



# EXPRESSIONS



## CHRISTMASSY VIBES

With the setting of winter, the anticipation for Christmas and the New Year is met with exuberance and excitement! Kasiga School was no less. The students and staff eagerly prepared to dive down in the festivities, They were ready to sing carols, dance, and make merry!

As the much-awaited day approached, the Foyer underwent a festive transformation adorned with vibrant red and white, setting the stage for Christmas well before the big day. Laughter and joy echoed through the Foyer as students and teachers gathered to celebrate this joyous occasion.

The evening unfolded with a beautiful play, seamlessly weaving the story of the birth of Lord Jesus with heartwarming carols, igniting the festive spirit within us all.



The festivities soared to new heights with an electrifying jam session at the Palm Court of the school, turning the atmosphere into a pulsating wave of energy! Students and staff alike danced to the tunes of the DJ, creating a reverberation that echoed the joyous spirit throughout.

What a celebration indeed!

The Palm Court, adorned with festive lights, became a haven for joy and celebration, marking the perfect conclusion to an unforgettable day!

The next afternoon witnessed a delightful staff lunch hosted at the poolside. The bright sun peeking through the cold day added a touch of warmth to the gathering, creating a perfect backdrop for our year-end celebration. The togetherness among staff members further warmed the chilly air, fostering a sense of unity.

The poolside ambiance was filled with the enticing aroma of delicious delicacies and radiant smiles, creating a moment infused with camaraderie.

## PATRIOTIC FERVOUR

Amidst the clear skies, Kasiga School celebrated its 75th Republic Day with immense pride and fervor! The entire school community came together for a vibrant assembly that marked this momentous occasion.

The school choir, with passion and dedication, filled the atmosphere with patriotic tunes, singing 'Saare Jahan Se Achha' and 'Vande Mataram,' earning thunderous applause from the audience. Speeches and poems delivered by students captured the essence of the occasion, highlighting the values that make our nation great.



The shared laughter and joy echoed across the pool, making the event a true celebration.



Head of the school, Dr. Rajput Surendra Singh, hoisted the tricolor flag high, symbolizing the spirit of unity and patriotism. As the National Anthem echoed through the air, a profound sense of peace, sacrifice, and prosperity reverberated across the school grounds.



In a heartfelt gesture, Dr Rajput and Ms Arundhati Shukla honoured ex-servicemen, acknowledging their invaluable service to the nation. The event concluded with an insightful address by the deputy head of school Ms. Arundhati Shukla, emphasizing the pivotal role that the youth plays in shaping India's future. The celebration ended on a sweet note with the distribution of sweets, leaving smiles on every face. As we reflect on this momentous day, the pride, unity, and sense of patriotism linger in our hearts, inspiring us to contribute to the continued growth and prosperity of our nation.



Adding a sprinkle of enchantment the Secret Santa delighted everyone with thoughtful gifts that spread warmth and cheer among everyone. The exchange of gifts transformed into a heartwarming experience that solidified the bonds within every member of our school community.



# JOURNEY FILLED WITH CULTURAL WONDERS

## Day 1: Tokyo Adventure

The trip began with a whirlwind exploration of Tokyo's iconic landmarks, including the breathtaking Tokyo Sky Tree, the enlightening Toshiba Museum, and the legendary Hachiko Monument at Shibuya Square. A drive across the mesmerizing Rainbow Bridge added to the adventure, followed by free time at Akihabara, a tech paradise offering unforgettable experiences. The students fully immersed themselves in the rich culture and dynamic energy of Tokyo.



## Day 2: Cultural Wonders of Tokyo

The second day delved into Tokyo's cultural treasures, with visits to the Imperial Palace's East Gardens, Nijubashi Bridge, and Asakusa's Sensoji Temple & Nakamise Street. Meiji Jingu Shrine provided a tranquil ambience, and the teamLab Planets Tokyo mesmerized with its light and sound spectacle. Free time at Odaiba allowed for leisurely shopping, catering to the students' interests, making it a day filled with cultural insights and unforgettable experiences.



## Day 3: Tokyo's Breathtaking Journey

Students embarked on a breathtaking journey in Tokyo, soaring high on the Panoramic Ropeway near Mt. Tenjo. A serene cruise on Lake Hakone offered a glimpse of "The Fuji Five Lakes." The adventure continued with a high-speed Bullet Train ride to Hiroshima, covering 600+ km in just 3:15 hours. To add to the magic, students were treated to a mesmerizing snowfall.



## Day 4: Profound Experiences in Hiroshima

The experiential journey unfolded in Hiroshima, from the serene Miyajima Island and exploring the iconic Miyajima Shrine to playful encounters with deer and relaxing moments at the beach. The day blended elements of culture and nature, leaving an indelible mark with a somber reflection at the Peace Memorial and Museum. Students immersed themselves in survivor tales, gaining a deep understanding of humanity's darkest moments.



## Day 5: Captivating Kyoto

The fifth day immersed students in Kyoto's rich culture, exploring the resplendent Kinkakuji Temple and strolling through the enchanting Gion District, home to Geisha culture. The day continued with a Samurai & Ninja Experience, mastering the art of Ninja stars. Some opted for spiritual reflection at Fushimi Inari Shrine, while others indulged in the vibrant markets of Teramachi Dori.

Each moment was a testament to the depth of Japanese heritage and the students' thirst for knowledge.



### Day 6: Kyoto's Cultural Tapestry

On the sixth day, participants donned kimonos and enjoyed hands-on experiences, including a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony and an engaging Origami Class, providing insights into Japan's traditional arts. After the cultural experiences in Kyoto, the group returned to Osaka for some leisure time and shopping at the vibrant Shinsaibashi-Suji and Dotonbori districts. The students embraced the opportunity to learn, explore, and create lasting memories during this enriching journey.

### Day 7: Universal Studios Japan Exploration

The grand finale took place at Universal Studios Japan, where students had access to all areas, immersing themselves in thrilling rides, captivating shows, and



Interactive experiences throughout the park. They navigated through various themed zones, including Hollywood, Jurassic Park, and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, enhancing their understanding of entertainment and storytelling. Engaging with diverse cultures and entertainment forms, students embraced the spirit of experiential learning, fostering teamwork and creativity. The day concluded with reflections on the insights gained from this immersive adventure, leaving lasting memories and inspiring future endeavours.

## HAWAN HOSTED

On 22 January 2024, the school transformed into a sanctuary of divine energies as it hosted a hawan. The children exhibited tremendous enthusiasm, actively participating in the sacred ceremony. Grade XII students took on the responsibility of organizing the event, collaborating with the residential staff members. During the hawan, students fervently prayed for a bright future and overall contentment.



# GRAND INAUGURATION OF CRICKET ACADEMY

Kasiga School, Dehradun proudly inaugurated its West Delhi Cricket Academy on campus, in collaboration with the esteemed Dronacharya awardee, Mr Rajkumar Sharma, a renowned mentor to cricket sensation Mr Virat Kohli. The inauguration took place on Thursday, 1st February 2024, with the distinguished presence of Mr Rajkumar Sharma, Chairman, Board of Directors, Head of School, Deputy Head of School, Bursar, and the school staff.



During the event, Mr Sharma addressed the gathering, emphasising the unparalleled quality of Kasiga's cricket field, asserting its distinction among all other cricket grounds. The academy is dedicated to welcoming aspiring talents of both genders across the globe. It aspires to be a beacon for young cricketers, fostering skill development and a deep passion for the sport. Equipped with a BCCI-approved cricket field and top-notch infrastructure, the academy is poised to provide a platform to aspiring cricketers.



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Tailored for girls and boys aged 10 to 18 years, the academy's year-round coaching program is designed to ensure continuous growth and refinement of cricketing abilities. The commitment to individualized attention is evident, with a limit of thirty players per net per coach, guaranteeing focused and personalized training experiences.



Notably, students below 15 years of age will not undergo a skill test. The academy will be accessible three days a week for external cricket enthusiasts and four days for enrolled school students. As part of its comprehensive offerings, the academy will host dynamic Cricket Summer Camps and dual-batch fitness sessions in both the morning and evening, ensuring players are in prime condition for peak performance.

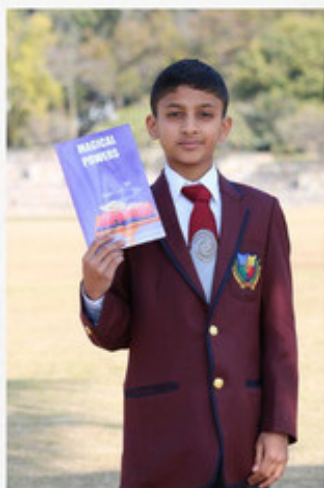
The academy has plans to organize practice matches and domestic tournaments, providing every player with an opportunity to test their skills and grow through competitive play.

Assessment reports for each player will offer valuable insights, tracking progress and highlighting areas for improvement.

Operating with a customised annual curriculum by Mr. Raj Kumar Sharma, the academy adds a touch of expertise and credibility to its training programs. Certified coaches, equipped with a wealth of knowledge and experience, will ensure that each participant receives top-notch guidance.

Kasiga Cricket Academy promises a unique cricketing experience where passion meets precision, and dreams take flight.

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*We are proud of you!*



## EMPOWERING EDUCATORS



In line with the culture of prioritising staff development at Kasiga School, a comprehensive three-day Personality Development Session was conducted from January 18th to January 20th, 2024, exclusively designed for the teaching staff. The distinguished resource persons for this enlightening initiative were Ms. Arundhati Shukla, Deputy Head of School, and Mr. Anjan Chaudhuri, Dean of Academics at The Doon School.

The meticulously organized sessions aimed at providing valuable insights into two pivotal aspects: Effective Teaching and "Empowering Educators" enlightening the teaching staff on innovative and impactful teaching practices. The program continued with engaging activities and discussions centered around relevant topics. The educators actively participated, demonstrating an eagerness to absorb new perspectives and methodologies.

The success of the initiative reaffirms Kasiga's dedication to fostering a dynamic and proficient teaching community.

# AEROMODELLING MAGIC WITH ARVIND GUPTA



Arvind Gupta, a seasoned Program Founder with over 15 years of experience in the Education industry, led an exhilarating Aeromodelling workshop, captivating the minds of students ranging from grades 4 to 8, 9, and 11. Students delved into the delicate art of crafting small miniature planes using the lightweight medium of balsa wood. The workshop went beyond mere construction; it was an immersive journey into the basic theories of aerodynamics. The workshop became a playground where education seamlessly blended with fun, igniting a spark of curiosity in each participant.



Youth United for Waste and Climate Action (YUWA) is delighted to announce the successful organization of Green Gurukul, 2023, in partnership with Waste Warriors, Dehradun.

The students participated in the inspiring activities of Junk Genius and Green Ink, showcasing their commitment to the cause.

Ms. Sukhwinder Kainthola, the mentor of the program, was acknowledged with a Certificate of Appreciation and the students were honoured with certificates of Participation and badges in appreciation for their active involvement.





Students actively participated in discussions at Raj Bhavan regarding 'Rashtriya Balika Diwas' or 'National Girl Child Day.'



Venessa Paul (X) achieved Gold Medal at the International Hindi Olympiad!

She received the esteemed Hindi Rashtraiya Pratibha Samman on a national level at Teen Murti Bhawan, Delhi, on the 29th of November. Venessa's outstanding dedication and brilliance shine brightly, filling us with immense pride and serving as an inspiration to everyone!



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