

Dear Sponsors and Friends,

Here is the latest newsletter from the Nagajuna Trust and School.

As you hopefully know, this is a very difficult time for us – the landlord of the old school building has sold it and we are now lodging in a very small house in Pokhara. All lessons being taught outside as there is no room in the house. Our need is to buy some land and build a new school as there are no existing suitable buildings in Pokhara. Due to high land prices and poor exchange rates, we need to raise £100,000 to do this. Meanwhile however, we are continuing to look after the kids and give them as much education, love and shelter as we can.

The great news is that we now have a fabulous new website at www.thenagajunatrust.org on which you will be able to see updates from the school and how our fund raising is doing. Many thanks to Dennis and Stuart for designing this. It will help immensely with our communication and connection to you, our supporters.

Importantly we also have links to www.justgiving.com/nagajunachallenge where you can see our totaliser for raising the money to build the new school. This site allows you and your friends to donate securely and electronically directly to us, with the added advantage of automatically send us the Gift Aid too!

Current fund raising events include the Three Peaks Challenge. Several nutty volunteers have decided to run up and down the 3 tallest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales in 24 hours in June. Anyone wishing to support or even join in (!!!!) should contact me and I will be sending out the link to the 3 Peaks Event fundraising page shortly. Another of our valiant supporters is going to do the Great Manchester Run – wearing ribbons written on by the children of the school.

If you would also like to do your own sponsored event for us, you can link it through www.justgiving.com/nagajunatrust and set up your own fundraising site. Money raised and the Gift Aid will go directly to us.

Meanwhile, once again I thank you for your continuing support. We need it now, more than ever.

Kind regards

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News from Nepal

Headmaster's Update: Yeshi's Comments

Second term Exam

We have 2 terminal exam and one annual exam, our second terminal exam started on 6th December 2008 and finished on 12th. The result declared on 19th. All the children did very well in exam.



Children sitting their exam

Chairperson Visits School

Our beloved Chairperson of Nagajuna Trust, Miss Rebecca Seddon and her Uncle Michael visited our school. On 7th Dec. The school welcomed them and gathered for Welcome Ceremony.



Girls doing traditional dance



'Old McDonald had a farm'



Watching the show



Inspecting the children's work

New children arrive

Five children arrived from Manang. All these children are Simi orphans. They started their studies on 15th Feb.



New starters

Children's Voice

Annual Picnic

This year our picnic was very exiting; we had both a picnic and went hiking. We went to Pakoda Stupa which is 12 Km from our school. On 27th Dec we took a bus from school to Chorepatan which is 7 Km away. Then we walked to the hill where the Stupa stood . We reached at top after 1 ½ hours We had lunch, dancing and sang too. We enjoyed this year picnic.

Tashi Lama, Class 4



Kids on the annual picnic

Shifted at new house

On Sunday we reopen our school after one and half month winter holiday. All the staff and students were gathered at new smaller house. Only 2 classes are taught inside the classroom and rest of the classes are teaching at out side the school. We all are waiting for new school.

Zompa Lama, Class 2

H.H.The Dalai Lama

His holiness is spiritual leader of TIBET. He was born in Kubum Amdo in 1935.He fled to India with thousands of Tibetan from Tibet in 1959 when Chinese occupied Tibet. He struggles with non violence. He won Nobel peace prize in year 1989.He ray of hope for the suffering and helpless humanity. He lives in Dharamshala India.

Sarita Magar Class 3

My Hobby

Hobby is something that we do during leisure time for our pleasure. Every person in this world, whether poor or rich, young or old, goes' 'No play make jack a dull boy' . I too a have a hobby and my hobby is to draw. I love drawing. I draw whenever I am free. I try my best to draw perfectly. I have a great a passion for drawing

Tashi Phuntsok, Class 4

Our dog

Our dog name is Bhalu(bear).He is black in colour as bear. We love him very, very much. He always shakes his tail. He loves to eat meat and bones. He always barks at night and protects our school from thieves. We gave him bath every Friday before we bath. We love him very much.

Dolker Lama, Class 3

Mother

Mother is the woman who love us,
She loves us as much the great God does.
Mother is the woman, who feeds her child,
Mother is a woman who is kind hearted, and woman
Who is always appreciated.
Mother is woman who takes care of house
And sometimes tell us story of cat and mouse. She love us more than our father.

Nyesang Lama, Class 4



Drawings by Zompa Lama, Class 2