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From the Principal's desk

Seasons come and go and reflecting deeply one marvels at how they teach us deep lessons. Autumn teaches us how beautiful it is to let things go whereas winter is a pause to reflect and introspect while awaiting the beautiful and colourful spring to follow.

January was cold, yet this cold was amply dispelled by the holy flames of Lohri and Holika Dahan. The spirit and joy of these festive occasions illuminated every heart and each corner of the campus. January to March have seen a healthy mix of sports and co-curricular activities and yet academics reigned supreme with the Class XII students wholly and solely focused on their Board Examinations while the rest too concentrated on the preparation for the final examinations with the best of their efforts and dedication.

Spring showed up briefly with glimpses of the colourful buds and the promise of sunshine and fragrance. Summer has arrived early!

Nature is our best teacher on the art of adaptability and how important it is to move on with lessons learnt and our resolutions strengthened.

"Embrace the season of life you are in whether it is a season of rain or a season of sunshine. God is using it to shape you and prepare you for the future!"



Fare thee well - Class of 2017



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CHEERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Lohri Celebration

January 13 - Lohri marks the onset of the harvest season, a time to offer prayers and thank god for a rich harvest. The warmth of bonfire and the sweetness of rewri – the crispy

sweet with a coating of sesame seeds - at Lohri illuminated every heart and sweetened the taste buds. The sound of dhol reverberated in the air making everyone dance to its beats.



Sweets and warmth

Kite Flying

January 14 - As the Sun started its transit into the Makara (Capricorn), marking the end of the month with the winter solstice and the start of longer days, Makar Sankranti was celebrated at the Campus. Sagarians gathered at the cricket field and enthusiastically flew kites. It was a great treat to the eyes to see colourful kites donning the skyline.

Flying high



Republic Day Celebration

January 26 - As rightly said by Mark Twain, "India is, the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend and the great grandmother of tradition. Our most valuable and most instructive materials in the history of man are treasured up in India only."

The Republic Day celebrated with pomp and grandeur as the tricolour flew in the wind in its full glory. Mr. Inder Raj Meena, the Block Development Officer, Tijara graced the occasion. The atmosphere reverberated with patriotic numbers. The young Sagarians showcased their equestrian skills at a specially organized event. The audience was simply enthralled as the students' put up a remarkable show of their expertise braving the rain showers. The staff and students joined hands to cook lunch for the day and the sumptuous meal was enjoyed by everyone.



Patriotic fervour



Guard of honour



Trained to perfection



Horses' galore



Rhythm of patriotism

Bidding adieu-with love - February, 17

"Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends."

Richard Bach

Fare-thee-well- CLASS OF 2017@THE SAGAR SCHOOL

The valedictory function for the outgoing class XII students of The Sagar School was held on 17th February. The vibrant young ladies in the six yards of elegance and the gentlemen in their tuxedos kept all eyes glued as they walked down the aisle with grace and elegance.

The Chief Guest Padma Shri Gowri Ishwaran, the Founder Principal of Sanskriti School, spoke on the sterling virtues of empathy, tolerance and compassion as necessary precursors to success.

The Director, Ms. Sharmistha Julka encouraged the students to go about their lives pursuing their version of happiness, always doing their part to help others achieve their goals and to keep their chins up even in the face of challenges.

The Principal, Dr. Deepak Raj Singh Bisht hoped that they would fly high to achieve their dreams with their roots grounded in integrity and sensitivity towards others.

A walk down memory lane, the nostalgic talks by the Head Boy and the Head Girl touched the hearts of the audience.

The class XII students in the presence of their parents were felicitated with badges, mementoes and Reminiscences@Sagar- a magazine.

Class XI students performed and presented memorable moments captured on video.

The vote of thanks was delivered by the Dean of Administration, Mr. Y.S. Kanyal.

The Class of 2017 along with their teachers and class XI students danced the evening away.

Hari Rao, class XI says...

I was one of the comperes for the occasion. Initially I was a little nervous as I knew I would have all eyes on me while on stage. But when Director Ma'am smiled at me, it boosted my confidence and gave me the courage to take the show forward. It was great to see the seniors all finely dressed up and I stood anticipating my own farewell a year later. I was praised by all and that left me overjoyed.

Shourya Negi, class XII says...

This farewell was a dream-come-true as it happened just the way I had imagined it to be since the last eight years. The day was a blend of mixed emotions and perfect moments of the past. The sheer hard work that our juniors had put in reflected their emotional attachment with us. The inseparable bond which we share here as Sagarians is unforgettable! We carry ahead with us a bunch of beautiful memories which will be inscribed within our hearts as we bid adieu.



Glimpses



Felicitations to the New Alumni Governing Body

February 17 - On the occasion of the Class of 2017 farewell, the members of the newly constituted TSS Alumni Association Governing Body were introduced by Mrs. Julka and Dr. Bisht.



Raghav Goela
President

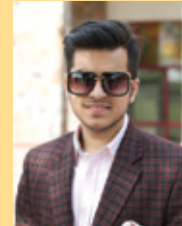


Shikhir Dhingra
Secretary

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES



Aswati Maria Jose
West



Ayush Singh
NCR



Siddhartha Bothra
East

The alumni of any school play an irreplaceable role as silent ambassadors of the institution. They show to the world the quality of the fruit the tree bears. Let us all join hands towards a bigger, stronger and a well-knit network of Sagarians spread all over the world. Let the world know that The Sagar School is capable of producing competent citizens of the world ready to take on whatever life chooses to throw at them.

Many of us have stayed in the same houses, studied in the same class rooms. Let us all take a pledge that we will treat each member of this fraternity as family and strive to help out any Sagarian who is in need, even if we have to go out of our way to do so. Let us pledge that we will actively work at making this fraternity a massive success and give to it the glory it deserves. We owe this to our alma mater!

It is matter of great honour for me to be heading this organization. I completed my schooling in the year 2005 and was roll number 19, Sapphire House. Some may recognize me from my time here, some may not. But I promise you all that my doors are open to all students and ex-students alike. And I assure you of my support and counsel.

Raghav Goela

The feeling of going back to school and be associated with it can be compared to none other in the world. Being the secretary, it gives me immense pleasure to build a community with my fellow Sagarians and take forward the cultural and social heritage of the School.

In this unison, I hope to not only cherish old school memories but also in all ways contribute to my alma-mater. For once a Sagarian, always a Sagarian.

Shikhir Dhingra

I am thrilled to be part of this great initiative to connect Sagarians around the world. I look forward to bringing together the Alumni in the West, and working with our beloved school to plan activities, meets, and all things fun!

We are at a point where we have a good Alumni base. Connecting them together can help us leverage our combined strengths and experiences to add value to our Alma Mater and also re-live our school days and corridor conversations!

Aswati Maria Jose

It's an honour to be a part of the alumni association. I believe that your network is your net worth and the Alumni network is the most organic network that we can have. We will try to make this much more stronger over the coming months and years subsequently.

Ayush Singh

The School has given us a lot over the years of our education, now it is about time that we give it back what it deserves the most, "THE KIDS". Being a part of the Alumni Team from the East gives me this opportunity to bring back every KID who has ever been nurtured by this great Institution.

Siddhartha Bothra

Their messages speak volumes of their best wishes and desire to work for their Alma Mater.

International Women's Day

March 8 - Celebrating, the essence of womanhood, Women's Day was observed at The Sagar School. The lady staff members were greeted with beautiful handmade bouquets and cards. A special musical interlude seasoned with sumptuous snacks was organised by the male counterparts of the faculty.



Sagarian Girl Power!

Cheers to Colours - Holi

March 13 - Holi, the Spring festival was celebrated with colourful enthusiasm on the full moon day in the month of Phalgun which is March according to the Gregorian calendar. The students and staff applied bright colours of abeer, gulal and coloured water over each other with gay abandon. The peppy music made all toes tap to its rhythm and the awesome sweet delicacies and thandai was enjoyed by all.



Colours of love



LAURELS AND ACCOLADES

18th International Child Art Exhibition-2016 by Kshitij Art Society

The Kshitij Art Society has been instrumental in recognising and awarding the talents in the field of fine arts. In this prestigious event our adroit and accomplished young artists- Bengia Tagar, class XII and Akula Bisht, class XI bagged the first prize in the category- Greeting – bagging Gold medals. Congrats!



Bengia Tagar, class XII



Akula Bisht, class XI

Rajasthan Astrophotography Competition

The Astronomical Society of India conducted the Rajasthan Astrophotography Competition wherein **the Sagarians proved their mettle by bagging prizes in all the categories.** Chirayoo Varma, Prabhav Jain both of class X and Pranshu Garg, class IX won the first prize in different categories and they have been awarded with the chance of witnessing the launch of a satellite from Sriharikota High Altitude Range (SHAR). Anjanay Vats bagged the second prize and has been awarded with a personal telescope by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA). A special mention was made of Ashish Jakhar, class X for his acumen with the camera. Kudos!



*City of stars
Are you shining just for me?
City of stars
There's so much that I can't see
Who knows?*

City of Stars by **Chirayoo Varma, class X**



*I love
Everything
Up high:
The sky,
The moon,
I believe in star*

Star Trails by **Prabhav Jain, class X**



*Above the sky I observe,
But no one to conserve
We shall not see again
Let it go in vain
Hence forth the bright star light-will go then.*

Fort Planets by **Ashish Jhakar, class X**



*The sky was awake,
So I was awake
Everything was there
Everything at once
Stars, planets and gods
I felt it!
Everything at once
Everything at once.*

Everything at once by **Pranshu Garg, class IX**



*Whenever I feel lonely and about to cry
I just look up in the sky in the hope
To discover a lot of mysterious
And finally stop when you ...
It evokes the sense of inner happiness I felt just as seeing
the almighty himself.*

Inner Glimpse of Zodiac by **Anjanay Vats, class X**

Chirayoo Varma, class X shares...

Winning the first prize was one of the nicest of experiences for me. We were blessed to have a clear sky during the early morning hours. The fort and the hills looked wonderful and for me it was the best scenery I had ever seen. When I came to know that I would be able to witness a launch from Sriharikota, my heart leaped with joy. I had always wanted to become an aeronautical engineer and Sriharikota is my dream place to go. I am excited and definitely a step closer to what I aspire for.

International English Olympiad, 2017

The International English Olympiad was held on 31st of January at our campus. A fair number of young participants participated. They were tested on grammatical skills, language and comprehending abilities. While all made a mark, a few stood apart, fetching laurels for the school...



Ephraim Chishi, class XI
Zonal rank-2
International rank-41



Mandy Khumanthem, class XII
Zonal rank-6
International rank-130



Yangchuk Renee, class VI
Zonal rank-11
International rank-185

International Cyber Olympiad

Three of our students won impressive International Rank and Zonal Positions at the 2nd level of National Cyber Olympiad:



Pulak Sahu, class XII
Zonal rank-1
International rank-48



Konark Singh Sisodia, class XII
Zonal rank-5
International rank-160



Vishwajeet Yadav, class XI
Zonal rank-9
International rank-231

SOCIAL OUTREACH AND ENDEAVOURS

Lending a helping hand

The Sagar School donated computers to neighbourhood Schools - Baghor Government School and Savitri Devi Gurukul Academy. Their students will gain from using these and becoming computer literate.



Donating Computers for a cause

IAYP Ventures

The IAYP volunteers donated their time and efforts towards assisting the children of the nearby Maliyar Village in studies.



Towards the society



World Book Fair@ New Delhi - January, 15

Rajkaran Gandhi, class X shares...

Twenty eight of us escorted by Mr. Girija Panda, Mr. Anand Saraswat and Dr. I D Mehta visited the acclaimed World Book Fair @ The Pragati Maidan. The experience was informative and educational for each one of us. We got to know a lot about sources of books and authors. There were books on different genres ranging from fiction to mythology. We couldn't help but fill our bags with different books. It was a great day for me and everybody should at least get one chance to see the World Book Fair as it is one of a kind in the world.



For the love of books

Jaipur Literature Fest - January, 21 to 22

K. Rahul, class XI says...

The ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival provides a potentially life-changing opportunity for audiences from Rajasthan, across India and the world to learn from and exchange ideas with contemporary literary stalwarts, placing some of the world's greatest minds, humanitarians, historians, politicians, business leaders, sports people and entertainers from all walks of life together on stage. A few students escorted by Ms. Geeta Khokhran were mighty excited to attend the festival. The moment we stepped inside the Diggri Palace, the atmosphere of the place completely immersed us; the vibrations and the aura were infectious. The mass gathering of people from different countries and cultures was overwhelming. It was so difficult to decide which event to attend. We saw eminent personalities like Shashi Tharoor and Javed Akhtar

exchanging their views on varied topics. It was also a paradise for book lovers. It was an enriching experience as the entire trip was replete with poetry and prose.



Literati

Sagarians@ Keoladeo National Park - February, 4

Anjanay Vats, class X pens down...

The students of class X escorted by Mr. Morgan Martin and Mr. Mithun Patra visited Keoladeo National Park also known as Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. The place is a paradise for photographers as hundreds of migratory birds can be sighted in their breeding ground.

We saw the Egyptian vulture, Grey Lag goose, Northern Pintail, Shikra, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Bar headed goose, White Pelican, Purple Moor, Painted Stork, Great Cormorant, Spoon Bill Duck, purple Heron and many more.

We also visited the bird museum where we saw the largest cut glass Siberian Crane made by 'Swarovski.'

We clicked many photographs. It was a lifetime opportunity as our knowledge about the flora and fauna was enhanced.



Amazing wild

India Art Fair - February, 5

Yangchuk Renee, class VI shares...

We got to see many new things and learn more about art. There were many activities based on art. We admired the masterpieces of many artists and they were striking! Some of them were weird yet beautiful. The experience was amazing. When I left the venue, I was armed with a lot of knowledge and new perspectives.



Art and appreciation

One Globe Conference @ Imperial Hotel, Delhi - February, 11

Suhail Jafar, class XI shares...

We had the privilege of attending the event escorted by Ms. Shipra Bahl. It was an informative and comprehensive session for us. There were talk sessions from the people who could guide the students for getting admitted to the colleges abroad. We learnt about the tips and bits that would make us stand out among the rest. A particular session by Dr. Zafeena Suresh and Mr. Harjiv Singh was quite a help, as they explained about how to manage financial resources and the criteria for getting scholarships in the colleges. We were enlightened with information regarding scholarships as well. I would indeed like to utilise the knowledge for future.



One globe- one world

Suraj Kund Craft Fair - February, 13

Priyanka Advani, class IX shares...

The annual Surajkund Craft Mela is a mega event where skilled artists from all over the country display the rich craft traditions of India in the typical rural setting and bring alive the age-old living crafts tradition. This year the theme state was 'Jharkhand'. The craft mela is organised in such a way where every state is given a platform to promote its traditional handloom. It was a golden opportunity for us to visit the 31st Surajkund Mela and it left us spellbound. The fair is not only limited to exhibitions of artwork but also presents the visual delight to its visitors in the form of special folk dances and musical evenings at the open-air

theatre. It was a day well spent and an unforgettable experience.



Reliving the roots

Solar System Marathon

Mr. Ajay Talwar our visiting astronomer writes..

"A rare opportunity to watch all the planets in one night!"

Normally at any time there are one or more planets hidden behind the Sun from our location on the Earth but on 20th January 2017 all planets were well away from the Sun and could be observed at night. It was a rare opportunity to watch all planets in one night.

The students of the observatory club organised the Solar System Marathon that night. There were several large telescopes available for observing the planets all night. In the evening session, we saw Neptune – the Windy Planet, Venus – the Goddess of Love & Beauty, Mars – the Red Planet, then the Ice Giant – Uranus.

Simultaneously, along with each planet observation, movies about the planet were screened in the open air. Some movies were funny with kid songs and others were fantastic, serious stuff with stunning visuals. The movie screenings had enthralled audience watching continuously. There were Q&A sessions by Mr. Ajay Talwar. Fun and interesting facts about the planets were prepared and presented by the students. Observatory dome visits were scheduled in batches to observe the planets through the 14 inch telescope. Best of all, live view of the planets was screened through a telescope on a giant screen on the observatory wall.

It was quite surprising to see a full attendance in the morning session too on this rather cold morning. We saw the King of Planets – Jupiter followed by the most beautiful sight in the sky – The Planet Saturn, after that we saw a beautiful crescent Moon and Earthshine. And just before sunrise, at the break of dawn came the Messenger of Gods – Mercury.

The entire night event was managed beautifully by students themselves. Nature cooperated fully by giving us a clear sky for the entire night. We had a unique and interesting Solar System Marathon.

Gamak Varshney, class VIII shares...

It was a lifetime experience for me as I witnessed the alignment of the eight planets, including the dwarf planet Pluto being aligned within a time period of 12 hours. Many other schools had also come over to view the same. I felt lucky for my school had the equipment to witness the same. Being the head of photography for the event, I watched each of the planets clearly. The doubt I always had while drawing the planets in the notebook was clarified. The planets along with the thousands of other stars hold many untold secrets of the universe.



Eye the sky...



The grand celestial event



Zealous youngsters

The Sagar Cricket Premier League 2017 - January, 14 to 16

64 players including those from the staff, students and Sodexo staff participated in the tournament. The League was played by four teams namely Renaissance, Trailblazers, Sagar Dragon and Sagar Warriors. Sagar Warriors won and were awarded a cash prize of INR 4000 and Renaissance were declared runners up and received INR 2000.



The teams



Master stroke

Inter-House Cross Country - February, 10

Ruby House proudly lifted the Inter House Cross Country Championship trophy. Rahul Mansukhani, class XI; Neeraj Jakhar, class VIII; Akshaya Hawaibam, class VI; Naku Hage, class XII; Rigzin Wangmo, class VI stood first in their respective categories and were awarded certificates.



Warming up



The quest to win

The Inter House Cricket Championship-February, 5 to 12

The Championship trophy was jointly lifted by Diamond and Sapphire House. The young cricketers showed their master strokes to the cheer of the viewers.



Full concentration!

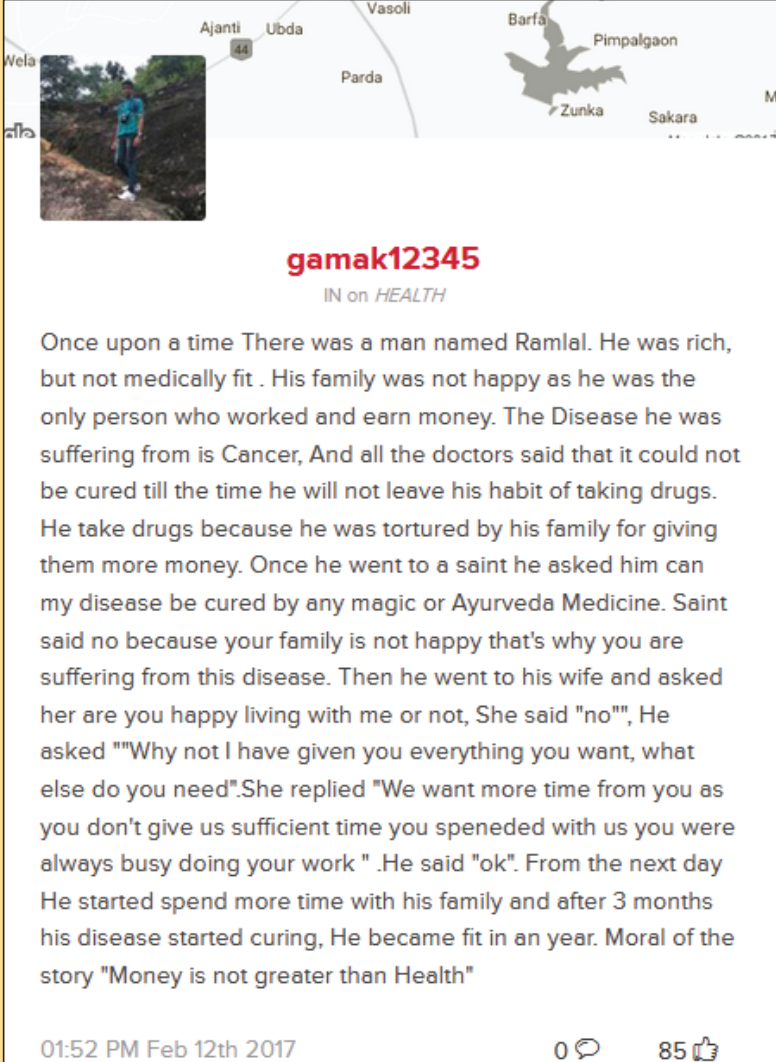


Running between the wickets

CO-CURRICULAR ZONES

Global Scribes

The endeavours of the young Sagarians have been globally acclaimed as they showcase their skills through global scribes. Our student wrote on health.



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IN on HEALTH

Once upon a time There was a man named Ramlal. He was rich, but not medically fit . His family was not happy as he was the only person who worked and earn money. The Disease he was suffering from is Cancer, And all the doctors said that it could not be cured till the time he will not leave his habit of taking drugs. He take drugs because he was tortured by his family for giving them more money. Once he went to a saint he asked him can my disease be cured by any magic or Ayurveda Medicine. Saint said no because your family is not happy that's why you are suffering from this disease. Then he went to his wife and asked her are you happy living with me or not, She said "no", He asked ""Why not I have given you everything you want, what else do you need".She replied "We want more time from you as you don't give us sufficient time you speneded with us you were always busy doing your work " .He said "ok". From the next day He started spend more time with his family and after 3 months his disease started curing, He became fit in an year. Moral of the story "Money is not greater than Health"

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Thoughts on the world wall

Inter House Discover India Quiz

January 28 - To enlighten the students on the rich cultural diversity of India, the Discover India Quiz was held in which all the houses participated. Diamond House stood first in the senior category and Sapphire House displayed their excellence in the junior category.

Dev Krishna Goyal, class VIII shares...

I was nervous at the beginning while seated on the dais. I felt that the participants of the other teams were really strong in the subject and that I might be left behind. But as soon as the quiz began, the nervousness seemed to lessen. At the end, it was a tie between us and another team. I was the one selected for the tie breaker round. That one correct answer made us win. I was elated and happy to have won the quiz.



Quizzical



teamed up for victory

Career counselling

Students of classes IX and X were provided an orientation on higher studies and careers in the fields of Hotel Management and Architecture by Mr. Anupam Srivastava from Admission Campuzz. Individual career guidance sessions were conducted for classes XI and XII.



Where to from here!

STROKES



Sanju Bharati, class VII

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Bharati Choudhary, class XII



Tushita Chanda, class XII