



DMS NEWS

Dolphin Magic School



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Volunteer visit to Dolphin Magic School

Jonas Amborn

Jonas is one of the youngest volunteers till date. He helped a lot regarding different school activities such as Newspaper content arrangement, Friends for Nepal homepage arrangement and earthquake project. He is humble and cheerful person. We Dolphin Magic School family are pleased to have such volunteers in school.

Jonas has written something from his side.

Hello! I am Jonas, a 20 year old German. After I finished high school I started traveling. I have been working and living in Australia for several months and before I came to Nepal I visited Indonesia. I arrived at the Dolphin Magic School at the 2nd of last December.



I have been heartily welcomed by the community members and the Austrian volunteers Bernhard and Sabine showed me around. Just on my second day at the school, I decided to go with Manish, Mahesh, Kundun and Prabin to Bhaktapur to help them removing wood from Manish's old house there, which was destroyed by the earthquake in 2015. We have been camping next to the house and even though we worked hard we had so much fun and it was an amazing experience with my new Nepali friends. When we came back I needed to rescue from a little food poison, but then I was finally able to start my work at DMS. I communicated a lot with Rewant, our music teacher who helped me very much during my stay and I started to give drum lessons to children.

I have been playing the drums for several years and gained some experience in teaching music back home in Germany, as I gave piano lessons to children for a few months. But in Nepal it was very different. We started the class with four children and I was wondering if this would be going to be a little bit chaotic, because only one student can play at a time and the other ones had to wait for their turn. But fortunately it was not like this at all – the children surprised me with their cooperation. Everyone was willing to learn and work concentrated. Due to their passion for the instrument they learned really quickly. After the first few lessons the students shared their knowledge and teach each other. It worked awesome like this, the small pupils can be great teachers and I focused more on teaching

them some new rhythm and techniques from a while to while, instead of standing next to them all the time. More and more children came day by day to make some music and we also discovered some basics on the keyboard together.

Even though the students are attending six lessons in school each day we ended up practicing for up to another one or two hours in the music class after school. To see their ambition and joy for music was wonderful.

Beside this I wrote down the articles for the newsletter of last December, which already had been prepared by Manish and Rewant, translated them into German and added pictures.



I had an incredible time at DMS, I met so many lovely people who treated me nicely and made me feel like a part of the community. I enjoyed breakfast and dinner with “Mami” and the children of the “Bird’s Nest”, the breathtaking view of the Himalaya, the evenings we spend all together in Suresh’s house and the many interesting impressions of a great school in another country with a different culture that gave me new insights and new inspiration. I am very grateful for having been able to participate in this project. ☺



Verena & Victoria

Creativity has no boundaries. Verena & Victoria are two soul sisters who visited school as a part of their world tour. They visited school near during vacation and they spent their times painting on the walls of school. Very meaningful paintings are now carved on Schools wall and also in our hearts. They also spent a lot of time with children (*Especially with kids from Bird's Nest*) sharing and teaching them the perspectives of life.



Earthquake project update

1. Dolphin Magic School

New teacher's room

The construction of new office was given to Sunny Balami. He is constructor who also helped to build Chhaling School in Bhaktapur. Although, the construction had to be finished by now, because of sunny's health condition the work was postponed. After almost three months of work gap the work has been continued and scheduled to finish within April.



There is going to be a lot of carpenter works as well, which will be done by the carpenters of Suresh. With completion of teacher's room there will be an extra classroom available to run class 6 and huge space for teachers to have meetings and other regular works.



The road and garage construction:



The road to school is a great achievement for all of us and milestone to us. Which was not impossible but real hard thing to accomplish. With great effort of Tom Stuppner, Suresh Basnet and Arjun Maharjan (contractor) made it possible. Even though the road is being digged, there are numbers of other constructions, which need to be done for road.

Such as canals, proper drainage system, walking way for villagers. It is really a huge project. Huge is because so many people are engaged with it and such a big amount of money for construction altogether. While digging the construction site for garage there was exposure of toilet pipes and drainage system, which are now temporarily fixed so that children can regularly use the toilet.



There are many challenges regarding the landslide area and garage construction. The stones, which were swept away by landslide, are still on the steep area. It is really risky with life of the workers working there. Hence, Arjun has called the digging machine to pull the stones up on the ground and can be manageable by workers.

According to the constructor, it will take him four and half months to complete the work and when it is ready there will be very easy delivery system to school and it will be cheaper to construct any other infrastructure around school. Volunteers or any other visitor can directly come to school's garage without rumbling here and there. Wide road has definitely helped children as well as parents to walk. If everything goes all right the stones and other things will be managed and digging for underground pillars will be done within the month of April.

Safety way and emergency exit:

The steel railing works has been done. The emergency exit from the top of the school is ongoing. Since the main worker had an eye operation there is gap in work but with communication with him, he is going to be back very soon and complete the missing work.



Water Project

Lamagaon-Talku water project:

This is most important project to supply drinking water to more than 900 houses. Pipelines, water tanks, selection of supplying spots have been done. Few other important works needs to be done. Such as pumping stations on different tanks, proper management system, finalizing and construction of remaining tanks etc.



There was total of 60 lacks (6 million NRS) was allocated by government. Out of which 18 lacks (1 million 8 hundred thousands) has to be collected from public and is supported by Friends for Nepal on behalf of public. Out of remaining 42 lacks (4 million 2 hundred thousands) government has given 2465000(2 million 4 hundred thousand and 65 thousand NRS) and remaining money is 17 lacks 35 thousand (1 million 7 hundred thousand and 35 thousand NRS) which is being hold by government because the work was not complete on time. However, for this new fiscal year government has allocated 20 lacks (2 million NRS) for this project and again they need to complete the work in given time.



Biggest cause of the slow work is communication. There is lack of communication between people who are directly engaged in this work. Even though, local people from Lamagaon took the building contract from Arjun, they haven't finished the work. However forwarding the work with help of water community authority is going on.

a. **Mineral water project:**

It is self-sustaining project of friends for Nepal. The idea is to self-manufacture mineral water bottles and create market around Pharping and Kathmandu. Even it would support the bio-farming vision and make the village green. It would also support many local people with good income and also support with drinking water. The mineral water factory is still under construction. It has 70000 liter. Capacity tank and enough space to fit the delivery truck inside. It is waiting for roof to be fitted and to be finished.

a. **Dadikhel water project:**

Dadikhel is small village on the top of a hill near Lamagaon. It has total population of 160, and total houses are 17. They are facing great problem of drinking water since their only source of water has gone dry. They walk 2.5 hrs. of road to get water which is very pity. Hence, Friends for Nepal has taken the initiation for Dadikhel to supply water from Talku's One hundred thousand ltr. Tank.



Villagers have already dug the pipeline and are also ready to install. Only problem is there is no electric transmitter near the water tank to give enough energy to pumping machine. As we came to know that the transmitter installment is very expensive work and it has to be done by government for people's sake. It is estimated cost of 3 million NRS only to install transmitter. Water community authority is on co-ordination with electricity authority in charge so that he can manage to install transmitter from government side. Let's hope it is done soon so that we can make proper system to supply water to Dadikhel people.



Chhaling School (Ratna sikshya sadan)

During earthquake in Nepal, Friends for Nepal helped one school named Ratna Sikshya Sadan in Bhaktapur area. We have been helping school to lift up and it is doing so. Building new school to latest water tank and filter system is one of the kind help that Friends for Nepal has done. It was an agreement with the school that they have to yearly refund the donated money to Friends for Nepal's account. The refunded money therefore can be used in various other projects.



Few words from Teachers

Mr. Sadeep Bdr Khatri

Hello and Namaste!!

I am Sadeep Bdr. Khatri, the first teacher of Dolphin Magic School. Having the experience of six years in this school. I would like to share my feelings with you all who reads the DMS Newsletter. Being the first teacher of this school I'm proud that it is gradually being bigger and better than before. All the staffs of this school are dedicated to their duty. Our DMS family is increasing every year.



One thing to share honesty with you all, even though all the teachers are giving their best to improve the education stander of the students, many of them are getting worse then before for example they are not regular in school . Even Even manoj from class five is not regular to school. I think it's because of the careless of his family and he bad impact of the society but slowly he is back to school though. Other student Mahendra Bal is also not a regular student since 3 months. We four teachers went to his home to take him back to school. After that he came some days. But again the situation was same. He stopped coming to school again. And another student of class 3, Robin is also not regular in school nowadays. Each and every teacher try to convince him as well as his parents but we couldn't get any success, but we are not hopeless. We will give our full effort to make the situation better.

I would like to thank "Friends for Nepal" and your project for your kind support and selfless social work. I would like to thank you all from my own side and the villagers of lamagaun and Dolphin Magic School family. I hope and believe that you're Support to this place and people will continue forever.

Lots of greetings from my side and DMS family.

School Day



4th of the march is our school's birthday. On its birthday DMS childrens and teachers put amazing effort to make it memorable and more heart catching. This time DMS has opened its gate for other teachers from other schools to explore DMS and to have good communication and build up mutual co-operation. They were invited as guests.



School day went very good with very good performances of childrens and with presence of parents. Future co-operation and mutual understanding was discussed with guest who were representing other schools. School day celebration was very successful and went very well.



Mrs. Kanchhi Blami

Hello, Namaste.

I am Kanchhi Balami from Dolphin Magic School. I am a teacher in Dolphin Magic School since six years. I think I am a lucky a lucky teacher because it is a fist Montessori school in our place. I this school, we teach the students from our heart, not only from the books. So, the students are very talent in extra activities than study. We teach them without beating and shouting. So, they give low attention in study than extra activities. Although they give more attention in extra activities their study is not worse.



The teachers are hard working as well as co-operative which enable to tackle with various problems. Students are also very hard working and interactive as well as friendly. We all are satisfied from our children of happy face. Lastly being a part of this school, I would like to say thank you for all who are involved and helped our school.

Greetings from my side and from our teacher's team.

Thank you, Namaste.

Thomas and Kurth in Nepal



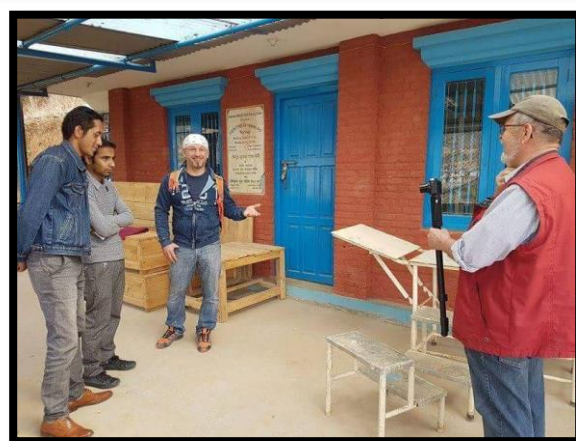
The Founder of Himalayan Development Aid-Friends for Nepal, Thomas Stuppner arrived here in Nepal with his friend Kurth who is a journalist in Austria in 21st march.

During Kurth's one week of stay Thomas and Kurth visited Dolphin Magic School, the ongoing water project, the fully constructed village health center and the school.

Friends for Nepal helped re-establishing in Bhaktapur after 2015 earthquake.

Kurth came to Nepal with the intention of making a documentary about the progress Friends for Nepal has done over all these years to help promote the organizations.

Although Kurth stayed only for a week he was able to film those intended projects with the help of his drone and camera and of course Thomas.



However, Thomas stayed two more weeks while he discussed the issues about outgoing project with project manager Rewant Bhandari. Besides discussing and analyzing the state of progress Thomas also handed more responsibility and suggested what can be done next to Rewant.

Thomas left for Austria on 9th April and will possibly be back in six months of time.

End of Academic Session 2073 (2016-2017)

Dolphin Magic School saw another successful academic year by the end of year 20173 B.S. With a much better results than that of previous year DMS is ready to start its 7th year of glory in lamagaun.



The School now benefits 70 children from around lamagaun where majority of parents can't afford quality education for their children. Dolphin Magic School has proved to be a boon for these in needs and will continue to do so for many more years of come.

DMS will start its new session from 16th April 2017(2074 B.S) and has already announced. Vacancy for eligible candidates as from this session has been an addition of 6th grade.



DMS GALLERY





