

Piali Ashar Alo School

Report January – April 2014



We are extremely happy and grateful to report that we're writing to you today from our already settled-in new school spaces! On February 28th, we were pleased and honoured to celebrate the opening of our new school building in the company of representatives of German non-profit organization CED, which is sponsoring the construction of our building: President Dr. Susanne and Representatives Dr. Faut, Ms. Ema, Miss Tamara and Miss Kristina.

Also joining us were Mojca Kodrič, President, and Tamara Bizjak, Representative, of the Slovenian Humanitarian Light of Hope Association, which has stood by our side from the very beginning. Representatives of the local community, parents and many other friends and visitors were also here with on this day. The celebrations marked a very special day for our students, who performed dramas in the Bengali and English languages, presented songs and dances and got the opportunity to wear real costumes.

A few photographs from our special day:



1. Visits



CED

We feel it is a great honour for our school to have become a part of CED's family. CED is not only the donor of our new school building but is also sponsor to 22 of our students. We were very happy that members of CED were able to spend several days with us this year. They surprised all of our students with gifts,

bubbles, students are ropes and games in the CED, we also visited some of our students' homes, as it's important



balloons and pencil crayons. The already using the balls, skipping badminton sets to play active spacious new yard. Together with

for all of us to understand the conditions our children live in and how we can continue to provide them with the best possible assistance.



LIGHT OF HOPE ASSOCIATION



This time we were very happy to receive two representatives of the Humanitarian Light of Hope Association. Mojca Kodrič, who is President of the Association, stayed with us over the entire week to better get to know our work and students, which is very important for continued cooperation between the

Association and our school. Meanwhile, Tamara is one of our oldest friends. She first came to visit us when we'd been open for barely a month and has come to see us nearly each year since. Tamara is sponsor to student Soniya, the author of most of the



photographs you see on our website and she also manages our and the Association's websites. Despite her many obligations, Tamara always comes to our aid when we need help. Thank you Tamara!

VOLUNTEERS

We rarely get a surprise visit like we did from Mojca, who came to Piali all by herself, without first asking for any directions. A very brave and resourceful person, Mojca is a medical student and a great fan of music. Because she quickly learned the Bengali numerical system, Mojca was able to help us in math class. During this year's opening celebration, she also accompanied our students on the flute. On the photograph, you can see three Mojca's!



2. Special Days



We organize our now traditional Sports Day during the first days of the New Year, when the weather is still pleasantly cool. The kids participate in fun and competitive races, jump rope, pass the ball and play other active games. Winners are awarded practical gifts, while everyone receives a hearty lunch.



Again this year, we accompanied our eldest students to the book fair in Kolkata and enriched our own school library with several new books.

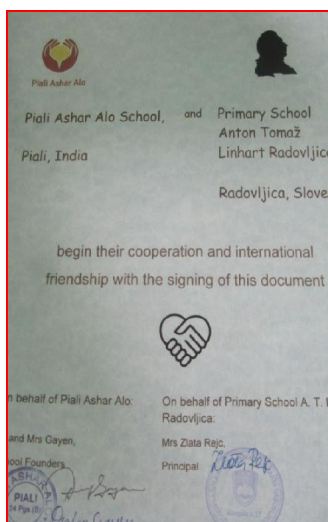
3. Professional Training: Sewing and

Hairstressing-Beautician Courses

With our new spaces, we now have the opportunity to offer young women and mothers professional training courses in addition to the elementary education we provide our students. During the first months of this year, we began carrying out a hairstressing-beautician course while in April we will also renew our sewing course. We connected the school with a larger salon/spa in Kolkata, where our students will be able to enrich their skills. Over the next few months, we also plan to begin computer, adult literacy and English conversation programmes. In this way, we aim to equip young women, wives and mothers with practical skills that would enable them to achieve a higher quality of life.



4. International cooperation



A number of schools and kindergartens have helped us in various ways over a period of years. With the signing of a special document that affirms our international friendship, we've now formalized our cooperation with elementary



school Anton Tomaž Linhart Radovljica. We also got a great surprise from young children of a kindergarten in Germany, who sent us this inspirational photograph that demonstrates how they are helping to

build our new school using paper bricks.



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Thanks to all who stand by our side. Piali Ashar Alo family.