

The Piali Ashar Alo School –Report: September - December 2009

Our children entered the third and last semester of this school year. Youngest children learn short English and Bengali words, since they already know the alphabet. Older children read short Bengali and English texts, they learn about their country and the world, about the environment, planets and many other things. Since it is colder they play in the garden. We spread a net between two bamboo sticks to play handball – a new sport for our children. If it is too cold, we have lessons in the garden, where the sun can warm us up.



Some important events.

1. Children's Day

On the 13th of November we celebrated Children's day. Mrs. Gundel Meissner, the representative of German foundation FAMI, visited us. Our girls danced, and all the children got new schoolbags, sweets and balloons.



2. A visit to Kolkata: Victoria Memorial in Birla Planetarium

Older children visited Kolkata in November. They travelled by train, underground, taxi and riksha. They went to see Victoria Memorial, one of the most famous attractions in Kolkata, and Birla Planetarium, where our solar system, its planets and stars are presented in a very interesting way. A nice lady that was passing by,

bought guava for the children, and our volunteer Jona bought ice cream for all of us. This was really an unforgettable day!



3. Visits



Miss Jona Mirnik joined us as a volunteer. She stayed with us for a month. She sang, danced and did creative work with children. We all will most certainly remember, how to sing and dance This is a big fat Pony. After a short visit to Darjeeling she visited us again, this time with her friend Rok. They brought simple presents for all children.

Our children are very happy, if they get a visit from their sponsors. Mrs. Natalija visited Bipasha. She used to be a very quiet and shy girl, now she has blossomed into a happy and hard-working flower. Mrs. Natalija had taken to Slovenia our New Year greeting cards. You must have already received them. Mr. an Mrs. Pajek visited their protégée Puja.



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They also visited her home and met her mother.

Mr. Mitja visited us for a short time – he stayed only for a day. At the moment Mrs. Milena Sajko from Maribor is helping us.

Every visitor is a very dear guest to us, so welcome to everybody!



4. End-of-the-year celebration

The 19th of December was a great and special day for us. We had been preparing for this day for some weeks. We celebrated the second annual function of our school and the end of year 2009. We built a stage for this occasion and decorated it. Our children were singing and dancing, and at the end they got their sponsors' gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Pajek, Mrs. Milena Sajko and Shoko and Nabuo from Japan were our guests. Many parents and people from the village came to see the show. When the show was over everybody got some Christmas cake and other sweets.



For more photos see our web site www.pialiasharalo.org/slo.

At the end we wish you nice holidays and happy New Year 2010!

Yours sincerely,
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