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July started with a big bang. The rains could not dampen the spirit of the Sagarians. A spate of Inter-school competitions and total participation along with accolades made everyone swell with pride.

It gives me immense pleasure to inform parents, stakeholders and students that the School



has been rated as the Number One Co-ed Boarding School in Rajasthan as per the Education World India School Rankings. The School had a high score on all the parameters. This is an assurance that the vision and mission statement of the Founder, Late Dr. Vidya Sagar, is on track and we are upbeat about the progress of the School to the next level. Understanding and relating to the agenda of the National Curriculum Forum, we tread forward in

positive and continuous comprehensive steps to surmount and accomplish.

It also is a proud moment for the Sagarians that the School Football Team after bagging a triumphant win at the CBSE Cluster (X) has emerged dominant players at the National level.

INTER-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION AND ACCOLADES

COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2013



This year has been a record-breaking year for the Commonwealth Essay Competition. Not only has the competition received in excess of 11,000 entries, but over 70 judges have been involved in the judging process and the standard of entries has been excellent. As the competition celebrates its 130th anniversary, it is evident that the competition remains an important means of expression for young people across

the Commonwealth, as over 830 schools across 55 Commonwealth countries and territories participated.

Over 2,000 entries won awards and 2 students of The Sagar School were successful in winning the Bronze for their entries in the junior category. Purvi Wadhwa, class V and Ayush Kumar, class VII have brought laurels for themselves and the School. By penning their views and expressing themselves on this international platform they have proved their mettle.

(The reflection section carries one of the winning essays)

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INTER-SCHOOL ART COMPETITION**07-09 August**

The Sagar School was part of the prestigious Inter-School Art Competition held at Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hisar to commemorate the birth anniversary of Shri O.P. Jindal, their Founder.

The opening ceremony (07 August) had Shri Nek Chand as the Chief Guest who declared the competition open and gave the inaugural stroke on canvas. The panel of judges for the event were eminent personalities from the field of art. A cultural programme by



the host school lent a unique charisma to the commencement. 5 students of our School participated in 4 different categories. They left no stone unturned to etch their talent on paper, glass, waste material and on the palm of a hand.

Shanjamo Patton, class XII amazed everyone with the translucent painting in the 'Still Life' category. His painting was chosen as the 2nd best among 23. Sushma Kshetrimayam, class IX



& Archana Yengkhom, class IX took part in 'Best from Waste' category illustrating the theme, 'Heal, Harness & Reinforcement' in the form of a half male and half female human figure.

Manisha Udayan, class IX laced a lovely pattern on the hand depicting Anarkali, as was the theme. She also created a gothic image on stain glass which was appreciated by many. Adweit Sharma, class XII shaded the profile of Aung San Suu Kyi in exile portraying the theme of 'Nirbhaya' in the ink and pen category.



The Chief Guest for the valedictory function was Mr. Radha Krishnan, one of the most notable among the new generation of sculptors. In the words of Shanjamo Patton "I feel so proud to get the prize from a person so talented and of world repute. I will continue to polish my art; I am fully charged and inspired. The experience was invigorating..."

The whole interaction of 2 days could easily be summed up in a line --- 'The myriad colours of life and the knocking from the soul.'

MODEL UNITED NATIONS ANNUAL COMMITTEE**SESSION****16th - 18th August**

The generation needs to be equipped to face challenges, concerns and crisis that countries face. Encouraging students to keep abreast with all the events in the world and to be able to debate the dilemmas analytically is the basic concept of holding such sessions and it is very heartening to see energetic participation from the best schools in the country. Mr. Salman Khursheed, External Affairs Minister, was the Chief Guest at the opening ceremony of this international session. Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Rural affairs, was the Chief Guest at the concluding ceremony.

Jitin Jose, class XII, Sagar Suhag, class XII, Nilza Wangmo, class XI and Shaurya Negi, class IX represented Hungary and Taiwan. The experience has made the students aware of world issues and how the problems are solved through dialogue, debate and unanimous approach. A very gratifying experience!

DU JOUR SAGARIANS: THE SANGAM FESTIVAL 23rd -25th August

The charm of our students spread to Bhilwara where they enthralled everyone with their talent and creativity. The Sangam School at Bhilwara had organised this event encompassing all facets that would enable students to display their talent and



excellence in all fields. The Sagarians took part in many categories and won prizes and praise for their flair for art, quizzing, and sports.

Shanjamo Patton, class XII and Adweit Sharma, Class XII were awarded the 3rd prize in designing a lantern in the category named – flambeaux. Ayaan Bansal, class XI won 2nd prize and Mandy Khumanthen, class IX won 3rd prize for a scrabble competition named –”Word Virus”.

In a game named– “Catch The Spirit”, Karni Vijay Singh’s, class XI team bagged the second position while Pragyan Thapa’s, class X team bagged the fourth position. Karni’s team also bagged the 2nd position in a cricket match.

The highlight of the festival was the Basketball Match where our boys were absolutely invincible. Pragyan, Shanjamo, class XII, Karni Vijay Singh, class XI, Ayush Jain, class XII, Kapil Rana and Sarthak Gaur of class X were the stoic players who gave the other teams jitters while playing. The team played 3 matches in all and won all of them with fantastic scores of 21/0, 21/0 and 30/12. With that victory, of course, they carried the trophy!

WE LEAVE A MARK! 28th September

In an effort to hone their debating skills, Sagarians are always ready to take on challenges with the best schools of the country. The Assam Valley School was host to a number of schools from all over India for their yearly debating competition and the experience was indeed an elevating one for the students. Jitin Jose, class XII, Pallavi K. Singh, class XII, Kanika Marwah, class X and Shaurya Negi, class IX participated.



Kanika Marwah excelled in one of the debates and bagged the best speaker award. Shaurya Negi was another popular debater, who

impressed everyone with his wit and humorous style of debating.

STREET PLAY CONTEST 28th of October

Twenty-eight students participated in the Inter-school Competition organised by Modern Public School,



Bhiwadi. Thirty Schools from all over Delhi, Gurgaon and Alwar sent their talented participants. Our students enthusiastically took part in five events. In the street play category, students exhibited immense talent and bagged the 2nd prize.

NATIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN: PAINTING COMPETITION

12th November

The Ministry of Power in association with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) had launched the National Awareness Campaign, 2013, and organised a Painting Competition on the theme of Energy Conserva-



tion amongst all CBSE schools in India to be held in three stages–School, State and National level.

Varun Konthoujam, class VIII was one of

the selected fifty from among more than 50,000 students representing 1,100 schools from the State of Rajasthan. He represented the School at the State-level competition held at the Birla Auditorium, He was awarded several gifts and a cash prize for his participation and proficiency in painting.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK: WATER HARVESTING**08 - 13 July**

Facing challenges, understanding the need of the hour, preserving and maintaining the natural and manmade resources have become crucial aspects of present generation education. The School observed Environment Week and the students took up the task of working together on surveys and projects around the campus, keeping in mind water and its importance.

A SPECIAL GUEST: WATER MAN OF INDIA**Mr. Rajendra Singh, Magsaysay award winner**

The School was honoured to have Magsaysay award winner, Mr. Rajendra Singh who is also referred to as “Water Man of India” for his work in helping the farmers revive the long-established traditional and scientific way of water harvesting.

During his visit, the School staff informed Mr. Singh on the Water Harvesting Plant at the campus to collect rain water in an effort to conserve water and raise the water level in and around the campus. He landed the efforts. His interaction with students was overwhelming and enigmatic. He shared his experience and in the simplest way conveyed the substantial message “Save Water”.

**INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS:
SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES****DECLAMATION****27 July, 2013**

Expressing their views on various topics, the students proved beyond doubt that their public speaking skills are good.



Impressive intonation, pronunciation, accent and tone set the evening ablaze. The topics for the juniors evoked a lot of humour and the tongue in cheek jest and endeared the speakers to all. The seniors were equally eloquent and their panache revealed their confidence on stage and in expression. Articulation at its best!

PATRIOTIC SONG**15th August**

‘Mere Desh Ki Dharti....’

A befitting way to pay tribute to the Nation was the Inter-house Group Singing (Patriotic) Competition. The celebrations began after the flag was unfurled. Melodious songs were sung by the students of respective Houses. Every song praised the tremendous



struggle undertaken to win our freedom. Emerald House shone at 1st Position on a positive note with a pledge to move on with greater responsibility and enjoy the freedom bestowed on us. Diamond House followed at 2nd Position. Yugabrata Sarmah, class VII rendered a solo which sent an emotional wave that overtook all in its sway.

DEBATING**10th August**

The much awaited season of debates witnessed students enthusiastically putting together their teams. The first pool was tough and the two teams displayed exceptional oratory skills captivating the audience. Sapphire House won the case, with Yashika Bansal of class XII giving a powerful performance and pragmatic throw of arguments. She was declared the best speaker. In the second pool, Ruby house was the winner with Jitin Jose, class XII adjudged as the best speaker.

2nd ROUND OF DEBATES

31st August

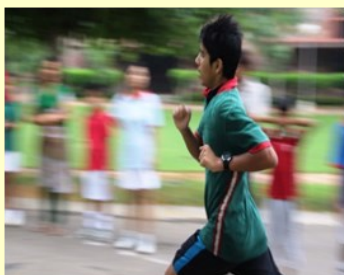
Equally exciting was the 2nd round with an array of arguments and rhetoric. The final debate was won by Ruby House and Aditya Bhasin, class XII was adjudged the best speaker.



THROUGH THE LENS: PHOTOGRAPHY

A picture is worth a thousand words. The tough competition witnessed the students move around the entire campus to get the right shot and here they are – amazing pictures!

ACTION



1st (Akshay Lamba, class XII)

LANDSCAPE



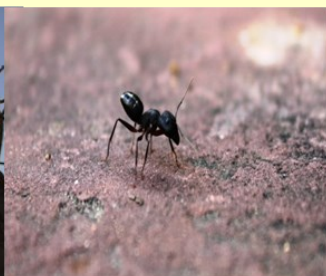
1st (Shourya Negi, class IX)

NATURE



1st (Shourya Negi, class IX)

CLOSE-UP



1st (Jasskaran Gupta, class XI)

INTER-HOUSE EFFIGY MAKING COMPETITION

Since Dussehra is all about the triumph of truth over evil, a befitting competition was conducted. The students were given materials at intervals over a period of four days, a team of five students were asked to make an effigy that would have a theme; an effigy that would

send out a message. The outcome can be seen in the photographs.

1st Prize: Emerald



Theme: Female foeticide

2nd Prize: Diamond



Theme: Punishment for the rapist

3rd Prize: Ruby



Theme: Burning of all the evil from the heart

SKY WATCH

03 August

An incredible watch for the students and faculty was The



International Space Station that passed over the School on Saturday, the 3rd of August. It was a clear and dazzling sight as it reflected the sunlight. An exciting moment for sky watchers! The projects that the students

have been working on are diverse and exciting.

Apart from making models of various yantras and satellites such as Ram Yantra, Mishra Yantra, Mangalyaan, Pioneer 10, James Webb Space Telescope, students were involved in astrophotography. Photography of the Polar Star Trails, Jupiter, deep sky objects and first quarter Moon Mosaic has made the learning experience very enriching.

The outcome was stupendous. Here is Jupiter's rotation shadow of IO taken by Jaskaran Gupta, class XI, Asif Sayeed Kagzi, class XI & Hanan Majid, class IX on the 23rd of November, under the guidance of Mr. Ajay Talwar.



SPECIAL GUESTS OF THE SCHOOL**12 -22 August**

Aiden and Sebastian Sagar the children of our dear Chairperson Ms. Rosemary Sagar flew in from New York to participate in the Indian Heritage camp organised at

the campus. During their stay at the School, they learnt art, music, craft, rangoli making, calligraphy, cooking with traditional recipes and participated in many activities, which kept them merrily occupied.

Celebrations!**INDEPENDENCE DAY****15 August**

On the 15th of August the School witnessed a unique



event. As the Indian flag was unfurled to celebrate the Indian Independence Day the Korean students unfurled their flag to cele-

brate the Korean Independence Day that falls on the same day. Both the National Anthems were sung, sending a message “We are one people—who inhabit this planet we share each other’s joys and empathize with each other’s pain. Boundaries are now just for namesake!”

HOUSE SOCIAL**24 August**

An event that makes everyone get into a frenzy of dance and music!

**NATIONAL SPORTS DAY****29 August**

To commemorate the birth anniversary of the renowned sports man, Major Dhyan Chand, the afternoon was enjoyed in a stimulating Friendly Soccer Match played between the staff and the students. The match was won by the staff. Earlier in the day students were shown a presentation at the Assemblies, on the legend and his charisma at the hockey field for which everyone around the world doubted if his stick was made of something else other than wood!

Later in the evening, Ms. Balasaria, gave away medals, certificates and trophies to the winners and runner-ups of various sport events held between April and August 2013. It was a befitting tribute to a man, who left an indelible mark in sports.

KOREAN WEEK**30 August**

As part of the ISA activity a week long programme was organised by the Korean students. They dedicated the whole week to assimilating information about their nation which they presented at the morning assembly. They narrated their freedom struggle, threw light on the education system, government and heads of state, culture and traditions of their great nation.

The week ended with a vibrant Korean cultural evening, a carnival of songs, dances and a yummy food fiesta. Kwon Hankyul, class IX enthralled the audience with her skill as her fingers sailed with ease on the keys of the piano. Sung Chang Kyeong, class XI, Lee Youngjee, class XII, Seul Ah Choi, class VII, Ahjin Choi, class VII, Jung Miji, class VII, Oh Taekseung, class IX, Ko Beomgyeong, class X, Ko Beommin, class X, and Lee Juhyeong, class IV set the stage on fire with their dances and songs. The audience enjoyed every minute of the show.

Fried tofu, egg potato soup, chicken soup, aubergines cooked with sesame oil and soya sauce, barbeque chicken salad and pastries were laid out for all to savour.

TEACHER'S DAY
05 September



The most touching of all celebrations was the Teacher's Day, when students made the most awesome cards for their respective class teachers. Each card was symbolic of the love and bond they share. Exquisite poems and words were scripted to articulate their gratitude towards their mentors. The students of Class XII took on the task of teaching and playing the role of teachers for a day. It gave them a feeling of responsibility and also made them realize that the task is a challenging one.

In the evening teachers enjoyed a good game of tambola along with mouthwatering food.

The following staff were awarded The Sagar School Award of Excellence for exceptional services rendered by them.



Ms. Shivani Gupta



Mr. G. P. Panda



Ms. Amandeep Kaur

CHUSEOK (KOREAN THANKSGIVING)
19 September

Chuseok is a major harvest festival in Korea and is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar. 26 students and 2 teachers went to participate in the celebrations at the Korean Cultural Centre, New Delhi.



Mr. Kim Kum Pyoung, Director of the Korean Cultural Centre gave a brief introduction about the festival and then a small presentation was shown on Chuseok celebrations in modern South Korea.

Our students gladly participated in all the activities. From beating the freshly harvested rice grains to wearing the traditional Korean dresses, from playing Ssireum. (Korean

wrestling) to preparing songpyeon (rice cakes), our students were smitten by the traditional customs of Korea. Our girls and boys wore Hanbok (traditional Korean clothing) and looked as though they had been transported to the magical land of Korea.

The Ssireum matches were the most thrilling where two players wrestled with each other while holding tight on to the other's satba (red and blue band) and tried to pin their opponent using strength and skills. Two of our students Sanchit Jain, class VII and Yogiraj Shindekar, class IV were declared winners in these matches and were given souvenirs. Students were also involved in preparing Songpyeon, a quintessential dish for Chuseok.

FUN AND FROLIC
01 & 02 October: A WORLD OF WONDER

A picnic and a day of breath taking rides at Noida's Water Park and Worlds of Wonder!



STAFF DIWALI PARTY
29 October

A Diwali party was organised at the Auditorim for all the staff members. The Principal was present. Mrs. Julka addressed the gathering and gave away the Diwali gifts as is the tradition. An evening of songs and sumptuous snacks was a welcome treat before the break.



HOUSE SOCIAL: SAPPHIRE AND RUBY
30 October

A day of exemplary display of talent!



CHILDREN'S DAY 14 November

Chocolates and a special lunch and lots of love!



SPORTS INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION 19-26 July

The Inter-house football matches began with a big bang as it is the favourite game of the Sagarians. The format of the tournament was league cum knock-out matches that would finally decide the winners. Emerald House bagged first position with 16 points, closely followed by Sapphire House at 12 points.

AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIP

07 -10 August

The Inter-house Aquatic Championship started with various events including Triathlon, Water Polo and Individual as well as Relay competitions under various categories. The week long competitions tested the stamina and



resilience of the students.

The closing ceremony was graced by the internationally renowned swimmer

and Arjuna awardee, Mr. Khazan Singh Tokas. He graced the closing ceremony and gave away the medals and certificates. Sidhant Mathur, class VI (under 12 boys), Vedant Mathur, class VII (under 14 boys), Dikanshit Lamba, class VII (under 16 boys), Sung Chang Kyeong, class XI (under 19 boys), Resham Jain, class IX (under 19 girls) were declared the best swimmers. Ruby House was declared as the overall best house.

TRIATHLON

03 August

A prestigious event for the Sagarians! Days of practice focused on increasing stamina for this multiple stage Aquatic Championship. In order to prove their mettle in laps of swimming, rounds of cycling and running, each participant was supported by their House members and House Masters.



Their dedicated coaches encouraged and boosted the students' morale.

The final day witnessed a lot of cheer and enthusiasm. Ruby

were the forerunners and they remained unbeaten through



all the groups, holding fort till the end, emerging at position one. Nishank Gawer, class VIII, (Ruby), Dikanshit Lamba, class VIII (Emerald) Aryaman Gir,

class X (Ruby), Ankita Yadav, class X (Ruby) and Kwon Hankyul, class IX (Emerald) bagged the gold medals for the event.

ALWAR CROSS COUNTRY RACE

04 August

Another feather in the cap! History repeats itself. The Sagarians were enthusiastic participants of 7.5 kilometers long cross country race organised by the Aravali Sports Academy, Alwar in the memory of great freedom fighter Late Shri Chotu Singh Arya. 2000 students and sports persons from different schools and organisations participated. The first ten positions were bagged by the athletes of our School in various categories. They secured top three positions in under 17 boys category. In under 19 category, the first 10 positions were secured by Sports Authority of India while the next position holder was Ayush Singh Mahajan, class XII. The results were: Rajneesh Kumar, class XI -1st in under 17 boys, Aryaman Gir, class X- 2nd in under 17 boys, Komal Pal, class XI- 2nd in under 19 girls, Mohit Sharma, class X- 3rd in under 17 boys, Murup Dolma, class XII- 4th in under 19 girls, Gaurav Yadav, class X- 4th in under 17 boys, Ankita Yadav, class X- 5th in under 17 girls, Ayush Singh Mahajan, class XII- 11th in under 19 boys, Archana Yengkhom, class IX -11th in under 17 girls, Mr. Sameer Agarwal, P.T. Instructor- 2nd in above 30 men, Mr. Y.S. Kanyal- 4th in above 30 men.

ALWAR DISTRICT BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

23 – 27 August

The students put up a good show at the Alwar District Badminton Championship. The School has been actively participating in the district championships from the past 7 years and has won many laurels. This year too bagging the runners up in all categories they have proved that they are a force to reckon with. The School was also awarded a Special Trophy for maximum participation.

Aryaman Gir, class X	Runners up	Under 17 boys Singles
	Runners up	Under 19 boys Doubles
	Runners up	Under 17 boys Doubles
Raman Sharma, class IX	Runners up	Under 19 boys Doubles
	Runners up	Under 17 boys Doubles
Resham Jain, class XI	Runners up	Under 15 girls Doubles
Koijam Narmada, class	Runners up	Under 15 girls Doubles

INTER- SCHOOL SWIMMING SKILLS

21-22 September

Swimmers of the School participated in the Inter-school Swimming Meet hosted by the Pathways World School, Aravali. Over 400 hundred swimmers were in the



competition from 18 elite schools. It was a tough fight for speed technique and skill. The performance of the students was commendable.

The results:

- 50 m breast stroke–3rd–Ayush Rungta, class VII
- 4x25m freestyle relay under 14–3rd – Ayush Rungta, class VII, Raghav Dhiman, class VII, Nishank Gawar, class VIII, Vedant Mathur, class VIII.
- 4 x 25m freestyle relay under 15 – 3rd – Dikanshit Lamba, class VIII, Nipun Choudhary, class VIII, Ayush Rungta, class VII, Vedant Mathur, class VIII.

CBSE CLUSTER X ROCKS!

It was the most exciting year for the Sagarians in the CBSE cluster X matches. They not only proved that they are a formidable team to reckon with but also very popular at the cluster matches. Yes, because the Sagarians are unique! They began gearing for the tournaments very early with their coaches motivating and putting them to rigorous training to increase their stamina.

Basketball tournament

13 – 15 October

Before proceeding for the matches, the School planned a strategy to practice and to hold friendly matches with other schools to understand the strength required for the final fight at the cluster. The matches



were played with Alwar Public School (4th & 8th Oct) Rafles School and the Chinar Public School (10th Oct). The CBSE Cluster Tournament was held at St. Paul School, Pali, Rajasthan with 48 teams participating. The stoic Sagarians cleared the pools and reached the Quarter Finals quite easily. The stars of the game were Karnivijay Singh, class XI, Pragyan Thapa, class X, Kapil Rana, class X, Virendra Singh, class IX, Ayush Majhan, class XI and Shanjamo Patton, class XII.

THE ATHLETIC MEET

28 -30 October

Held at Sanskar Bharti Public School, Nangli Balahir, the Athletic Meet witnessed Murup Dolma, class XII bag the Bronze in the 800 mtr in the under-19 girls category amongst 850 athletes. Another very enthusiastic feat was accomplished by little Purvi Wadhwa, class VI, who stood sixth in the 400 mtr and 800 mtr in the under-14 girls' event and 800 mtr race respectively. Aaron Engti, class VIII cleared a distance of 5.54 mtr in long jump in the under-16 boys category. Mohit Sharma, class X finished fifth in the 3000 mtr race, in the under-16 category boys. Archana Yengkhom, class IX bagged the fifth position, covering a lead of approximately 25 mtr and also finished sixth in individual 400 mtr Race.

THE INCREDIBLE VICTORY: CBSE CLUSTER X FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

13-19 October

The victory of The Sagar School Football Team at the CBSE Cluster X Football Championships, held at Hanumangarh, Rajasthan was incredible.

Lifting the sparkling Trophy after a gap of 5 years spells the hard work



and perseverance of the team and the intensive training by the Football Coach, Mr. Tan Singh Chauhan. Comfortably defeating all the teams they reached the finals. The winning whistle was blown for the Sagarians in the fight with Presidency School.

KUDOS FOR THE FOOTBALL TEAM! WE BECOME NATIONAL PLAYERS

12-17 November

For the first time the School has achieved a huge success and reached the nationals in the CBSE Clusters after winning the cluster (X) football championship. The football championship was held at Narmada Devi Singhania International School, Pacheri Bari, Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan). The School Team competed with 31 teams from all over India and the Middle East. There were schools from Oman, Doha, Kuwait and Dubai. Our team played the Pre-quarter Finals and emerged among the top 16 teams, the credit of which goes to the fighting spirit of the young footballers and the enthusiasm of their coach.

AARON & AKSHAN SURI SHINE AT PATHWAYS WORLD SCHOOL, INVITATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

15 November

48 schools, from all over Rajasthan, participated in the Athletics Meet held at Sanskar Bharti Public School, Nangli Balahir. Aaron Engti, class VIII (under 14 boys) and Akshan Suri, class IV (under 10 boys) were declared the 'Best Athletes'

22 of our young athletes participated. 2 Gold, 7 Silver and 3 Bronze medals was the booty that the Sagarians brought home.

Here is the amazing list:



1. Under 10 boys: Akshan Suri, class IV: Silver Medal in Long Jump & Bronze Medal in 100 mtr dash

2. Under 12 boys: Mandeep Chauhan & Zeeshan Hussain, class VII, Emmanuel D'souza, class VII & Rohan Khasa, class VI: Bronze Medal in 4x100 mtr

relay

3. Under 14 boys: Aaron Engti, class VIII : Gold Medal in 100 mtr dash, Gold Medal in Long Jump & Silver Medal in 200 mtr dash; Dikanshit Lamba, class VIII: Silver Medal in 400 mtr race & Silver Medal in Shot Put

4. Under 16 girls: Archana Yengkhom, class IX: Silver Medal in 100 mtr dash, Silver Medal in 200 mtr dash

5. Under 16 boys: Mohit Sharma, class X: Silver Medal in 1500 mtr race & Sarthak Gaur, class X: Bronze Medal in Shot Put.



CAREER COUNSELLING SESSIONS

In keeping with the School's vision of making the students aware of the various kinds of careers available to them, Career Counselling sessions are organised in a phased manner to make the students aware of the lucrative careers that are open for them and the process of higher education that is required for the same. Students of classes IX- XII are part of these sessions.

The following sessions were held:

19th July

The School's counsellor, Ms. Puja Dawar, spoke on the banking sector. This session was of great interest to the commerce students. The courses required, the entrance procedure and different job categories for the banking sector were discussed. On the following two days the counsellor interacted with students on a one to one basis satisfying their queries and giving them valuable inputs.

1st August

Ms. Madhuri Ghoshal, an associate of Ms. Puja Dawar informed the students on careers such as Chartered Accountancy, Fund Management, Certified Management Consultancy and Corporate banking.

16th August

Resource person, Ms. Vinita Kapoor took up a counseling session on 'Studying abroad'. Information about eligibility, career paths, scholarships, fee structures and the



process of applying for courses abroad was shared with the students. Her main focus was on three countries namely: New Zealand, Singapore and Mauritius. Making the students understand the importance of

receiving a global education that would hold them in good stead to meet the challenges of the future.

27th August

An interesting interactive session was organised by Ms. Shreeja Sukhani on the benefits of higher studies in



subjects like Economics and Business Management. Ms. Sukhani, is the Manager, Admissions and Student affairs at Indian

School of Business and Finance at New Delhi. This College is functioning under permission from the London School of Economics.

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING PROGRAMMES**GEO-SPATIAL TRAINING****22 – 24 July**

This special training programme was organised by CBSE in collaboration with Rolta India Limited. Teachers were made familiar with the subject and received hands on training on the course content.

Dr. Biswajit Saha (Programme Officer CBSE, Delhi) kick started the programme which dealt with every aspect of Geospatial Technology. Teachers who attended the workshop were appreciative of the efforts made to equip them on this front.

CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP**5th September**

Keeping the students conscious of security while using the net, an effort was made to keep them abreast of the



huge network of cyber crime. An informative presentation was made using the news items that could baffle any one as to the length people who stalk can go to cause

harm to the innocent and the unguarded.

Mr. Rakshit Tandon, in a very interactive session stunned everyone at the amount of fraud that has invaded the internet, mobile and net banking sector. Students were also given some tips on secure techniques to be used while using the mobile or the Facebook. He has also welcomed students to contact him directly if they are being stalked or troubled while using the social media. He has also warned students about fake identities and accounts that could land them in trouble.

REVISITING CCE**24-28 September**

To revisit and have a high-quality perceptive of CCE, Ms. Balasaria, conducted a series of workshops to apprise



the teaching fraternity about the changing patterns of evaluating students at all levels of

development. The vision and mission of the Founder was also brought into focus along with the agenda, aims and objectives of the national policies on education. All the sessions were totally interactive and stimulating.

WORKSHOP ON HINDI TEACHING**28 September**

The Hindi teachers participated in a workshop organised by Evergreen Publications at the Vijay Lakshmi Memorial School (Alwar) for the teachers from the Sahodaya Schools, Alwar Chapter. The objective was to update the teachers on the latest developments.

Mr. Vishvendu was the resource person who is an expert in the minutiae of Hindi grammar teaching. Every aspect of Hindi grammar was dealt with special reference to the errors that students usually make in the usage of the same.

3rd IAYP NATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP AT THE SAGAR SCHOOL 08-09 October

Eminent resource persons enriched the 2 day IAYP national training workshop, as The Sagar School is a YES Centre (Youth Engaging Society) ready to take on the responsibility.



The workshop aimed to bring together Award Leaders, YES Center Managers, so that fresh strategies

may be evolved to equip as many young ones to bond with society and to enhance their own abilities to lead fruitful and complete lives. Training the award leaders were Mr. Kapil Bhalla-The National Director, IAYP, Mr. Bivujit Mukhoty-Programme Manager, Mr. Priyank Kumar Gupta-Yes Communication Manager and Ms. Vijayshree Pahal-Member of National Training Panel. All four components, namely, service, skill, recreation and adventure were detailed and the importance of the award highlighted.

Participating schools were appreciative of the campus, the exceptional reception and response that the workshop received at the School.

GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME 12-31 October

The students of Albert Schwitzer Gymnasium, Nackarsulm were the guests of the School in the month of October. Year after year this exchange has proved that learning knows no boundaries. Mingling with people of different cultures and regions is the real meaning of education.

The German students were exposed to a plethora of activities which included art, music, and travel.

They were part of the House Social, where they danced to the tune of polka and the atmosphere was charged with

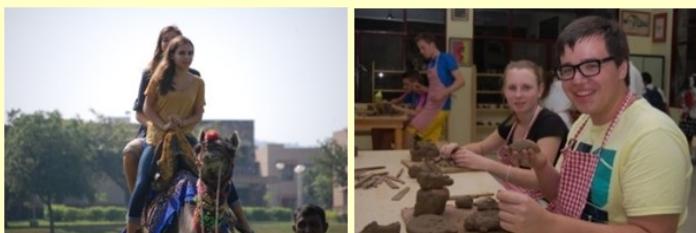
fun when the Principal too was taken on stage to accompany them in their joy.

They travelled to Jaipur and were enthralled with the majesty of the Rajput lifestyle. The mighty Taj Mahal left them dumbfounded.

Being part of the School was exciting as one of them stated, "The campus of The Sagar School is awesome and it has freshness about it. It has been a lifetime experience to remember".

Heartbroken were they the day they had to leave. Their buddies also turned sentimental at the time of their departure.

THE GERMANS HAVE FUN!



CREATIVE LEARNING: ART WORKSHOP 24 -28 October

The School was abuzz with four days of activity like never before. Under the expert guidance of eminent personalities from the field of art, the students were exposed to interesting and innovative methods of learning. The workshop held by Mr. Feisal Alkazi, renowned theater personality, Mr. Jagan Shah, Mr. Vikramjeet Sinha, Mr. Jay Skankar Sharma, Ms Preeti Jain and Mr. Vijay Singh guided the students on multiple crafts, miniature painting, theatre, imagination to image and creative writing.

The entire Performing & Creative Art Block turned into destination glee for four wonderful days. The inauguration on the 24th witnessed the Director, Ms. Julka and Ms. Balasaria welcome the artists. The Director spoke, "...this takes me back to the mid 90s when we were still

conceptualising the School and Dr. Sagar inspired by Shanti Nekatan was very keen to set up an institution which would not only be known for academics but would



shape up as a nerve centre to groom and nurture artists, performers ...” Mr. Feisal Alkazi addressed the students in his usual affectionate tone,

“Just enjoy yourself.” That is exactly what the students did. Apart from learning they enjoyed dabbling with colours, brushes and materials of craft. Adweit Sharma said, “I am having a wonderful time learning miniature painting.”

The entire campus was replete with fun and laughter which proved beyond a point that learning can be fun.

THE NASA EDUCATIONAL TRIP

07-19 November

The world has become a small place and citizens have



now become global. Instead of imparting education in a capsule it becomes imperative that students

be exposed to the world that they will inherit.

The awesome space above the Earth has always been a source of mystery for all. Many students express a wish to go out into space, to explore the unknown. The School organises a trip to NASA every year to expose them to the scientific world that they only read about in the books.

This year 16 students undertook the educational trip along with Ms. Jayshree Balasaria and Mr. Ahsif Ikbal, the Academic Coordinator for classes IV to VIII.

The Kennedy Space Centre organised workshops and sessions for the students.

Prakhar Bansal, class X, Ayan Vohra, class X and Yogesh Yadav, class X bagged the 1st prize in the group activity.

Mr. Roger Crouch, the famous Astronaut, answered all



their queries while they learned about robots and ultrasonic sensors. The students also examined the space ship-Atlantis and enjoyed rides in the stimulators.

Other places of visit were the Niagara Falls, the US Naval and Military Showcase Park, The Universal Studio, The White House, Smithsonian Museums, The Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, Fifth Avenue, Manhattan and Times Square.

The last leg of the trip took them to Lycee Francais De New York where the group was joined by Ms. Sagar and Ms. Julka. Talks are on with Lycee for a possible exchange programme.

EXPRESSIONS:

SHUBHNEET SETH'S (XII C) TRAINING CARICATURES



REFLECTIONS

The essay below has been selected from over 830 schools across 55 Commonwealth countries for the Bronze (Junior Category) in the Commonwealth Essay Competition

Is change a good thing?
PURVI WADHWA, CLASS V

‘To achieve something we should be ready to lose something or change something.’

Yes, change is a good thing for me. I have an example and this is a real incident which happened with me...

When I was in my playschool-Wonder years, I was very happy there as I had very nice teachers and friends.

When I left that school, I felt very sad since I would have to bid goodbye to my teachers and friends but then I joined St. Patrick's and gained many new teachers and friends. When I was in first class many new opportunities came for me to improve myself and I participated in many activities with the hope that I would win. In fact, I managed to get into the top three positions and when I did not win, my father used to make me understand the fact that I had gained a lot of experience and that has changed me for the better.

In second class, I had a very strict teacher and I also felt that my studies were very tough. I asked myself very often and pondered on the ways that could make me change for the better? My mother told me that I had to remove this thought from my mind and be positive. I still found the class very difficult. However I realised that since my subjects would not change, I would have to change myself and I tried to do that. At the end of the year, I got good grades.

In my third standard...Oh my God, so many thick books, and such tough competition! There were many problems like speaking well in English and behaving like young ladies, as our Principal used to tell us in our morning assemblies. My teachers told my parents on the first day that I was very shy and I should change myself. Then in fourth class, I was so happy when everyone told me that I had become a senior girl in the junior school. But then a sad thing happened-My father passed away. It was a big change for me, my brother and my mother.

Everyone told me that I had to become independent and mature. I asked my mother how I could become that and she gave me a few ideas. From that day onwards I started packing my school bag, doing my homework myself and preparing for my tests also.

In fifth standard, one interesting thing happened which made me first happy and then unhappy. One day in the morning assembly, the junior cabinet was announced and I was so happy when Mrs. Mini Mehra announced the name of the Social Service captain- Purvi Wadhwa. I was called up on stage with the other girls and everyone clapped for us. My teachers told me that now there would be a big change as I would be responsible for a number of things. I thought that I had changed myself into a good

person already and that is why my teachers had observed me and chosen me as a Social Service Captain.

Now, I was waiting excitedly for the ceremony in which I would be given the badge and sash of the captain but before that again a change happened. My mother informed me that my brother and I along with her would be leaving Agra to study in a boarding school. I cried because I had to leave my close friends and favourite teachers and also because I could not be the Social Service Captain. My mother then explained that if any person has talent, he would stand out anywhere.

So, now I am in The Sagar School and there have been many changes in my life. This School is different because along with studies there are many co-curricular activities. I took part in Inter-house English Declamation Competition and won the First Prize. I also took part in Hindi declamation competition but could not get any prize. Now, I am more comfortable and confident on stage. Another new change is that I have learnt horse riding and I am so happy!.

BBC COMMONWEALTH CLASS

Debate point: *What makes you laugh?*

Debate point: *How do you think comedy works in different countries?*

Hello and welcome to the first debate of the new school year!

We're about to kick off today's 'what makes you laugh?' debate and we've already received some great comments.

Sushma Kshetrimayum, class VII writes:

"Stupid things really make me laugh. When one of my friends makes silly faces during serious times. I try to hold back but can't and it brings a smile on my face.

When we tease, it is also amusing, but yes that happens only if we are within our limits. Charlie Chaplin also makes me laugh with his expression."

Helga Khumanthem, class VI chirps:

"Jokes, funny incidences etc make me laugh. Sometimes when my friends fall down or slip somewhere, I laugh. Of course, I laugh when I get tickled. Sometimes I laugh evilly when I take revenge on someone, but not all the time. Hanging out with friends also makes me laugh with joy. A family night is also funny sometimes. It takes many muscles to frown and less muscles to smile, so

keep smiling."

Great comment! Thanks Helga. So what makes you laugh?

Ayush Singh in Grade XII A states:

"Anything which seems pleasing to me makes me laugh. It is amusing to see when people seem to be happy and are enjoying their lives."

Nice comment, Ayush, thanks.

Parth Yadav says: "I feel so happy and I laugh out loud when I, along with my friends make fun of each other and we find fun even in small things."

Archna Yengkhom tweets: "The one thing which makes me laugh is obviously comedy shows, but the thing which counts the most is the time I enjoy with my family and friends, that's when I laugh from the bottom of my heart with no worries and with a thought that I know this moment will last forever."

Jitin Jose writes:

"Comedy can't be used to tackle global issues because many jokes are related to certain groups of people and doing this at global level will make the matter worse."

Do you agree with Jitin?

DEUTSCHE ABTEILUNG KONVERSATIONEN

Herr Schmidt- Hallo! wie geht es Ihnen?

Frau Meier- Mir gehts ganz gut und Sie?

Herr Schmidt- nichts so gut, weil ich Fieber habe.

Frau Meier- Schade! Darf ich Ihnen helfen?

Herr Schmidt-Nein, es ist egal.Meine Frau kommt bald.

Frau Meier- Ach so, machts nichts.Aber ich kann dir eine Kamilentee kochen.

Herr Schmidt-Es geht,dann kann ich besser fühlen glaube ich.

Frau Meier- Ja, sicherlich.

Herr Schmidt-Danke schön, es ist sehr nett von Ihnen.

Frau Meier- gern! Gute Besserung.

Herr Schmidt-Auf wiedersehen!

SUDEEKSHA GUPTA, CLASS IX

WITZE –JOKE

In der Schule hat die:

Schülerin-Ich habe nichts gemacht.

Meine Mutter hat mir geholfen.

Resham Jain, Class IX

Die Wichtigkeit der FremdSprache

In heutigen Welt spielt die Sprache eine sehr wichtige Rolle. Die Sprache macht die Arbeit einfacher und schneller immer. Man kann besser verstehen und verhältnis haben,wenn jemand die Sprache kennt.In globalisierten und schnell modernisieren Zeit ist es wichtig ,dass man Sprachbarriern überwinden kann.

Für mich ist eine Fremdsprache kein Problem, weil ich sehr gerne verschiedene Sprachen lernen möchte und habe immer Herz vor allem Sprache zu lernen.

Ich spreche mehr als sechs Sprachen.

Wegen meine Reise hat die sprache auch viel geholfen.Ich könnte mit fast jeder Fremde in verschiedene Sprache unterhalten.Ich habe damit viel Erfahrungen über die Leute und viel Kultur gesammelt könnten. Ich habe immer vor, etwas neues zu lernen und erfahren.

FRAU MANGAL

LA SECTION FRANÇAISE

Les Plaisanteries ([Source- Blague info le répertoire de blagues et humour](#))

Au restaurant

Au restaurant, le garçon demande au client :

- Comment avez-vous trouvé le beefsteak ?
- Tout à fait par hasard, en soulevant une frite !

beau bateau

Un père et son fils sont sur la plage.

- Oh papa, regarde le beau bateau
- Fils, ce n'est pas un bateau mais c'est un yacht
- Ah oui, et comment ça s'écrit?
- Heu..., attend ..., non c'est toi qui a raison, c'est un bateau

Comment On Salue ![Source : Collectif, Le tour du monde des bonnes manières](#)

En Asie, le plus souvent, on fait une petite révérence en signe de respect : on incline la tête seule en Chine ; la tête et le buste au Japon (cela s'appelle l'*ojigi*) ; la tête avec les mains jointes en Inde et en Thaïlande (cela s'appelle le *wai*).

Les Espagnols, les Mexicains et les Anglo-Saxons se donnent l'accolade : ils se prennent dans les bras en se donnant des tapes dans le dos, car autrefois on voulait vérifier que l'autre ne portait pas d'arme cachée derrière son dos...

Dans les pays musulmans, les hommes mettent la main sur le cœur en disant *salam aleikoum* (« la paix soit avec vous »). C'est de cette expression que vient le mot français « salamalec » (« faire des salamalecs », c'est faire des politesses en exagérant un peu). Les Juifs disent en hébreu *shalom alekhem*, qui a le même sens qu'en arabe.

Au Tibet, pour dire bonjour, on se tire la langue ! Mais cela se pratique de moins en moins. On croyait autrefois que l'on pouvait jeter des sortilèges qui coloraient la langue. En la montrant, on prouvait qu'elle était nette.

As the month of November comes to a close.....

As we come to the close of November, hectic and energetic activities are in full swing for the Founder's Day to be held in the month of December. The preparation for the exhibition and the cultural show are keeping the students and teachers occupied with their creative best. Mr. Fiesal Alkazi, Ms. Preeti Jain and Mr. Vishwakant Singha are also training the students to put up a spectacular show. The future months have a lot in store. Many more activities are lined up as the nip in the air catches on and bids adieu to the summer.
