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Prizes & Surprises-from The Sports Arena

The Academic year 2008-09 has been full of prizes and surprises for the Sagarians.

*In **Badminton** in the **Alwar District Tournament** organized in the month of September (10th – 14th) it was a clean sweep with Aryaman Gir (class V) being adjudged as the winner in the under 13 category defeating Santosh Udayan (class VI) of our own school and Saniya Agarwal (class X) winner in the under 16 category. Thipbodee Singh & Saniya were the runners up in the Doubles (Under 16) while Saniya was adjudged runners up in the under 19 category. Well done, Sagarians!



*The CBSE West Zone Swimming Championship brought home 5 bronze medals-3 won by Rishabh Madaan in the under 19 category – 200 Mts Butterfly, 400 Mts Individual Medley and 400 Mts Free style; Romeda Thapa won Bronze in 100 Mts Free style & Tanya Kabeer in the 100 Mts Back Stroke (Under 19)

Winners of the CBSE Soccer Tournament



***But to top it all success came zooming in with the CBSE Inter School Soccer Tournament** played at the Lords International School Chikani between the 11th – 14th October! Right from the beginning it was a clean sweep for the Sagarians! They won all the 3 qualifying matches against Bikaner School, Bikaner (4:1), Modern Public School, Bhiwadi (5:1), Alwar Public School (3:1) and won the semi final match against SMS, Jaipur in tie-breaker. The final match was played against the Lords International School at Chikani on the morning of the 14th. The Sagar School emerged the winner of the CBSE Football Championship (2:0) creating a new record in the school history! Kudos to the football team and three cheers for the coach Mr. Y. S. Kanyal for the superb training!



A special word of mention and praise for Ahn Min Chul & Ahn Seung Hyun not to forget the goalkeeper Nikhil Singh! All in all it was excellent team work which proved that nothing works better than success!



Ahn Min Chul-The Best Soccer Player of the Tournament



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It was a very motivational, inspirational and great tournament for all of us. We learnt how to play a better game. We learnt new strategies. The spirit of the game was very high and the standard was outstanding! Getting an award for the Best Player of the Tournament was a very happy moment for me.

Qualifying for the National is indeed a very big achievement and a glorious moment. We can proudly say that we are in the top 16 in India in football.

**Ahn Min Chul (XI B)
Captain-School Soccer Team**



We gave our 100% in every game to help our team win. All the motivational words spoken by Kanyal Sir really helped us to get through every match and realize our true potential. After playing this tournament we realized that only by taking pains and making an effort dreams can be turned to reality.

Mrityunjay Hawai bam (XI B)

Sagar Invitational Basket Ball Tournament

The Second Sagar Invitational Inter-School Basketball Tournament for the year 2008-09 was played at The Sagar School, Tijara from Friday 29th August, 2008 among Springdales School, Delhi, Pathways World School, Gurgaon, Defence Public School Vaishali Nagar, Jaipur, Alwar Public School, Alwar, Mayoora School, Ajmer and the host school. More of a festival of basketball as defined by the Principal, Dr. K. J. Jose, in his inaugural speech, the game brought the young vibrant basketballers of Delhi and Rajasthan in a common arena where healthy competition, team spirit and individual talent was displayed in plenty. The two semi-final matches played between the Alwar Public School and Springdales; the Mayoora School and The Sagar School were extremely exciting. The final was played on Sunday the 31st morning at the wooden indoor court at The Sagar School between Springdales, Delhi and The Sagar School where Dr. A. K. Srivastava, Director, Physical Education, Delhi University was the Chief Guest.



The Springdales School, New Delhi emerged as Winners whereas The Sagar School was the Runners-Up! The officials for the matches were Mr. B. S. Hooda, Mr. Ashok Sindhu, Mr. Rajendra Das and Mr. Pradeep Hooda, 'A' Class referees from Basketball Federation of India. All the matches were played in the right professional spirit



TRIPS & TOURS

All roads to Darjeeling & Gangtok

The Sagarians had a spring in their step and a song in their heart. It was all because they were getting set for the most awaited and the most enjoyable time - the school's educational tour, when all the classmates would go out together - a chance of a life-time! On the 28th September, 2008 the students of classes IX and XI set out on a tour to Darjeeling & Gangtok.

The world seemed happy, bright and brimming with life and hence the two day long train journey from Delhi-Siliguri and a couple of hours of bus travel to Gangtok, Sikkim though tiring left us as excited as the brightly lit town. From the Hotel Royal Plaza—the place of our stay we moved to the Nathula Pass—the Indo-China border. The perennial rivers, the reflecting lakes, the high mountains, rocks and springs on the way to Nathula Pass were eye-catching. Yak riding on the way back to the hotel was yet another novel experience for many of us. The next day we set out for Darjeeling and had an enjoyable time shopping at the local market area. The next day at dawn, we were at the Tiger Hill, where the sun rose upon a tranquil world and spread benediction around the town! The view of the world's third highest mountain-Kanchenjunga was a memorable one for the snow clad mountains were turned golden by the sun. After Tiger Hill we moved to Mirik for horse riding and then to Pashupatinagar - the Indo-Nepal Border — where a cheap shopping spree brought an end to a rather enjoyable and memorable tour!

Mahesh Pathak (XI B)



RIVER-RAFTING

We started from The Sagar School on the morning of 28th September for our trip to Mussoorie. We were 9 students with our teacher escort Mr. Ajoy Kumar Das. We travelled the whole day and then reached a small place called Kaudiyala. It was situated on the banks of river Ganga. Tired and exhausted we went to bed. The next day, we woke up and prepared ourselves for an experience of a life time-river rafting. Many of us were doing it for first time and we were very excited for we were to take the 24 km long-river rafting trip in the river Ganga. Our guide taught us forward paddling, backward paddling and life saving tactics. Then, he made us comfortable with some water drills. After that we started with rafting. After rafting for 1 km or so, our first rapid came. It was an enjoyable moment when our boat went down and came up. We swam in the river holding on to our jackets. This was another great moment. Similarly we crossed many dangerous rapids and had fun in water. The next day, during training camp our guide told us how to save a boat and how to save others and what precautions we need to take. It was a good learning process and we all were happy after learning one more adventurous activity.

After rafting for 4 to 4.5 hrs, we were very delighted to get a chance to do training camp. After that we moved to Mussoorie and stayed there for 2 days and visited local sites. On the 2nd October, we reached Dehradun in the evening, visited the city and on 3rd Oct, we came back to school. It was the last school trip for our group because we are in class 12. All the adventure and facilities made it a memorable one for us.

Lovish Jain (XII)



Promoting Debating Skills

The Cicero's Challenge

The most wonderful interaction and exposure for The Sagar School happened through their participation in the Cicero's Challenge – an International Debate Competition organized by the Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM), New Delhi on the 4th & 5th of September 2008. The School, represented by Harshit Saboo of class XI and Aman Agarwal of class XII was one of the 62 schools of India and abroad to participate on the topic 'The Internet like Alcohol should have a certain age criteria'. Having made it to the semi-finals we waited with bated breath for the results to be declared for both our debaters did exceeding well and left their mark, when lo and behold we were told that **Harshit Saboo had made it to the finals with 21 other speakers chosen from a total of 132!** The topic 'The Inconvenient Truth is that there is nothing we can do about Global warming, so quit trying' became a challenge as Harshit chose to speak for the motion. Anchored by Arindam Chaudhuri, the debate exposed the school to a myriad styles of debating world wide from the Doon School, Mayo College in India to Christ's Jr. College Bangalore, Symbiosis, Pune to Sr. Bede's Shimla: Sanawar to Salwan besides the other reputed debaters from Italy, Bosnia, Switzerland, France, Mauritius, Dubai, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Turkey, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Muscat; Vietnam, Slovenia, Austria and even South Africa! It was thus no mean feather in the cap for Harshit Saboo when he was told that he was one of the top 6 contestants! What an excellent gift for the Teachers' Day!!

Mrs. Indu Dhir

Silent Slave

I lay upon myself, heavy as
guilt

Latent from the eyes of the
Lord

Cursed and laved by sins
I, altogether changed and
yet the same

Voiced myself.

Darkness inhaled me
Breathlessly swept over me
Chose me in the ordeal of
life

To be its silent slave.

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Tushita Singh (XI)



From the Academic Wing

The 1st Terminal Examination for classes VI – XII concluded successfully on the 26th of September 08. This was followed by a week long break from academic work when the school organized excursions and adventure trips for the students of classes IV – XII.

NEWS UPDATE

On the 10th evening the Chairman Dr. Vidya Sagar and the Director Mrs. Sharmistha Julka visited the school with Mr. Ziegfried Huber, Principal of The German School, New Delhi to promote the Exchange Programme further.

*The 1st P. T. A. meeting took place on Saturday. The 10th September between 11.00 – 5.30 PM which was well attended.

*Tushita Singh (class XI) participated in a Creative Writing Competition organized on the 4th September at the IIPM grounds. She did extremely well.

*Ayush Singh and Chirag Bansal participated in an Open Inter School Debate Competition organized at N. I. S. Patiala. The topic for debate was given to the debaters an hour before the competition. Both the debaters won a lot of applause.

*The Inter House Cross Country was conducted on the 19th morning with a lot of fanfare. Diamond House emerged the Winner!

*Ten students from Germany accompanied by their teacher escort arrived at The Sagar School on the 19th October as part of the exchange programme.

*The Inter-House One-Act Plays concluded successfully on Friday, the 24th October 2008. They displayed excellent acting prowess and potential. The following plays were staged.

Diamond House-`The Man who wanted to Fly`

Ruby House-`The Monkey's Paw`

Sapphire House-`Passion, Poison & Petrification`

The School closed for the Diwali Break from Sunday 26th – October to Sunday the 2nd November 08. **We wish all our readers a very happy and prosperous Diwali.**

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