

EXPRESSIONS

**"YOU HELD A MOMENT IN YOUR HAND,
BRILLIANT AS A STAR,
FRAGILE AS A FLOWER,
A SHINY SILVER OUT OF ONE HOUR.
YOU NURTURED IT WITH LOVE.
AND YOU TOUCHED THE ETERNITY."**

THIS EDITION FEATURES:

- APPOINTMENT OF THE PREFECTORIAL BOARD
- ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS
- STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Dear Parent

Greetings!

We are happy to bring this issue of 'Expressions' to you. I hope you would appreciate this attempt of the Kasigan Editorial Board to keep you well connected with the ongoings at the school. I must place on record the efforts of the Editorial Board headed by Ms Keerti Harrit (HOD English), who has been mentoring the Editorial team to become the ambassadors of the school journals.

It is indeed heartening to see that almost all students reported to the School Campus with only negligible number of pupils attending the classes online.

Making the most of their presence, the school has striven to implement operational systems and structures to accelerate the recovery of learning. The prep hours have been increased to revamp the performance of students in the ongoing exams.

In the upcoming months, you will witness the school implementing a robust framework to brace the academic progress while retaining the charm of the boarding school by devising co-curricular opportunities and expanding the bandwidth of learning projects - skill demonstrations, English enrichment programmes and MUN to name a few. Apart from this, the school is activating the firing range to enhance students' proficiency and precision in shooting.

In alignment with the scheduled winter break, the school is gearing up for the students' exeat with proper protocol and procedures.

A brand new 2022 is dawning upon us! It is the time to be grateful for the blessings of the past year and to start afresh and strong with renewed hope and energy!

The month of December is a natural interlude to not only reflect on the year gone by but establish priorities for the New Year ahead. As we move into 2022, our dedication to the augmentation of students and the parent community remains steadfast.

Browse through history, and you shall see that every 'great' has had a mentor, a guiding light perched on glory. So, let us work in tandem, as the alchemy of our combined endeavours will foster the young saplings to come into bloom.

Having said this, the school expects the parents to ensure that their wards try to adhere to the routine that they generally follow at school campus and complete their assignments during their stay at home.

We are appreciative of your support in 2021, and we look forward to a stronger and significant alliance in the New Year.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Warm regards

Rajput Surendra Singh



School Student Council Investiture Ceremony

Due to the pandemic the School Student Council which was elected earlier this year was sworn in on 9th October 2021 by the Head of School, Dr Rajput Surendra Singh, who administered the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the entire school, with much élan.

The entire ceremony was carried out in solemnity befitting the occasion and was graced with the presence of the school management.

Our Head Boy, Yashraj Gupta spoke about the three Rs- Respect, Reach and Relationship while, our Head Girl, Shrishti Jaiswal talked about the importance of human values.

Dashleen Gandhi and Aditya Harlalka were appointed as the Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy respectively. The other appointments were those of:

- Prakarsha Poudel- Cultural Prefect
- Hardik Pathak and Affan Ansari- Sports Captain and Deputy Sports Captain respectively
- Uday Choudhary and Riddhima Gautam- Academic Prefect CAIE and Academic Prefect CBSE respectively.
- Ella Ngente- Student Welfare Prefect
- Rhythm Rajput and Cheten Sherpa- Amazon House Captain and Amazon House Prefect respectively
- Neerag Basnet and Ayush Agarwal- Everest House Captain and Everest House Prefect respectively
- Harsh Gautam and Setu Patel- Nile House Captain and Nile House Prefect respectively
- Pranjal Gupta and Toshan Warshong- Pacific House Captain and Pacific House Prefect respectively
- Om Patel, Preeya Patel, Yojana Panthee, Tanay Agarwal and Samarth Kunwar- Middle School Prefects



Student Council Leadership Training program

"GREAT LEADERSHIP USUALLY STARTS WITH A WILLING HEART, A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND A DESIRE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

- MAC ANDERSON

Our Head of School, Dr Rajput conducted a three-day training programme (2nd October - 4th October 2021), to enable and empower our Student Council members to be excellent natural leaders. The objective was to help them understand how good teams are built and nurtured.

Visit to the school's Septic Treatment Plant (STP)

Cambridge Curriculum is all about experiential learning. To learn about the Environmental and Ethical Issues (Business Studies), our IGCSE students visited the school's Septic Treatment Plant (STP).

The students were guided by the supervisor on duty. They learnt about the working of the plant and the importance of recycling waste.



Kasiga School celebrates its Annual Day

The staff and students of Kasiga School celebrated their 14th Annual Day Function, themed 'Resurrection' on 29th October 2021, with great enthusiasm and finesse. Owing to the prevailing pandemic and keeping the necessary protocols in place the event was viewed only by the Chief Guest, Shri Jai Prakash Chaturvedi, Regional Officer, Central Board of Secondary Education, Regional Office, Dehradun, the School Management, Head of School, staff and students.

The event began with the Academic Procession by the teaching faculty wherein they were introduced to the Chief Guest, followed by his welcoming through the melodious rendition of 'Surswagatam' by the School Choir. The traditional, 'Lighting of the Lamp' by the dignitaries was performed to the accompaniment of chants.

The highly anticipated Yearbook was then released by the Chief Guest to thunderous applause by the excited audience who were eagerly awaiting the highly entertaining cultural performances.

The School's English Choir belted out the old Country Music classic, 'Country Roads' by John Denver followed by 'Eye of The Tiger' by the Pop Music group, Survivor which got everyone stomping their feet. The entertainment continued with a scintillating Western Dance Ensemble by a vibrant troupe of energetic and talented dancers.

The School's achievements and innovative practices and policies, actions and results were read out by the Head of School, Dr Rajput Surendra Singh in the Annual report which was followed by an Award Ceremony which was conducted to felicitate and recognise the talent of students in various fields like Academics, Art, Culture, and Sports etc.



The evening's spectacle was the Indian Dance Drama of the enactment of Mother Nature's resilience to resurrect itself from man's destruction of it. The Chief Guest - Shri Jai Prakash Chaturvedi was visibly impressed by the impeccable performance showcased by the students across different grades. In his speech to the audience, he appreciated the choice of theme and its immense impact on the minds of youth.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by the School Captain, Yashraj Gupta. He acknowledged the efforts of the Students, Teachers, and Supporting Staff and thanked the esteemed guests for their precious time and presence. The skies were then lit up by the release of dozens of lamps that floated and filled the evening sky, spreading the light of knowledge and blessings wherever it passed. This was followed by the National Anthem as a tribute to our great nation



Annual School Exhibition 2021 , showcasing exhibits of Academics, Arts, Photography and Design & Technology.

Fostering ingenuity and creative thinking, Kasiga School held its Annual Exhibition themed resurrection, wherein the students displayed their skills through thought-provoking presentations.



Kasiga School Holds the Annual Sports Day

"GOLD MEDALS AREN'T REALLY MADE OF GOLD. THEY'RE MADE OF SWEAT, DETERMINATION, & A HARD-TO-FIND ALLOY CALLED GUTS".

Much to the joy of each student, Kasiga School, Dehradun held its annual sports day for the entire school on 30th October 2021.

The School Chairman Mr. Ramesh Batta declared the Meet open. He extolled the significance of sports and physical fitness in a student's life in his address.

The sports display comprising athletic events, fun races, tug-of-war accentuated the spirit of the participants. The crisp march past under the flags of Amazon, Everest, Nile and Pacific houses epitomized the discipline and leadership qualities of the young minds. The zest and frolic of the celebration became contagious as the students cheered for their house comrades participating in fun races. The celebration was supplemented with a vibrant PT drill, leaving everyone enthralled.

The winners took pride in receiving trophies, medals and certificates from the Chairman Mr. Ramesh Batta and the Head of School Dr Rajput Surendra Singh.

Amazon House emerged the winner of the Annual Sports Trophy.

The dignitaries including Mrs. Poonam Batta, Director Finance and Administration Mr. Siddharth Batta, and Director Welfare Mrs. Chandni Batta appreciated the camaraderie and sportsmanship displayed by the students during the event.

The Student Welfare Prefect Ella Nengte expressed gratitude for the world class sports facilities and mentorship provided to the students at Kasiga School and delivered the vote of thanks.





Meet our CAIE Advanced Level student, Likhith Achyuth Gudela

Likhith was the school topper in the 2021 Hypatia Mathematics Exam conducted by the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing by the University of Waterloo, Canada. He has recently also completed an online course in Basics of Computing and Programming from NYU. Honing academic skills beyond the curriculum is what Kasiga encourages all our students to do. Likhith aspires to be an Aeronautical Engineer.



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Meet our CAIE Advanced Level student, Prisha Meswani


Prisha has successfully completed the Coursera NAND to Tetris Computer Science course from Hebrew University of Jerusalem and CS50G Game development course from Harvard University. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in Computer Science Engineering. She has also completed numerous projects in Engineering and Computer programming, some of them being- Automatic fade out night lamp; Voltmeter Clock; Binary adder using discrete logic chips; PDF editor and making software for teachers (software project); Space Asteroid Game (software project) and Textual Data compression software.



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Grammy-Nominated flute Maestro enthralled Kasiga school fraternity

On 24th November 2021, Shashank Subramanyam, the self-taught flute prodigy and Grammy-nominated artist kept the Kasiga School fraternity entranced for over an hour with a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable performance. He was accompanied by the renowned artist, S. Hariharam on the Mridangam. The event was an initiative of SPIC MACAY, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting awareness of the Indian culture and heritage in educational institutions.



Career counselling for AS level, A level and grade 11



On November 23rd, 'Stratosphere Education', a reputable Career Counselling organization shared valuable information with the students on the processes and requirements by various universities in India and abroad, as well as answered questions which students need clarification.

Counselling on Cambridge Curriculum



On November 20th, a counselling session was held for Grade 8 students and their parents. The session was conducted by the Head CAIE, Ms Sutapa De and the CAIE Examination Officer, Mr Naren Nagarajan. Mr Naren introduced the parents and students to the CAIE curriculum, its pathways and the benefits. Ms Sutapa then continued the presentation by informing the audience about Cambridge at Kasiga, the subject choices the school offers and the compulsory subjects students have to opt for.

Balloon Debate Competition



The students of Class XII celebrated the art of oratory with enthusiastic participation in the Balloon Debate Competition.

The aspiring orators presented a brainstorming session of rebuttals. Akshat Sanwal of Class XII B impersonating Stan Lee stole the show and stood first while Aditya Harlalka in the role of Narendra Modi was selected the best debater, Shriyan Tiwari as APJ Abdul Kalam was commended for the best interjections.

EVEREST HOUSE LIFT HINDI DEBATE CUP



The Hindi Department organized the Inter- House Hindi Debate on November 29th. The participants of the Middle School displayed their oratory prowess by reciting speeches of famous personalities while their seniors debated on the topic "Online learning is beneficial for students".

The three judges were Ms. Sharmila Bhartari, a famous Odissi dancer, Mrs. Beena Negi, Hindi teacher at St. Joseph's Academy and Mr. Joshi, Hindi teacher at Welham Boys' School. Tanay Agarwal of Nile House was declared the Best Speaker of the Declamation while Preeya Patel of Everest House was the Runner-Up while Sanjog Agarwal of Everest House and Urvi Bhatnagar of Pacific House took the top honours for debating.





The editorial board's prime directive is bringing information to the masses of Kasiga. This newsletter is made with that exact purpose in mind and intends to compile the amazing talents and achievements of the Kasiga family in its pages. Through the pages of this newsletter, we hope to immerse you in the amazing culture of this institution. The editorial board is proud to present the newsletter for October-November 2021. We hope you enjoy it.

-The Editorial Board