



# Piali Ashar Alo

## October-December 2019

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Brrr ... It can be cold here too, especially in December. So we browse through our closets, put on woolen sweaters and wrap ourselves up for sale in a cap. When it gets too cold in class, we find the sun on our verandah. It is true that winter does not bring snow, however we have plenty of sunshine and positive energy.

In December we finish the school year and prepare for the final tests in the final report cards. Best of all, we look forward to our annual Christmas celebration. This year was really special!



can dress in their favorite clothes. Some opt for traditional Indian sarees or salwar kameez, while others prefer more modern clothing. Our teachers have put together a wonderful program. This time, they really tried their best and danced on our stage for the first time.

### 1. Childrens' day

On November 14th India celebrates Children's Day. This is also a day without school uniforms, as our girls



### 2. "Dumpu, Dimki" play

Organization ThinkArts once again surprised us with special guests: this time it was Anna, Anja and Michael, who staged the

performance “Dumpu and Dimki” for our children. Two hands meet. Dumpu meets Dinki and both are very, very strange! The one grumbling and fist-clenched and the other cheeky, playful and curious. Who is the other one? Friend or foe? Each wants to assert its place, be the right one and only one. But to meet the stranger is also fun and quickly get both together in a fun game of hand figures, gestures and sounds. Can there be only one or is it hand in hand? A play about the whole cosmos of human relations, at the end of which confidence in each other wins!

### **3. Bluegrass Journeymen and Flamenco**



We were once again in a wonderful company of The Bluegrass Journeymen, a collective of accomplished musicians aimed at presenting traditional American Bluegrass Music to the world. We are grateful for their musical outreach and support of musical education of

our girls. Thanks to Veda and Rohit and their relentless determination to help us to give our students the best we can. Therefore some of our students can now play violin, guitar, table, harmonium and digital keyboard.



However it was our first time that we were able to hear the Spanish music! We were visited by Spanish musicians and even a flamenco dancer who taught our girls some basic steps of this beautifully expressive dance.





#### **4. Let's go to the cinema!**



Eight of our fifth, sixth and seventh grade girls were rewarded by going to the cinema and watching the animated movie Frozen 2. These girls came one hour before their regular classes every day throughout the year to help those of our youngest girls who needed additional help with their studies. We find it very important to promote knowledge transfer skills, develop empathy, patience, and cultivate a sense of responsibility to the community in which we live.

#### **5. Jana and Mary**

Jana, a member of the Light of Hope Humanitarian Society from Slovenia, came for a short visit. This was not her first visit since she had visited us in 2013. She has been pleasantly surprised about all the changes from her last visit and promised us her continuous support.



Mary, a fine arts teacher from Ireland had heard about our school through her friend and decided to spend her winter vacation with us. Together with the girls they created wonderful holiday products that made our

New Year's stand even more colorful.



## **6. Christmas program**



We hope that our New Year's greetings and letters have made you happy. This year we organized a Christmas program on December 20th. We staged a Christmas story and danced to Christmas carols. In addition to the program we prepared an exhibition of our project products and stalls with delicious Indian delicacies. However, this was not our last day before the winter holidays, as we would also spend the Christmas

together and have a picnic. If you are close, you can join us. 😊

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

