



# DMS NEWS

## Dolphin Magic School



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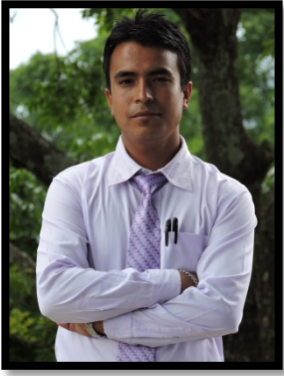
## Sponsor Parents Visited DMS

Barbara Reiter is Sponsor parent of Aakash Basnet, visited Dolphin Magic School with her friends and lots of gifts for the children. She brought dolls for small children and clothes for many students. Also she brought various essential study materials for school.



Barbara and her friends were really pleased being with children as they enjoyed their time in Dolphin Magic School doing fun activities and entertainment. It was a very wonderful day for all children and teachers because it was a beginning day of new session.

## New Teachers Appointed



MR. KESHAB K.C

As the start of new session 2072 B.S(2015 A.D) two teachers has been appointed in Dolphin Magic School. The procedure for appointing two new teachers was fair and systematic. After vacancy announcement for teachers, several factors were considered as eligibility to become final candidates firstly, qualification was important and experience of teaching was the benefiting factor for the candidates.



MRS. MANJU KHADKA

Lastly but not the least, candidates were given the opportunity to take classes with students. By considering all those factors final two candidates were appointed as teachers Mr. Keshab K.C and Miss Manju Khadka.

Every year DMS has to appoint at least one teacher as the number of student grows at the start of a new session. This year DMS announced vacancy for two teachers because of a teacher Suman Tamang, who left teaching at DMS due to his personal matters.

## Congratulations!!!

Mr. Keshab K.C and Miss Manju Khadka for being appointed as teachers of Dolphin magic School. We heartly welcome you in DMS family and wish you all the best for your responsibilities in school. Hope you'll both help us make this school even better.



## Nepal Earthquake 2015 A.D (2072B.S)

April 25



With the magnitude of 7.9 Richter scale Nepal experienced the deadliest earthquake in more than 80 years. It all started with a terrible shaking and thundering of earth at 11:56 am on Saturday. In a matter of time houses started to collapse into the ground and some even with humans in it. It definitely felt like the end of the world for more than 50 seconds of continuous shaking. More than 8500 people lost their lives and several hundred thousand became casualties.

The tragic moment in the history of Nepal destroyed lives, monuments and cultural heritage that Nepal was known for and epicenter Gorkha was about 90% destroyed with the highest number of human deaths and casualties.

The world heritage sites such as Patan and Bhaktapur Durbar Square are no more than a history today. However, the human deaths toll is considered for less than what it could have become only because it was a Saturday and day-time. If the same incident had happened in the night the deaths toll might have risen up to several hundred thousand.

The earthquake in Nepal was totally unexpected and terrifying and was followed smaller aftershocks thereafter which increased chaos among people. Every aftershock was the reminder of the first big one and people ran towards open places for safety. Even during night time people slept outside in open in open to ensure their safety. Very large numbers of houses collapsed with people's belongings and foods in it. People were homeless and without food at the same time. Few people were hopeful that it is over but majority of people still feared what's more to come ahead and every aftershock would only grow their fear stronger than before. Nepal being a third world country was already struggling from many basic needs and earthquake only made it tougher.



Some people experienced even greater shocks as their entire lifetime of hard work was no more than a dust on the ground. Still the resilient Nepali people stood up for themselves when no one was there to help at first. They shared the same temporary roof, shared the food among each other and instilled hope that there is going to be a beautiful tomorrow.



After the news of Nepal earthquake became widespread, aids from all over the world start arriving to Nepal. Medications, medical experts, rescue teams, foods, clothes were provided as help as help for earthquake victims. At first, lack of proper plan for earthquake victims. At first, lack of proper plan for distribution caused slow approach of Nepalese government to the victims. During the most vulnerable time local people were the first one to respond to the victims with what they can provide. Individuals were first to react and provide with foods, shelter, and clothes.



In Lamagaun, Thomas was in Nepal with his wife when the earthquake hit Nepal on 25<sup>th</sup> of April. As people were shelter less and foodless and hardly anyone rescue. Regarding rescuing we worked on several stages. A volunteer and rescue team lead by Thomas Stuppner was first and very effective to respond to the earthquake victims around Lamagaun.

People were afraid to sleep inside their homes and many houses collapsed during the disaster. So the very first priority was to make teams and distributes to find out what people needed.

After observing, the volunteer and rescue team figured out the main priority at the moment was to provide food and shelter as a first steps. People who lost their homes had no food and shelter at all and had to live miserably. So as for the first step foods were bought and data was collected by the observing team and the proper distribution was made.



Then after, another challenge was to provide shelter. The earthquake and the aftershock never seem to settle down and people still had fear in there to go back and live inside the cracked houses. Again observation to find out victims who needed shelter was set out. After finding the teams were separated to work in few places at a time and our team leader Thomas provided us with the materials like bamboos, wires, tools, straws and plastic as well as transportation.

The volunteer and rescue team made 15 temporary houses in Lamagaun alone, 6 in Humane and 14 in Kharpa. An estimated of 400 people were benefitted from those temporary houses made of bamboo, straw, plastic and iron wire. The volunteers worked really hard to make and provide shelter for such people.



In another phase small tents were distributed. The news and the need after the earthquake were widespread around the globe and many helping hands desired to contribute and contributed as well. We started getting sleeping tents with those we covered up all of Lamagaun. Most of Humane, Dadikhel, Talku, Pharping, Simpani, in Kathmandu district, Ramechhap District and finally in Dhading, More than 600 sleeping tents were provided to the victims within different districts in Nepal. People were really pleased to be helped to have reliable shelter even for some amount of time until they prepare for another shelter. It is expected that around 2000 people benefitted from small sleeping tents within four districts.







The rescue team not only individuals. It covered many schools in Pharping and one in Bhaktapur. Friends for Nepal received 40 big army tents from Hong Kong into the organization name "Smile 4 Hope". Friends for Nepal used them the best way possible to make the best use of it. 8 Tents Friends for Nepal give for Smile for Hope Foundation to support destroyed schools in their area. Starting from Pharping, two tents were provided in Tribhuvan higher Secondary School., each capacity of 30 people in it. The school was not safe enough to teach students inside of Classrooms. So, temporary classes were made of the tents. Also the volunteers for Friends for Nepal made about six temporary classes made of Bamboos, wire, Metal roofs and tarps for students to study without fear after the school reopened. The school administrations were very thankful towards friends for Nepal and the volunteers involved in it.

Three big tents were provided in Pharping Higher Secondary for Smooth School operations after the continuation of studies. It was agreed with the school administration that tents are to be used for school teaching purpose during school days and for earthquake victims during the night. Similarly 3 others tents were provided in Setidevi Secondary School in Lamagaun and One in Ganesh Secondary School in Chhaimale and one for the health purpose to a community Hospital in Pharping.



Another huge distribution of tents was in Bhaktapur district. A total of 18 tents were distributed in Bhaktapur only. Bhaktapur happened to be a highly affected area by earthquake so the victims were found to be in a miserable condition. A single tent was provided for few families to live in and total of 18 tents were distributed in several locations within Bhaktapur including one School. It can be estimated that more than one thousand people have been directly and indirectly benefitted from those big tents distributed in Pharping and Bhaktapur.



The volunteer and rescue team in total worked and served around 3000 people in different parts of Nepal. The resources and management was solely of Friends for Nepal - Himalayan Development Aid and has accomplished an extraordinary project at the most vulnerable here in Nepal.



The Volunteers who selflessly contributed their time in volunteer and rescue were very happy to have become part of something so beautiful and important and are ready for anymore projects to work on started by Friends for Nepal-Himalayan Development Aid.

## Dolphin Magic School during Earthquake

It was Saturday when the earthquake hit Nepal with the magnitude of 7.9. Like any others schools and offices Dolphin Magic School was closed for weekend so no harm came to any of the students or teachers even outside of school. For several weeks all the schools, offices and organizations were shut down as so much was destroyed all over Nepal due to the deadliest earthquake in almost a century. It took more than a month to even start the normal routine within schools around of Nepal. Dolphin Magic School however was started after 21<sup>st</sup> day of disaster on May 17. It wasn't considered safe to start regular classes at the school buildings so the temporary houses became of huge advantage to run school during daytime while it was still used as shelter during night. Three of the cottages made by the volunteers were used as temporary classes for more than 2 weeks and two additional tents fulfilled the requirements of classes needed. The regular teaching was continues in the school building soon after as the building doesn't seemed to have affected at all because of the earthquake. A survey team of the engineers gave it a green sign, means the building is safe to use and said the structure is safe enough even for earthquake slightly powerful than what was experienced.



## Article from Our DMS Teachers

### *from Principal's Pen*

I am feeling proud writing an article in Dolphin Magic School Newspaper. I am also very grateful and thankful to all of our donors and sponsors for their kind support and help. I also like to thank all of sponsors from the side of students and parents and villagers of Lamagaun.



MR. SADEEP BDR. KHATRI

As you know that a powerful Earthquake hit Nepal and Nepali. The earthquake of 7.9 magnitudes destroyed almost half districts of the country. Many historical and tourist places were damaged. Thousands of People were killed and about half millions of houses were destroyed.

Fortunately, our Village Lamagaun is affected by the disaster. Not a single house is totally safe. Most of the mud and stones houses are cracked. They are getting relief packages from government as well as from other organizations.

I am so proud of “Thomas Stuppner” chair person of “Friends for Nepal” Austria and Austrian people for supporting this Lamagaun village on this very tough and hard situation. He manages to provide reliefs packages to the earthquake victims. I’m so thankful to him for his devotion & humanity. He is so laborious as well as friendly.

Saying about Dolphin Magic School, we are very proud being teachers in this school. Here are now about 86 students getting free education. They get everything free here. More than this, they get here is education with love and caring in family environment. Teachers here are very hard working and talented and devotion to their work. We all school staffs are doing our best for the betterment of this school and the Lamagaun community.

At the end, I once again would like to thank all the sponsors parents and donors and other personalities who are directly or indirectly involved to the institutions “Friends for Nepal” to support Nepal and Nepalese People. I also hope and believe that this kind of humanities work will continue forever.

Thanks.....

***Sadeep Bdr. Khatri***  
***Principal***  
***Dolphin Magic School***

### ***Few words from Teacher Mr. Ramesh Khatiwoda***



MR. RAMESH KHATIWODA

As time is escaping, I am experiencing some more beautiful things in Dolphin Magic School. Kids are becoming more adorable and colleagues are becoming more appreciable and co-operative. Kids are improving gradually. We can see their physical and mental development. All school staff is very devoted to their profession.

We as an educator are providing them best. We mean to give them knowledge from our heart with love and care. To make them human being with good moral education and ethics, we are doing our best.

At the end, I would like to thank all personalities who are involved to the organization, “Friends for Nepal” to help and support us. Thanks.

### ***Few words from Teacher Mr. Keshab K.C***

First of all I’m feeling proud to be a part of Dolphin Magic School. In my short teaching period colleagues are very co-operative and friendly. Students are disciplined and honest. Peaceful environment and lovable circumstances encourage me to joining this school. All teachers are totally dedicated towards kid’s future. This school is providing free education, all necessary accessories to those kids who are in great need and necessities.

I am very thankful and grateful to our sponsors and volunteers. They gave us such a big support both economically and psychologically. I honor them and hope this support and help will be continuing in coming days. Thanks.



MR. KESHAB K.C

## First Terminal Examination Held



The First Terminal Examination For the academic year 2015-2016 has been held from 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. The Seven day long examination was successful one as all the students attended from class Nursery to four. And aggregate of 60 students actively attended the first terminal exam of the year. As usual the examination went on for 3 hours starting from 11am until 2pm.

The result that has been published a week later was surprisingly good with majority of students achieving well above pass marks was significant. However few students still failed went to get pass marks on all of the subjects. Teachers say that because the students do not study enough at their homes they fail to get good marks and also mentioned that those students are too be focused more on their studies while in school.



## Construction Development



The Dolphin Magic School has really come far from what it was first like. But this is not it. Numerous construction work still going on and the school has more possibilities in developing the infrastructure of the second floor and a reliable for school, other important construction work is now at the verge of completion.

Safety ring is almost complete on the third floor of the school and fiber roof on top of the room where it was planned is as good as done. Also safety balcony on the second floor where office, kitchen and few classrooms are located has been completed. The school will soon have its store room which is definitely going to be very helpful.

The worker has been consistently working on the proposed play ground and is expected to be complete within a couple of months and there is a huge possibility of wall climbing as sports for students in future. DMS has really been developing in a good pace and it will not take longer to become are of the most amazing school in Nepal for underprivileged children.





## Celebrating teachers Day July 31<sup>st</sup>

This year also teacher's day in Dolphin Magic School was celebrated with celebrations and exchange of well wishes among teachers and students. Cultural Programs and musical programs were held as a celebration. What made this day even more beautiful was the management. The students from every class managed to organize the whole day of celebration. They even worked together and got surprising gifts for teachers by themselves.



A celebration is a really beautiful as well as influencing aspect in life and DMS has been celebrating for many occasions. The children hasn't only celebrated but also came up with their own innovations ideas for celebration which has surprised the DMS teachers Normally in programs at school dancing used to be one of the main factor before but when the students got to learn musical instruments and got better in it, they have been enlisting musical events as another main attraction for celebration. The teachers certainly felt very proud of what the students are capable to do.



## DMS Volunteering



Two volunteers from Germany arrived in Nepal to share their ideas to Dolphin Magic School. Lena Stettner and Andrea Neuner stayed in Lamagaun for about 10 days and adjusted really well in Dolphin Magic School. They also went to visit the under construction of sponsored school in Bhaktapur. Unfortunately when Lena got into an accident and seriously injured her foot. Both of the volunteers stayed were shortened. It was a terrible incident and Dolphin Magic School sends her well wishes that she gets recovered soon. Lena said, "I will come back again very soon." She was really pleased being in Nepal and getting to know the progress in Dolphin Magic School.



Similarly, another two volunteers also contributed their time and effort at DMS. Gunda(Surname) and (name of another volunteer) were here in Lamagaun for almost 1 week. During their stay they took several classes with the students and taught them in practical ways and shared their knowledge with the kids in school. Volunteering has always been very helpful to not only learn new ideas or skills but also helps children to interact with new people and develop self confident in the students.





Likewise, Kristina Ennikl arrived in Nepal for volunteering at Dolphin Magic School. She taught dance to the students at leisure periods in school and really got along with the students. The Kids at Bird's Nest really seemed to like her a lot and spent good amount of time with her.



Volunteering can be way more than just teaching at school so spending more time with them and getting them involved in other activities definitely helps children gain more interest in learning.

### **DMS at Dashain Vacation**

DMS organized a Dashain welcome program at school on 12<sup>th</sup> of October. As most of the programs musical events, dancing was part of celebration. Also this day was different and more exciting for students and teachers. The teachers distributed gifts such as new clothes and shoes to the children of school.



Dolphin Magic School would like to thank Hans from Germany for bringing such wonderful gifts at the time of Dashain. The students looked very happy to have got those gifts as a present for Dashain.



The school was officially been closed for Dashain vacation from 13 of October until the 26<sup>th</sup> for 14 days. We wish all the teachers and the students Happy Dashain and a wonderful time.



## Dashain



Dashain Festival is biggest festival of Nepal and celebrated all over Nepal every year during the month of Kartik(Late September and Early November). The fifteen day festival is celebrated with numerous pooja and offering of animals to the goddess Durga. In the name of her victory against demon Mahesashur according to the Holy Gita of Hindus.

Dashain is almost considered as togetherness, fun and sharing of happiness among family and friends. Traditional swing made from bamboo's and ropes have been the symbol of Dshain every year.



On the auspicious occasion people like to spend time with their friends and family, do shopping, play cards and enjoy putting normal thing aside for a while. Tika, holy blessing and Jamara(Ten days old rice plant) are considered to be the main importance of Dashain to receive as blessing from elders of the family.

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