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FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Greetings Sagarians! We're back again after a short break with more news and the latest happenings at **The Sagar School Campus**. A number of new students and teachers added a new look to the School - Chinese, Koreans, Sikkimese, Nepalese, Thai, Middle East, Zambians, and even a number of students from Delhi and its vicinity Gurgaon with even Jaipur and Madhya Pradesh not to forget the South-Kerala and the Northern tip Jammu, have truly given the Sagar Campus not only a National but International feel. Lush green lawns, exotic flowering bushes, gurgling fountains, an excellent infra-structure and a dedicated team of workers—all add to its ambience. The excellent facilities offered by the school management are to be seen to be believed! Truly one is reminded of Omar Khayyam who wrote 'If there is Paradise anywhere on Earth it is here, it is here, it is here.'

The Academic year 2008-09 began with an Orientation Programme for the Staff (31st March) Dr. K. J. Jose talked of 'SWOT ANALYSIS' through his presentation. Mr. Suraj Gir and Mr. J. Jeyakumar shared their experiences of the Seminar at ICS Lucknow on 'Excellence in Education' by Dr. Amrita Dass. The Dean of Studies Mr. T. S. R. Santanam differentiated between a popular teacher and a real teacher while reminding every one of **RESPECT, EMPATHY & GENUINENESS**. More than 97 new students joined the school in different classes right from the IV- XII making the total strength 190. The session commenced on the 2nd of April on rather a happy note.

The Sagar School fraternity welcomed the following staff-

Mr. B. Gupta for Maths, Mr. P. K. Chaturvedi for Chemistry, Mr. Nilanjan Ray Choudhari for French & German, Ms. Gayatri for Geography and Ms. Indu Dhir for English.



A team of 8 students consisting of Rahul Rawat, Saniya Agarwal, Rohit Kanodia, Ishima Jain, Sunaina Dhingra, John Malsawm Kima, Srishti Bose, and Ayush Singh escorted by Mr. J. Jeyakumar left for Germany on the 20th of April 2008 and after a three week invigorating and enjoyable stay, arrived back on the 10th of May. Mr. Freddi Magee and Mr. Mathews, English Gap Year students who have been in the school since the 4th of March left back for England on the 3rd of May. In these two months a lot has been done by them to improve speaking and communication skills among students especially among those coming from China and Korea. The school expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude for all their commitment and assistance.



WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

A basic course in Guidance and Counselling by Dr. Ravindran was held at The Sagar School Campus on the 11th and 12th of April. More than 20 Principals, Administrators, HODs from various schools attended the Seminar.

The XII & the X class students were sent to the **SALWAN PUBLIC SCHOOL** Gurgaon for a career counselling programme. The Chopras also addressed Class XII on Careers and Choices. They emphasized that psychometric profiling based on Personality & Aptitude Test and Interest Batteries would help them to take right decisions. While talking of new careers for economic students viz Equity Research Analysts, Indian Economic Services and Banking, they also stressed that those interested in Geography could opt for becoming Demographers! Opting for universities abroad is also a great option as they offer all kinds of combination of subjects.

On April 11th The Family India presented a talk on Motivation and Inspiration incorporating skits, songs and games. This was presented at the school Amphitheatre.

SPORTS AND GAMES

During recent weeks the Sagar School has been involved in many Inter School Sports competitions. There was success at the Squash Invitational Event at the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sector 8, R. K. Puram, New Delhi where all the 4 teams – under 13, under 15 (2 teams) and under 17 won laurels. The under 13 team consisting of Himanshu Yadav & Apurv Sharma stood 2nd whereas the under 15 and under 17 team secured the 4th position among 15 schools. Overall the school was adjudged the **RUNNERS-UP!** Well done, Himanshu, Apurv, Saniya, Lovesh and Thifadi! These students escorted by Mr. Manmeet Singh, our squash coach, also met top Indian ranking coaches and squash professionals namely Mr. Baweja and Mr. Rahul Kumar.



The Swim Team gave a great account of themselves at the Pathways Tournament returning with 1 gold, 7 silvers and a bronze medal. 16 schools including The Doon School offered a tough fight. Hats off to Mr. Dinesh Singh Parmar for his intensive coaching.

Name of the student/ Class/Category	Events	Position
Himanshu Yadav (VII) Under-14 years	100 Mts. Backstroke	Gold Medal
	50 Mts. Backstroke	Silver Medal
	50 Mts. Butterfly	Silver Medal
Rishabh Madaan (XI) Above-16 years	50 Mts. Butterfly	Silver Medal
	100 Mts. Freestyle	Silver Medal
Romeda Thapa (VII) Under-14 years	50 Mts. Butterfly	Bronze Medal
	50 Mts. Freestyle	Silver Medal
	100 Mts. Freestyle	Silver Medal
So Hyeon Yu (VI) Under-14 years	50 & 100 Mts. Breast Stroke	Silver Medal



The Cricket Team also performed their best in the Inter School 20-20 Tournament at BCS, Shimla though they could not qualify for the finals. It is promising to see the students applying so much effort in these competitions. A sense of pride to be a Sagarian seems to be filling the air.

However, this sense of pride needs to be displayed to prospective students as well, as the sporting facilities and capabilities at The Sagar School are extremely good! If we are to go by the English School System parents also need to take great interest in the sporting achievements of their children as well as in their academic abilities.

CAMPING

On the 11th April, 08, 26 Students of classes VIII & IX; on 19th April 34 students of classes VI & VII; and on 26th April 23 students of classes IV & V went to the nearby Ti-jara fort Roopawas and Maleyar Gujjar village respectively where they camped for the night, cooked food and enjoyed an early morning trek! The feel of moving on a tractor and living in the open under the starry sky was an adventure in itself!



AWARDS & REWARDS

The **International Award for Young People** under the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme for Adventure, Social services, Physical Recreation and Skills has been won by 11 students of Classes X – XII.

Lovish Jain (Class XII) is the first student who has qualified for the **Silver Standard** whereas **Sandeep Yadav, Naseem Zia, Shubham Jain, Sachin Soni, Rishabh Joshi, Mohd. Asif Khan, Pushkar Yadav, Nikhil Singh, Rohit Kanodia and Rahul Yadav** qualified for the **Bronze**. Warm felicitations and congratulations!

I.T.

A number of students especially of Classes IX –XII are making a bee line for the Media Centre from 2.30-3.30 P.M. every day – even on Sundays! Power Point presentations by the students on amazing facts and the wonders of the world in the morning Assembly supplemented with information is definitely a kickstart to the day! Well done students! Keep up the enthusiasm!

GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Our three weeks stay at Stuttgart helped us to experience the normal life of a student who lives and studies in Germany. The method of teaching was generally through Projectors followed by discussion. Students were also encouraged to give presentations which was followed by interactive sessions. Hand outs - also prepared by the students - summed up the class. School hours were from 7.30AM to 3.00PM with each lesson lasting for an hour and a half. Even though there were only 4 lessons in a day with a 20 minutes break, at the end of the day the student sure got exhausted.

What was different was, that a lot of freedom was given to the boys and girls to mix. Seemingly there was perfect silence during class hours.

We also got an opportunity to visit Hiedelberg and Stuttgart and see the Audi Show room; the Mercedes Museum! Undoubtedly, this trip will always be cherished by us.

Ayush Singh, Class XII



Creative Writing IMPRESSIONS

Life at The Sagar School

Life at The Sagar School has been great over the last two months. Arriving from England on March 4th I had no idea what to expect. Entering The Sagar School I was struck by the class of the facilities available; the tennis courts, cricket pitches and swimming pool to name but a few. These facilities provide students at the school with a chance to develop sporting and academic skills.

I received an extremely warm welcome from the staff and students alike. The students were interested in where we had come from and what life was like in England – ‘not so hot’ was the common answer! Settling into the lifestyle took a few days – the stark change in temperature was shock to the system as was the food. British food tends to be less flavoursome and easier on the sense.

My time at The Sagar School has been my first experience of teaching of any kind and the students were very receptive. In the first instance I took infrequent lessons with classes IV and V. These lessons helped me to settle into Sagarian life but also helped the students improve their English. The majority of students speak fluently; however, some still need to work on their structure.

During the last couple of months I’ve enjoyed interacting with the children and observing their lives at The Sagar School. The sporting opportunities are endless and the teachers seem dedicated to their duties. With regards to the development of the school, it is important to instill firm discipline with the children from a young age.

I’ve many fond memories of The Sagar School and look forward to returning in the future.

Freddie Magee
An English Gap Year Student

The Sagar School is a spectacular school. It is well kept and very neat. The environment is rather nice with greenery all around. Students seem to be with nature. The school is surrounded with beautiful mountains. We can see an outstanding view from the school. It has a variety of activities like games, swimming, art, music, dance etc. The food is very delicious. The dorm is very nice. Each student has a small table, cupboard and a bed. We have air coolers everywhere. The teachers and students are very helpful and kind. I really love The Sagar School.

Aashi, Class VI

The Sagar School has the best infrastructure in India. The Principal, the Dean of Studies, the teachers and the house parents are very polite. On the first day of the school I felt very unhappy to leave my family but now I feel it was worth while coming here. I like the studies, the sports and the other activities at the school.

Satvik Raj, Class VI

THE FRESHERS' EVE

Saturday, the 26th April was abuzz with excitement as the school got ready for the freshers' eve – the day when the new students' talent and expertise would be unfolded to be tapped!

The comperes for the day were Saad and Mimi of Class XII who anchored the show and welcomed the audience seated outside, near **The Plaza**. The swaying trees and the lush green grass alongside seemed to set the right mood for nervous but peppy hearts. The show began with a play, by the juniors. The costumes were a perfect setting.

From drama, the evening drifted to dance – feet tapping **Rajasthani folk** by the girls of classes 6th to 11th tutored by Mrs. Hansa Santanam to African delight by the **Sampa brothers** - stole all hearts. We had Korean melody with dance to Chinese and Nepalese music interspersed with self introduction by the new comers. A self composed poem by Tushita of class XI was appreciated as was the extempore speech by Aman Agrawal of class XII and Viral of XI. The skit by Class VII and mime by Class VIII which conveyed that cheating is bad were both well acted. The Dean aptly remarked that The Sagar School could be termed as a global village as we had children from almost all parts of the world. The Principal, Dr. K. J. Jose summed up the show complimenting all the students who had worked hard to make the evening happen. Of course it was kudos to all the teachers who were behind the show! Thanks to the magnanimity of the Principal, the finale was the free for all "dance time" where children rocked to the music in their own groups. From IV to XII, all the freshers were seen having a great time with their counterparts and soon the 97 newcomers were all part of the 'Sagar fold'!



Mrs. Indu Dhir



प्रेम-ज्योति

जीवन जंग नहीं है भाई ,
संग-संग जीना जीवन है
सबसे मिलना प्रेम भाव से ,
यह जीवन का सार है ।

ज्ञान- ज्योति राह दिखाती ,
अच्छे बुरे का भेद बताती ,
बुरे कर्मों से हमें बचाती ,
पुण्य कर्मों हमें लगाती ।

जीवन जीना हमें सिखाती ,
ज्योति तम को दूर भगाती ,
ऊँच-नीच का भेद मिटाती ,
मिलकर जीना हमें सिखाती ।

जन-जीवन में प्यार रहे ,
ज्योतिर्मय संसार रहे ।

ज्योति उदयन
कक्षा- 5

मेरा विद्यालय

हरा-भरा है स्कूल हमारा ,
बच्चों से है उजियारा
हर सुविधा का है आगार,
ज्ञान का होता है संचार ।

सुबह-सुबह जब सूरज उगता ,
बच्चों के माथे पर चमकता ,
ऐसा तेज प्रताप है ,
हर बच्चे में कोई बात है ।

ऊँचे-ऊँचे पर्वतों से घिरा ,
ऊँची-ऊँची सोच से बना ,
हर कला यहाँ मौजूद है ,
बच्चे भी क्या खूब हैं ।

खेद-कूद का प्रभाव है ,
प्रतिभाओं का कमाल है ।

कई संस्कृतियों मिलती हैं ,
बच्चों से यह खिलती है ।

Vatsal Jaipuria Class X

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