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WINTER VACATION

A holiday was provided to everyone involved in the School for the winter break. The coldest time of the year usually means shorter daylight. During mid-winter the daily lifestyle in Nepal in general is somewhat affected and doesn't always have the most favorable weather for classes.



Therefore, like always, vacation has been given to all. This is also a time for another festival “*Sonam Lhosar*”, which is of great importance for the *Tamang* people. Everyone appreciates a great family get-together in a while. After the two weeks long holiday the school resumed to normal from 28th January.



DMS Volunteering

Dolphin Magic School had some amazing volunteers from February to March 2020. The five Austrian volunteers namely Lois, Robert, Hermann, Helmut, and Christian helped with construction in DMS.



The group of volunteers mainly contributed to the under constructed playground and the remainder work around the bio-gas plant. Paving the ground was a big work that the group accomplished. The team also refilled the spaces around the biogas installation which is also a part of the playground



The whole team worked hard for an average of 10 days each despite all of them being in their seventies.

The group of 5 men started working together since 2012 and worked in several countries and places.

Wherever they go they have given their best, which is appreciated by people. In Ukraine the team constructed a shelter for homeless people. The group also provided Tailoring and Carpentry workshops to those homeless people to help them become independent.

Similarly, in Ukraine they volunteered to repair a Children's home and change the roof.

The group has also done two weeks of volunteering in Nepal after the 2015 earthquake. They helped reconstruct houses and shelter for the needy.



DMS is pleased to have such wonderful people helping to grow the project even more and the school family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for their great effort.



School Day (March 4)

The 9th anniversary of Dolphin Magic School was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. The students and teachers prepared for days in advance to make the School Day even more special.

The big day started with an Art Exhibition organized by the students. The day later followed by science projects and bio-farm exhibits. Students hard for days to make the event meaningful and the work was deeply appreciated by the visitors.



A food stall was also set up where the visitors and guests had the opportunity to taste the delicious Pan-fried pizza and French fries.



The Day continued with many beautiful musical and cultural performances by all age groups. the students who have been taking dance lessons for some time put an outstanding performance for all the audience and the distinguished guests.

Prize distribution for the Sports week's winners and runner-up was another exciting moment for many of the students and the parents.

The guests from different honorable organizations helped to distribute the prize while congratulating them.



After an entertaining day all the parents, students, and the teachers sat together to enjoy the delicious meal. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the day and witness another successful year for the school.

March 4th 2020 marked 9th successful year since Dolphin Magic School started and we believe there is still a long way to go and a lot more celebrations to come.



Holi

Every year Dolphin Magic School celebrates *Holi* –The festival of color and Joy. Celebrating *Holi* used to be one of the perks of DMS. However, this year there was no celebration, not at all. Instead all the students were advised to stay home and not to celebrate the festival due to concern of growing Coronavirus worldwide.

As the number of infected people throughout the world skyrockets, Nepal felt vulnerable. Also looking at the fact about how easily one can contract the deadly virus is terrifying.

The students were then provided with proper guidelines about safety measures provided by WHO and asked everyone to maintain proper hygiene.

Therefore, with the motive of discouraging mass gatherings and encouraging personal and communal safety DMS decided not to celebrate *Holi* despite the importance of the festival. The school has always considered ‘safety for all’ as one of its prime objectives and will continue to do so in the future.

Final Examination Held

The Final Examination of the academic year 2019-2020 (206 B.S.) is completed which lasted from the 10th to 18th March 2020. The examination was initially scheduled from 22nd of March, but due to the government's instruction over Coronavirus fear, the exam was rescheduled weeks earlier.



At the moment, Nepal was in the early stage of the deadly virus and a nationwide lockdown was underway. So, all the teachers prepared preparations for the final examination. The exam went smoothly and there was a hundred percent participation from the students.

The completion of the Final Exam has also concluded this academic year of 2019-2020 (2076 B.S.) and the school is scheduled to resume from 19th April 2020 for the new academic year 2020-2021 (2077 B.S.)

Result Distribution

The Result of the Final Examination of the year 2076 B.S. has been distributed on 4th April 2020. Having affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Progress Report Card distribution was obviously different than usual,

Parents were called on their cell phones to let them know how well their children did in the exam. Parents were told if their child was eligible to go to the next grade or not. Upon request, the copy of student's report card was also sent via messenger to those who had access to it.

As for Nepal, the measures applied for the Result distribution was unique but turned out to be very effective. It had been a while that Nepal went into a total lockdown from the 24th of March.

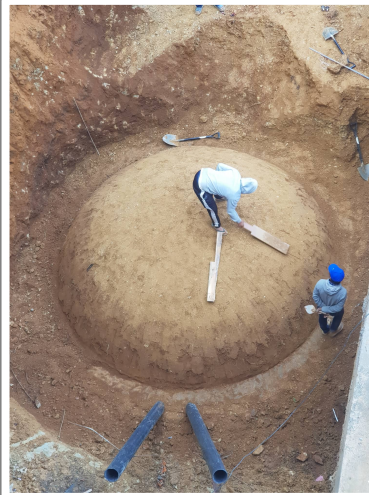
The school would normally start again around mid-April but due to rising Coronavirus cases in Nepal, there is no supposed date for restarting the school for the time being.



Construction work

Biogas Project

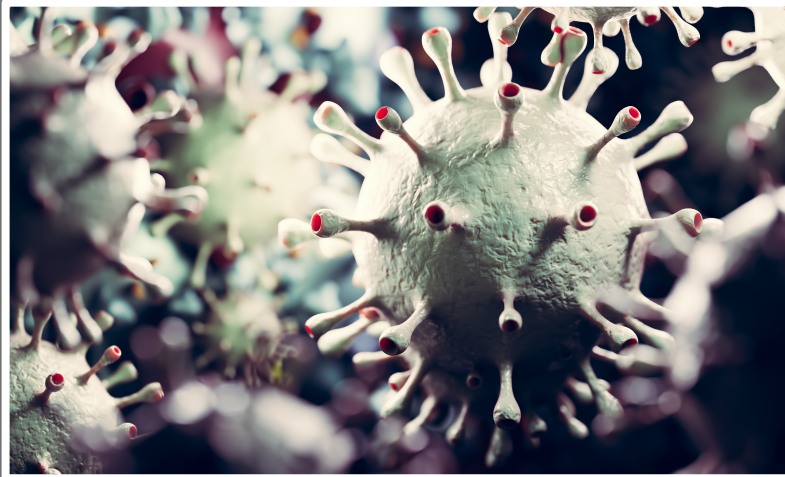
The long-awaited biogas project is officially completed and is ready to operate. All the technical work is done and the bio-gas plant has got green lights to go fully operational. Once there is enough feeding of biodegradables in the system the biogas plant will start producing adequate fuel for a many decade to come.



Nepal has experienced a fuel crisis in the past that affected the school's day-to-day operation as well. Now, with the completion of the biogas plant not only the school becomes self-sufficient but it also saves a lot of expenses to buy conventional fuel energy.

Coronavirus situation in Nepal & DMS

Coronavirus or COVID-19 is shaking the world right down to its knees with no sign of slowing down anytime soon. The virus is probably the biggest disaster many have come across in their lifetime.



Even the highly developed nations with the most advanced healthcare system have suffered beyond imagination. Therefore, Nepal is in quite a vulnerable situation considering the nation's healthcare system.



Dolphin Magic School administration also has taken the issue seriously and followed the guidelines provided by the Nepal Government. The school will not resume to normal until further notice.

However, DMS has found a way to work around the inconvenience caused by the nationwide lockdown. The school is working to keep students engaged in studies during the extended lockdown period.



Considering the possibility, that a long time without schooling could decline interest for study among students' assignments are being handed out to the students by their class teachers. The respective teacher has meeting the students in their homes and giving them resources and assignments to keep them engaged in studies every once in a while.



Tent Distribution Plan

All the tents that was being stored in Pharping has been moved to a new storage in School. As the number of coronavirus affected people rises, Nepal's healthcare service is struggling to facilitate more patients.



People with recent travel history are also advised to go into self-isolation. However, there isn't adequate resources for self-isolation, especially in rural areas.

Therefore, in the time of need, DMS is prepared to support the needy and even provide tents for isolation period. DMS has provided aid in the times of need and will continue to do so as long as possible.



FOOD PROGRAM



Dolphin Magic School has gathered enough food supplies for weeks to come because of the food shortage caused by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. A whole lot of rice, lentil, essential oil, and other daily consumed foods have been stored in the school in case of short supply of basic consumables in the coming future due to the virus.

DMS has been providing free lunch to all the students and the staffs on any normal day but since the school is now closed indefinitely. So, the food stored will be distributed to those who are struggling to get by everyday due to the inconvenience caused by the lockdown.

Therefore, in order to provide the community, school and the locality with adequate food and get through this desperate time, DMS has prepared in advance. However, the food stored currently is not all and a second stage collection is underway and will be delivered in a few days in school.

Big Thanks to “Future4Children” for their financial aid for making this all possible. The help provided is hearty appreciated and will certainly benefit those people in need.



BIO-FARMING

Bio farming has always been an important project of Dolphin Magic School. Students getting involved in bio farm get to learn and practice the ways of agriculture. However, the bio farm has become more important than ever considering the difficulty caused by COVID-19.



The generous financial support provided by “Future for Children” has been crucial to keep the bio farming productive than ever before.

People from the locality are also getting involved and the farm is providing plenty of fresh vegetables.



Additional workers are hired to bring out maximum output and with the supervision of an expert. Mohan Tamang is a very well-trained professional on agriculture and he is working as the head of the project. The bio farm is directly benefiting the people in the community and the village. People involved in the project are also happy to be employed as the current lockdown situation has affected all types of jobs and income source throughout the country.



