"As we are, so we do and as we do, so it is done to us, we are builders of our fortunes", this saying holds true in realizing the goals and objectives of every person in any walk of life.

The beginning of any journey gives us an indication where we want to go and whether the journey can bring success to us or not. When I took over as the Principal of Sainik School Kodagu, I could realize that the journey of this premiere institution like ours, which is in its path of establishment, has begun its long journey. Once it started, it took a giant leap by achieving many laurels. I, along with the whole team of staff could overcome the initial inertia and we could gain the momentum in building up of this institution. It's true that fortune favours only the brave. To reach to such a height, one should be ready to take risks, one has to dare because there are no shortcuts or magic formula to success and it is also inevitable to keep on working hard as after reaching a summit, responsibilities and expectations from everyone are very high and to remain there takes even more efforts. I am proud to announce that first batch of our school is now appearing the CBSE board exams. We always need to be focussed, if we want success. Rather, I am proud that with the team effort, I could spot the right opportunities and make full use of them innovatively for the young cadets of our school.

The age of only over emphasizing math and science has gone. The dimension of education has changed; the new generation needs to be prepared to make maximum use of opportunities, to life, to live and to learn. They should be able to balance between society and individualism. I would personally like to give the cadets learning opportunities that will empower and encourage creative individuals to develop a better future. To nurture this transition, we need to cultivate a transformational change. A school must be able to fashion an individual in a right way to be a promising citizen of tomorrow. With this I place this edition of News letter in your hands.

God bless!

Lt Col Vir Singh
Principal
Celebrating the Glory – South Zone Debate

It’s not once, twice or thrice, it’s the fourth time that Sainik School Kodagu is winning the South Zone Debate Championship. This year the South Zone championship was held at Sainik School Bijapur from 27th July 2011 to 1st August 2011, in which 60 cadets of our school participated in volleyball, hockey and football in junior and Sub-senior category as well. Quiz, Debate and Cultural competitions were the other events in which our school team participated with whole heartedness and enthusiasm. The Kodagians proved beyond doubt that debating is an unusual art which is not everyone’s cup of tea. Cadet Pawan Pawar bagged the first position leaving behind all the other teams of South Zone Sainik Schools. They did us proud!

Other Achievements:

Taluk level Dussera meet: 44 cadets of our school participated in football, hockey and volleyball tournaments held on 07 Oct 2011 at Sports School Kudige where different taluks of Kodagu district participated. Our school won the football tournament which was a stepping stone to success as our football team got selected in the state level tournament. In the 100 mts race, Cadet Siddharth of our school bagged second position. In 1500 mtrs Cadet Srinath bagged second position. Both the cadets were selected for the district level athletic meet. Cadet Raghavendra bagged third position in 1500 mtrs as well. In the other 800 mtrs race cadet Vinayak stood third. Our school also won the third position in the 100 x 4 mtrs relay.

State level Football Tournament: The school football team consisting of 16 cadets went to participate in State level football tournament where 27 teams participated. The tournament was held from 27th to 29th Nov 2011 at Ramnagar near Bangalore. It was a feather in the cap for our school when cadet Vishal got selected in the national level football tournament to be held on Jan 07th onwards at Bangalore.

District level Kala Mela: 35 cadets of our school participated in various cultural
competitions and other competitions like Rangoli, Drawing and essay writing competition held at Moraji Desai School, Basavanahalli, Kushalnagar. Cadet Basavanand got consolation prize in Essay writing competition and Cadet Meghna got second prize in Indian Classical dance competition.

Hindu Young World Fest 2011

Various competitions were held by the Hindu Young world for the year 2010-11. 22 cadets of our school participated in Young World drawing competition held on 27-11-2011. 22 other cadets participated in Rangoli, Debate, Cartooning, Indian folk dance & Western dance competitions held on 12th & 13th of December at Mangalore.

Sainik School Kodagu became a sensation for all, at the Young World Fest when Cadet Gautam and Cadet Shrinidhi bagged the second position in the debate competition where more than 100 teams from different schools participated.

Our school had won the second position in debate for the second time consecutively. Kodagians had bagged first position in the young world fest debate in the year 2009. Kodagians became a heartthrob to all at Mangalore when our school won the third position for Indian folk dance among the 30 teams who participated.

Enrichment Programme for Staff:

- Mr. Arokia Raj, Mr. Ashok Kengare, Mrs. Ranjusha and Mr. Suresh attended a guidance programme for CCE at Central School for Tibetians at Bylakoppa on 14th Oct. 2011 organised by the officials of CST.
- Mr. Khyser, Mr. Ramesh and Mr. Suresh attended a mathematics
workshop on 17th Dec held at Mysore organized by Bharathi Bhavan Publishers and distributors on techniques and methods to make math interesting.

Meetings and Conferences

LBA Meeting: The 5th LBA meeting chaired by Air Vice Marshal Mk Malik, VSM, SOA, HQTC, IAF, Bangalore, was held on 16th Sept at Sainik School Kodagu. The other LBA members were also present. The LBA chairman inspected the construction site of the school.

PTA Meeting: Election of PTA member was carried out in the PTA meeting held on 09th Apr 2011 in which Mr. Mahalingayya N Hiremath father of cadet Shashank was unanimously elected. Yet, another PTA meeting was held on 22 Oct 2011 where important issues pertaining to Cadets were discussed in detail.

Principals’ Conference: Principals’ conference was held at Nagrota from 3rd to 5th Oct 2011. Many important decisions regarding school, staff and cadets were taken.

Competitive Exams

87 Cadets of our school attended the NTSE exam held on 20th Nov 2011 at Somwarpet Centre, Kodagu District. 390 cadets of our school attended the NSTSE exam organized by Unified Council on 4th Dec 2011 where our school was one of the centres for the examination.

05 cadets of our school attended the CBSE Mathematical Group Olympiad at Bangalore Centre on 4th Dec 2011. 04 cadets attended the science Olympiad organized by Deccan Herald on 25th December 2011 at Mysore Centre.

Adoption of Village

It was an enthralling moment when Sainik School Kodagu adopted Girijana Ashram School of Edavanadu village, Somwarpet under the leadership and guidance Lt Col Vir Singh, the principal of our school in commemoration of NCC day. Some measures to improve the economic conditions of the village like issue of note books and clothes were done.
Welcome to New Entrants

The school welcomed the batch of 82 cadets to the school in class VI and 03 cadets in class IX. With this, the strength of the school rose to 378 and the number of day scholars rose to 12.

Investiture Ceremony

The fourth investiture ceremony was conducted on 23rd August 2011. The meritorious cadets were pipped with epaulets by the Principal in various ranks. Cadet Rakshith - School Captain, Cadet Prachet - School Adjutant, Cadet Mahesh - Sports Captain, Cdt Vishal - Mess Captain, Cdt Basareddy - Cultural Captain, Cadet Akshay - Captain Cariappa House, Cadet Shafiulla - Captain Thimmaiah House, Cadet Shivraj - Captain Vishweshwaraya House, Cadet Abhishek - Captain Kuvempu House, Cadet Sandeep - Captain Cauvery House, Cdt Akash - Vice Captain Cariappa House, Cadet Amarling - Vice Captain Thimmaiah House, Cadet Kevin - Vice Captain Vishweshwaraya House, Cadet Dinesh - Vice Captain Kuvempu, Cadet Bapu Gouda - Vice Captain, Cauvery House.

Celebrations

Independence Day: was celebrated with pomp and show. Cadets of our school put up a wonderful March past. Principal Inspected the Guard of honour and delivered the Independence Day message. A contingent of 22 cadets also participated in Independence Day Parade at Madikeri.

Other Festivals: Festivals like Ugadi, Idul Fitr, Christmas, Holi were also celebrated with fervor and gest. Snacks and sweets were distributed to the cadets. To know the importance of each festival a short lecture was given by the teachers on the occasion.

Teachers’ Day: was celebrated on 5th September 2011. The Principal greeted all the teachers on this occasion. A special lunch was also organised to celebrate this day.

Foundation Day: The school foundation was celebrated on 18th Oct. 2011. A special assembly was conducted. Mr. H Vishwanath, MP, Mysore constituency was the chief guest for the occasion.

Occupation of the New Dormitory

As a part of the first phase of construction, one of the hostel buildings which was ready to occupy was occupied by Kuvempu House. In the meanwhile, the other dormitories are getting ready for occupation.

Science Exhibition

To create scientific temper and inquisitiveness in cadets science
exhibition was organized in our school on 22 Oct 2011. Various models made by the cadets were put up for the exhibition on the Parents’ meet.

Co Curricular activities

Literary & Other Competitions: Various literary competitions in English, Hindi and Kannada were held during this academic year. Inter House Competitions like Football, Volley Ball, Quiz etc., were conducted. The annual athletic meet of the school was conducted on 15th & 16th of Dec 2011 where Cariappa House lifted the overall trophy. The following are the update of the competitions held.

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Extra Curricular Activities:

Cross Country: Inter House Cross Country race was conducted on 03rd Dec 2011. Kuvempu House lifted the Cross Country trophy.

Cultural Competition: Inter house Cultural competition was conducted on 17th and 18th of October 2011. Based on the performance in solo song, solo dance, group song, group dance and English skit, each house was judged. Kuvempu House was adjudged the winners of the competition and they lifted the overall trophy.
Adventure Tour to Uttarkashi:

14 cadets of our school went on an adventure tour to Uttarkashi from 20th June to 8th July 2011 organised by Nehru Institute of Mountaineering. The cadets were escorted by Mr. Arokia Raj, teacher in English and Mr. Nitish. The cadets got training in rock climbing, river crossing, tent pitching, rapling, bivouacking, bush crafting, wall climbing and obstacle course.

Thus They Spake ..... 

"One Principal is leading the institution to the aspiration of the Govt. of India and of the defence dept. I congratulate my officers who are taking the project with all sincerity and integrity and I must salute the Sainik School concept."

-Mr. H Vishwanath, Hon’ble MP, Mysore constituency, on 23rd Nov 11

"The school is still in its infancy and is growing well under the leadership of its principal Lt. Col Vir Singh. I found the staff of the school top be highly motivated and involved in the activity of the school. The new infrastructure of the school is under construction and is progressing well. I am sure that this school will turn out to be one of the best Sainik Schools in the country in the times to come."

-Air Vice Marshal MK Malik, VSM, SOA, HQ, TC, IAF, Bangalore., on 16th Sept 11.
Hasta - la- Vista

Farewell to the Registrar

Sqn Ldr MPS Solanki the Registrar of our School was given a farewell by the Principal Staff and the Cadets on his posting to Vadodra, Gujarat.

Adieu to Mr. Rajan Namboodiri

Mr. Rajan Namboodiri, Asst. Master, Mathematics was given a farewell by the school on his transfer to Sainik School Kazhakootam, Trivandrum.

Ladies Club

A glimpse of the Kodagian Ladies club on the occasion of farewell to Mrs. Sliska Singh Solanki.

Wed lock

- Mr. Naveen Kumar (GE) got married to Ms Anjali on 11th Mar 11.
- Mr. Sreenu (GE) tied the nuptial knot with Santosh Kumari on 14th May 11
- Mr. Manikanta (GE) entered into wedlock with Ms Nadhiya Kumari on 4th Dec 11.

New Appointments

Principal, staff and the cadets welcome the following staff who joined the Kodagian fraternity:
- Mr. Prasad MH (Asst. Master, Kannada)
- Mr. Deependra Sharma (Asst. Master, Hindi)
- Mr. B Venkata Ramesh (Asst. Master, Math)
- Mr. Suresh K (Asst. Master, Math)
- Mr. S Suryanarayana (Asst. Master, Physics)
- Mr. Maria Joseph Pinto, (LDC)
- Mr. S Ramachandra Rao (LDC)
- Mr. Tomy Joseph (LDC)
- Mr. Dinesh Kumar SL (GE)
- Mr. Srinivas K (GE)
- Mr. Puttaraj SK (GE)
- Mr. Rushendra B (GE)

Staff News

New borns

- Mr. Gaurav Kumar (Asst. Master, Comp. Science) was blessed with baby Shreeya on 9th Aug 11.
- Mr. Venkatramana (Asst. Master Social Science) was blessed with a baby boy 8th Nov 11.
- Mr. Suneel Kumar (QM) was blessed with a baby girl 27 Nov 11
- Mr. Janardhan (Driver) was blessed with baby Tejashri on 3rd Sep 11
- Mr. Nilish Kumar (GE) was blessed with baby Nipika on 1st Jan 12

Transfers:

The Kodagian Fraternity welcomes:
- Mr. Raghavendra Raje Urs B (Asst. Master, English) was transferred from SS Nalanda on 6th July 11.
- Mr. Y Venkataramana (Asst. Master, Social Science) was transferred from SS Gopalganj on 8th July 11

Obituary

The Principal, Staff and Cadets condoled the demise of:
- Shri Brijnath Tiwari (71 yrs), on 25th June 11, father of Dr. NS Tiwari (Asst. Master, Hindi).
- Shri Yellappa K (75 yrs) on 13th July 11, father of Mr. Ashok Kengare (Asst. Master, Social Science).

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