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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The 'Old' gives way to the 'New'... It's been a very long summer and the rains took their own sweet time coming. But when it rained, it literally poured! Thankfully the wearisome part of the year is behind us now and the campus, as well as its residents, are once again full speed ahead.

During the summer vacations, a large number of admissions took place. The teachers and the existing students rose admirably to the task and helped the newcomers find their groove within a few days. New friendships and newer aspirations combined with rejuvenated spirits all around have thereafter speeded up the pace of activities in these past months.

Whereas on the one hand students and their teachers have covered much ground in academics and got the Formative Assessment – III as well as the Summative Assessment – I out of the way, co-scholastic activities in the cultural and sports domain have also kept pace. The Sagarians attended the state convention of the SPIC-MACAY and participated in various workshops conducted by them. Within campus, a comprehensive mix of inter-house declamation, debate and quiz competitions resulted in the spotting of many a rising star. The Heritage Project under the guidance of Mr. Feisal Alkazi which commenced at the beginning of the current session, also gathered steam as the date for finalization of the project draws near. Besides these, our students were also involved in a lot activities at the international as well as community level under the aegis of the British Council / BBC and the International Award for Young People (IAYP) program respectively. Sports too remained an integral part of the students' schedule inspired as usual by the thought that healthy minds prosper in healthy bodies. Needless to say, the latter retained their reputation as the most popular aspect of schooling from the students' point of view.

A number of events related to career and guidance counseling for the students and in-service training for the teachers also punctuated the daily routine of the campus. As an outcome of these, we are now prepared to expand and diversify the motifs on our canvas of schooling with the introduction of the Adolescence Education Program. The AEP has emerged as the new flagship program of the CBSE after the introduction of the CCE and we are resolved to ensure that our students derive maximum benefit from it.

"Success" as the renowned author and self help expert Robert Collier said, "is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." While we kept our minds and efforts focused on the 'doings', success has been 'happening' to us quietly behind our backs so to speak. The Sept issue of the highly acclaimed periodical, EDUCATION WORLD in its cover story, has described The Sagar School as the latest debutant in the list of thirty best boarding schools of India! Not that we are content to be rated at the 28th position, it still is gratifying to know that we bested some very accomplished and acclaimed schools along the way to reach this spot.

Lao Tzu has somewhere said, "Accomplish but do not boast; accomplish without show, accomplish without arrogance, accomplish without grabbing, accomplish without forcing." This is a piece of advice I reserve for all of us here at School, but I would be failing in my duties if I did not acknowledge the generous and unflinching support that we have received from our superiors and the entire community of our stake holders without which this achievement would not have been possible.

That said, lest some of us pause to rest on our laurels, I would do equally well to remind ourselves, "If what you have done yesterday still looks big to you, you haven't done much today." — Mikhail Gorbachev

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Resource Person	Date	Topic
Ms. Sapna Zarwal Workshop	13 & 14 July	1. Laying The Foundation Stone For The Whole Year 2. Joining Hands 3. Learning Disabilities
Ms. Amita Ameen Career Counseling	17 July	Dutch Higher Education
Mr. Simarjit Singh Workshop	18 July	Motivation
Ms. Rosemary Sagar Career Counseling	10 Aug	Investing & Marketing
Dr. Rathnasree	21 July	Career Opportunities In Astronomy
Ms. Puja Dawar Career Counseling	11 & 12 Sept	Career Options

CAREER COUNSELING

To continue with our efforts to guide and open the door of choices that education has to offer in the current global scenario for the students many presentations were held. The students showed their interest and anxiousness. To help them make career choices the School Management takes a very keen interest.

17 July

A Presentation for students by Ms. Amita Ameen (Student Counselor)

Topic: DUTCH HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA

Venue: The Auditorium

Attended by students of classes 9, 10, 11 & 12

Ms. Ameeta Ameen is a student counselor and represents the Nuffic Neso Desk which is responsible for promoting Dutch Higher Education in India. Her presentation was a very interesting interactive session which revolved around the following points:

Dutch Higher Education System: the courses, the quality assurances and the code of conduct; why study in Holland? Admission requirements; money matters – the fee structure, scholarships, lodging etc.

A lot of information was given to the students about the wonderful country of Netherland. A power point presentation took the students all around the country and also exposed them to some interesting facts about it. The students of class 12 were very curious. Li Boqian, You Jin and Sahil Jain showed a lot of interest.

At the end of the session a feedback form was filled by students of Classes 11 & 12.



Career in Astronomy: A Presentation by Dr. Rathnasree, Director, Nehru Planetarium 21 July

The students of The Sagar School were very fortunate to have Dr. Rathnasree, the Director of Nehru Planetarium to talk to them about astronomy as a career option. Her visit is highly appreciated and the School is honored to have an eminent personality of such repute to make the future generation aware of various interesting facts about Astronomy. She addressed students about the evolution of Indian Astronomy. She also threw light on History of Astronomy and the work of ancient Indian astronomers.

Indian monuments and their relation with astronomical concepts were also part of her presentation.

Dr. Rathnasree made students aware of making their career in Astronomy and other fields related to it. An introduction of world's famous observatories and the contribution of India in astronomy was also the part of her talk.

The Sagar School family is indeed very fortunate to have her amidst them.

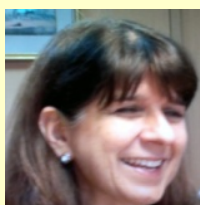
A Presentation for students looking for options in the field of Banking and Investment 10 August

Speaker and Presenter: Ms. Rosemary Sagar

The Sagar School is again fortunate to have as its Chairperson, Ms. Rosemary Sagar, a well-travelled and a person with a vast experience in the field of banking and investment. A graduate from Columbia Business School and a student of Jim Rogers, she has held many prestigious positions in reputed companies in the US and UK.

At the time she opted for this career not many ventured into this. However, she was able to take her career and move ahead smoothly to achieve heights. Ms. Rosemary Sagar has worked in the field of finance for over 27 years and has made a mark for herself in the investment business. The students were enamored by her tremendous knowledge and her ability to expound on every aspect of it and students were exposed to the real world of investing. Widely travelled, she was able to inform students that they need to begin thinking and investigating opportunities since the world is pacing ahead very rapidly.

A very interesting session and many queries made it clear that this was a career option that the students could opt for.



ASTRONOMY ROUND UP**MR. SACHIN BATRA**

Observatory is an integral part of our school. At the initial stage observatory activities were limited only till star gazing through telescope. In recent past, we noticed that there is a group of students who has displayed a keen interest in Astronomy. Keeping this in mind, a spectacular club has been formulated and a team of dedicated teachers help the students to execute the various Astronomy activities. The club conducts the activities generally on Saturday afternoons. The purpose of these activities is to inculcate interest and share celestial knowledge with young minds.



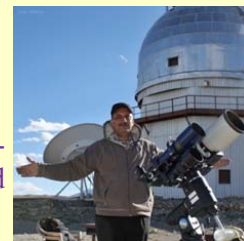
Under the expertise of Mr. Ajay Talwar, (Resource Person), the famous amateur astronomer many activities have been initiated and conducted by the club.

OBSERVATIONS: VENUS AND SATURN**SOLAR WALK:**

It is an interesting activity, in which students walk a distance of approx 1 km in campus and compare the distances in the solar system with this 1 km distance. Moreover they stay at the measured distances on the way and share the information about various planets.

FUTURE PLANS TO DEVELOP THE ASTRONOMY CLUB

- Initiation of projects and model making for Founder's Day.
- Process of procuring instruments like camera and auto guider to start astrophotography.

**MY NEIGHBOURHOOD: HERITAGE PROJECT****SHIVANI GUPTA**

Under the expert guidance of the veteran theatre personality, Mr. Feisal Alkazi, a special program has been initiated. It has been named the 'Heritage Project'

The theme of the project is 'My Neighborhood'. Exploring Tijara and the surrounding areas to learn about the Art, History, Geography, Language, Culture, Economics and Urbanization forms the basis of the project. The ongoing project will culminate in the month of December in an incredible show that will be one to reckon with. A complete learning experience for the students



The students of class 4 to 10 have been divided into seven groups and are exploring. The concept of investigating, discovering, research, survey

and creativity which is the essence of education will find vent in charts, diary entries, posters, book folders, newspaper, stories and various other art forms.

IAYP: SERVICE, SKILL, RECREATION & ADVENTURE

Under the banner of IAYP, 4 students were awarded silver medals and 1 student was awarded the bronze medal. These awards are given on the basis of hours spent in learning a skill, rendering service, physical recreation & adventure journey. The students who are recipients of the award are:-

SILVER MEDALS

Harsh Metrey, Kamini Sahu, Yuvraj Singh, Somya Yadav

BRONZE MEDAL

Phuntsog Angho

From these, 3 students have applied for the gold.

Another interesting aspect is that in July 19 students and 2 teachers have registered for various levels for the IAYP Award.

23 June - 25 June

The IAYP Coordinator, Ms. Madhubala Sharma attended a NTW (National Training Workshop) in Daly College, Indore that updated the information regarding IAYP organization, its function and the YES (Young Engaging Society) Centers.

VANMAHOTSAV: A PROGRAMME CONDUCTED UNDER IAYP**06 September**

The IAYP students planted saplings in and around the campus. It was an environment friendly day which was enjoyed by all. Approximately 50 saplings were planted which included the saplings of the Gulmohar, the Neem, the Piplal etc.

WE ARE THE LEADERS - 2012-2013: OFFICE BEARERS**30 July**

School Captain (Boys)	Parikshit Jhorar	12A
School Captain (Girls)	Kamini Sahu	12A
House Captain, Diamond House	You Jin	12B
House Captain, Emerald House	Abhijeet Singh Dhillon	12B
House Captain, Ruby House	Sahil Jain	12A
House Captain, Sapphire House	Pulkit Bara	12A

OUR SPECIAL GUEST STUDENTS FROM USA**01 August - 10 August**

Two bubbly guest students were seen on campus. Everyone was keen to know their identity. The old students knew them but the new ones kept wondering. The school is fortunate that the grandchildren of Dr. Sagar were part of the School for 10 days. They were given a special schedule where they learnt Hindi, Music, Art, Dance, Clay Modeling and Jewelry Designing and they visited the surrounding areas too. They study in USA and their stay proved to be a good exchange program for the students. Apart



from being talented, Aidan and Sebastian are sharp and quick learners. They enjoyed their stay and expressed their desire to prolong the stay for a few more days.

SPIC MACAY**03 August - 05 August****Ms. Manmeet Sidhu**

MALHAAR, an event organized by SPICMACAY, from 3rd August to 5th August, 2012 at Vivekananda Institute of Technology, Jaipur was attended by The Sagar School with full vigor. Six enthusiasts from the school namely Archana (8-A), Sushma K (8-B), Resham Jain (8-A), AmitYadav (8-A), Mohit Aggarwal (9-A) and Sonia Bohra (10-A) were taken by Mr. Ajay Singh Negi and Ms. Manmeet Sidhu. Each of them participated in various workshops and came out with shining colors among others in their respective groups. Each day, the schedule of the proceedings started with a 3 hour workshop pertaining to different forms of dyeing arts like Mithila Painting, wood carving, Tie & Die, Phad painting, Orissa Pattachitra and other art forms like theatre, photography, restoration and calligraphy.

Sports**15 July- 31 September**

As usual the Sports Department is the most enthusiastic department where the children participate whole heartedly. The entire term there have been events that have kept the students on their toes. The Inter House Competitions in basketball, football, swimming, table tennis, squash, badminton and sports quiz have seen students excel at all levels. The CBSE cluster was another interesting event where the School participated, in spite of the terrible rains that lashed Rajasthan. So far the Emerald House is leading followed by Ruby and Sapphire in the second place. The Diamond House will get ample opportunity since there are lots of points for grabs in the events that will take place in the coming months.

THUMPING VICTORY-BASKETBALL & SOCCER FRIENDLY MATCHES: ALWAR PUBLIC SCHOOL VS THE SAGAR SCHOOL
03 August

The cheering sound of the students resounded in the campus from the two ends of the school! The most refreshing game of the season when the Sagarians were in full spirit, cheering their team to win! And win they did – With a great deal of energy level and support they had to!



The soccer field and the indoor basketball court were the witness to two of the finest inter-school friendly matches this season. The Sagar School won the soccer match (4-2). Sung Chang Kyung (Class 10) was the star of the day.

The Sagar School won the basket ball match (45-32). Pulkit Bara scored 19 points for the team. His performance was instrumental in winning the game.

THE CROSS COUNTRY
17 August
RAJU SINGH - SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

The Third 6.5 Km Shri Chotu Singh Arya Cross country was organized by Aravali Sports Academy Alwar on 17 August 2012. A contingent of 23 students and 06 Sports Teacher along with the Sports Coordinator and the Principal went to Alwar to participate in the same. The Cross Country was conducted in various age groups. Our School contingent did well in all the groups, and finished with top 15 positions. The names of position holders are as follows:



The Principal, Lt Col (Retd) Rattanbir Singh was given a special prize for completing the route without a breather. **MILITARY POWER!**

- 1. Boys Under-19 Abhijeet Singh 15th position
- 2. Girls Under-19 Komal Pal 5th position
- 3. Girls Under-19 Murup Dolma 8th position
- 4. Girls Under-19 Kamini Sahu 12th position
- 5. Girls Under-16 Ankita Yadav 3rd position
- 6. Girls Under-16 Resham Jain 9th position
- 7. Men Above-35 Mr. Mukesh Kumawat 1st position
- 8. Men Above-35 Mr. M D S Rathore 3rd position

AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIP 2012-13: BEST SWIMMERS
20 August

Amulya Gupta	6	Boys Under 12 years
Raman Sharma	8	Boys Under 14 years
Aryaman Gir	9	Boys Under 16 years
Akash Sharma	11	Boys Under 19 years
Thoinu Karam	10	Girls Under 19 years

THE INTER HOUSE TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP 2012-13
09 September

The much awaited Inter House Triathlon Championship 2012-13 was conducted on 09 Sep 2012. The results were decided on the basis of timing given by the participants.



Aryaman Gir	9	Kwon Han-	8	Abhishek	10
Sung Chang Kyung	11	Kritika Punia	8	Vatsal Jaipuria	10
Abhijeet Dhillon	12	Resham Jain	8	Ko Beom Min	9

DISTRICT BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP
THE REAL SHOT & THE LITTLE WONDER

The strong Badminton Team went for The District Championship at Alwar where the stars of The Sagar School shone with extra brilliance. Apart from excelling at the championship one of the little wonders, Master Karanpreet Singh called the shots and boldly qualified for the State Level Championship. He was the youngest player at the tournament but was invincible. **ATTA BOY!**



CELEBRATIONS

Rakhi Celebration: 08 August

Vanmahotsav: 06 September



We Love and Care



We are Aware

World Sports Day: 29 August - Match Between Students and Teachers



We Enjoy

TEACHERS' DAY**05 September**

The teachers' day was celebrated on the 5th of September 2012. The Director of the School, Ms. S. Julka along with all the staff members met after lunch at 03.30pm in the Auditorium for a warm get-together. This day also witnessed the presentation of awards to

**Ms. Anita Negi receiving her award****Mr. Abi Sam**

the best teacher of the year and to the best administrative staff member of the year for the excellent services rendered to the School. Ms. Anita Negi and Mr. Abi Sam were the recipient of the cash award

which was presented by the Director of the School.

The day also included a contemporary dance performance by Mr. Sanjib Nandi. The teachers sang songs and also had a wonderful game of tombola which was conducted by the Principal. The prizes for the tombola were from The Sagar Foundation, lovely handicrafts by the village women. High tea was enjoyed by all.

In addition to the accolades at home, three of our teachers, Ms. Madhubala Sharma, Ms. Chitra Singh and Mr. Rajesh Keshav were felicitated as 'The Best Teacher' for their commendable work by an NGO in Bhiwadi.

PARTICIPATION IN THE INTER SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION AT THE PUNJAB PUBLIC SCHOOL, NABHA (PUNJAB) FOR THE 12th J. K. KATE MEMORIAL ALL INDIA INTER PUBLIC SCHOOL ENGLISH DEBATE – 2012

07 September - 09 September

A team of 4 students participated in the Inter School Debate Competition held at PPS, Nabha, and Punjab from the 7th of September to the 9th of September 2012. The competitors were from 14 prestigious schools of India which included mostly boarding schools that are part of the IPSC schools. Yashika Bansal, Abhijeet Srivastava, Jitin Jose and Rajeev Gupta were the students who participated. It was an excellent learning experience for them.

Participation in The Business Quiz: The Lawrence School, Sanawar

08 September

A Quiz team of four students, Sahil Jain, Sehej Singh, Pulkit Bara and Aditya Bhasin participated in the Inter School Business Quiz which was held at the Lawrence School. Seventeen renowned and high profile schools participated in the quiz. It proved to be a great learning experience for the students who are at the threshold of choosing careers.

REFLECTIONS**THE TOUCH OF A BRUSH! A GOUACHE PAINTING****SOFIA KHAN'S CREATIVE ORNAMENTAL DESIGN****MEMORIES FROM GERMANY****MY NEW LIFE AT THE HOSTEL**

SUDEEKSHA GUPTA 8 A

Nervous, anxious gloomy excited and happy.....with these mixed emotions I entered the gates of the School. It was my first day. In the car, sat my mother who waved to me and I stood there waving back trying to resist the tears from rolling down my cheeks.

Everything was unknown but to my surprise my hostel mates were so good to me. They took me around the School and they cheered me up. Muskan, Sushma, Archana, Alice helped me a lot to feel comfortable and slowly all my nervousness disappeared.

I made new friends, met lovely teachers. Slowly and steadily I began to get into the pace of things got lots of opportunities to prove myself and my confidence grew quickly. I spoke on stage and even represented the School in an inter school debate, which was such a wonderful learning experience for me. I learnt many sports and my friend Resham, a good sports girl herself encouraged me to learn more.

A POETIC EXPRESSION**NO ONE DARES.....**

CHRISTY NAMEIRAKPAM-10B

No one dares,
To care or spare,
The dwindling beauty of nature.
We wait for the future,
With no worries or fear,
As if god is gone to hell!

What is the use of fraternity?
When it's lost in maturity.
We are no longer humans,
For we are worse than demons.

People have no shame,
They attain any fame,
They become hysterical,
Though it's not at all beneficial.
Not knowing that money is poison,
Unless they have a firm determination.

A lot is left to be done,
For time only knows how to run.
God didn't even spare his son,
Then who are we to have fun?

A POET'S PEN IS A FALSE RELEASE....
PALLAVI K SINGH 11C

A poet's pen with dexterous hand,
Ink to paper often can, woo a heart
Bring on a tear.
Soothe a soul or beckon fear.
A harbinger of ecstasy,
Written word but fantasy

A poet's pen cannot replace
Feelings held when face to face.
Two hearts beating skin to skin,
As passions fan the fire within.
Eyes and lips light gaze to blaze,
These can't be captured on a page.

A poet's pen is false release,
The ink and paper outlet brief.
Though poem penned will time withstand.
As writer's splendid bounty falls.
Known loneliness eclipses all

HERE IS WHAT HAPPENED!

18 September

Greetings from BBC World Class!

Latest Assembly packs - Which provides the focus of each week's debate.

Discussion on Olympic and Paralympic

Here we go!

1045:

Good morning to you all! There are 15 minutes to go until our LIVE interactive debate, and we're raring to go. Make sure you join us for a discussion on all things Olympic and Paralympics.

What did you make of the Games? Were you inspired to try something new? Did they change the way you think and feel about able-bodied and disability sport?

1145:

Hello to the Sagar School who join us from Delhi, India! They've held a School Assembly in which they discussed the 'Legacy of a golden summer' film.

Some of the pupils who took part in The Sagar School's assembly!

Mohit thought, "We might think that disabled people in the Paralympics Games cannot perform, but these games are giving these athletes a chance to prove themselves.



I feel that anyone can do their best but hard work and courage is necessary."

Archana added, "The Paralympics Games have persuaded people to think that the disabled people can do so much more than we can ever imagine!

27 September

Let's hear more from Helga, from **The Sagar School** Rajasthan, India!

"My mascot would be like a seal sitting on an iceberg", she tells us. "The seal's name would be Joey. Joey would be slapping his fins together with a smile on his snout."



Sounds pretty good to us! Here's a photo from The Sagar School assembly,

held this morning, in which they talked about the Commonwealth Games and sporting mascots.

Purvi Wadhwa Class 5 A answers the questions.....

How do you think the Paralympics Games might have changed the way people think about disabled people? Did it change the way you feel?

The Paralympics Games have given dignity and recognition to the disabled people, in fact people think of them as differently abled people who have nerves of steel and will power of iron. Their minds have proved victorious over their



bodies. They can do-They do-They have done!

Do you think Olympic athletes set a good example or are role models? If so, how do they do this? Is this different from other sports?

Yes, Olympic athletes set good examples and are role models. They do this by their rare feats, their ability to break records and their tenacity to inspire us. Yes, Olympics are different from other Sports as they are the mother of all competitive sports and benchmarks for athletes.

Do you think it's important for sportspeople to set a good example to others?

It is very-very important for sports people to set a good example for many youngsters who have decided to take up sports as careers. Thus, they look up to the sports people as their role models. Also, these sports people teach the world the art of sportsmanship.

LITTLE VOICES: TINY TOTS

ENGLISH AND HINDI STORY TELLING COMPETITION & COLOURING COMPETITION

17 August-18 August

Tiny Tots school had organized an English and Hindi Story Telling Competition and Coloring Competition. Students came up with wonderful stories under the guidance of their teachers. The Tiny Tots with their fantastic performance made it difficult for the judges to give their decision.

Aleena Beena Abi, Suvansh, Anushka Kumawat, Tejesh Chaudhary, Prachuriya, Abhay Singh, Samiksha Negi, Rishi Anand, Mrinal Chaturvedi, Mansaswini Chundawat were commendable in their performance.

A WARM WELCOME

A host of new teachers have joined hands with The Sagar School this session to make it reach its mission. Welcome to 'The Sagar family!'

Name	Date of Joining	Designation
Priya Wadhwa	13 July	English Teacher
Bharat Gulati	13 July	French Teacher
Meghana Mangal	13 July	German Teacher
Manmeet Siddhu	20 July	Psychology Teacher
Prabeen Sahoo	01 Aug	Raquet Coach & House Parent
Feroz Ahmed Khan	01 Sept	History Teacher

ASSET EXAMINATION

The Asset Examination was conducted the second consecutive year in the School. The Students of Classes 4 – 10 were tested in English, Math, Science and Social Studies. The students participated enthusiastically in the examination as the Exam was Diagnostic and not Competitive in nature. The Exam had Multiple Choice questions and the students marked the answers in an OMR Sheet for which they were trained and were given Practice sheets to practice.

DETAILED ASSESSMENT, another product of Educational Initiatives, is an online testing system that our students are taking on a regular basis to bridge the gap of understanding and learning.

SUMMATIVE ASSESMENT

17 September-25 September

With the First Summative Assessment over and a little change in the weather the next term has already taken off at break neck speed with the House Socials, picnics, projects, Founder's day preparations ,projects and hordes of activities that are in the pipeline.