSION: MS DAMAN SINGH, AUTHOR OF 'DAUGHTER OF HON' PRIME MINISTER MAN MOHAN SINGH

11 February

The GPSC (Gurgaon Progressive Schools Conference) organized a reading session with Ms. Daman Singh, author of 'The Sacred Grove' who also happens to be the daughter of Hon'ble Prime Minister Man Mohan Singh. The book reading session was attended by some of our brightest students. The book effectively deals with a child's view of the adults and what they think about them and how they relate to them, be it their parents, relatives, teachers, visitors or the visited.

'On The Spot Painting Competition' was also organized in which four artists of the School participated.

THE SAGAR FOUNDATION: WE CARE

15 February 2012

The Sagar Foundation was set up by late Dr. Vidya Sagar, with a view to prevent erosion of India's heritage and culture as well as to preserve and promote it through proactive intervention.

Ms. Rosemary Sagar is its chairperson. This is the fourth year of the Foundation's continuing effort to present a platform for the local students and children to express themselves through painting. The competition was open for the local school children and was divided into 5 categories for classes 1-2, 3-4, 5-8, 9-12 as well as one special category for the physically and mentally challenged children. Over 1200 children participated from various local schools and neighbouring residential areas.

The event was judged by Ms. Krishna Aggarwal, Ms. Amita Vijaywada and Mr. Rajesh Kaushik, all art teachers of reputed Alwar schools. Each category received first, second and third position prizes along with 2 consolation certificates. The Foundation had provided for free registration, take-home art kits and refreshments. A "Magic Show" was organized during lunch time.

Ms. S. Julka, the Director distributed the prizes. The event was successfully organized with the help of the staff of the Foundation and the staff and students of The Sagar School. The students (Class XI) were lauded for their social awareness and services at the event. Each student was awarded a certificate for the services rendered for the noble cause.

"PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW"- FARE THEE WELL CLASS XII !

20 February

A pall of intense emotion descended upon the School on the morning of 21st of February when the students of class XII



were given a warm farewell. The chief guest for this solemn occasion was Ms. Sunita Godara, Asian Marathon Champion. Her persona and her wonderful inspirational speech along with the blessings that she showered on the students left everyone in awe of her towering personality. The outgoing Class XII was very honoured to have such a famous and inspiring personality to be part of their farewell moment!

The ceremony began with the students moving into the auditorium to the much loved strains of the famous hymn, 'Abide with me'. Each student was escorted by a junior student to their respective seat. Dressed in their best, they were in an emotional whirl and many of them were unable to speak even though they had prepared well for their speeches. Their

throats were choked and many could not prevent their tears from flowing.

The juniors were witness to the poignant meaning of 'bidding farewell.' The farewell ceremony concluded with a formal sit down lunch for the outgoing batch alongwith each and every member of the school administrative and academic staff.

Students of class XII then, went on to click pictures of their teachers, friends and the afternoon slowly dipped to a melancholy twilight. A wonderful day mixed in celebration of achievement and the melancholy of parting ended with the stark realization that change is inevitable as life goes on.

THE WORLD BOOK FAIR

26 February

20 students from different classes and 9 teachers visited the World Book Fair 2012 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, on Sunday and enjoyed exploring the world of books at India's oldest book fair organized by the National Book Trust, New Delhi. The theme of the book fair was 'Indian Cinema', to mark 100 years of Indian Cinema.

Publishers from other 18 different countries participated in the Book Fair. Students interacted with the 'Frankfurt Online Book Shop' stall and expressed their views. Teachers and students attended the seminars/workshops organized by the National Book Trust, New Delhi. Informative and interesting books were purchased for the library.

A REMEMBRANCE: ON THE FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR BELOVED FOUNDER, DR VIDYA SAGAR

27 February

The entire School remembered their beloved Founder, Dr. Vidya Sagar on the day of his passing i.e. 27 February. A moving presentation was given by Mr. P. K. Chaturvedi throwing light on the most important aspects of Dr. Vidya Sagar's life. The presentation, prepared by Ms. Madhubala Sharma, gave an insight into not only his achievements as an Intellectual Property Lawyer but also touched those aspects of his life that were precious to him. His school, his mother and his soul mate. A number of unique black and white pictures fascinated everyone. His picture as a young college boy, as a worker in the potato field and a wonderful one of Dr. Sagar and Helga Sagar captivated everyone.



On this occasion the Principal solemnly expressed his feeling of loss and considered himself very fortunate to have been associated with a visionary leader, who worked incessantly with imagination, insight and boldness.

He added that every student must derive inspiration from a man who presented a challenge that calls forth the best in people and brings them together around a shared sense of purpose.

He also urged the students to remember that all we achieve is given to us by society; therefore, returning to society its due, should be the ultimate goal for all.

The Hall resounded with the tune of the School Song which was dear to his heart. Dr. Vidya Sagar will reside in the hearts of everyone as a person with a unique personality with intense emotions.



IPBA INTER-PACIFIC BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

29 February

A group of our students had the opportunity to witness the annual IPBA Inter Pacific Bar Association Conference as this year the conference was held in India.

Mr. Lalit Bhasin, father of one of our students, Master Aditya Bhasin, class XI was chosen as the President and therefore a posse of our students went over to take part in the celebrations.

The distinguished guests came from over 60 countries. Luminaries such as Hon'ble Ministers Sh. Salman Khurshid, Dr. Virappa Moilley and Mr. Ravi Pannath, President of IBA and Mr. Shiri Kunai, former President of IBA also graced the occasion.

The international community of The Sagar School presented a moving adaption of Michael Jackson's song 'We are the World', by translating it into Korean, Chinese, Nepalese, Hindi & Zambian and then singing it as a chorus. The performance of the students was highly appreciated.



WELCOME TO THE SAGAR FAMILY

NAME	DOJ	DESIGNATION
Sameer Agarwal	06 Jan 12	Physical Education
Mukesh Kumawat	14 Jan 12	Physical Education
Ramananda Goswami	16 Jan 12	Faculty-Geography
Manish Kumar	14 Feb 12	Jr. Accountant
Ms. Bharti Mohan	31 Jan 12	Counselor

THE SAGAR FAMILY BIDS A FAREWELL

NAME OF TEACHER	DOJ	DOL
Mrs. Hamsa Santanam	21 Jul 06	31 Mar 12
Mr. Sanjeev Kumar	10 Jul 08	14 Mar 12
Ms. Suman	10 Jul 09	14 Mar 12
Ms. Priyanka Chakraborty	01 Jul 11	14 Mar 12
Mr. S. Karmakar	18 Aug 03	17 Mar 12

TREKS AND EDUCATIONAL TRIPS
THIS ADVENTURE TRIP TO DODITAL-IAYP
22 - 29 March

This adventure trip to Dodital was specially organized for IAYP students as a mandatory requirement to qualify them for a Bronze, Silver or Gold medal based on the stages already cleared by them. It involved covering a distance of 44 Km by way of trekking in the challenging mountainous terrain over a period of four days (24 - 27 March 2012).

With packed lunch and our personal belongings in a rucksack the group moved from Uttarkashi to Dodital via Kalyani, Bewra, Majhi and back. On 27th we headed from Uttarkashi for Mussoorie and did some shopping on the Mall road. On 28th we came to Metli to enjoy white river rafting upto Shivpuri, stopped over at Haridwar to witness the evening prayers. The group returned to school on 30 March.

The students also had the opportunity to visit the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering in Uttarkashi, which is considered one



of the best in Asia and the institute from which Bachendri Pal took her training as a mountaineer.

Throughout the trip our accommodation was arranged in tents except for the night stay at Mussoorie which was in a hotel.

It was a very challenging but at the same time, an enjoyable and fulfilling trip where we witnessed tremendous self-discipline, team spirit, caring, sharing, and cooperation.

THE ROAR, THE BEACH AND THE HYMN
22 - 30 March

47 students along with 4 escort teachers went across the length of Gujarat and visited Gandhi Ashram at Sabarmati, the memorial of Dhirubhai Ambani at Chorwad village, the awesome Gir Forests, the ruins of Junagarh Fort, the fascinating Somnath Temple, the tempting waters of the Arabian Sea, the beautiful union territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and the small and charming Daman & Diu. The students were awestruck when they saw the brood of lions sitting majestically under the tree undisturbed by anyone.

Truly the lord of the jungle! The Junagarh Fort stood testimony of the strength of the Portugese, Somnath Temple apart from



evoking feelings of reverence and wonder, also had an eerie feeling of past invasions. The trip culminated in Delhi with a visit to the awesome Akshar Dham Temple.

The students enjoyed the beaches immensely. The huge Jampore beach at Daman had children sit on camels and even indulge in paragliding. Not a minute went without fun and food. After this very long and enjoyable educational trip the students returned on 30 March bringing back memories captured in camera, in their hearts and in their minds.

Free Medical Camp at Bhiwadi

A free Medical Camp was organised at Bhiwadi which was sponsored by **Sh. Aimaduddin Ahmed Khan** Health Minister of Rajasthan. 63 patients were identified through our local staff, village sarpanch and The Sagar Foundation from village Bahgor, Lapala, Malliyer Gujjar, Malliyer Jat, Hasanpur Maphi and Tijara. The bus for transporting the patients was arranged by The Sagar School.

The expenditure for the entire treatment will be borne by the Rajasthan Government.



CONGRATULATIONS & CELEBRATIONS

LOHRI
13 January
Bonfire! Groundnuts! Re-varies and Gachhak! Dancing

PICTURE OF THE MONTH- JANUARY
KOREAN DAY



SPLASH OF COLOUR:



HOLI HAI!

8 March



Session 2011-2012 comes to a close and one can only ponder over the wonderful words by John Lubbock
The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn.

And this lovely blessing!
*Bless this school which has been made by a visionary for the education of our young people.
 Bless our students and teachers, our parents, board members, employees, and all who promote sound education in our community.*

TINY TOTS
PRE PRIMARY & PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR THE STAFF OF THE SAGAR SCHOOL
(Founded in August 2007)

A sincere effort to impart pre-primary & primary education to the children of the staff of The Sagar School led to the setting up of **Tiny Tots** in The Sagar School campus. It gave an assurance to the staff that their little ones would be cared for and be given proper education in their tender years so that their foundation could be built before they join the main school.

Tiny Tots started in August 2007 with three teachers (Mrs. Lakshmi Brahma Bhat, Mrs. Archana Sharma and Mrs. Vijaya Shree Shrotriya), one *ayah* (Ms. Anju) and 18 students. Today it stands strong with teachers and students putting in all efforts to do the best. Students are taught through audio visual methods apart from the formal teaching methods. Mrs. Hamsa Santanam, Coordinator of Tiny Tots, has been working sincerely to give shape to the School and bring it to its present level, which is indeed laudable. It is sad that Mrs. Hamsa Santanam is leaving .

THE TEACHING STAFF

MRS. ARTI BOHRA	HINDI & G K
MRS. BANASHREE BEHRA	SOCIAL STUDIES & SCIENCE
MRS. CHHABITA KUMARI PATRO	ENGLISH & MATH

ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

Tiny Tots has now come of age and the Annual Day celebration is a witness to it.



The little students fascinated everyone with their talent and stage presence. Each student presented confidence and immense energy.



They danced and sang and conveyed messages of environmental issues. It was a complete package of fun and color. The audience was spellbound by the folk dances of Punjab and Rajasthan.

CLASS	LIST OF STUDENTS	CLASS	LIST OF STUDENTS
LKG	Tejesh Chaudhary	I	Abhay Chauhan
	Param Detha	II	Mansawini Chundawat
	Atulya Gupta		Mrinal Chaturvedi
	Chinmay Mehta		Rishi Mehta
Anushka Kumawat	Samiksha Negi		
UKG	Prachuriya Sahoo	III	Karanpreet Singh

Ms. S. Julka, the Director (The Sagar School) was the Chief Guest at the function.



Lt Col (Retd) Rattanbir Singh, Principal, The Sagar School and Ms. Jayshree Balasaria, Vice Principal, The Sagar School were also present at the venue.



Ms. S. Julka gave complete encouragement to the teachers and students of Tiny Tots and urged them to continue the good work and also asked them to take help from The Sagar School as and whenever

required. The Chief Guest distributed prizes to the Tiny Tots.

Name	Class	Prize
Atulya Gupta	LKG	The Most Active Student
Tejesh Chaudhary	LKG	The Most Regular & Punctual Student, 100% Attendance
Param Detha	LKG	The Most Confident & Talented Student
Chinmay Anand	LKG	The Most Disciplined Student
Anuska Kumawat	LKG	The Most Hardworking Student
Prachuriya Sahoo	UKG	The Best Student in Overall Activities (3rd Position in English and Hindi Writing Competition)
Abhay Chauhan	I	The Most Promising Student (Secured 2nd Position in English and 1st Position in Hindi Writing Competition)
Mrinal Chaturvedi	II	The Most Active Student (The Gold Medal Winner of Britannia Conquest Test & 2nd position in Hindi writing competition)
Rishi Anand	II	The most regular & punctual student (secured 2nd position in English and 1st Position in Hindi Hand Writing)
Samiksha Negi	II	The Most Confident & Talented Student
Mansawini Chundawat	II	The Most Honest Student
Karanpreet Singh	III	The Most Active Student (1st Position in English Writing Competition)