

Piali Ashar Alo School

May – September 2016 Report

After a month of summer holidays, we sat down to our school books and desks in the months of May and June. Our students spend most of their summer holidays at home or visiting their relatives. While they certainly look forward to their holidays and the time off from their school work, we're also glad to see they return to school with smiles on their faces and a real eagerness to see each other again.

Teja and Ana of the POTA volunteer group visited us during this year's monsoon months. We celebrated Independence Day with the Rainbow organization and were delighted to receive soaps and toys donated to us by A.T. Linhart Elementary School of Radovljica. While we were in Slovenia, some of you also visited us at what has become our now nearly traditional annual stand. And several days ago we opened up our new school library.

1. Library Opening



It's reading time! This time we say hello to you from our own small library, where our students read books in three languages: Bengali, Hindi and English. A special thanks to the Crayons of Hope foundation, which helps with the opening of new libraries across all of India with their Wall-o-Books projects. They also gave us help with the idea of selecting a student as librarian. And as a great bonus they also donated books to us that are

written in three languages: Bengali, Hindi and English.

2. Independence Day

This time, we celebrated Independence Day together with the Indradhanush organization, which means 'rainbow' in translation. This is a group of young professionals who want to spend part of their time and resources helping young people. Thanks for the school books and the colourful umbrellas that will really help us out in the monsoon rains. Thanks also for the tasty lunch. We are always grateful that our work connects us with people who have really rich souls and giving hearts.



2. Our Volunteers



We again received a visit from our volunteer and sponsor, Teja. This time she also brought with her a young violinist, Ana. Both girls are excellent dancers, musicians, artists and animators, so that the time we spent with them was full of different kinds of activities.



We also received a visit from young volunteers of the POTA programme (international volunteer programme under the framework of the Youth Information Centre). We feel really motivated by their desire to help different types of projects, especially given the fact that their preparations last several months and include social and arts workshops, while they also collect donations

to help the poor. Actually visiting the centres they help is like 'icing on the cake'. This year two young girls, both "Mojcas" transformed the school conference room into a real rainbow centre, while all the girls together prepared creative workshops for our students on the last Thursday of the month. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you again next year!



Thanks also to my niece Julija and her friends Ana, Anja, Matic, Žiga and Gal, who decorated our classroom with a piece of the sea in our very hot weather.



3. Osnovna sola A.T. Linhart, Radovljica

And we again received a wonderful surprise from A.T. Linhart Elementary School from Radovljica which sent us four huge packages filled with soaps and toys. Sincere thanks to teachers Maja Tolo and Anja Porenta, all the students and their

parents for each donated soap and toy and thanks also to the school administration for supporting the project.



Thank you also to all the sponsors who send birthday gifts for your sponsor children. The



children really look forward to these very personal and always special gifts all year round, so we would really like to keep this tradition going in future!

Many Thanks to All for Standing By Our Side!



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