

## Report October – December 2011

Autumn has arrived and brought about a little breeze and a little cold. These days we have been particularly grateful to Ranadhir Saha, a businessman from Kolkata, who donated new shoes and socks for our children. Imagine our surprise the following day when all of the children were already wearing the new gains.



As has become a habit, the children themselves made Christmas cards for their sponsors, whereby senior pupils also wrote shorter letters in English.

This time of year the temperatures can drop as low as 12 degrees Celsius during the night. You are therefore likely to find us roaming around wrapped in winter scarves, hoodies, and blankets, which even we tend to find rather comical. Lately we have been occupied with the preparations for the final exams that take place in December, followed by the end of an academic year.



Our teachers have rolled up their sleeves and are now busy with yearly course planning. Needless to say, we are very pleased to see their scrupulous performance of their duties.

The end of the academic year was rounded by conferring the reports and a warmly-welcomed visit from Father Christmas, who brought along some goodies like Christmas cake, oranges, chocolate and school utensils for the children.



### Visits and visitors

1. **Suzana** has been volunteering since August and has become indispensable in English lessons, Maths, and Creativity classes. Also, she has been teaching how to use the computer to the senior pupils, who are absolutely enthralled about it. Most of all, we are very grateful for her positive energy and good temper.



2. »It's rather warm in here in October« used to say **Mina**, our volunteer from Bohinj. Mina was bursting with ideas in the artistic domain, and helped organize art workshops, where children made bracelets, key rings, and flowers from crepe paper. Additionally, she liked to take active part in English and Dance lessons.



3. **Katja** arrived just in time for the **Children's day** celebration. She is finishing her degree in Translation, so she helped with English lessons, and translated the Slovenian folk tale *The Golden Bird*.
4. We have been collaborating with the Primary School Fran Kranjc from Celje in a project called Tree of Life, so **Mrs Mateja** – teacher of Slovene language – and **Mrs Dragica** – pedagogue and librarian at the said school – paid a visit within the framework of this project. They introduced Slovenia to our children and showed the leaves of certain Slovene autochthon trees to the children. Afterwards they all went for a walk, where they plucked leaves from random trees, which they later on used for imprinting in art class. At the end of the day, all of us agreed that tree represents life everywhere in the world. We are most pleased to see such efficient cooperation between ours and a Slovene school.





5. In December, a young singer and English graduate **Tamara** also paid a visit. She is bound to teach our children a few English songs that will proudly premiere at our annual function in January.
  
6. **Tamara** and **Leon** visited us again this year, which makes Tamara's third and Leon's second time here with us. Tamara has taken a number of new photos that will be documented on our web page, whereas Leon has tended our computer matters well. As they are also sponsors to one of our pupils, Soniya, she was the one who was most happy to see them again.



### Special days

On 14 November we celebrated Children's Day here in India. On this occasion a magician came and amused the children, who got brand new school bags from Love is Universal institute.





## Happenings in Slovenia

A few photos depicting motives of our school – photographed by Erika Felicijan and Tamara Bizjak – were presented at ARTish festival, taking place between 15 and 18 December in Ljubljana. During the festival it was possible to purchase a calendar with pictures of our students. You can read more about the festival on <http://www.artish.si/dogodki>, whereas the photographs will be on display in STA travel cafe in Ljubljana by the end of January 2012.



Another photographic exhibition that vividly presents the life at our school was opened on 7 December by Tamara Bizjak at Želimlje grammar school. The students, who were genuinely interested in the topic, also collected school utensils for our children at the said event.