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EXPRESSIONS

CHECK-MATE



In the U-12 category, Lakshita Chaudhary from Rishikesh Public School, Rishikesh, emerged as the champion, while Abir Singh Rana from St Joseph Academy secured the runner-up position. Moving on to the U-14 category, Amogh Pandey from Doon International School, City Campus, clinched the title, with Tanish Chaurasia finishing as the runner-up.



The third edition of the Kasiga Interschool Chess Tournament concluded on April 9, 2024, at its campus with pride and contentment. Twelve esteemed schools from Dehradun, Rishikesh, and Mussoorie, including the host school, participated in the event across four categories: U-12, U-14, U-16, and U-18. More than 100 league matches were played to determine the winners in each category.



The Head of School, Dr. Surendra Singh Rajput, and the Deputy Head of School congratulated all the participants and the Sports Department of the school for their outstanding efforts in making the Kasiga Interschool Chess Tournament a success. They also felicitated the winners of each category for their remarkable achievements.



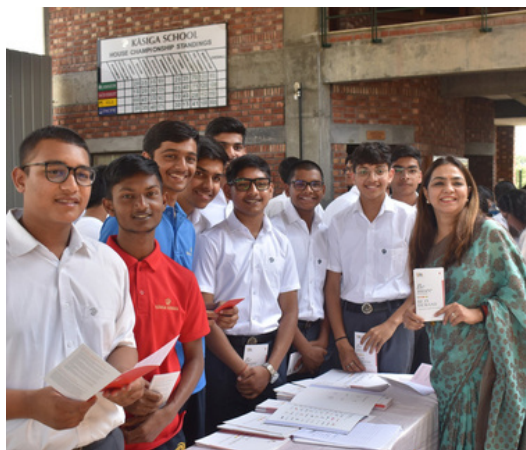
Shree Jay Negi from Doon International School, City Campus, Dehradun, triumphed in the U-16 category, while Justin Irom from Tulas International School, Dehradun, claimed the runner-up. In the U-18 category, Harsh Raghuveer from Doon International School was declared the winner. Doon International School, City Campus, lifted the overall winning trophy, while Tulas International



CAREER FAIR

A college career fair not only gives students a positive start in their college search but also gives them valuable information about the skills required for 21st-century careers.

An in-person mini 'Career Fair' was organised at the campus on 13th April 2024, wherein nineteen universities including Thapar University, Ashoka University, Benett University and many more from five countries participated in the event.



The school witnessed overwhelming participation from students, and their enthusiasm to meet universities was palpable on a bright Saturday morning. Hosting the 'Education Fair' at Kasiga's campus had a snowball effect. Students were seen interacting enthusiastically with the representatives of Universities, collecting brochures and discussing their options with their friends. This meaningful engagement with the universities resulted in an improved attitude toward their career opportunities and motivated them to aspire to their dream careers.



EID MUBARAK



To celebrate Eid, the school organized a special assembly guided by Ms. Shahina Sheikh and Mr. Shoab Ansari. Students assembled to enrich their knowledge of Eid's cultural and religious significance, promoting inclusivity and compassion. The event was marked by cheerfulness. Commencing with a prayer led by Ms. Shahina

elucidating the essence and significance of this festive occasion, the assembly also featured a choir performance of a poignant melody. This served as a touching instance of unity and education, embracing the diversity present within our school community.



AN ENLIGHTNING TRIP

The School's Design and Technology Department organized an enlightening trip for students to the JBM Haridwar Plant, one of India's prominent automobile manufacturing companies. This immersive journey offered invaluable insights into the complex procedures involved in automobile production, ranging from body assembly to the integration of robotics.





Students had the opportunity to observe the initial production phases and witness advanced techniques such as electro-static painting and robotics automation. This hands-on experience complemented their classroom studies, providing practical exposure.



The visit significantly broadened perspectives and enhanced practical knowledge in the field, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of design and technology within the automotive sector.

WELCOMING COLLABORATION AND POSSIBILITIES



The school recently welcomed Mr. Donn Grinager, Director of International Programs at Augustana University, for discussions on collaboration with the Head of School. He emphasised forging career pathways for Kāsiga students to Augustana. For exploring ways to strengthen institutional ties. Mr. Grinager interacted with Grade 11 and 12 students, and offered in-depth insights into Augustana's liberal arts program. The session was enriching and interactive, opening doors to promising educational prospects.

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TEAM KASIGA

The 6th All India P.C. Batta Memorial Inter School Cricket Tournament 2024, a significant event held at Kasiga School, Dehradun, commenced on April 15, 2024. This 15-day extravaganza honoured the memory of the late Shri Prakash Chand Batta, father of the Chairman, Mr. Ramesh Batta.



The inauguration ceremony, marked by pomp and enthusiasm, witnessed distinguished guests, participants, and cricket enthusiasts converging to witness the start of the tournament. Mr. Amit Kumar Sinha, Special Principal Secretary - Sports and Youth Welfare, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Reflecting Mr. Ramesh Batta's commitment to sports, the tournament aimed to elevate cricketing standards among students nationwide.



The tournament hosted 16 teams from various states, including Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Delhi. The participating schools included Modern School, Delhi; Asian School, Dehradun; DPS, Solan; Welham Boys' School, Dehradun; Kasiga School, Dehradun; Wynberg Allen School, Dehradun; Indian Public School, Dehradun; Tula's School, Dehradun; Woodstock School, Mussoorie; Scindia School, Gwalior; Seth Anandram

Jaipuria, Ghaziabad; Seth Anandram Jaipuria, Kanpur; SelaQui International School, Dehradun; Dev Public School, Patna; MAMS Raiwala; and St. Xavier's, Lucknow.

The tournament commenced with an electrifying opening match between The Asian School, Team 1, and Welham Boys School, Team 2, held at the state-of-the-art Kasiga School's Cricket Oval. The Asian School, Dehradun emerged victorious, clinching the match by a remarkable 9 wickets. Mr. Amit Kumar Sinha officially declared the tournament open, concluding the ceremony with balloon releases.



The closing ceremony on April 30, 2024, witnessed fierce competition, exceptional sportsmanship, and thrilling matches among the sixteen teams. The final match was played between Asian School, Dehradun and Dev Public School, Patna.



Esteemed dignitaries, including Mr. Rajiv Rautela, Member of the Board of Revenue, Uttarakhand, and Chairman Mr. Ramesh Batta, graced the closing ceremony, celebrating the spirit of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and achievements throughout the tournament.



The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks to all participants, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters who contributed to the success of the tournament, ending with the rendition of the National Anthem. The 6th All India P.C. Batta Memorial Inter School Cricket Tournament 2024 stood as a testament to the sportsmanship, resilience, and determination exhibited by young cricketers from across the nation.



Mr. Rajiv Rautela, the Chief Guest for the ceremony, commended the organizers for their dedication to promoting cricketing excellence among students, encouraging them to continue pursuing their passion for the game.

Outstanding performers were honored during the prize distribution, with Surya Prakash of Dev Public School receiving the Best Player of the Tournament award. The Runners-up trophy was lifted by Asian Public School, while Dev Public School, Patna emerged as the

winner of the tournament.



FOLK VIBES

The Kasiga Inter-School Folk Dance Competition 2024, also known as Folk Vibes 2024, took place on the 29th of April 2024 on its majestic and magnificent campus. The event aimed to celebrate the diverse folk traditions from different parts of the world through rhythmic beats and vibrant dance movements.



The event commenced with a warm welcome extended to all attendees followed by the introduction of the esteemed Chief Guest, Judges, and Senior Management. The Chief Guest, Ms. Priya Sharma, a renowned Kathak teacher, was honoured alongside Judges Ms. Vidisha Aggarwal and Ms. Anupama Bhadri Kothiyal.



The lighting of the lamp ceremony symbolised the commencement of the event. A total of 14 captivating performances unfolded throughout the evening, each representing the rich cultural heritage of various regions through the art of folk dance. Performances included Tribal Tales, Divine Dancers, Rhythm Rangers, Lavani Legends, Gujarat Glitters, Garhwal Grooves, Tamil Thunders, Bong Beats, Assam Amazers, Coastal Rhythms, Himalayan Queens, Majhi Moods, Vrindavan Vibes, and Karnataka Kueens. Every performance was one above the other. It was a tough competition.

Following the performances, the esteemed Judges provided insights and words of encouragement, enriching the competition with their expertise and guidance.



The much-awaited moment arrived as the winners were announced by the Head of School. The Deputy Head of School had declared the competition open, and the Head of School officially closed the event. The prize distribution honoured the top three positions. The winning schools were DIS Riverside (1st), The Tonsbridge School (2nd) and Ann Mary School (3rd). The event was a testament to the power of dance in bridging cultural divides and fostering a sense of community and appreciation for diverse traditions. Folk Vibes 2024 will be remembered as a vibrant celebration of unity in diversity.



WELCOME NEW BIES

On the bright and sunny morning of April 2nd, 2024, the lush green campus welcomed its newest members. Accompanied by their parents, the students arrived to experience boarding life firsthand. Following medical screenings and luggage checks, both students and parents attended an orientation session with the Head of School, Deputy Head of School, and teachers. Their hearts filled with questions about their wards' stay on campus, and these queries were addressed satisfactorily. After a sumptuous lunch, the most challenging moment arrived. With tears in their eyes, both parents and students bid farewell until the summer break.



The school had proactively planned to help children in acclimating and adjusting to a new environment, providing a home away from home. The Nature Walk arranged for the new batch guided them through pristine wilderness, allowing them to leisurely stroll along verdant trails, inhale the invigorating mountain air, and appreciate the stunning natural scenery. Students also visited the Forest Research Institute of India, engaging in hands-on learning experiences related to

biodiversity and conservation. Daily sessions on aspects of "Boarding Life," organized by the pastoral staff, facilitated a smooth settling process for the students.



A Talent Eve was arranged to provide new recruits with an opportunity to display their talents. Participants danced to energetic numbers, sang beautiful melodies, showcased acting skills, played musical instruments, and recited poems. The event was a memorable showcase of the remarkable talents exhibited by the participants.



CELEBRATING ACADEMIC & CO-CURRICULAR EXCELLENCE

Kasiga School hosted its Annual Award Ceremony on April 23, 2024, amongst beauty and serenity, celebrating the academic and co-curricular achievements of its students. The event, held at the school premises, was a grand affair graced by esteemed dignitaries, faculty members, students, and their families.



Highlighting the significance of knowledge and enlightenment, the ceremonial lamp was lit, symbolizing the path of learning and excellence that Kasiga School endeavours to illuminate. Dr. Surendra Singh Rajput, the Head of School, motivated students to continue their pursuit of knowledge and excellence.

The event featured captivating performances by the school choir and dance troupe, mesmerizing the audience with their talent and dedication.

A major highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of academic awards to deserving students across various grades. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Academic Awards were conferred upon students based on their exemplary academic performance, with special recognition for those who demonstrated remarkable improvement.



The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome extended to the Chief Guest, Col. O.P.



Pandey, Commanding Officer, 11 UK Girls' Battalion: NCC, Chairman of Kasiga School, Mr Ramesh Batta, and the First Lady, Mrs Poonam Batta, along with other distinguished guests. The occasion also saw the presence of the Directors, Head of School Dr Surendra Singh Rajput, and Deputy Head Ms Arundhati Shukla, among others.



Students were also honoured for their achievements in co-curricular activities, recognizing their outstanding contributions and dedication beyond academics. Awards were presented in categories of Excellence, Achievement, and Merit Silver, acknowledging students who excelled in various domains.

The ceremony also showcased the Academic Leap Awards, celebrating efforts of students who showed significant improvement in their academic journey from Term I to Term II.

Expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest and all attendees, the ceremony concluded with the National Anthem and a photograph session to capture the memories of the event.



***Congratulations to Vraj Pambhar, Grade 11 for being a key player in the U18 winning team of the 22nd Uttarakhand State Junior Basketball Championship 2024!
We are proud of you.***

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