



# Expressions

"I truly believe the only way we can create global peace is through not only educating our minds, but our hearts and our souls."

—Malala Yousafzai



## ECHOES FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL ...

*"Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present."* — [Albert Camus](#)

Warm greetings from Kāsiga! It is an exciting time to lead the school, at a time when this decade-strong thriving institution is at the juncture of catapulting itself into one of the foremost coeducational residential schools in the country. With a view towards nurturing leadership that can influence greater good, we have been harbouring traditions that breed values of integrity, tolerance and service and delivering an innovative curriculum that promotes curiosity and self-worth.

The past few months, from August till October, have witnessed a plethora of events – ranging from career fairs, academic programmes and co-curricular activities. During these months, the school won several academic awards, the students made the school proud at inter-school events and outshone in sports at district level and national level, and brilliantly showcased their talents during the Annual Day celebrations. The present term has proved that Kāsiga is poised for the future ... for as [Eleanor Roosevelt](#) stated, "the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

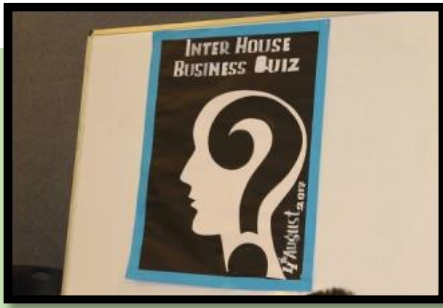
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## BIZQUEST



The Commercial Studies Department of Kāsigā School organized an Inter House Business quiz, a competition which tested the knowledge of the students regarding the latest developments and updates in the world of business and current affairs. There were 4 rounds –the Logo round, Tag line round, Personality round and General/Current affairs related to business. The participation and involvement of the students was overwhelming and their aptitude and business acumen was truly a revelation. The first place was secured by Pacific House. The second and third positions were bagged by Nile House and Everest House respectively.

## “Discover UK Day”



On the 3rd of August 2017, the British Council, organized a career Fair “Discover UK Day” at Kāsigā School. The Fair was thrown open to all the school students of Dehradun, who wished to pursue higher studies in the UK. British Council India presented an opportunity for UK institutions to showcase their brand. The event entailed counselling sessions by institutions from the UK - The University of Northumbria, the University of Lancashire amongst others; along with parallel seminars by British Council India staff on :

- Studying and living in the UK and Student visas
- Scholarships for studying in the UK
- UCAS
- IELTS

British Council delivered the above sessions alongside the event to ensure that students attending the event received comprehensive information about the UK, its courses, application methods, scholarships and visas.

All in all, it was an extremely informative session and deeply appreciated by the student community.



### CAIE Toppers

The management, staff and members of Kāsiga family congratulate the toppers of the JUNE 2017 Series Cambridge International Examinations. We wish them even greater heights of success in the future.



Sahishnu Raj Thapa	IGCSE Topper (6 A* & 2 A)
Palash Tyagi	IGCSE (3 A* & 6 A)
Akshay Gupta	AS Level Topper (2 A)
Dhruv Rajani	A Level Topper (3 A*)

### Kāsiga Swimmers Create A Splash At The Inter School Aquatic Championship!



Kāsiga swimmers created quite a splash at the Inter-School Aquatic Championship organized by Shri Ram Centennial School, Dehradun. Kāsiga bagged 4 Gold, 6 Silver and 1 Bronze Medals.

Harshit Dalal won 2 Golds and 1 Silver in the Under-12 Category.

Pakin Tharimwaradon won 2 Gold medals in the Under-11 Category. 2 Silver medals were won by Sanidhey Pande, and Sparsh Soni won 1 Silver medal.

Adarsh Bhushan bagged 1 Silver, as well as 1 Bronze medal, while Aditya Rawat won 1 Silver medal.

Two of our swimmers, Harshit Dalal and Pakin Tharimwaradon were declared the Best Swimmers in their respective categories. We are indeed proud of our young swimmers for keeping the Kāsiga Flag flying high!

### The Milestone



The students of Kāsiga participated in one of the most prestigious and renowned inter-school competitions in Uttarakhand, held at St. Georges College: The Milestone.

At St. George's, every corner of the green room was occupied by children participating in various events. The dancers showed off their moves, tapping to the beat that played in their minds. The photographers set up their lenses and captured profound pictures. The artists sorted their equipment; all set to fill the blank canvases with colours, letting their imagination run wild.



We bagged three trophies in the categories Gag Life, Lens Town and Hit Record. We returned to school, content and full of new knowledge and experiences, as well as three first position trophies.

### Information Literacy Programme



Information Literacy is all about being literate with a strong ethos for information. The word 'Literacy' refers to being able to read and write...Information Literacy sees beyond! As a part of the Information Literacy Programme, the students of the Junior and Middle School have been working on varied projects under the guidance of the librarian.

This initiative was taken a step further by the students of grade VIII, comprising of Ayushman, Moosa, Veer, Brahmansh, and Puttipong, who presented their project on Ranthambore National Park – the land of the tigers, during the morning assembly.



## Inter School Geeta Path Pratiyogita



The School organized the Inter-school Geeta Path Pratiyogita on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of the prestigious event. The event was well-contested, with 19 schools participating, and all the schools performed stupendously. The foyer resonated with the holy *shlokas* recited by the students with impeccable perfection.

The Chief Guest addressed the audience and extolled the participants for their spirited performance. He added that the grand success of this event proved the relevance of our ancient texts in the contemporary world. Welham Girls' School was declared the Winner, Kāsiga School bagged the trophy of the First Runner's Up and Colonel Brown Cambridge School secured the position of the Second Runner's Up.

## Workshop On Hydro Rocketry



In collaboration with Space Technology and Education, a hands-on activity workshop on hydro-rocketry was conducted for the students of Class IX. An introductory session described the principles upon which the launching of a rocket in space becomes possible. A demonstration was conducted with a model of the rocket, launched with a combination of water and air pressure. The activity session had all students making a model of a rocket individually, using simple things like plastic bottles, paper, clay, etc. Next was the launching of the rockets in the school field. The rockets were launched with the help of a simple metallic launcher. The students learnt a lot and had a great experience of making their own rockets.

## Special Assembly on Nepal



On the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017, the students from Nepal conducted a special assembly on the myths and beliefs, as well as some important facts about Nepal. The students gave an informative presentation on a chariot procession called 'RatoMachhendranath', and the tradition of 'BhotoJatra', based on the legend of a black vest, looking for its true owner. Most striking was the legend of the 'DolakhaBhima', a statue blessed with miraculous power to forewarn the Nepalese people of an impending disaster or mishap. The assembly concluded with the Nepali National Anthem, celebrating its beautiful natural surroundings, unity, varied ethnicity, as well as the rich cultural heritage of the people.

## Visit To Goonj In Rishikesh



On 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, members of the Interact Club visited an NGO, *Goonj*, in Rishikesh. Goonj has 23 centres across India. It is an NGO that aims at helping needy people, with respect and dignity. The NGO follows a wonderful philosophy of reaching out to the poor and desperate by collaborating with the common man.

*Goonj* collects waste material from homes as well as offices, and turns it into useful items, as per the requirements of the poor and the needy. Everything is intelligently recycled, right from chart papers to note books, clothes, utensils, etc.

Students were amazed to see how small things could make such a big difference in the lives of the less fortunate. It was a visit that left an indelible mark and the students vowed to do their bit to extend their support to *Goonj*.

## ANNUAL AWARDS DAY



The Annual Awards Day was held on Thursday, 31st August 2017. The programme commenced with the lighting of the auspicious lamp by the Director Finance and Administration, Mr. Siddharth Batta, the Head of School, Mrs. Sonali Sinha, and the Deputy Head of School, Mr. Chandra Shekhar Yadav.

The awards were given away in six major categories: a Gold Medal for securing above 85% overall, a Silver Medal for obtaining 80-85%, a Bronze Medal for scoring 75-80% in aggregate, a certificate for Academic Distinction for procuring 85% or above in a particular subject, an Academic Achiever's certificate for attaining 75% or above in all the subjects and a certificate for Academic Progress for at least a 10% increase in marks in any subject. Certificates were also presented to some students of the Junior School for their immaculate behaviour and helpful nature. A band performance enthralled the assembly after the award ceremony. Congratulations to all the achievers for a great job done!

## Interact Club Visit To Night Shelter



Students of Kāsiga Interact Club visited a night shelter for the poor and needy, where they learnt that one can help poor people by providing beddings, night shelter, bathing facilities and security to them. Students also spent some time with the orphans and the less fortunate students of Aasara NGO School. Our students were thankful to the Almighty for giving them so much in life. They were surprised to see children happy even with the bare minimum in life. They vowed that they shall never complain in future and work hard to help the needy.

## Teachers' Day Celebrations



On the 5th of September, 2017, the students of Kāsiga School celebrated Teachers' Day, by organizing a delightful programme for expressing their heart-felt gratitude for the teachers who toil all-year-long to ensure their holistic development. The event consisted of performances by the school band and dance numbers, presented by the junior and senior school students. Some teachers were awarded special prizes for their extra-ordinary contribution beyond academics. It also included a ramp walk by all the members of the staff, which was the highlight of the day. The teachers thanked the students for the extremely thoughtful gesture.

## Kāsiga Bags 23 Medals At Sanawar Inter School Swimming Championship 2017

The school swimming team participated in the 2nd Sanawar Inter School Swimming Championship and won 23 medals. The medal tally is as follows:

Shreesh Bakshi	1 Gold, 2 Silver & 1 Bronze
Kavish Desai	1 Gold & 1 Bronze
Aryan Burman	1 Silver & 2 Bronze
Raghav Gautam	2 Silver
Shivek Yadav	2 Silver
Rhythm Chauhan	2 Silver
Sparsh Soni	1 Silver & 1 Bronze
Harshit Dalal	1 Bronze
Pakin Thaninwar	1 Silver & 1 Bronze
Harsh Yadav	1 Silver & 1 Bronze
Adhitya Rawat	1 Bronze



Congratulations to all the winners!



## Teachers' Training Session



Education, as it stands today, is more about the process of designing the curriculum and tailoring it to the needs of learners - this was the focal point for the teaching community of Kāsiga during the training sessions organized on 16th September, 2017.

The resource person for the day was Ms Mamta Kapoor, a trainer-par-excellence, who has been associated with Step by Step, Noida since 2007, and is richly experienced in the field of innovative teaching and learning methodologies, as well as school management systems.

Ms Kapoor addressed the different issues of a heterogeneous class and demonstrated how 'active learning' experiences should be the mainstay of all the classrooms. A day well spent by the teaching community.

## Winning Streak Continues!!!



The school participated in the 7th Mr P A Kidd Wynberg Inter School Swimming Championship and won medals in different categories. The results are as follows:

Shreesh Bakshi	1 Gold, 1 Bronze
Raghav Gautam	1 Bronze
Kavish Desai	1 Bronze
Shivek Yadav	1 Bronze
Sparsh Soni	2 Silver, 2 Bronze
Harshit Dalal	1 Bronze
Pakin Thaninwaradon	4 Silver, 1 Bronze
Harsh Yadavd	1 Silver
Sambuddha De	2 Silver
Anirudh Sony	1 Bronze
Hemabh Mishra	1 Bronze
Pranjal Gupta	1 Bronze

Pakin Thaninwaradon was awarded the Most Promising Swimmer Trophy, in the Sub Junior Category. With the above medal tally, the school was ranked at the third position.

## Kāsiga School Shines In CBSE Swimming Championship



"CBSE North Zone I" Swimming Championship was organized by IIMT ACADEMY MEERUT from 1st October to 5th October, in which more than 100 schools participated from the region of Uttarakhand, NCR and western UP.

Our shining star Shreesh Bakshi bagged 1 Silver Medal in the 50 metre Butterfly Stroke in the Under-17 category, while Harshit Dalal and Raghav Gautam qualified for the finals. Congratulations to the team and the coach, for yet another feather in their cap. Kudos to Shreesh Bakshi.

We are extremely proud of you.





## KĀSIGA CELEBRATES 10<sup>TH</sup> SPORTS DAY



“The five S’s of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit; but the greatest of these is spirit.”– Ken Doherty. Apart from commemorating victories, sports meet also aims at imparting lessons on sportsman spirit and camaraderie to children. Sports Day is a healthy blend of sports, culture and education that promotes discipline, teamwork and a spirit of competition.

Kāsiga celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Mr. Satyavrat Bansal, D.G.P. Uttarakhand (Retd), was the Chief Guest of the Ceremony. The other dignitaries who graced the occasion included the Chairman, Mr. Ramesh Batta, Mrs. Poonam Batta, the Director Finance and Administration, Mr. Siddhartha Batta, the Director Welfare, Mrs. Chandni Batta, the Head of School Mrs. Sonali Sinha and the Deputy Head of School, Mr. Chandra Shekhar Yadav.

After the welcome speech by the Head of School, Ms. Sonali Sinha, the Chief Guest declared the meet open and took the guard of honour at the march past which was followed by the traditional lighting of the torch. The sports captain, Nirupam Yadav, then took the oath of fair play. The students solemnly pledged to uphold the spirit of true sportsmanship.



On the occasion of Sports Day, Ms. Mansi Joshi, ICC Women’s World Cup cricketer from Uttarakhand who has brought laurels to the state and her coach, Mr. Virendra Singh Rautela who has also been a football player, were felicitated by the Kāsiga management with a cash award for bringing name, fame and glory to the state. Fun Races and Junior Category races saw enthusiastic participation of Junior School, which was appreciated and applauded by the audience.





Synchronized Mass P.T., which preceded the track and field events, kept the spectators spellbound. After the P.T. Display, parents participated energetically in the tug of war especially scheduled for them. The day was filled with exciting victories and near misses for all the Houses. In the 100 m boys run, the winners in the Sub Junior, Junior, Intermediate and Senior category were - Kritat, Phiraphat, Aman Goyal and Nirupam Yadav.

In the 4 X 100 relay race the winning houses in the Sub Junior Boys, Junior Boys, Intermediate and Senior Boys Category were- Everest House, Nile House, Pacific House and Pacific House respectively. In the 100 m girls run, Riddhi Dewan won the first position in Junior Girls Category, while Inika Mishra bagged the first place in the Intermediate Category.

At Kāsiga, the entire school community participates in all school functions. Upholding the same ideology, 'Support Staff Events' were held, in which the staff participated with great fervour. These were followed by Rhythmic Extravaganza that enthralled the audience. Then came the most awaited moment of the day, Prize distribution for individual cups.

The Best Athlete Cup in boys category was won by Nirupam Yadav and the Best Athlete Cup in girls category was bagged by Sajda Karmacharya. The Inter House Mass P.T. Cup was won by Pacific House while the March-Past Cup was awarded to Amazon House. The Overall Best Athletics Championship 2017 was bagged by Pacific House. The Sports Day concluded with the National Anthem.

## DAY TWO OF ANNUAL DAY

### PARENTS TEACHER INTERACTION, EXHIBITIONS & ALUMNI MEET

The second day of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Day celebrations in Kāsiga proved to be more eventful than day one.

A host of events punctuated the day. The day started with the much awaited Parents-Teacher meeting. As the day progressed, parents started pouring in and the session started getting the much needed intensity that it is meant to induce. Fruitful discussions, coupled with Diwali wishes, were the order of the day. The day also saw a number of exhibitions taking place, as the parents and other visitors were spoilt for choices in trying to witness the presentation and exhibits of their children, who were waiting eagerly to showcase their skills and expertise in their respective subjects.

The art exhibition was an experience by itself. All the displays of art celebrated one dominant theme—'celebration of peace in times of turmoil and chaos'. It also depicted themes like, how mental pollution creates environmental pollution and how we are being constantly judged by the world around us, manifesting psychological violence.





The Science Exhibition too claimed its fair share. It was based on the theme 'Science for Sustainable Development'.

All the exhibits showcased alternatives of harnessing and producing power and other forms of energy.

The Social Science Exhibition focused on concepts like hydrologic cycle, rainwater harvesting, bamboo drip irrigation, hydroelectricity and so on.



In the DT Lab Exhibition, various novel ideas were presented in the form of working models of Cartesian 3D Printer, LED cube, Dynamic pen stand and Delta motion control system.

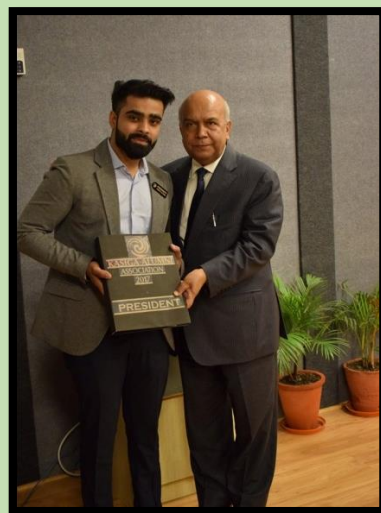
The Junior School Exhibition showcased some very interesting concepts, allowing the budding scholars to exhibit their knowledge and skills.



The exhibition 'Kites and Beakers' focused on four subjects – Mathematics, English, Hindi and Science.

The evening was completely devoted to the 'Alumni Meet', which was probably the most awaited moment of the day.

After the welcome speech by the Head Boy and the Head Girl, elections were held for KAA (Kāsiya Alumni Association) for the posts of President, Secretary and Treasurer, who were felicitated with badges by the Head of School.



In his address, the Chairman Mr. Ramesh Batta, expressed his unbridled elation for being amongst the alumni of Kāsiya. He spoke of his unwavering support and unblemished love for them, assuring them that they would always be an integral part of Kāsiya. Following this, students from the alumni shared their fond memories of their student life in Kāsiya and reiterated the fact that they feel privileged to be a part of such an institution which has moulded them in more ways than one.

After the formal ceremony, it was time for the alumni to revel in the beauty of the evening by shaking their leg to some foot tapping music. The day ended with a delectable dinner for all present.



## Kāsiga School Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Day

To commemorate the special feat of completing a decade in the quest for excellence in education, Kāsiga celebrated its tenth annual day with opulence and grandeur. A remarkable fete was organised by the staff members in the morning.



A large variety of stalls were put up and the students had an exhilarating experience, playing games, winning prizes and spending quality time with their families. They thronged the food stalls and feasted on the scrumptious items on offer.



The much-awaited evening was off to a resplendent start as the Chief Guest, Mr. Vinay Sheel Oberoi, IAS, was cordially welcomed. Mr. Oberoi has achieved myriad laurels in India and abroad, during his tenure of 38 years as an IAS officer. From serving as a Consultant to the World Bank in 1990, to his most recent appointment as Secretary of Higher Education in 2017, Mr. Oberoi has been instrumental in initiating, supporting and streamlining countless novel and benevolent endeavours like the Beti Padhao - Beti Bachao Programme, and the modification of the redress system for public grievances.

The Chairman, Mr. Ramesh Batta and his wife, Mrs. Poonam Batta, along with the Chief Guest, Mr. Oberoi, the Head of School, Mrs. Sonali Sinha, and the Deputy Head of School, Mr. Chandra Shekhar Yadav, lit the ceremonial lamp to mark the auspicious beginning of the grand programme. The Director Welfare, Mrs. Chandni Batta, the Director Finance and Administration, Mr. Siddharth Batta and several other dignitaries made the occasion all the more special with their presence.



A soulful invocation song mesmerised the audience and it was followed by a stellar musical presentation, which featured a mellifluous fusion of the American Blues with the Hindustani Classical *Tarana*.



The students then performed a bilingual rendition of Lennon's *Imagine*, in which the Spanish translation of the song was blended with the English lyrics.



The Annual Report read out by the Head of School, featured the brilliant academic and sporting achievements of the students. The amazing performance of the students in the inter-school events, Geeta Path Pratiyogita and Silver Fiesta, was fondly reminisced by Mrs. Sinha. She also reminded everyone present, of the brilliant achievements of the students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> All India P.C. Batta Memorial Cricket Tournament and the All India P.C. Batta Memorial Tennis Tournament. Glorious memories flashed on the LED screen as she shared with the audience, how Kāsiga has moved from strength to strength in the last year. Apart from organising career fairs for the students, the school has also been mindful of the emotional needs of the adolescents and various support sessions have been organised to ensure the psychological and physical fitness of the students. Extensive Staff Development Programmes have been a hallmark of Kāsiga and Mrs. Sinha pointed out that the faculty members are provided continuous professional development trainings to keep them abreast with the latest advancements in the academic sphere.

The academic scholarships were awarded to Kumaraditya Gupta, Palash Tyagi and Pratha Vohra. The sports scholarship was awarded to Shreesh Bakshi.



Everest House bagged the Cultural trophy, the Academic cup, as well as the Best House trophy.



The Yearbook was also released by the Head of School and the Chief Guest, Mr. Vinay Sheel Oberoi. The Chief Guest, in his address, congratulated Kāsiga on completing a decade and appreciated the salubrious surroundings and aesthetically pleasant architecture of the school.



He opined that the cultural diversity of the students and the staff members was enriching for the institution. He spoke of the challenges and opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and urged students to be innovative and empathetic to the society.



Mrs. Sinha proudly announced that the Chairman, Mr. Ramesh Batta was awarded 'India's Greatest Leaders Award 2016-17' and Kāsiga School was awarded 'India's Greatest Brands 2016-17' award, by Asia One, a leading publication of Asia in Education Industry.

She also informed the audience that in the Education World Awards, Kāsiga has been ranked as the 8<sup>th</sup> Best Co-ed Boarding School in India, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Uttarakhand and 1<sup>st</sup> in Dehradun.



'**Siddhartha**', a play conceptualized and directed by Mrs. Sharmila Bhartari, who has been a disciple of the famous Odissi dancer, Late Protima Bedi ji, was the central attraction of the Cultural Programme. Mr. Salendra Rawat composed the music and scripted the dialogues for the play.



An eternal message of peace was echoed by the play and the stupendous performances, elegant dance and the breathtaking use of light and sound added a new dimension to the dazzling show. It was not only the life of Gautam Buddha that was portrayed, but the play also illustrated the relevance of his philosophy in the present day. The audience was captivated and a standing ovation reflected the grand success of the drama.



The Deputy Head of School presented the vote of thanks, wishing everyone a Very Happy and Prosperous Diwali, and the festivities culminated with the National Anthem.

### **Kāsiga Girls Win PPSA Soccer Tournament**



The Girls' Soccer Team won the final match of the PPSA Soccer Tournament by 1-0 against Saint Kabir School. Some of the other schools that participated, include Cambrian Hall School, Doon International School, Gautam International School and The Asian School. Reyha Tyagi of Kāsiga was declared the 'Best Goalkeeper' of the Tournament.

### **PROUD MOMENT AT CBSE SWIMMING NATIONALS**



It was a proud moment for Kāsiga school as Shreesh Bakshi, one of our best swimmers, participated and secured position in the CBSE School Nationals, where more than 850 schools participated. The meet was held at Rishikul Vidyapeeth, Sonapat, Haryana from 26th to 29th October, 2017.

Shreesh is the first swimmer to participate in the CBSE Nationals from the Doon valley. He participated in the 50 meter Butterfly stroke category and secured the 8th position. Congratulations!

We are proud of you Shreesh!

### **Kāsiga shines at the District Athletic Meet 2017**



Kāsiga School's Athletic Team participated in the District Athletic Meet held at RIMC and displayed fantastic skills, bagging not just medals, but the Trophy as well. In the Under-18 Boys category, Abhishek Verma won 1 Gold and 1 Silver Medal in the Javelin Throw and 1 Gold Medal in the Discus Throw. Praveen Budhanian claimed 1 Gold and 1 Bronze Medal in the High Jump. Aman Goyal bagged 1 Gold and 1 Silver Medal in 100 metres in two categories and 1 Silver Medal in the 200 metres sprint. Our School won the Under-18 Boys Championship 2017.

