

EXPRESSIONS

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Newsletter

Here's to a new beginning



Kasiga School is delighted to welcome Mr. Rashid Sharfuddin as our new Headmaster. With a clear vision and a deep sense of purpose, he brings new energy and direction to our school community. He focuses on building confident, kind, and curious learners, young people ready to take on the future with courage and character.

Mr. Sharfuddin believes in creating a school where every student feels valued, supported, and inspired to grow. With strong values, fresh ideas, and a commitment to excellence, we are excited to move forward together.

A new journey begins, full of hope, purpose, and endless possibilities.

Welcoming Newbies



On 2nd April 2025, the school welcomed its newest students with an orientation filled with warmth, excitement, and emotion.

Our Headmaster, Mr. Rashid Sharfuddin, along with Ms. Arundhati Shukla (Deputy Head of School), Aditya Chaurasia (Head Boy), and Ms. Garima Rao (School Counsellor), addressed students and their families, sharing words of encouragement and outlining the journey that lies ahead.

As the day drew to a close and it was time to say goodbye, emotions overwhelmed many. There were long hugs, teary eyes, and silent promises of strength. The air at Kasiga was filled with love, hope, and the ache of parting.

Leaving home is never easy, but with time, these hallways will feel like home, new friendships will grow, and routines will become second nature. Students will learn to manage their time, handle responsibilities, and discover a new sense of independence.

One day, these students will look back and know that this was the beginning of something truly special.



Stepping Into the Spotlight

What better way to settle into a new place than by sharing your passion and talent? Kasiga School recently hosted the Newcomers' Talent Eve, an afternoon filled with energy, creativity, and unforgettable moments.

Our newest students, who joined earlier this month, took to the stage with confidence and heart. From soulful singing and energetic dance moves to moving drama pieces and impressive musical performances, each act was a reflection of their individuality and spirit.

The event was not just about entertainment. It was a warm welcome into the Kasiga family. It gave students a chance to express themselves beyond academics and helped them connect with their peers through shared interests.

The Headmaster closed the event with words of praise, applauding their courage, enthusiasm, and talent.



Run for a Cause: Cancer Awareness



13 April 2025 marked a meaningful day at Kasiga School as over 700 students from more than 10 leading schools and organisations united for the Annual Cancer Run, an inspiring initiative to raise awareness and support cancer research.

The 2.5 km run was flagged off by acclaimed actor, activist, and former rugby player Mr. Rahul Bose, alongside Kasiga Headmaster Mr. Rashid Sharfuddin and distinguished guests Mr. Gurmeet Singh, Ms. Pepe Duggal, and Mr. Vivek Seth.

Participants ran, walked, and skated through the Kasiga campus, showing that age is no barrier when it comes to standing up for a cause. Mr. Bose not only flagged off the event but also joined the run, setting an example of active commitment.

"It is heartening to see young people and educators unite for a cause that affects millions," said Mr. Bose. "Awareness can be built through action and even small communities can spark big change."

He also shared his life experiences, from discovering acting by chance to learning resilience through sports. He advised students to stay curious, embrace challenges, and never underestimate the power of compassion and teamwork.

The run was not just a race, it was a movement of hope, unity, and purpose.

Exchange in Action

Day 1: Warm Welcome in Utah

Kasigans touched down in Utah, to the charm of spring adorned with bright blooms, fresh air, and the promise of new experiences. After a visit to the state capital, the scenic drive to Wasatch Academy took everyone through stunning landscapes of snow-draped mountains and wildflowers. It was nature's way of saying, "Welcome to a new beginning."



Day 2: Western Adventures

Day two started with a cheerful breakfast and a guided tour of the Wasatch campus. The afternoon brought a taste of the American West—horse riding and a wagon tour that had everyone smiling. A visit to Walmart gave a peek into everyday American life, followed by a friendly soccer match back on campus. With an early dinner and a day full of bonding, the students were already settling in.

Day 3: Learning and a Taste of Local Life

The day began with a session on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), sparking thoughtful conversations. Later, students got hands-on in the Engineering Lab, exploring creativity and design. A quick shopping trip in Lehi and an exciting Jazz basketball game wrapped up the day with fun and local flair.



Day 4: Nature Unfolds

It was time to head south. The four-hour drive to Kanab passed quickly with songs, stories, and awe at the changing landscapes. A short hike on arrival gave everyone a moment to breathe, reflect, and take in Utah's natural beauty. Dinner felt well-earned after the journey, as the group rested up for the adventures ahead—rock climbing and National Park explorations.

This exchange is more than a visit; it's a journey of discovery, friendship, and expanding worldviews.

Growing with Gratitude



Students of Grades 4 and 5 took part in a thoughtful gratitude session led by Ms. Divya Negi from the Psychology department. They reflected on the people who support them daily including teachers, friends, pastoral staff, and community helpers.

The young learners created colorful thank-you notes with heartfelt messages, expressing appreciation in their unique ways.

This simple yet powerful activity reminded everyone that kindness and gratitude go hand in hand and that a thankful heart truly leads to a happy mind.

Echoes of Folk

The green lawns of Kasiga School came alive with colour, energy, and tradition during Folk Vibes 2025, an inter-school folk dance competition held in honour of International Dance Day.

Sixteen schools from across the region came together to share the rich cultural traditions of India and beyond through soulful and energetic performances.



The evening began with a graceful invocation dance and the ceremonial lamp lighting, followed by spirited performances where every team told a story through their unique folk traditions. From intricate footwork to expressive storytelling, each act was a celebration of culture, creativity, and connection.

A special highlight was Kasiga School's enchanting presentation, "The Birds from China," choreographed by acclaimed Odissi dancer and theatre artist Ms. Sharmila Bhartari. This graceful performance paid tribute to ancient Chinese culture and left the audience spellbound.



The event was graced by esteemed guests and a distinguished panel of judges: Ms. Sunita Vijay, Mrs. Vidisha Aggarwal, and Ms. Vidushi Upma Shukla, who appreciated the authenticity, creativity, and spirit shown by all participants.

Winners

1st – St. Jude's School, Dehradun

2nd – Doon International School

3rd – Kasiga School

Special Awards

Best Choreography – The Indian Public School

Best Costumes & Presentation – Ann Mary School

Best Musical Interpretation – Tons Bridge School

The headmaster closed the event, appreciating the efforts of all the participating schools. He stated that dance is a bridge between cultures, a timeless celebration of unity.

Folk Vibes 2025 was a perfect blend of beats, tradition, and youthful spirit. It was an evening to remember!

Honouring Efforts



This International Labour Day, the students celebrated the school support staff who keep our school going every day.

The celebration began by welcoming them with tilak and handmade brooches, crafted with love by the Art Department. It was a small gesture, but it came straight from the heart.

The smiles on their faces as we thanked them reminded us that gratitude doesn't always need grand words or expensive gifts. The school is and will always be grateful for their dedication, patience, and care. They are the silent strength behind everything that happens on campus, and celebrating them on Labour Day made everyone present realise how much they mean to all.



P.C. Batta Tournament 2025 Celebrates Cricketing Spirit

The 7th All India P.C. Batta Memorial Inter School Cricket Tournament 2025 came to a thrilling close at Kasiga School, Dehradun, after ten days of intense competition, sportsmanship, and unforgettable cricketing moments. The tournament, held in honour of the late Shri Prakash Chand Batta, was founded by Mr. Ramesh Batta, Chairman of Kasiga School, and has grown into a prestigious platform for school-level cricket across India.

This year, eleven schools from Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Haryana competed on the BCCI-approved Kasiga Cricket Oval, a venue that has hosted national and international matches and continues to inspire young cricketers.



From the opening match to the nail-biting finale, the tournament delivered edge-of-the-seat action. The final clash between MNSS Rai, Sonapat, and Kasiga School, Dehradun, kept the crowd on their feet, with MNSS Rai emerging as the well-deserved champions.

The closing ceremony was graced by Mr. R.P. Devgan, a legend in education and sports.

As a Ranji Trophy player, English county cricketer, and national athlete, he inspired students with stories of resilience and encouraged them to balance discipline, teamwork, and fitness in every aspect of life.



Individual Honours:

Best Batsman & Man of the Series:

Ayaanveer Bhatia (Kasiga School)

Man of the Match (Final): Sarthak (MNSS Rai)

Best Bowler: Pritam (Selaqui International)

Best Wicket Keeper: Hardil (MNSS Rai)



The tournament once again proved to be a great platform for rising stars and a true celebration of talent, teamwork, and determination.

Learning with Fun

The ten-day summer camp came to a close with a special assembly followed by the felicitation ceremony led by the Headmaster. In his address, he reflected on all that had been achieved with the start of the new session and shared the exciting goals ahead. He also acknowledged the achievements of students across different events.

The camp included Sports and Activities.. Activities like pottery, dance, theatre, music, and arts and crafts gave students the chance to explore their creativity and express themselves freely

The guidance in sports was provided by nationally and internationally acclaimed coaches, including the renowned Dronacharya Awardee Shri Raj Kumar Shukla, who helped students grow both on and off the field.

Students were honoured for their outstanding performances in sports and other activities. The Deputy Head of School and the Headmaster presented tokens of appreciation to the students and coaches, applauding their commitment, talent, and spirit.



Individual Sports Excellence		
Sport	Junior Category	Senior Category
ATHLETICS	HARSHIT SINGHAL	AHANA THAPA
BASKETBALL	TANAY SHARMA	ANUSHKA PHARASI
CRICKET	YUVRAJ	AYANVEER BHATIA
CHESS	PRABHADITYA	VARSHA
FOOTBALL	-	SAMBUDDHA
HORSE RIDING	KAYAAN	CHIRAG
SWIMMING	ZEBADIYA	ROHAN MODHWADIA
SHOOTING	GARIMA CHHABRA	RHYTHM CHAUDHARY
TABLE TENNIS	AKSHAJ GHANEKAR	CHIRAG AGARWAL
TENNIS	ADITYA DIBDEWAL	LAKSHAY BAJORIA
YOGA	AMAYRA	DOLY BAGANG
EMERGING PLAYERS	ATHARVA, DAKSH MISHRA	SANCHIT KUMAR, MANIK KALRA

Cricket Awards (By West Delhi Cricket Academy)

Outstanding performances in both Junior and Senior categories were recognized with titles such as:

Best Bowler, Best Batsman, Best Fielder, Best All-Rounder, and Player of the Tournament.





CONGRATULATIONS & CELEBRATIONS

- Kasiga School secured the ****Runners-Up Trophy**** at the ***3rd Dyson Eduljee Memorial U19 Soccer Tournament 2025*** held at Wynberg-Allen School, Mussoorie.
- At the Suryakash Kalataru Arts Event hosted by Oasis School, our talented band secured 3rd Prize in STACCATO – Band War with a powerful performance by Samarta Kunwar, Vihaan Patel, Manav Kumar, Nattapon, and Diah Jain.
- At Tula's Confluence, the talented marketing team secured 2nd place in Adverto for their innovative ideas and impactful presentation! Congratulations to Aeshika Jain, Kaashvi Agrawal, Om Kalpesh, Vraj Raj, and Mitansh Badoni for their outstanding performance!
- At the Tons Fest, Kasiga students earned accolades across various categories:
 1. **Best Shot Photography** – 1st Place: Armaan Jain
 2. **Pattern Perfection (Dupatta Painting)** – 1st Place: Nishtha Singhal & Dakshayani Sharma
 3. **Collage Making** – 2nd Place: Pragya Yadav & Asmi Shankar
 4. **Digital Logo Design** – 2nd Place: Kian Singh Chaba & Rudra Pratap Singh
 5. **Coding Challenge** – 2nd Place: Tanay Agrawal & Samarpan Goel
- Ishana Roy of Grade 9 secured the Runner-Up position at the Le Grand International School Open Tennis Tournament 2025.
- Students participated in the Shri Ram Centennial School Aqua Meet, which resulted in a commendable medal tally: 3 Gold Medals, 9 Silver Medals, and 7 Bronze Medals. Pannwit secured 2 Silver, 1 Gold, and was awarded the prestigious Best Swimmer Trophy.



RAZMATAZZ: A JMS Presentation

It was a wild evening! The rain was pouring nonstop, and strong winds even knocked down some trees. But nothing could stop the excitement of the Junior Middle School students. They stood backstage, nervous and excited, ready to perform in front of their parents and make them proud.



The evening was full of fun and talent. There were amazing dance performances, energetic band numbers, and four wonderful one-act plays by the four school houses. Each house performed a well-known story with creativity and confidence:

- Amazon House: The Little Red Riding Hood
- Pacific House: Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
- Nile House: Sleeping Beauty
- Everest House: Alice in Wonderland



Each play kept the audience glued to their seats. The students performed with so much energy that the audience couldn't stop clapping. The band's performance had everyone moving to the beat, and the dance was a perfect way to end the show.

The Headmaster thanked all the parents for coming, and appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers. Even though the weather was wild, the evening turned out to be unforgettable—full of joy, pride, and amazing memories.



IH Doha & Poem Recitation



The Inter-House Hindi Doha and Poetry recitation Competition was a celebration of expression. Students recited famous Dohas. The competition also included fun and powerful performances in Hasya Ras and Veer Ras poetry.

The students impressed everyone with their clear speech, expressions, and strong understanding of the poems. The event was judged by Dr. Ritu Pathak and Ms. Archana, respected Hindi and Sanskrit teachers from Welham Girls' School, Dehradun.

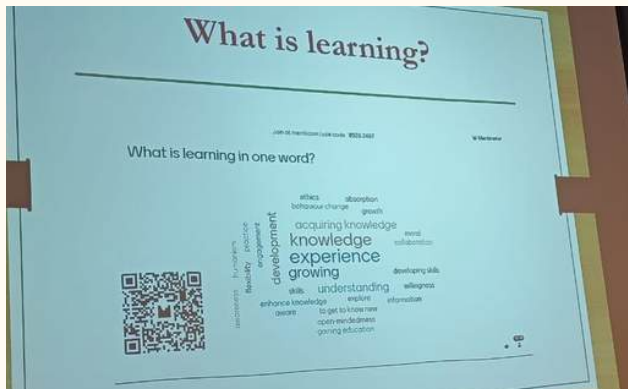
The competition helped students to connect more deeply with the beauty of Hindi poetry and its rich traditions.

Nile House stood winner, followed by Everest House and Pacific House in the second and third positions, respectively.



Empowering Educators

Before the summer break, the school organised a three-day professional development workshop for its faculty. The workshop focused on strengthening collaboration, enhancing teaching practices, and equipping educators with the tools to better support students in the dynamic setting of a residential school.



Learning to Learn” – Empowering Educators for the Future

Ms. Arundhati Shukla, Deputy Head of School, led a powerful session titled “Learning to Learn.” This workshop explored innovative teaching practices, focusing on student-centered learning. Teachers were introduced to key concepts such as the conscious competence model, learning theories, inquiry-based learning, and the interdisciplinary approach. The session encouraged educators to adapt their teaching styles to meet the needs of 21st-century learners, creating more interactive and engaging classrooms.



Empowering Educators in Residential Schooling

A thought-provoking workshop was conducted by Ms. Sangeeta Kain, which focused on the unique role of teachers in a residential school setting.



Ms. Kain emphasized the importance of building strong, positive relationships with students that go beyond the classroom. She discussed the challenges and rewards of residential life and shared practical strategies for supporting students' holistic development. Her session reinforced the importance of trust, empathy, and realistic expectations in fostering lifelong learning.



Strengthening Bonds, Building Teams

The workshop began with an engaging team-building session led by Mr. Vinay Pande, focusing on enhancing collaboration and trust among faculty members. Through a series of interactive activities, teachers worked together, exchanged ideas, and learned the value of open communication and teamwork. The session highlighted that trust and strong communication, not only among teachers but also between teachers and students, are essential for creating a positive and effective learning environment.



Outperformance in Board Results

The students showcased exceptional academic excellence in the CBSE Board Examinations for the academic year 2024-25, achieving a remarkable 100% result in both Grade XII and Grade X.

In Class XII, the school witnessed outstanding performances by Mannat Grag (96%), Dhruv

Shurewala (94.3%), Chandrahaas Pratap Singh (92.8%), Harshid Maadam (91.8%), Maithili

Arora and Krish Agrawal with 91%.

In Grade X, Yukta Mandal scored 96.2%, followed by Virat Modi with 94.2%, and Doly Bagang with 94%. Vatsal Saxena, Yatharth Yadav, and Yash Agrawal performed commendably with 93.6%, 92.8%, and 91.2%, respectively. Rishabh Dagar and Dhruv Agarwal

scored 91%.

Congratulations to the entire Kasiga family for their hard work and dedication.



A Photoframe

Every day when I enter my room, my eyes fall on you.
You are just a photoframe... yet somehow, you are more.
You sit quietly on my desk, holding a frozen moment from my life. A smile with my friends, a family vacation, and my first school trophy.
It is strange how something so still can say so much.
When I am stressed with homework or worried about exams, I look at you and suddenly feel calm. You remind me of who I am beyond grades and deadlines. You remind me of laughter, of simpler days, of the people who believe in me.
Sometimes, I talk to you. Not out loud, but in my mind. You listen without judgment. You do not tell me to try harder or to grow up. You just let me be.
You are not just a frame. You are a keeper of memories, of hope, of dreams that once seemed possible. And when things get tough, I look at you and think. If I could smile like that once, I can smile like that again.
So thank you, for silently standing by. For holding on to the pieces of me I sometimes forget.

Arisha Malik
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