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"FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS ARE THE GATEWAY TO ENLIVENING OF HEARTS, CREATING MAGICAL MEMORIES AND STRENGTHENING BRETHREN BONDING."

EDITORIAL

— by —
THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Dear Readers,

In our last newsletter we had reported about the upswing our School teams in football are in. Well, nothing succeeds like success, and our Under-19 boys were merciless in defeating all their opponents in the TSS Annual Sports Meet. Having remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, the School Football Team lifted the trophy in great style, and that also helped in our School being the overall Champions of the TSS Annual Sports Meet.

Football team's success also rubbed on the other School Teams, notably the swimmers. They displayed remarkable progress in the various categories and made us proud.

Other than the sports, we took some decent strides in co-curricular activities. Film making is nowadays the most dwelled upon activity by the youngsters. We had already

experienced the creative talents in our students at the time of Farewell to Class of 2019. Our students had presented something that received a standing ovation; the short film was so rich in concept, storyline, cinematography, editing, sounds and almost all other aspects of film making, that it exceeded the expectations of all the adults who witnessed it. So we decided to field our team in the 'Creative Eye Film Festival' held at Assam Valley School. Not only was it educative, but our team really left a mark in that festival-cum-competition through their short film 'Love is Handmade'.

Excursions, Kalasagar, and Inter-House Athletics were the other events that kept us occupied during this period. As we report this, there is an excitement in the air about the Founder's Day. Students and staff are working with great zeal for it and we hope our guests and parents turn up for the event in great numbers.



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JOINING THE ELITES – THE ROUND SQUARE MEMBERSHIP

Report

by

Diviya Mavaskar, Head Girl

Sometime in the month of August, our new Principal, Dr. Amlan K. Saha formally briefed us, the Students' Council. The main point of his agenda was the membership of the Round Square, which the School had already applied for before his joining. He asked us to study and be aware about the life of a German thinker educationist, Kurt Hahn whose students later founded the Round Square based on Hahnian principles of education. So we came to know about the IDEALS of Round Square; IDEALS stands for – Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service.

A few days later, the Principal informed us that the date for the Round Square inspection had been fixed, and that the visiting dignitaries would be conducted on the campus by the Students' Council. The inspection would be a whole day affair and no teachers would assist us. So it was all on us – the grant of membership depended entirely on the Students' Council. There was initial excitement on being given this responsibility. But its enormity soon dawned on us, setting in a bit of nervousness, I must confess. And so the preparations began. In the preparatory period, our main effort was to prepare ourselves so that we are able to present our case convincingly and handle the queries thrown at us by the visiting dignitaries. We were told one very senior person, Lt. Gen. Surendra Kulkarni, accompanied with another renowned person Ms. Rajbir Kaur Sandhu would come for the inspection. Thus it became a mother of all exams we had faced till now. It started dawning on us that even before our CBSE exam we were told to shift from our juvenile ways of thinking to that of adults. A lot of learning – factual as well as through reflection happened in those two weeks that we prepared ourselves for the inspection.

During the inspection our initial nervousness was visible to Ms. Sandhu who put us to ease by her charm and demeanour; though the inspecting team was quite demanding in information and tested our understanding of the Round Square IDEALS, but they were quite friendly and appreciative of our efforts too. And in hindsight I can say that going through the inspection was easy because of two factors; one, that we had nothing to hide and no one in the School had tutored us to fake any part. We were told to speak the truth and were given full liberty to say what we felt. Led by our Principal and the staff, we had complete conviction that we were already following the Round Square IDEALS, and that if there was anything more that was required to be done, we shall learn that from the inspecting team. The second factor was our preparation which gave us the confidence. A great learning – made us believe in ourselves.

So here we are, now a Round Square School! The outcome has elated us and we feel on top of the world. Here are some glimpses of the inspection.

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THE INSPECTORS - LT. GEN. SURENDRA KULKARNI AND MS. RAJBIR KAUR SANDHU
ALONG WITH PRINCIPAL AND VICE-PRINCIPAL



TAKING THE ONUS- SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE INSPECTORS



THE SCHOOL NURSERY BEING SHOWCASED



CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS ARE ALWAYS IMPRESSIVE



COOKERY CLUB OFFERING SOME DELICIOUS DISHES



STRIVING HARD TO ADD THAT PRECIOUS FEATHER TO THE CAP!!!

PAYING HOMAGE TO THE FATHER OF THE NATION



While speaking at an award ceremony, the legendary film maker Sir Richard Attenborough who produced the film 'Gandhi' in 1982, spoke words to the effect, '...we need Bapu today even more than ever before...' Prophetic words there! He was a mortal, but the ideals and principles he stood for remain the guiding inspiration for all times to come.

While commemorating Bapu on his 150th Birth Anniversary this year, we dedicated ourselves to his ideals of cleanliness, equality and peace. The students woke up to clean their surroundings before going to school routine; the teachers enacted a well prepared mime on peaceful coexistence of different religions; and the students won the hearts of our vendor's staff by serving them in the dining hall. Here are some glimpses from the day.

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WHAT CAN BE A BETTER PLACE THAN SCHOOL TO LEARN
– "UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL"



"BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD" – MAHATMA GANDHI



HARMONY IS THE ESSENCE OF ONENESS



JOIN HANDS TO KEEP THE CAMPUS CLEAN! PUT THE RUBBISH INTO THE BIN!!!



WE SHOULD BE VERY KEEN TO KEEP OURSELVES VERY CLEAN



WE NEED TO BE A TEAM TO FULFIL THE DREAM OF CLEAN



NEAT AND CLEAN IS THE PERFECT SCENE



CARING HAS THE GIFT OF MAKING THE ORDINARY SPECIAL



THE HIGHEST OF DISTINCTIONS IS SERVICE TO OTHERS

THE GLOBAL SAGARIANS

Our Chairperson, Ms. Rosemary Sagar was invited to attend an event in New York organised by Ms. Cynthia English, the dynamic founder of Global Scribes. In that event, four “scribers” presented their inspiring personal stories (the US scribe couldn’t make it). Lo and behold, guess who does Ms. Sagar find there? Two Sagarians - Archana Yengkhom from the Class of 2017 and Aditya Grover from the Class of 2018 presenting their stories. A proud moment for all of us.



ACHIEVEMENT HAS DOUBLE LOCKS- HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE ARE THE KEYS!!!



GLOBAL CITIZENS IN THE MAKING

TEACHERS’ DAY

What made the Teachers’ Day this year so special was a great gesture from our alumni of the Class of 2019. Led by the Head Boy of that batch, Wangchuk Tonyot and Sports Captain Ashish Jakhar, twelve of them decided to skip their college classes and landed up at the School. They went and greeted each and every teacher including admin staff member with flowers. We applaud their wonderful gesture! With tongue in cheeks- skipping the college classes for such a thing is no act of sin!

Ms. Amandeep Kaur, our Front Office Executive is one of the oldest serving members in the School. She has a good bonding with the students – present as well as past.

Here are her expressions for the Teachers’ Day.

EXPRESSIONS FOR THE TEACHERS' DAY

by

Amandeep Kaur, Front Office Executive

'Good teachers are the reason why ordinary students dream to do extraordinary things...'

-Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

I have been working with The Sagar School for the past 18 years; so the School is my home. The first home and not the second one! I started my adulthood here – raising a family as well as learning and growing up professionally. More than raising my own family, it is the Sagarian connect with the larger community that I feel has given me the sense of belonging, pride and the human bonds.

Teachers' Day holds a special place in our minds. Every year students invite us and make us feel so special. We always look forward to it. This year too the day started with the Head Boy Purab and Head Girl Diviya escorting us from the Staff Room for breakfast, with students lined up on both sides of the road to welcome us. The smile on their faces says it all while they present us with handmade cards. Sitting on the breakfast table, being served by our students fills us with pride as well as affection for them; pride to see their etiquettes and hospitality at display. And then they leave us free for the day – the twelfthies taking over the junior classes as teachers while we watch movies or play cards in the Club. And of course the day ends with a cultural programme put up by students. Yes they do mimic the teachers in some of the items of the cultural show, but its great fun, and their way of telling their teachers they love.

I really wish to thank all the Sagarians from the inner core of my heart. Really appreciated your hard work and our best wishes for your future endeavours! I would also like to thank the Editors of The Sagarian Times for this opportunity to place my expressions on record.

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A GRAND WELCOME!!!



BEING GIFTED ALWAYS BRINGS CHEERFUL SMILES



STUDENTS MAKE THEIR TEACHERS FEEL 'ON THE TOP OF THE WORLD'



"INDEED YOU MADE US FEEL SPECIAL"
- DR. SAHA COMMENDING STUDENTS FOR ALL THEIR EFFORTS



VISIT BY THE ALUMNI MADE THE DAY FOR THE TEACHERS



TWELTHIES ON STAGE



THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS PRESENTING FOR THEIR TEACHERS



IMITATING TEACHERS CAN BE RISKY- WELL! OUR STUDENTS ARE RISK TAKERS!!!

DEEPAWALI

The festival of light represents all that is good in us. It's truly so with the Sagarians. Since last Diwali, Sagarians willingly gave up crackers because of environmental concerns in favour of 'Rangolis' and 'Diyas'. And everyone remembered how the Twelthies last year hogged up all the decorative materials from all over the campus and strode away with the prize for the best Rangoli. This year everyone was equally prepared. But hold on – the rain gods had some different plans. It started pouring when the children and their tutors were still working on their Rangolis for the competition. Hold on still – our children's spirits could not be dampened by the rains. They took out their bed sheets and whatever else they could, to protect their creative works. In the end, the judges once again found it difficult to decide whom to award the first position.

Prior to departure for Diwali Break, the School's Director hosted a party for the Staff, which she does every year. There were fun games and tambola in the afternoon party culminating in lunch.

Here are some glimpses of the creativity of our children and the staff party.

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS- SHUBH DEEPAWALI



COLOURS OF FESTIVITY



DIWALI PARTY



CREATIVE EXUBERANCE

From the Classrooms

A NEW MEANING TO THE PTM

When it comes to ideating something out of the box, you can always expect our Principal Dr. Amlan K. Saha to spring out something unexpected. He does have lots of ideas up his sleeves. In the spirit of 'let learning be in the hands of learners' he came up with the idea - why not involve students, individually in carrying out their own performance review in front of their parents and in the presence of teachers. So, a month before the PTM in September, he set the ball rolling; students were explained that this coming PTM, they will brief their parents on everything about their academic progress along with their work and remarks in the notebooks. Students were also asked to invite their parents for PTM by sending them handmade cards. A simple idea, but it has far reaching positive consequences - brings in the necessary sense of responsibility towards their own progress among our students. And we hope measures like this will solidify our academic practices further.

Sure enough, the parents turned out in large numbers. We also organised a poster making activity in the Arts Block wherein parents and their wards participated in making posters.



"EDUCATION IS A SHARED COMMITMENT BETWEEN DEDICATED TEACHERS, MOTIVATED STUDENTS AND ENTHUSIASTIC PARENTS WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS."
- BOB BEAUPREZ



TOGETHER WE MIGHT GIVE OUR CHILDREN THE ROOTS TO GROW
AND WINGS TO FLY



MAGIC IS CREATED WITH A BLOB OF COLOURS AND SWISH OF BRUSHES

From the Auditorium

ANUVRAT NATIONAL SINGING COMPETITION

In a State level inter-school competition, “Anuvrat National Singing Competition” held at Jaipur, we achieved 3rd position in the inter-school moral group singing .



PARTICIPANTS WITH THEIR MENTOR

CREATIVE EYE FILM FESTIVAL

Creative Eye Film Festival is an event conducted by the Assam Valley School. Students were first put through a very well conducted workshop on film making; and were then asked to make a short film on the theme ‘Hero’. The subject had been given well in advance before the workshop.

Our team chose to make the short film titled ‘Love is Handmade’ on ‘mother’ as their hero. When it comes to matter of hearts, Sagarians are known to win over. ‘Love is Handmade’ was screened before an audience consisting of some 300 students and 70 adults and received a roaring applause. They won the top honours for ‘Concept and Storyline’, while the runners-up position on overall basis.



THE POSTER...



ONE OF THE SCENES FROM ‘LOVE IS HANDMADE’

From the Performing & Creative Arts

KALASAGAR – THE ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Like every year, Kalasagar, the annual art festival was held at the campus from September 9 to 12. This participative festival is unique of its kind in which all students and staff of the School participate in various workshops that are conducted by the resource persons from various fields of arts. The School also extends this opportunity to students and staff from schools in the neighbourhood by inviting them to participate in the festival.

This year we conducted workshops on - Theatre by renowned artist, Mr. Kaushik Bose from Kolkata; Contemporary Dance by Mr. Lakshay Sharma, the well-known Kathak Dancer from Mumbai and Ms. Deepa Chaudhary, the in-house Dance Teacher; Film Making by the young film director Mr. Aditya Bhasin who is also an alumnus of The Sagar School; Paper Craft by Mr. Arun Desai from Bengaluru; Pottery by Mr. Shiv Ratan; Paper Mache by Mr. Ajay Negi; Vocal and Instrumental Music by Ms. Priyanka Mukherjee and Mr. Prem Narayan Upadhyay; Quilling by Mr. Pravesh Chauhan; and local crafts like Wind Chimes by Ms. Amarjot Kaur.

The festival was graced by the Founder of Gramin Vikas Evam Chetna Sansthan Ms. Ruma Devi of Barmer, Rajasthan, recipient of 'Nari Shakti Award' by the President of India in 2018.

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MS. RUMA DEVI AT TSS



WE ARE HUMBLLED BY THE ICONIC PRESENCE



FESTIVITIES BEGIN



INSTILLING CREATIVITY IN YOUNG MINDS



PAPER CRAFT WITH MR. ARUN DESAI



TAPPING FEET WITH ALL VIGOUR – SAGARIANS WITH MR. LAKSHAY SHARMA



SINGING OUT LOUD WITH MS. PRIYANKA MUKHERJEE



“ALL THE WORLD’S A STAGE AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN ARE MERELY PLAYERS..” – WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



ART HAS THE POWER TO TRANSFORM, TO ILLUMINATE, TO EDUCATE, INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE



“CREATIVITY IS INTELLIGENCE HAVING FUN” – ALBERT EINSTEIN



MUSIC IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE SOUL

Sports Round-up

THE SAGAR SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

The much sought after TSS Annual Sports Meet 2019 – a multi discipline sports event – was held at campus on October 5 and 6. Seven schools from NCR and Rajasthan participated. The event was held in three disciplines – Under-19 Football boys; Under-17 and Under-14 Badminton Boys; and Under-19 Table Tennis for Girls.

Former India Football Captain and Dhyan Chand Awardee, Mr. Shabbir Ali, presently coaching Abbas Union FC, (1st division) affiliated to Telangana State Football Association, Hyderabad adorned the event as Chief Guest.

Sagarians once again dazzled by convincingly winning the Football and the overall Championship Trophy.

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MR. SHABBIR ALI ADDRESSING THE SAGARIANS



THE PARTICIPANTS STRIKE A POSE



SAGARIANS IN THE MIDDLE - AMIDST ROARING APPLAUSE



WE STAND TRUE TO OUR OATH OF SPORTSMANSHIP



THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY



RETURNING THE SERVE



WE STRIVE TO BE THE BEST



"TALENT WINS GAMES BUT TEAMWORK AND INTELLIGENCE WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS" - MICHAEL JORDAN



ATHLETICS

Inter-House Athletics was conducted in the presence of renowned educationist Mr. B. R. Dubey. The event began with a march past, lighting of the torch and taking the customary oath to abide by the rules and fairness of the sports. Each year, the ceremonial part of sporting events has been an improvement; and so it was this time since we added the 'Beating the Retreat' as the end of the event. The Students' Council played their role to near perfection in conducting the ceremonial part.

Coming to the sporting events- as always it was a tough fight till the last event, with a nail biting finish when Emerald and Ruby Houses shared the top slot. What a cliffhanger of an event it was.



MARCHING FORWARD TO EXCELLENCE



LIGHTING THE FLAME OF SPORTSMAN SPIRIT



FASTEST RUNNER FOR THE YEAR 2018-
KARANPREET SINGH LIGHTING THE TORCH



WE PLEDGE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES



TAKING THE OATH



A PHOTO FINISH



THE CHIEF GUEST APPRECIATING THE SPIRIT



1500M THE TOUGHEST RACE IN ATHLETICS



OUR SPORTS CAPTAIN - A TRUE CHAMPION



PROUD TO STAND THERE



PROUD HOUSE VICE CAPTAINS ALONG WITH THE SPORTS CAPTAIN



TSS IN ALWAR DISTRICT AND RAJASTHAN STATE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Our teams, especially the swimming did very well in the District and State Schools Championships. Our Under-17 and Under-19 participants in boys and girls category won nine Gold and two Silver medals in the District Schools Championship in Swimming. Similarly, we won two Gold, two Silver and two Bronze medals in the Under-14 category, thus winning the overall District Championship in swimming.

In the Rajasthan State School Championship in Swimming, four of our students participated, and Nikita Sharma, Class IX won a Bronze medal.

Another star performer of the School was Shruti Gupta, Class XII in Table Tennis. She was part of the Alwar District Team that participated in the Rajasthan State School Championship in Tennis. Even though the Alwar District team did not fare well in the tournament, but Shruti was shortlisted amongst the probables who would represent the State in the National Schools Championship.

Well done Sagarians!!



OUR GOLDEN GIRL AT THE STATE SWIMMING

Outings and Excursions

Come September, and the Sagarians start twisting on their tunes with excitement! Excursion, the much awaited event is finally here. Like every year, excursions are a mix of adventure-cum-educational tours. Students bond with each other through the fun of visiting and exploring new places. This year, the various trips touched Nepal, Dharamshala, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Shimla, Mussorie, Rishikesh, Bangalore, Ooty, Mumbai and Pune. Children partook in the adventure of trekking, para gliding and rafting. They visited some of the awesome scenic places in Nepal, Himalayas and Nilgiri Hills. Here are some glimpses from the tours.



THERE'S MAGIC IN THE COOL RAPIDS



MOMENTS CAPTURED AT JALLIANWALA BAGH



READY TO SOAR HIGH!!!



WE DIDN'T REALISE WE'RE MAKING MEMORIES;
WE JUST KNEW WE'RE HAVING FUN!



PHOTOGRAPHS ARE A RETURN TICKET TO A
MOMENT OTHERWISE GONE!!!



LIFE IS MEANT FOR GOOD FRIENDS
AND GREAT ADVENTURES

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