Dear Parents,

It is indeed a matter of immense joy and pride for us to bring out this edition of our newsletter after a short hiatus. The new academic year brought in renewed vigour and strengthened our resolve to fulfil all that has been planned for the students. There are new goals to achieve and dreams to be turned into reality.

We would also like to welcome our new students and their parents with a definite assurance that you will find the school, welcoming and warm, with an energetic environment, conducive to learning.

Sharing with you the glimpses from the first quarter.

Sonali Sinha
Head of School
On the 25th of April 2017, a team of various Indian and Foreign Universities visited Kasiga School to be part of a Fair, organized by the Career Counselling Cell.

The Fair was a great opportunity for the students to find out about further studies in prestigious Indian Universities like - The Ashoka University, S. P. Jain School of Global Management, Indian School of Business and Finance and the Indian Institute of Art and Design.

The foreign universities represented were the Universities of Victoria, the University of Ottawa and the Istituto Marangoni. The fair also had the AWE (Asian World Education) representatives from Universities in Ireland such as Carlow, Limerick and Galway to name a few.

The event organized by the Career Counselling Cell in collaboration with the ICAE (International Centre for the Advancement of Education) provided much sought after counselling insight and information.

The orientation programme for new students and parents was organised by Kasiga School on Thursday, the 6th of April, 2017. In keeping with the tradition, the programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Head of School Dr. Neeta Bali, the Deputy Head Mr. Chandra Shekhar Yadav, the Bursar Mr. Shariq Sayeed and the Senior Master Mr. Suneel Jain. The soulful rendition of the ‘Ganesh Vandana’ in the background enhanced the solemnity of the occasion. This was followed by the address of the Head of School, Dr. Bali, in which she delineated the principles and values the school cherishes.

The Deputy Head then apprised the gathering about the school’s co-curricular programme, sports, clubs and a plethora of other activities. The Head of Boarding, while explaining the pastoral structure, assured the guardians that the safety and security of the students is of the highest importance to the school.

The staff members then introduced themselves to the audience. At the culmination of the orientation, the parents were taken on a guided tour of the school followed by a scrumptious lunch. Later in the evening, an ice-breaking session was held, wherein the new students were engaged in various interesting games and activities that helped develop a bond between the new and old pupils.
Rama Vaidyanathan, one of India’s leading classical dancers and a renowned interpreter of the ancient art form of Bharatnatyam delivered a riveting performance at Kasiga School on 11th April, 2017. The performance was watched with awe and admiration as Rama Vaidynathan, along with her daughter Dakshina Vaidyanathan Baghel and her team performed for the staff and students of Kasiga. It was a fabulous performance by two outstanding exponents of Bharatnatyam.

Just to provide the students a much needed break after the final exams; trekking expeditions were organized to various destinations. Class 9 and 10 CBSE were taken to one of the most coveted tourist destinations---Chamba, which is a paradise in itself. Besides ice breaking orientation activities the trek included camping in the forest at night. This experience left the students with an immense sense of satisfaction evident in the presentations made on their last evening at the camp.
ALL INDIA P.C.BATTA MEMORIAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The 1st All India P.C Batta Memorial Cricket Tournament was a maiden initiative in popularizing the game of cricket among the student community throughout the country. This prestigious tournament is a manifestation of the long cherished dream of the Kasiga School Chairman, Mr. Ramesh Batta, who has dedicated the tournament to the memory of his late father Shri Prakash Chand Batta.

The 2nd All India P.C Batta Memorial Cricket Tournament competition featured 14 teams from the states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Haryana competing for the coveted title of being the champions of this renowned tournament.

The opening match of the tournament was played between the Woodstock School and Kasiga School.

Asian School won the 2nd All India P.C. Batta Memorial Cricket Tournament 2017!

FOREST CONNECT@ RAJAJI NATIONAL PARK (CHILLA)

The students and faculty members of Kasiga School went on a four day trek to Rajaji National Park; Chilla. The camp was led by Mr. Vijay Kumar with three other team members, Ms Manjula Bansal, Mr. Dhanraj Sharma and Ms Archana Sharma.

The camp aimed at spreading environmental education among students. The camp organised by Nature Connect was an enjoyable, adventurous and informative experience for both the staff and students.
The summer break of the session 2016-17 proved to be significant in more ways than one. Firstly, it served as a much needed break for both the students and the teaching faculty so that they could start afresh for a long term ahead. More importantly, after the farewell of the previous Head of School, Dr. Neeta Bali, it was time to welcome the new Head of School, Mrs. Sonali Sinha and the new staff members.

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Last year in 2016, the School introduced a novel initiative for students to appreciate and critique films. It was time to carry forward this creative learning experience to greater heights. The Silver Fiesta 2017 did just that and much more.

Dr. Jaskiran Chopra, a teacher of Mass Communication and English at the Doon University and a reputed journalist was the chief guest. Mr. Amaan Iqbal and Mr. Patrick G. Kerr were the distinguished members of the jury for the event.

The students were given a peek into the nuances of critiquing a movie. The film ‘Bekas’ was screened for the participants followed by an intense session where the speakers presented their critical insights into various aspects of the movie namely direction, acting, cinematography, content, special effects and so on.

The team from Kasiga School bagged the 1st Prize while Lawrence School, Sanawar and Shri Ram Centennial School won the 1st and 2nd Runners-up trophies respectively. The Jury’s Choice Award was awarded to Ecole Global School.

Kasiga School celebrated its 10th Founder’s Day on the 8th of July, 2017. This day presents members of the Kasiga family an opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate themselves on the laurels achieved and to renew and reset goals and promises towards building a world class institute.

The programme was graced by the presence of the Chairman, Mr. Ramesh Batta, and his wife Mrs. Poonam Batta, the Director Finance, Mr. Siddharth Batta, the Director Welfare, Mrs. Chandni Batta, the Head of School, Mrs. Sonali Sinha and the Deputy Head of School, Mr. Chandra Shekhar Yadav. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Kuldeep Singh Sethi.

A mellifluous performance by the School choir enthralled the audience and a short presentation on the achievements of Kasiga brought back memories of years well spent. The Chief Guest, Mr. Sethi, in his speech stressed on the importance of working diligently and adapting to the rapidly changing world. The teachers’ choir lent their voice to a song, composed by the music teacher, about the School.

Mr. Batta shared with the audience how, through tenacious perseverance and sheer hard work, he had built this extraordinary institution. He felicitated a number of teaching and non-teaching staff for their unwavering devotion and long years of service with the school. The programme culminated with a tree plantation drive.
The Kasiga School junior soccer team won the 2nd Subroto Cup National Championship held at Meerut. Defeating Yavatmal School of Maharashtra in the first round, 4-0, Kasiga won 1-0 against Greenland School of Lucknow in the semi-finals to storm into the finals. They lifted the trophy defeating Jaipuria Academy of Ghaziabad with a score of 2-0 in the tiebreaker and qualified for the International Subroto Cup Football Championship. Kudos to the boys, way to go!

In the senior category, Kasiga won the first match against Sr. DAV Public School of Bihar and their second match by 4-0 against Mayur International School, Noida.

We are extremely proud to share that Shreeesh Bakshi from grade IX won 2 gold medals and 1 silver medal in the Junior State Swimming Championship and represented Uttarakhand state in the 44th Junior National Aquatic Championship held at Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Pune. Great going Shreeesh, keep it up!

The school was in the grip of soccer fever all through the month of July, with inter house matches scheduled almost every day. The students did not allow the monsoon to play spoil sport and their enthusiasm for the game was visible on the field. The results of the tournament are as follows:

Amazon House bagged the first position. The second place was shared by Everest and Nile house. Pacific House secured the third position. Congratulations!
32 students participated in the National Astronomy Challenge organised at Kasiga School. 4 students performed exceedingly well, scoring the highest in their class. Kushagra Gupta scored 92.90%, Uday Choudhury scored 91.50%, Saksham Gupta scored 81.80% and Kavish Desai also topped his class. Among others, Sanome Singh, Viral Bhatt and Rhythm Chauhan also deserve a special mention. This performance clearly reflect that the intellectual fervour of the students is on the rise!

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS AND NEW STUDENTS

For the new students who joined the school in July, there was yet another orientation programme. The programme commenced with the address by the Head of School Ms. Sonali Sinha highlighting the ethos and the philosophy of the school. The Deputy Head then apprised the gathering about the school’s co-curricular programme, sports, clubs and a plethora of other activities. The Head of Boarding, while explaining the pastoral structure, assured the guardians that the safety and security of the students is of the highest importance to the school.

INTER HOUSE IMPROMPTU SKIT COMPETITION

An Inter-house Impromptu Skit competition was organised by the English department. The students whole-heartedly participated in the event and their enthusiasm and acting acumen resulted in the success of the programme. The judges assessed the contestants on their presentation, dialogue delivery, effective utilization of props and the overall impact. Pacific house was adjudged the winner. It was an extremely entertaining programme, which not only showcased the hidden talents of the students, but also focused on some sensitive issues of contemporary society.