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As the students of classes X and XII left on 31 March when the Board Examinations got over, the rest of The Sagar family returned to school to kick start the new session 2010-11 on the next day. April-May was packed with activities and change – new students, new classes, fresh activities and opportunities, the promise of a fulfilling year ahead. As the core activities of the daily routine took place – Internet, Store, Tuck Shop, Sports, Morning P.T. – tons of co-curricular activities, classes and competitions filled the lives of the students.

MONTHLY THEME

Following the concept which began last session, the fresh academic session also began with our monthly themes which encourage The Sagar family to improve themselves and make themselves better people.

The monthly theme for April was 'Respect Yourself and Others', a value which is needed while dealing with conflicts and different kinds of people through life. The focus was on community, respect, empathy, being there for people, inclusion, friendship and appreciation. The monthly theme for May on the other hand was 'The Power to Choose' which emphasized on the importance of choice in our lives and how it affects our well-being and happiness. It encouraged the children to be responsible for their own actions.



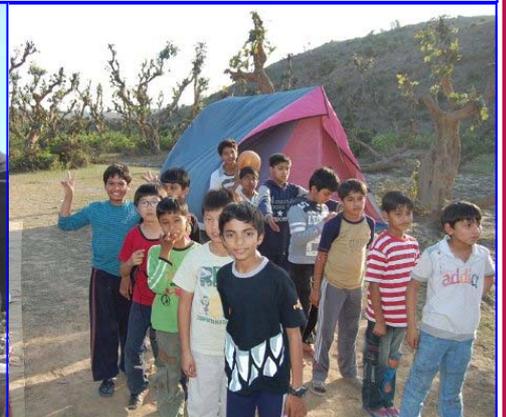
OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT TIJARA ARAVALIS

Camping was organized for the students nearly as soon as the session started – with the erratic, hot weather, it was vital for the students to have a chance to beat the heat.

Junior students of classes IV, V and VI began the camping season on 3rd April. They were accompanied by Mr. Ajay Singh Negi, Mrs. Anita Negi, Mr. Narender Negi and Mr. Y. S. Kanyal. The overnight camping took place in the surrounding beautiful Tijara Aravalis.

Students enjoyed themselves immensely. They left the campus before sunset towards the camping site. The journey over the surrounding fields and wilderness was fun-filled. The tents were already set up at the site when the students arrived and began unpacking. The evening was eventful with games like finding hidden treasures, sitting around and talking, singing and soccer. As night approached, the camp fire was lit around. The students ate a delicious dinner of chicken rice and had gulab jamuns for dessert. The students then left for their tents where they enjoyed themselves until late night.

The rest of the school also had their share of camping during the following weekends and it was a memorable experience for all the students. The teachers organized various games for the students. Everyone helped the Sodexo staff to prepare the meals at the camp.



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ARMY WEAPON DEMONSTRATION

On 5th April, there was a weapon demonstration by the IVth Garhwal regiment at the Auditorium in the evening. Students were informed about the different warfare and shown guns and bullets and told interesting facts about them. The students were also invited to ask any questions and it was an interactive and informative evening.

WORLD HEALTH DAY

The School observed World Health Day on 7th April, 2010. A short presentation on the importance of health and leading an active lifestyle was shown to the students in the morning assembly. Later, Dr. Ramesh Gupta, an eye specialist conducted a free eye check-up camp at Malliyer village and medicines were distributed to the villagers in the evening as part of our Community Development Programme.

GYM EVENING

As part of Sunday activities on 11 April, the day began early with horse riding and swimming. Cycling was also organized later in the day. It was enjoyed immensely by all the students who were glad of the opportunity to race around the green campus. Apart from the daily sports schedule, a 'Gym Evening' was organized. The children had a ball sweating it out with badminton, squash and basketball in the Sports Centre. A friendly cricket match was also played between the school team and a team from Tijara.

INTRA CLASS POETRY ELOCUTION

On 13th April, Intra class Poetry Elocution was organized for classes during Prep time. The theme of the selected poetry was 'Friendship and Important Relationships' and 'Nature' and finally 'Love and Valour'. The students spoke excellently, having worked hard in memorizing and delivering their respective poems in the best possible manner. It was an enjoyable evening, in which we witnessed the confidence and the public speaking skills of the students.

SPICMACAY PROGRAMME

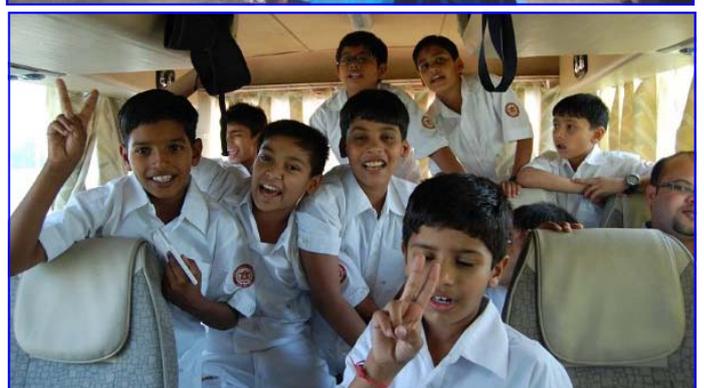
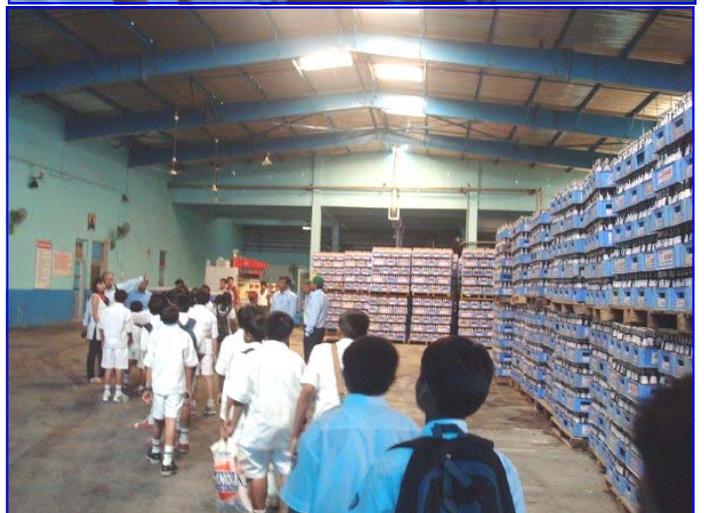
On 20th April, Ms. Rama Vaidyanathan brought magic to the school through her Bharatnatyam dance as part of the SPICMACAY programme.

The dance performance was witnessed in the Auditorium and it enraptured the students and teachers alike; her talent was consummate and the exhibition of the classical dance left everyone mesmerized. Ms. Vaidyanathan is also an eloquent and well-informed speaker who interacted with the students and left an impression on the Sagar family.



FACTORY VISITS

On 16th April, junior students of class IV to VI got the opportunity of visiting the Jayanti Factory at Alwar. The journey itself was very enjoyable. The students had a lot of fun at the factory which manufactures cold drinks and juice. They witnessed the entire machinery and work involved there. They enjoyed a special drink called Jayanti Cola and returned after their memorable experience to the school. Students of classes IX, XI & XII visited the Hero Honda factory at Dharuhera, the giants in motor cycles in India. It was an experience that helped in creating industrial awareness among students.



INTERHOUSE ENGLISH POETRY RECITATION

The following are the results of the Inter-house Poetry Recitation organized on 20th April:

GROUP A (IV, V, VI)

Harshit Jain – Ruby House	First
Amulya Gupta – Diamond House	Second
Chae Rin – Ruby House	Third
M. Omar Chishti – Diamond House	Third

GROUP B (VII, VIII)

Thoinu Karam – Sapphire House	First
Kanika Marwah – Sapphire House	Second
Nimish Magre- Diamond House	Third

GROUP C (IX, X)

Vega Sampa – Diamond House	First
Jitin Jose – Ruby House	Second
Anjali Sakkarwal – Diamond House	Third

OVERALL HOUSE POSITIONS:

Diamond House	First
Sapphire House	Second
Ruby House	Third
Emerald House	Fourth

CICERO’S CHALLENGE

The School participated in the annual Cicero’s Challenge, a prestigious high school debating event, organized by IIPM. The topic for the qualifying round was ‘All that glitters is not gold and all that twitters are not diamonds’. The participants were from the most reputed schools around the world. Our school was represented by Chirag Bansal and Megha Deshwal of Class XII. After practice and hard work put in by both the students, they spoke excellently at the qualifying round, with both qualifying for the finals at third and eighth positions respectively out of around thirty five participants. The qualifying and final rounds were on consecutive days i.e. 22nd and 23rd April.

The topic for the final round was ‘A coal is a coal and a diamond is a diamond and neither one can become the other.’ Both Chirag and Megha spoke splendidly and made a mark at the debating event. It was a prestigious event with well-reputed judges and audience. Rebuttal put forth by the audience and other speakers was thought-provoking and required both a strong belief in your stand and a quick mind.

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY

The School observed World Intellectual Property Day on 26th April. Remfry’s Attorney Mr. J. Pal was invited to the school. He addressed the students of classes IX to XII on Intellectual Property and tackled their questions. It was an informative and interactive experience for the students.



INTERHOUSE ELOCUTION HINDI

The Inter-house Hindi Elocution competition was organized on 27th April. The participants showed immense skill and the hard work to learn and express their chosen poems beautifully. The following are the winners:

GROUP A (IV, V, VI)

Dewangi Sharma – Diamond House	First
Kritika Punia – Ruby House	Second
Vedant Mathur – Emerald House	Third

GROUP B (VII, VIII)

Jyoti Udayan – Diamond House	First
Dhruv Mehra – Ruby House	First
Monica Verma – Ruby House	Third

GROUP C (IX, X)

Saransh Jain – Ruby House	First
Kirti Dalal- Sapphire House	Second
Harsh Metrey – Ruby House	Third

OVERALL HOUSE POSITIONS:

Ruby House	First
Diamond House	Second
Emerald House	Third
Sapphire House	Fourth

INTERHOUSE SPORTS QUIZ

Quizzing is a vital school activity which keeps the minds of the students alert and encourages them to be aware about the current happenings around the world.

The Inter-house Sports Quiz was organized on 28th April. The students participated actively and displayed their knowledge about the different sports and current ongoing sporting events around the country and the world.

OVERALL HOUSE POSITIONS (SENIORS)

Emerald House	First
Ruby House	Second
Diamond House	Third
Sapphire House	Fourth

OVERALL HOUSE POSITIONS (JUNIORS)

Diamond House & Sapphire House	First
Emerald House	Third
Ruby House	Fourth



SLATER DEBATES

The Slater Debates are one of the oldest and most prestigious interschool debating events of the country organized by Bishop Cotton School, Shimla. Our School has been an active participant.

This year, the students – Parikshit, Avelok, Vega Sampa of Class X and Zenia of XII formed the Slater Debate team. Practice started as soon as school reopened and they tackled the thirty four possible debate topics with fervent zeal, knowing they would be facing the country's most established and talented debaters in the upcoming competition. The team left the campus on 26th April and returned the next week.

After nearly a month of hard work and mental exercise and practice, the team left for Shimla accompanied by their mentor, Mrs. Ahmad. The debating events which took place on a knockout basis continued over a week. The students performed extremely well and spoke eloquently in the face of stiff competition. We won three prizes – two for third Best Speaker by Avelok Singh, one for second Best Speaker and Courage in the face of Adversity for Vega Sampa.

It was, indeed, a memorable and successful experience. The students shall remember the zeal, humility and confidence of the other speakers.

WORLD DANCE DAY

The school celebrated World Dance Day on 29th April. It was a feisty evening in which the students had a chance to let their hair down. Dance performances were put up and spirits were high. More than 45 dancers performed on the stage.



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FRESHER'S EVE

Freshers' Eve was organized on 24 April. Organized every year in mid-April, it gives the new students a chance to showcase their talents and show their own individuality to the Sagar family.

It was an evening of great fun and excitement as the students enjoyed the music, lights and dance thoroughly. After the new students awed and impressed us all with their talents, the students had a chance to let loose and dance to their content at a Dance Party.



ONE ACT PLAYS

The One Act Plays are one of the favourite events of the school year. The students surpassed themselves and succeeded in putting up excellent plays this year as well, showcasing their dramatic skills and hard work.

Emerald House performed the play "The Butler Did It" while Diamond House performed "Going Going Gone".



It is evident from this edition of the Sagarian Times that April -May have been abuzz with activities and happenings around the campus that have kept us on our toes all along. We appreciate the ability of the students and teachers to juggle so efficiently between fun and serious academics and assessments. We wish you all a relaxing and rejuvenating summer vacation – we all do need it!

Happy Vacations!



INTERNATIONAL VISITS

As part of our ongoing exchange programme nine students and two teachers left for Albert Schweitzer Gymnasium Neckersulm, Germany end of April. They are staying with German families and attending classes and visiting places. They will be back on 21 May. Another group of students will leave for Egypt for a historical visit to the land of pyramids by the end of May.