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"Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardour and attended to with diligence." Abigail Adams.

In the face of this global pandemic, when we see distressing pictures all around, it is also important for us to realize how much this time has been a time of extraordinary learning. It has brought out the resilient side of the education system, the teachers, the students and parents who never gave up on learning and sought for means to ensure the continuity of education so as to safeguard the future of this world. Our quick adaptation to the remote learning environment has helped to evade any sort of disruption in this pursuit of knowledge. Every member of the Kasiga family is committed and devoted to this pursuit and our newsletter is an important part of it.

Kasiga's quarterly magazine "Expressions" reflects the spirit of the Kasigans through the articles presented in it. It encourages the students to unleash their creativity and effectively utilize language for conveying their ideas.

As the Head of School, It is with great pleasure that I announce that the students of Kasiga School are taking full editorial responsibility of the quarterly school magazine. Please join us in welcoming the members of the new Editorial Board:

Sakshi Goyal

Panna Tyagi

Ashna Vohra

Divyansh Veer Singh

Kavya Agarwal

Reginald Rai Lacey

Kāsiga during the pandemic through a student's point of view

We all have been affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic. However, the impact of the pandemic and its consequences are felt differently depending on our status as individuals and as members of society. During these difficult times, Kāsiga School opened its gates to welcome the students who were writing their board examinations for the year 2021.

I was fortunate enough to return to the place I call home. Seeing familiar faces, listening to the same old voices and sitting amongst the group to eat meals was all too overwhelming. Initially, it was not easy for anyone who had returned, particularly because most of us had a monotonous routine and a lazy lifestyle back at home. Maintaining distance at all times, wearing the masks as a part of our uniform and sanitizing our hands multiple times a day became exhausting after a point, however it was worth it, because none of the people, who had come back to school wanted to catch the earliest flight back home.

The school practised precautions and took COVID-19 precautions quite seriously. Starting from the first day, we were quarantined. We were checked for our temperature and oxygen levels every day and followed by frequent sanitation of every dorm. After 7 days, all the students who had returned to school had been tested for COVID-19.



Once it was all clear, we were allowed to go towards the academic block which had been out of bounds until our RT PCR results came out. Life was normal, except all students had to have their masks on and maintain social distancing.

Eventually, as the number of cases reduced in India, students from grade 9 and 11 came back as well. The school was slowly filling up, it did get my heart heavy sometimes. A number of times I'd take a back seat and recall the memories I made during the past 3 years in Kāsiga. COVID-19 has changed me, in a lot of ways. Not only do I take care of myself more in terms of hygiene and health, but also try to be positive about everything happening and I try to be grateful for everything I have been provided with, not only by my family and relatives, but also by the supportive Kāsiga family. Given an opportunity, I would never leave a place like this, however the time will come some day or the other when I will have to leave. Till then, I just want to keep this place close to my heart and cherish every moment of being here.

- **Ashan Vohra , 10 C**



**Kāsiga School congratulates
Ayush Malhotra on scoring A**

Ayush Malhotra, a recent graduate of Kāsiga achieved an A* in his Cambridge International Advanced Level Mathematics examination(9709). The examination took place in the November 2020 examination series. He scored in the 90th percentile in this qualification, which means he scored better than 90 percent of the people that took the test.



**Profile building expert, Mr. Abhishek
Gulati gives grade 12 students an
overview of the process of application
to renowned universities via webinar.**

Grade 12th students have a big life decision to take after they graduate. This is why on Friday, 22nd January 2021 Kāsiga School organised an informative webinar for the grade 12th students which introduced them to the 'Mindler Scholarship Hunt & Application Process' to various eminent universities.

The guest speaker, Mr. Abhishek Gulati, a profile building expert who trains students on the know-how of acing the admission interviews for top universities, shared his knowledge. The webinar was attended and well received by the students, both offline and online.



Kāsiga School celebrates 72nd Republic Day

"If things go wrong under the new constitution, the reason will not be that we had a bad constitution. What we will have to say is that man was vile." - Dr. B R Ambedkar

Kāsiga celebrated India's 72nd Republic Day in the pristine Kāsiga greens. Our Head of School, Mrs. Sonali Sinha addressed the youth reminding them of their rights and duties as citizens of India. After the flag hoisting ceremony, the show kicked off with the recitation of the National Anthem, followed by the melodious song 'Ae mere vatan ke logo' rendition by Ms. Nootan Smriti infusing exuberant patriotism. The valley was filled with colours of freedom, joy and vitality.



Kāsiga School fraternity receives award for academic excellence

"Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts, it is acquiring understanding." – William Arthur Ward
The Kāsiga School fraternity is proud to receive appreciation for continued excellence in education, empowering youth and redefining quality year after year. A huge thanks to everyone, who has supported us throughout the journey.

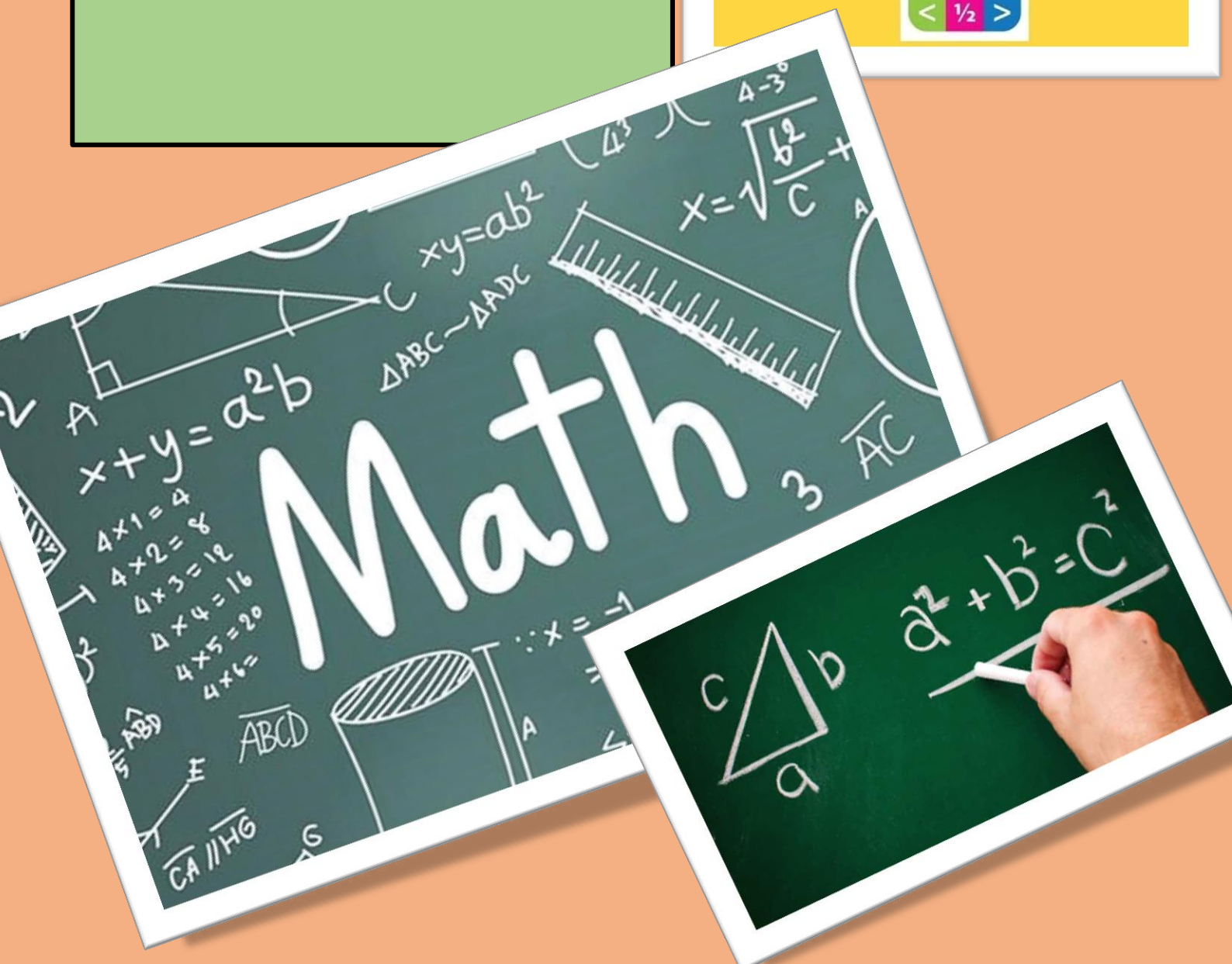
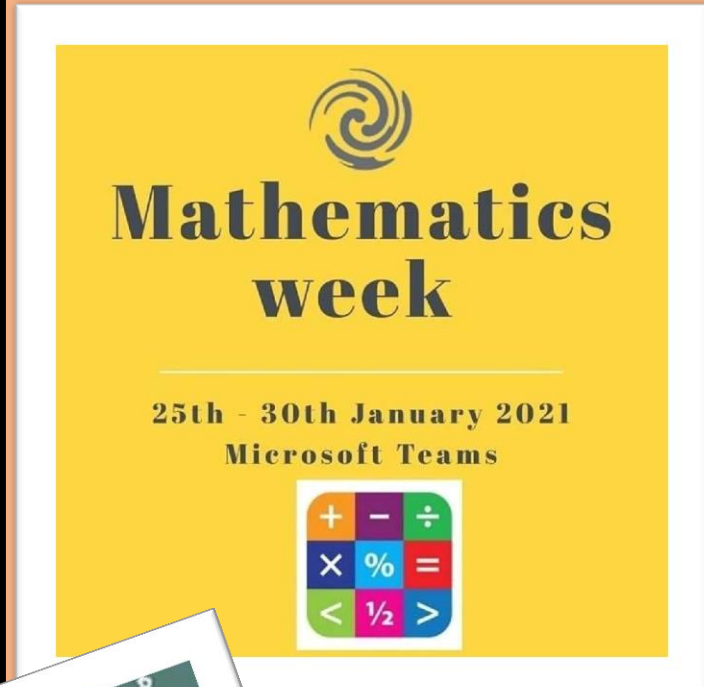


Students participate in Mathematics week through online activities.

Welcome to the world of Mathemagic!

Focusing to inculcate critical thinking and problem solving skills in the students at Kāsiga, the mathematics department organised an online maths week from “25th Jan-30th Jan”.

To help imbue and attract young minds to develop their aptitude, numerous different activities like number games, puzzles and quizzes were planned by the teachers.



Guest speaker Dr. Bipin shares his journey through entrepreneurship and gives his views on 'Kawach'

Kāsiga School conducted a special event wherein, Dr. Bipin Kumar threw light on his journey of becoming an entrepreneur. He also shared his much-valued views on the product "Kawach Mask". It was an amazing session. The blocks on the path of becoming an entrepreneur and the way he overcame them, were truly very awe-inspiring. The session was well received and appreciated by Kāsigans.



New members of the Kāsiga family enjoy a fun evening tea party with the Head of School at her residence

Our Head of School organised an evening tea party, at her residence, for the new members of the Kāsiga family. The evening was full of laughter and joy. The new students were able to express their thoughts freely. The gesture was heartwarming and helped the new students connect with each other as well as the Head of School.



**Kāsiga School celebrates
female staff and students on
occasion of Women’s Day**

“Women are the real architects of society.” -
Harriet Beecher Stowe.

It may be surprising to know that ‘Akhand
Bharat’ was the dream of Anusuya the mother
of King Puru. Indian history is embellished with
many great women who have shown a
remarkable side of themselves when the society
needed them the most. From fighting to
protecting, women can do it all!

The face of the Earth has been walked over by
countless women heroes. As a mark of respect
for the hero in all the women, Kāsiga School
celebrated Women's Day with zeal and zest
witnessing heartfelt participation by the female
staff and students.



**Mr. Tarak Nath Dey, senior faculty for
Spanish language, is honored with
Shiksha Ratan Award**

Teaching is a profession which when done right
can produce the brightest of the stars. We are
proud to announce that Mr. Tarak Nath Dey, our
senior faculty for Spanish language, has been
honored with the Shiksha Ratan Award in a
National Conference for Principals and Teachers
conducted by PPSA (Principals Progressive
Schools Association, Uttarakhand).



“An expedition around a new School”

Kāsiga from novice students

School life is one of the best and most memorable phases of human life and I knew it was true when I was walking around the campus of my new School for the first time. It was one of the best feelings. At first I sat by myself and kept quiet, I felt isolated from the big bright world outside. I still remember how hesitant I was while raising my hand in class for the first time, the large amount of courage I had to gather, I could feel everyone's eyes on me when the teacher called out my name to answer. Studying at a boarding school is a whole different experience on its own, as challenging as it sounds it really isn't. I made a large number of friends in no time and they helped me feel more welcome and at home. Being at a boarding school like Kāsiga allowed me to step outside my comfort zone and helped me gain self confidence, this experience also allowed me to gain strong personality traits. Despite the fact I haven't been in the School for long, it has taught me a lot in the short time I have been here and it has allowed me to make good friends who I have made unforgettable memories with. It has overall been a pleasant episode.

- Setu, 11B



When I first came to Kāsiga I was quarantined for a week and it wasn't till my third day that I even found out that one of the students who was quarantined was in my class. After a few days we did start talking and became good companions. However, I did develop a good friendship with a few people after I started School and it did come to me because making such good friends in such a short span of time felt impossible to me earlier. I am very grateful to the Design & Technology Lab for that.

- Divyansh , 10C

My parents thought it would be a great opportunity for me to be more independent so I joined Kāsiga, a year ago. But due to the global pandemic we had online classes for 10 months, throughout this whole time my teachers were very considerate and supportive which truly helped me learn better during that challenging time. I got to spend the remaining two months of the academic session at School. Over the short period of two months, Kāsiga has helped me grow out of my comfort zone. It has shaped me from someone who was shy and timid to someone who is comfortable and resilient. From my point of view, the staff and students are one of the best parts of Kāsiga. Everyone is compassionate and accepting, the teachers truly care about the students and help us achieve our personal and academic objectives. I am from Nepal and making friends from other countries and from all over India has been the best part of my experience here. I have learned a lot about different cultures and languages. My experience at Kāsiga has been one that I will always be grateful for.

- Kesia, 10 C

Have you ever felt uncomfortable, confused and nervous at the same time? Well, all new students feel this way when shifting their schools specifically while in high school. The fear of making no friends or if anyone would dislike them no matter how interactive an individual could be is terrifying. But I didn't feel this way at all while moving to Kāsiga although I was a high schooler. Maybe online classes had helped me get through this as I had already interacted with a few mates who would talk to me about how outgoing people in Kāsiga were. The first weeks in Kāsiga weren't as tough as I thought it would be, I was comfortable but of course a little bit confused as it was a completely new place to be around. However, everything felt easy with the help of my friends in Kāsiga who were my dorm mates. Ranjeet ma'am being one of the most supportive and caring teachers I've met in Kāsiga. I could've been that nervous and uncomfortable person without my dorm mates (Prisha, Ashna, Beyonce, Kesia and Dashleen) and definitely Ranjeet ma'am. I would like to appreciate them for being around and helping me with things I couldn't have done alone in Kāsiga.

- Chetan, AS level

Kāsiga has been a completely new and exhilarating experience for me. Even though online Schooling has been a major chunk of my journey with the School so far, there's been no lack in the amount of support and guidance my teachers have given me. They always make sure to conduct fun activities and competitions like Callido to keep us engaged during the pandemic. When I got on campus, every single student and staff member I came across was immensely inviting and homely. Although it hasn't been long, I'm really surprised by how much I have grown, and the skills I've learnt. I had the amazing opportunity of working in the Design & Technology Lab, where I made my very first project. It wasn't anything massive, yet the fact that I worked with wood, and built something even as tiny as a pen holder, gave me immense joy. Living in the dorm, with such amazing people, brought with itself its own experiences and learnings. It taught me the importance of communication, something I had struggled with for a very long time. It also helped me identify my flaws and work on them. All in all, I'm elated to be a part of this family and am looking forward to being back on campus and making several more memories.

- Dashleen , AS Level

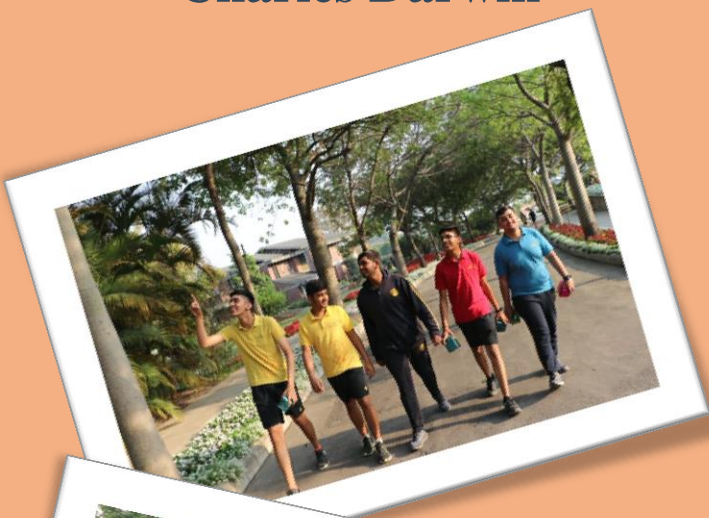
Education and proper guidance is fundamental to determine a child's future. Before coming to Kāsiga, I was never an ambitious student. My future was hazy, and I felt like I did not have a steady hand to guide me in my endeavours. However, coming here was a turning point in my life. The amount of support and guidance I have received from the staff and students is beyond my comprehension. I found the dormant passion for my future once again. I am also very pleased with how all requirements, both in the boarding house and School, are handled very well. I rarely find myself in discomfort due to lack of assistance. A healthy environment is essential for the students and is also maintained very well. Kāsiga , as I have learned after a few months, is a school which prepares you for the real world, as well as providing knowledge beyond the four walls of a classroom.

- Ella, 11 D

Kāsiga School is truly a good and extraordinary place in itself. Its infrastructure and peaceful environment is breathtaking. Being a new student at Kāsiga was different. This was my first time in a boarding school and I was a little nervous. However, it did not take me much time to get used to the system and protocol followed in the school. My juniors and seniors, both were very supportive and really helpful plus, I had very compatible dorm mates. Although it was my first time in a boarding school and staying away from my parents was a little tough, over the course of time, I got used to everything and it felt like my second home. Lastly, I want to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my hostel life however short it may have been. And I hope to make many more memories here, in the future.

- Neerag , 11 A

"It is the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) that those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed." – Charles Darwin



We hope that we were able to demonstrate to you through our newsletter and that you were able to get some insight on what it truly feels like to be a Kāsigan.

- Editorial Board