



# Piali Ashar Alo School Report

## September - December 2016

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Brrr.... When it gets to around 15–20 degrees in December, we also start to feel really cold. At the same time, we look forward to the sunny but cooler days that allow us to participate in outdoor games and activities, have picnics, and also let us forget about the excessive heat of the past several months... for at least a few weeks.



Our school year concludes in December. Just before putting up the Christmas tree and singing Christmas carols, we have to grit our teeth and hit the books. Our eldest students will already be entering the eighth grade next year! They have truly transformed into marvelous young ladies.

### Some highlights of the past several weeks:



In November, we celebrated Children's Day, being delighted by a magician who conjured up a live dove and goose. What great fun! The students also played some competitive balloon and ball games and received plush toys as prizes. We enjoyed our traditional chicken curry for lunch.





Urška and Polona came to visit us from Slovenia... and on the count of “one, two, three”, our website was renovated, coming to life with its envirograting new colours and photos. You can check it out for your yourself by visiting

[www.pialiasharalo.org](http://www.pialiasharalo.org). Polona also put together some of her impressions in the photostory “Home... Where Our Journey Begins”, which you can find at: <http://www.pialiasharalo.org/home-where-our-story-begins/?lang=sl>.



We received a pleasant surprise from the Ganguly Pal family of Kolkata, which decided to celebrate the birthday of little Aitnik together with our students. The Ganguly Pal family



provided a delicious lunch, gifts for all our students and we had a lovely chocolate cake for dessert. Thank you!



The winter weeks also brought our vegetable garden to life. We are very proud of all our organic products: spinach, honeydew melon, eggplant and radish. This is also great for teaching students that tiny seeds actually give birth to real plants – not just ones drawn on paper! As we garden, we also learn about soil, sprouting, weeding... as well as the general importance of having a garden. And we are indeed turning out to be real young gardeners!



For the end of the school year, we put up lights on the Christmas tree and staged a Christmas story. The celebration was joined by the principal of English language Jyotirmoy Public School and heads of the Paras Padma non-governmental organization that assists children and youth with special needs.

We wish you a pleasant holiday and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all of your love and support!

***Mojca and Anup Gayen, Piali Ashar Alo***

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