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## ECHOES FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL...

Dear Parents and Students,

Kāsiga School has seen a quantum leap in the past few months where our students have won various accolades where ever they have gone and represented the school. . Two students from Kasiga School Nirupam Yadav and Yash Bansal were selected for the Nationals in Vishakhapatnam organized by Athletic Federation of India on the basis of their performance We are proud to announce that four students will be representating our school at the coming National Taekwondo Championship 2015. Sunny Shokeen and Sarthak Keshri in the Senior Male category. Ikleen Kaur and Kashish Raghav in the Junior Female category.

Kāsiga School students have been participating extensively in inter-school and intra-school events and have proven their merit in various tournaments. In INTER SCHOOL HINDI POEM,

ELOCUTION AND DECLAMATION COMPETITION hosted by Tula's International School where over 15 students participated we bagged the OVERALL TROPHY. In INTER SCHOOL PATRIOTIC SONG COMPETITION held on August 21, 2015 hosted by Cambrian Hall our school won Fourth Position among 18 schools that participated in the competition.

Our CIE results declared recently have shown remarkable improvement. My compliments to toppers Muskan Shrestha IGCSE-2014-2015, AS level topper Shivam Gupta and A level topper Stephen Iron Gatphoh.

All the above and many more accolades reflect clearly the diligence and perspicacious efforts of staff and students. My heartiest Congratulations to each one of you!

**Dr. Neeta Bali**

## FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION

“A thousand steps journey begins but with a single step”

The idea of building a school isn't unusual but building an exceptional institution where learning is a celebration is definitely path breaking.

To honour this noble thought of Mr. Batta, the Founder's Day was celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015. It commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Head of School and our distinguished guests .The school choir then enthralled everyone with its soulful music.

The student representatives talked about their lives at Kasiga, and how being here had been an enriching experience for them.

The Chief-Guest for the occasion, Mr. Amitabh Bagchi, eminent author inspired the students



by citing examples from his past, emphasizing the importance of “innate passion and spontaneous leadership”.

## **Kasiga Clinches an Award at World Education Summit – 2015**

The 5th edition of the World Education Summit (WES) 2015, the world’s premier platform on education thought leadership was held between 21st – 22nd August, New Delhi. The summit was organized by digitalLearning Magazine and The organizations such as All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGET), Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India; and National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) participated in our previous World Education Summit at highest level. Centre for Science, Development and Media Studies Elets Technomedia Pvt. Ltd.

On August 22, 2015 at the Awards Ceremony of World Education Summit 2015, Kasiga School’s project, “Teamwork, Vision and Strategy make a Green School Greener”, won an Award among accolades. The Award was

received by the Head of Kasiga School , Dr Neeta Bali, from Shri Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister , Delhi

There were three parallel tracks on School Education, Higher Education, and Skill Development and Vocational Education. The education leaders, policy makers and industry from across the globe deliberated, discussed and explored the horizon under the 3 key themes of School Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education



and Skills Training. Head of School, Dr. Neeta Bali was invited to participate at the Summit as a Speaker for the round table discussions. She was the moderator for the session on cultivating innovations in schools at the Summit which saw over 300 Principals from across India and was given a standing ovation after her session. The two day Exhibition attracted more than 1000 companies, government bodies and educational institutes. The Exhibition, running in parallel with the Conference also put the spotlight on education sector

## Inauguration of Kasiga School Shooting Range 10 metres



On August 3, 2015, Kāsiga School inaugurated a Shooting Range of 10 metres. with the special Chief Guest Mr. N. S. Rana, Ex -Sports Minister gracing the occasion .Mr. Ramesh Batta, Chairman, Director of Finance, Siddharth Batta and the Head of School Dr. Neeta Bali, deputy Head, Ms Nalini Pathak, were among the guests who participated in the inauguration. Mr. N.S Rana was greeted by a bouquet of flowers by Kāsiga students. A number of students, accompanied by sports faculty attended the event

## Kāsiga School wins Accolades in Sports

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Our boys Soccer the CBSE SOCCER 2015 and won all marched in the runner's up. At INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT, matches. BOYS (SENIOR) – Jackie Soccer Georges School,



Team participated in TOURNAMENT – the league matches & finals where we were the OAK GROVE SOCCER we won all league SOCCER TEAM Participated in the Tournament at St. Mussoorie.

BOYS SOCCER

(JUNIOR) team

participated in the CBSE U-15 TOURNAMENT – 2015 and the PPSA TOURNAMENT. GIRLS SOCCER TEAM was the runner's up in the PPSA TOURNAMENT. TABLE TENNIS (GIRLS and BOYS) team participated in the TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP. SWIMMING GIRLS team participated in the WYNBERG – ALLEN INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 25 meter relay and 50 meter relay.

TAEKWONDO, OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – 2015 our TWO BOYS & TWO GIRLS ARE SELECTED FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP they are Sunny Shokeen (Senior Male), Sarthak Keshri (Senior Male) and Ikleen Kaur (Junior Female), Kashish Raghav (Junior Female).

Kunal Goyal of class 10 participated in the NATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT-2015 organized by All India Tennis Association. He also reached the semifinals in the Boys Double's Category at Uttarakhand OPEN STATE Tennis Tournament-2015. On August 8, 2015 Kasiga School participated in District

Athletic Meet at Raipur in which Yash Bansal got the silver medal in 200m and Kunal Goyal got two bronze medals in shot-put and javelin throw.

## KĀSIGANS PARTICIPATE IN THE UK UNIVERSITY FAIR



Kāsigā School, Dehradun, hosted the U.K University Fair on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015 which was inaugurated by Dr. Neeta Bali, the Head of School.

The fair was coordinated by SI-UK Education Council. The universities introduced comprised Anglia Ruskin University, Birmingham City University, Durham University, De Montfort University and Queen's University. The representatives of these Universities, informed the students about the application process at a special session.



SI-UK Education Council is a British-owned company and one of the largest organizations in the world, to promote UK education at all levels. They have 14 offices and partners in over 20 countries. The Council works closely with the best universities in the U.K, like Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, UCL, Kings College London and others, besides other organizations like British Council and others related to the field of education, both in the private and government sectors. SI-UK provides all necessary support to the students from application, statement of purpose, IELTS, student visas, besides accommodation and other facilities.

The students enjoyed the fair and showed great enthusiasm to learn more about the application process and future prospects on completion of higher studies from a university in the U.K. The representatives of the Universities answered their queries in detail and cleared doubts.



## STUDENTS VISIT JOHN MARTYN MEMORIAL SCHOOL



**I**nteract is a service club for youth of all ages which is self-governing and self-supporting.

Imbibing these simple philosophies, the students of Kāsiga School's Interact Club went to a nearby charitable school called John Martin Memorial School where many activities such as music, football, storytelling and a cleanliness drive were conducted in a fun-filled experiential method. The students and staff of the school enthusiastically participated in all the activities.



The children of John Martin were given self-made, self-baked muffins and paper bags by the students of Interact as a token of affection. Also a portrait made by one of the students from the Interact Club, was gifted to the school Principal.

At the end of the visit, the students were also shown a documentary highlighting the need to keep themselves and their surroundings clean. It was a learning experience that impressed upon the Kasigans the sentiment to respect all since talent and merit is independent of financial or social background.

## EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO SWITZERLAND...

**T**he journey to Switzerland began on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 2015, with twelve students. It was a unique and enriching experience. Les Elfes International provided our children a blend of discovery and practice of exciting novel sports and activities.

The students camped at Verbier, situated in the heart of one of the most beautiful regions of the Swiss Alps which offers breathtaking panoramic views. Verbier is a cosmopolitan resort with a variety of shopping, eating and entertainment possibilities.



ice-hockey, ice-skating, and table-tennis.

The week in Verbier, mainly focused on summer camp activities. The sports activities comprised golf, football, hiking, mountain-biking, football, volleyball, basketball, rock-climbing, trampoline,

## INVOLVE ME...AND I LEARN...

The Geography Week showcased an ideal medley of participative learning and quest. The



students of grades 7, 8 and 9 visited the Meteorological Centre, Dehradun, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015. The visit was organized, so that the middle school students understand how different elements of weather are measured.

Mrs. Rashmi Sinha, who had accompanied the students, seemed satisfied with the enterprise.

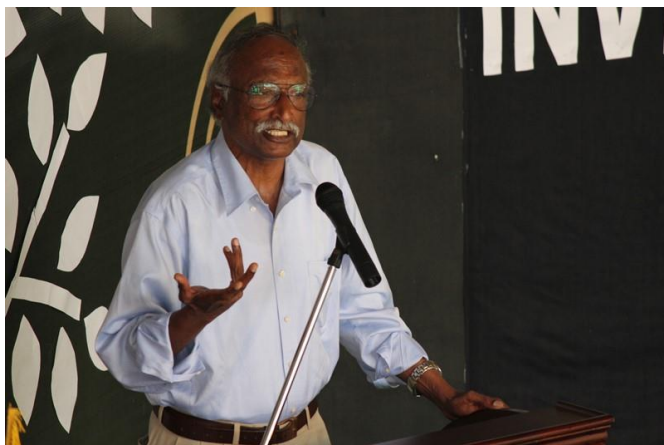
“The guidance received from Mr. Anand Dharma, the Centre Head, proved not only informative but also inspirational,” said the middle-school Geography teacher.

## WHEN LEADERS TAKE A STAND...

The newly elected School Council took the oath of office on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015.

Mr. Dev Lahiri, a noted educationist, was invited as the Chief Guest to grace the occasion. The office bearers were presented badges by the Guest of Honour and the Head of School.

The ceremony of passing the light, which emblemizes passing the mantle of leadership, ignited the Council of Prefects with a passion to serve.



“It’s time we comprehend the significance of the trust placed upon leaders,” said Mr. Lahiri, as he addressed the School Council, urging them to realise that leadership is not about a title but also about the faith and confidence that one inspires among fellow students and teachers.

## FINALLY COINED – THE SCHOOL SONG...

The month of July witnessed a novel move by two of Kasiga’s staff members. Mr. Desmond R. Davies and Mr. Maninder Singh, with a cohesive effort, composed our School song.

The song, with its aura, tranquillity and eloquence, echoes the message of amity and boundless striving. It helps us to “see our dream” and inspires us to realise it. The Head of School appreciated the School song as the choir sang it in the assembly.

When asked as to what triggered such an initiative, Mr. Davies, humbly stated, “I wanted — through the lyrics — to somehow capture the ambition, friendship and family values which are ever present at Kasiga.”

## INTER-HOUSE HINDI POETRY COMPETITION

Krishnan, CBSE Head at Kasiga School,  
Dehradun.

Poetry dwells in our hearts, and on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015, Kasigans replicated the same.

The Hindi Kavya Path Pratiyogita commenced at 3 pm, with the

ceremonial lighting of the lamp. The jury comprised Mrs. Jyoti Nigam, HOD (Hindi) at Him Jyoti School, Dehradun, Mrs. Usha Uniyal, Hindi Teacher at Unison World School, Dehradun, and Mrs. Girija Gopal



All the participants displayed a strong zeal to claim the trophy. Pacific House had more reasons to smile, as they bore away the first prize on an overall basis.

“The competition was exciting. The participants did well. Today we’ve witnessed the true spirit of competition,” felt Mr. Ashish Uniyal, Hindi Teacher at Kasiga.

## FOOTBALL FEVER!!!

The Sports Department at Kasiga is hallmarked for its perpetual endeavour to soar higher. It aims at glory, and strives for it at full steam. The football matches played at Oakgrove School, Mussoorie, witnessed both the pain of defeat and the ecstasy of victory. Our team played three matches against Tibetan Home, Galaxy International and St. George’s College respectively. Our boys won one out of the three, with a draw and a well-fought defeat. The tournament was won by the home team.

In the Jackie Memorial Cup, our team competed against Wynberg Allen, Aryan School and Mussoorie Public School. Of the three matches, Kasiga won two and lost one in which they were defeated by the Wynberg boys. The Head of School, Dr Bali, complimented the efforts of the Soccer teams. “