



# Piali Ashar Alo School June-September 2019

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After a one-month summer vacation, we had already settled into school benches in the first half of June and were eagerly awaiting the rainy season that would refresh the really hot June and July weeks. This time the rain welcomed us in late August, and it also accompanied us in early October with heavy rainfall. However, this year we are grateful that the rain was not too heavy and there were no major floods in Piali. We also used the rainy days to plant new tree seedlings.



We have prepared the following news for you:



1. We were visited by **musicians from America, France and England**. Our hall upstairs was filled with the sounds of violin, clarinet, cello and even the horn! The musicians from around the world who visited us are connected by a love of music and the desire to share their knowledge with those who come from environments with less potential for music education. Some of our children are already

capable of playing simple tunes on violin, guitar and digital keyboard, so it's a great boost for them when they can listen to great young musicians.

Thanks to MusAid, Book-a-smile and Live in Music for this wonderful initiative of cooperation.



## 2. Independence day



On August 15, we celebrated Independence Day. Following the annexation of the British East Indies society and British colonization in the mid-19th century, India became a modern nation state in 1947 after the struggle for



independence with a broad non-violent resistance movement. This important victory is celebrated every year with wonderful programs across the country. And we were not far behind in our Piali. Dressed in Indian flag colors, our girls were glowing through dance, music and drama acts.

### 3. Teachers' day



5<sup>th</sup> September is also a very special day in India when we remember all our teachers. At all the schools, students prepare a cultural program



and distribute gifts to their teachers. Our girls have worked hard this year: they prepared the program completely on their own and we could really admire how much they have learned in all of these years. But most of all, we were touched by their warmth and desire to give it their all on this special day. At the end of the program, they also served lunch to all the teachers.



### 4. POTA volunteers

Volunteers from the POTA Youth Missionary Volunteering Program visited us this year again. This time we learnt together with Katja, Ajda, Karmen and Meta. We were thrilled to get



introduced to the Scout's "Big Game". Karmen and Meta also helped us establish a new morning welcome: each child enters the school and points at the picture to show how she is to be greeted: a hug, a handshake, a fist-bump, dance step or give-me-five. We studied about the world, we were being creative, we were singing, and besides English we also learned some new Slovene and Bengali words.

You can read a brief record of their experience at the following link: <http://pota.si/avgustovska-odprava-150-srcnih-deklet>.



### 5. Loknath – our first student



our story but to live it as well.

We are extremely proud of Loknath, our first student! Loknath comes from a very poor family and he had to overcome many obstacles to reach the near impossible. We're celebrating together with him and at the same time remembering and thanking all of you who are helping us not only to write





Finally, the following photo should bring smiles on your faces: one of our youngest girls was on the way to the toilet and she relished a juicy tomato from our garden. The temptation was too big ;)



**We wish to thank all of our godparents, friends, as well as the organisations Luč Upanja and CED for your continuous support an help!**