



# NEWSLETTER

## DOLPHIN MAGIC SCHOOL



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## DMS celebrates 10 Year Anniversary



Dolphin Magic School celebrated a significant milestone on April 16, 2021. After ten years of hard work and more than 150 children receiving an excellent education, we believe we can already see a difference. DMS is in good hands, thanks to Sponsors and a strong management team.

To commemorate its tenth anniversary, the school organized cultural events such as talent shows, dance performances, and musical performances. A group of small children puts on a lovely dance performance they've been practicing for a while.





The older students also performed solo and in groups, showcasing their best skills. The entire audience was cheering for the performers as they enjoyed themselves.



The memorable day was witnessed by parents, students, teachers, and Friends for Nepal's Chairman Thomas Stuppner. Due to the current state of COVID-19, the number of guests allowed to attend the School Day was limited this year, as opposed to previous years. However, the day was no less entertaining than previous years. Nonetheless, entertainment and good vibes spread all day long.

The distinguished guests and teachers also handed out prizes to the winners and runner-ups of Sports Week. The students were overjoyed to receive their group and individual trophies for their accomplishments.



The day was then followed by a heartfelt speech from Thomas Stuppner about how important the school is to him and how happy he is for the school to have progressed this far.



After a long day of celebration and joy, everyone gathered for lunch and said their goodbyes. DMS has come a long way, and we hope to continue serving more children who are in desperate need of the opportunities that the school provides.

### Students transfer to a new school to continue their education

The new academic year has begun, and no new admissions are being accepted this year because of the COVID-19 situation in Nepal. Every year, many students enroll in Dolphin Magic School, of which the majority of them come from low-income families.





Hopefully, the following academic year will be less challenging, and we will continue to assist new students that enroll at DMS.

There may not be new students, but the students already in DMS also need to progress to the next grade. Similar to last year, a group of students who studied in the eighth grade has joined Cardinal Intl' Boarding School in Pharping in the ninth grade. Among the students are Devika Tamang, Anisha Balami, Pranita Sunam, Suprima Balami, Sapana Thatal and Rakshya Pandey.



Dolphin Magic School has already been working to facilitate ninth grade and received authority from the education ministry. However, for two years, the education sector in Nepal is devastated and will still take some time to recover completely. Once the school facilitates the ninth and tenth grades, the students do not need to go to other schools anymore.

Friends for Nepal will continue to cover all educational expenses of the mentioned students mentioned. DMS would like to wish the students all the best for their future and hope they can make the most out of the situation presented to them.



## Construction



Several new projects have been approved and will be operational shortly. The school still requires construction and maintenance work and is waiting for the right time and way to do so. Every year the number of students increases, and so does the need for housing space. There is always some construction work needed to build. Some of them are periodic maintenance when some are a permanent fix.

Many major constructions work needed is done but not all. DMS is taking it one step at a time. Here are two major construction work coming our way.

### Road and Drainage Maintenance

The school has now built all structures required to operate in full capacity. There is plenty of space for both indoors and outdoors activities. With the wall to support the school playground completed, biogas plant all set and operational, garage ready, only a handful but crucial works still remain to be done.



DMS now requires to construct a proper drainage system all around the school for channeling the monsoon rain which has been a huge problem in the past. Proper drainage will definitely help to reduce unnecessary landslides around the school vicinity and prevent any risk which it can cause.

The road to school can become quite slippery for buses and transportation. For now, drainage along the inside of the road is helping to properly keep the rainwater away from the main road, but a permanent job needs to be done for securing safe transport all season.

Soon after the monsoon is over, the school management will initiate road maintenance and drainage system to keep everyone even more secure.

### Orphanage

Friends for Nepal has supported the children of Birds' Nest for a long time now, providing them with all the essential skills and means. Children who have been living there had a difficult situation in their lives, then Friends for Nepal took them under its wing to protect and nurture them.

Some of the students have received education until 10th grade. They have completed their basic studies and now live with their family. Others remain under the care of the NGO and continue to study in DMS and other schools in Pharping.

The children used to live in a house owned by Suresh Basnet until now. He had been generous to have let the use of the property without any charges for a decade. However, due to the owner's difficulties, he could no longer do the same. The house he left to Friends for Nepal is now a part of his planning, and the NGO can no longer use it.

Therefore, the children are living in the school premises in the spare rooms for the time being. It solves the problem for now, but the school cannot





afford to keep them occupying rooms, which can be used for creative purposes later on.

An orphanage needs to be built for the children that are under the care of the NGO. Not just the ones that are already here, but possibly there will be more of such children that are desperately in need of an opportunity just like the one Friends for Nepal provides.

### Drinking-Water Pipeline

An agreement has been reached between the school management and the representatives of the Drinking Water Authority of Lamagaun to install a water pipeline in Dolphin Magic School.

According to the agreement, the school will receive drinking water on a scheduled timetable through a one-inch pipe which will supply 10,000 liters of water every day. The current need for water on a school day is 6,000 liters, and installing the proposed pipeline will eliminate the water-related issues we occasionally faced before.



For the water supply, the school will be paying for the units consumed throughout every month. Out of the total amount, Dakshinkali Municipality agreed to pay for half the sum of the total. DMS appreciates the generosity and would like to thank Dakshinkali Municipality for their thoughts.





## The Current situation in DMS

All educational sectors in Nepal are being continuously interrupted throughout the past one and half years now. The schools reopened after seven months but had closed again after few months only. Due to the widespread of the second wave of COVID-19, most of the financial and educational institutions were closed. All things were closed and the country officially went into a second lockdown. All schools were shut again, including Dolphin Magic School.

In between all this, a new academic year has begun. But, due to the ongoing crisis, no admissions were granted. Going into the next grade is usually a big moment for the students but this year was a quiet one. The lockdown also delayed the arrival of textbooks for the new academic year. When the textbooks eventually arrived DMS promptly distributed them to all the students.



Going through the same situation again wasn't that new this time for the teachers or the students. Dolphin Magic School acted immediately, by informing parents to encourage their children to attend online classes that the school is providing every day. Like a regular school day, there is a class every day at a prescheduled time.



All students receive online education no matter the grade. The older students are now used to technology and understand its importance. They do not have any trouble learning via online classes. For younger students, assignments are delivered to them through the parents or older sibling. Thanks to the dedication of the teachers who have always tried their best to reach out to their students.



DMS management believes that it is crucial to keep learning new things every day despite the situation we are in right now. And online classes will help the students get back to schooling smoothly when the COVID crisis gets under control.

On average, 70% of students attend online classes regularly, which is quite good news. All students still do not have access to smartphones, while in some cases, not the internet. Some students do not get enough assistance from their parents to attend classes. Nonetheless, the school management is trying to reach as far as possible to help out the students. We can only hope that the crisis gets resolved soon, and we can all come back to learning without boundaries once again.

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Attendance (2nd may - 7th may)

name of student	sun	Mon	Tues	wed	Thurs	Fri
Bipana Darral	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sugam Tamang	A	A	A	A	A	A
Sandesh Goral	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sangam Tamang	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sajina Magar	P	P	P	P	P	P
Niraj Tamang	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sudarshan Tamang	A	A	A	A	A	A
Andaj Tamang	A	A	A	A	P	P
pranish Tamang	A	A	A	A	A	A
Binim Balam	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sangita Panjyar	P	P	P	P	P	P
	63%	63%	63%	63%	72%	72%





## Story of Lamagaon Health station

Back in 2014, we started having a vision of running a health post in Lamagaon which would provide general health services to people at the time of need. We planned, we gathered a group of health professionals, and we decided to act.

There was already a running health post that couldn't work well for many reasons, after which we decided to revive it again for good and long term. With the regular Doctor, Health assistant, and management, everything is smooth.



In most of the rural parts of Nepal, there are no proper health services. Even if they did, that isn't enough. But we were lucky enough to manage all those professionals under one umbrella. Many questions rose as starting a health post in a small village won't impact or give its effects compared to the efforts made to run it. Somehow, we kept going though it wasn't that easy. We ran many free camps, treated many people with diverse conditions, and gave hope especially in these perilous times of CORONA VIRUS.



Every morning when our health assistant is coming to Lamagaon gets phone calls from people who aren't well. They need medical attention medicine. The people or person who is able goes to visit our health station but for unable ones, our health assistant Ramesh visits their homes with caution and required medication. Here, the irony is that we are there for those who don't have anyone to look after them.

In this present condition, we have managed proper medications for people in need. Nebulizers and even oxygen cylinders are stored for emergency purposes. We are open to every case and condition and we are going ahead with this amazing project.

### Report on Corona Crisis

Nepal has been dealing with a new wave of Corona, and life appears to be even more difficult. Specifically for low-wage workers who must go to work to make a living.

This time, the major crisis was for oxygen supplies, as the majority of the victims died due to breathing problems. Therefore, during this second wave of the pandemic, people's primary focus is on medical supplies and food management.





There are two major health centers in the Dakshinkali municipality. The first is Manmohan Memorial Community Hospital in Pharping, and the second is Chalnakhel Primary Health Care Center in Chalnakhel, just a few miles away from Manmohan Hospital. These two Health Centers are playing a vital role in health care management for the corona crisis. Manmohan hospital is for checkups and referrals, whereas Chalnakhel health center is for the people infected with COVID-19 awaiting recovery.



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Two months ago, the Mayor of Dakshinkali municipality pleaded for help through fundraising for better management of the corona crisis. and to provide emergency medical supplies to both healthcare facilities. NGOs and individual social workers began to donate to the municipality in the form of money or any other type of assistance they could provide.

We also contributed by donating One Lakh Rupees to the municipality for the management and improvement of the Chalnakhel hospital. As a result,



the number of beds increased from 10 to 30, as did the number of staff members, which included three doctors, ten nurses, and four cleaners. All expenses incurred during treatment, including medications, were waived. Corona patients' meals and lodging are also provided at no cost. Corona patients are being motivated through dance, music, and other recreational activities.

Meanwhile, at Manmohan Community Hospital, they are constructing an oxygen plant to meet the needs of the general public as well as for future use. They also requested funds from various sources, and astonishingly, more than 65 percent of the total cost of construction has already been managed.



The total estimated cost is 75 Lakhs, and they have already managed to raise nearly 50 Lakhs Rupees from various organizations, individuals, and other social bodies. We also contributed by donating Rs 50,000 for the construction on behalf of our NGO.





We have also distributed basic foods to garment workers and members of the Lamagaon community. The majority of these people are from different places and have to work for a living. Therefore, we decided to distribute food to them as a form of assistance.

We have distributed food to over 55 families, which we believe has greatly aided them. Slowly, the corona situation is improving, according to health officials, who claim that there haven't been many corona cases filed in recent days. However, they predict that if things do not improve, a third wave will hit the country.

They are even managing pediatric supplies for the possible future crisis as of now. Let's hope it doesn't come to that, but we all know anything can happen and we have to be prepared for it.

### Flood and Natural calamities

Here in Nepal, a downpour since 15 June has caused flooding and landslides in many parts. At least, 10 people were feared dead and more than 1,000 families were displaced after the Indravati River coursed through settlements in Sindhupalchowk, sweeping away many concrete bridges and inundating up to two floors of houses in Melamchi Bazaar following more than 24 hours of incessant rainfall.



The worst hit were settlements on the banks of the Indravati River in Melamchi Municipality, Helambu Rural Municipality, Pachpokhari Thangpal Rural Municipality, and Indrawati Rural Municipality.



Nepal Police has alerted to evacuate the area to avoid possible danger. The river had been blocked due to landslides in the upper reaches and would soon burst into Melamchi Bazaar, prompting people to gather whatever little they could and head to safer places. People didn't have enough time to gather their valuables as hundreds of people witnessed the river inundate their houses within hours. They could do nothing much but watch as their homes were being washed away.

Some 30 km from Melamchi Bazaar, landslides have blocked the river, resulting in a big dam. The river eventually breached the dam and gushed into settlements wreaking havoc, as per sources.





Similarly, in the mountain district of Manang, floods have displaced 56 families from Tal village in Nasho Rural Municipality. The government has mobilized security forces for the rescue operations in the Sindhupalchok district, and local authorities and Nepal Red Cross Society are assisting the displaced people. At least, 250 people are deployed by the National Authorities for rescue operations.

Nature is quite powerful. It can bring havoc and turn everything into nothing in a matter of seconds. Nothing stands a chance against the wrath of nature, and all we can do is take care of each other

After the earthquake back in 2015, we served and saved few tents for the possible calamities, and we think now is the time to go ahead and help the needy people who lost their homes. At least, it could be the roof for temporary use and would be a great help for the victims who suffered the wrath of nature.

As soon as we discuss our plan and contact the local authorities, we are ready to help.

A detailed report will follow after the field visit.

### Heartfelt Thanks to Gregor Haunsperger

Dolphin Magic School would like to express its sincerest gratitude towards Gregor Haunsperger for sponsoring the studies of 8 children from different parts of Pharping. Gregor's kind gesture has directly contributed to the betterment of many lives as they are now receiving quality education in DMS.

Most students in DMS come from poor economic backgrounds who are not able to afford decent learning opportunities. So, with the dedicated management team of Friends for Nepal - Himalayan Development Aid and amazing sponsor parents like Gregor Haunsperger, DMS has been the stairway to achieve the dreams of many underprivileged children from different parts of Nepal.



Among the students sponsored are Sajan Tamang, Sapnam Tamang, Arpana Tamang, Ritik Tamang, Bhimraj Bi.Ka, Prasun Tamang, Tara Tamang and Palsang Tamang. All the mentioned students have a few things in common regarding the financial stability in their family and lack of opportunity for education.

Typical of a rural family, the parents neither have proper employment to provide for their families nor the proper education to understand the significance of education. Life can be quite hard growing up in a financially struggling family with uneducated parents. Some parents do not even see education for their children as a need, while in fact, they are the ones to struggle in their lives due to lack of it.

Many of the student's family members have to seek foreign employment mainly in form of hard labor. Their time away from home is caused due to hardship of providing for their family for basic needs but not necessarily for their children's education. So, to have been provided a life-changing opportunities to the needy, the students and their parents are definitely grateful. The parents are relieved that the educational expenses for their children are all provided for while they could not.

This year the school has reached its 10<sup>th</sup> year of establishment, meaning that DMS has been providing free and quality education for more than 150 students for a decade now. DMS family aims to continue providing for all the children in need for as long as we have such great support of sponsors parents, management team and dedicated teachers and staff who keeps everything spinning.





## DMS Gallery













