

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We'd like to give you an update for last year, 2014. As some of you are aware, Mr Yeshi, the Principal and founder of the school has been seriously ill this year with a heart problem. Thankfully he is now recovered with support from a sponsor who paid for him to have heart surgery in India. Whilst it has been a worrying time for us all, the rest of the staff and supporters in Nepal have pulled together and the children have not suffered apart from missing their Mr. Yeshi. It has been heartening to know that the set up at the school allows it to keep running even without key people.

The last year has seen us raise enough money to complete the final build of the 3rd floor in the school. The kids were able to move in December. They now have much more space and importantly separate dorms for girls and boys. There are also now rooms for visitors so should any of you want to visit, please let us know.

Also this year, we have a new Trustee – Laura Lane. Laura was one of the teachers who visited the school in Feb 2014. Laura will act to support the teachers in the school to raise the teaching standards.

This year we have had larger donations from people in UK and Holland that has allowed us to finish the building and to improve the diet of the kids. We have been able to introduce more fruit and veg into the meals, rather than the staples of potatoes and lentils. We have also been able to buy some more benches and tables for the class rooms.

Thank you to all those who have done events and activities to raise money. I was able to raise over £3000 by completing the Surry 100 mile bike ride. This event follows the route of the 2012 London Olympic road race. The completion was made that much harder by me slipping a disc in my back about 3 months before, so training was somewhat limited. In addition the day of the event coincided with the tail end of a hurricane, which struck the route. Luckily, the thought of why I was doing it forced me on in the torrential rain and wind and I finished the available route.

Just to remind you that if you have anyone who wants to donate, please send them to

<https://www.justgiving.com/nagajunatrust>

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Best wishes to you and your family

Rebecca Seddon

Chairperson

News From Nepal

December 2013

The annual sport meet is held in December. Complete students have to be physically competitive to be ready to face the rat race after the student life. Nagajuna School organizes a sport meet every year, and this year it was held on 17th Dec 2013. Dr Deepak Giri of Western Regional hospital was the chief guest. The school starts the sports day with a march pass salute to the chief guest.

Building the third floor starts. Nagajuna Trust's efforts raised monies for the construction the school's third floor. Yeshi starts the construction on 27th December.

January

World Challenge (charity) dig a borehole. The school had previously sourced water from the steam nearby but now houses built near the school have caused the school problems with water fouling. The Perth Modern School from Australia sponsored and helped to dig the 75 meters of water hole. For the pump we need the 15kV generator.

February

Baxter College teachers arrive. Two teachers, Pauline and Laura from Baxter College UK visited our school for 10 days. It was really very fruitful trip teaching students and meeting with teachers. Here is the description of the visit by Laura Lane.

Pauline and I were lucky to be selected from a pool of teachers who were keen to go to visit Nagajua School in Nepal.

Our aim was to use our knowledge of the newest teaching practises to help the teachers at Nagajuna move away from rote learning and into the realm of encouraging pupils to learn independently, making the most of their surroundings to make learning more interactive and engaging.

When we arrived in Pokhara, after our short culture shock of Kathmandu (!), we were greeted by the smiling face and warm welcoming of Yeshi, the founder of the Nagajuna School.



He took us straight to the Nagajuna School where again we were welcomed enthusiastically by students and staff alike.

Nagajuna School is a school for orphans or children with issues in their families. They are provided with an education, boarding and food and are supported throughout their school careers and onto their further education. The fact that Yeshe can be a headmaster and a father figure simultaneously is a massive credit to his passion and abilities.

The school is now positioned in some fields outside of the main town of Pokhara, due to expansion and prices of land. The school comprises of two concrete layers with a third being built. The bottom layer is where the pupils sleep top to toe in their bunk beds and where the kitchen that feeds all 120 pupils can be found.

The middle layer is where the classrooms are. They are simple concrete rooms with minimal decoration with wooden benches that pupils learn on and eat and pray from. The third layer when it is completed will have space for separate boys and girls dormitories, guest sleeping space and hopefully a room for a nurse to be able to visit pupils and for medications to be stored.

We began by taking some lessons to demonstrate to the teachers how we teach at Baxter – using group work and promoting independent learning through research and practical working.



Pauline did lots of arts and crafts with pupils of all ages which they loved. They made some beautiful pom-poms and boxes in which they could store things. Pupils were requesting to do arts and crafts throughout the week and we nearly had a riot on our hands from the pupils who had not done it!



I began by taking pupils outside to use the bug catchers and bug tongs that we had bought over from the UK. They loved being able to get outside the school and caught some fascinating (if not scary) little critters.



We then both worked with the teachers to help them to plan and deliver lessons and the enthusiasm of both the teachers and pupils to moving away from rote learning was inspiring. The pupils were achieving beyond their expectations and were enjoying taking responsibility for their own learning.

A highlight of the trip was that we managed to bring an iPad to the school and skyped into the year 7 and year 8 assemblies at Baxter. It was fantastic for the pupils of both schools to meet and talk and we hope that this communication can continue well into the future.



The ability of the pupils of Nagajuna to be so incredibly happy and upbeat despite their situations is uplifting. They are so grateful for the education they receive and are determined to make the most of their lives – some even keen to be Doctors and teachers themselves. I hope that through our communication they can inspire our pupils here at Baxter and ensure that they know that no matter where or who you are, you can achieve.



March

The annual cultural programme was held in the school ground. Nagajuna has always been transparent and obliged to its beneficiaries. Functions like these are organized each year to show our gratitude. The students presented different colourful and interesting cultural items. Chief guest, Mr Keshab Prasad Ambassador for Kaski district British Council graced the occasion.

April

The annual exams were held and the prize giving was held on 4th April. Mrs Tenzin gave prizes and certificates to the position holder.

Mr Yeshi has always had high blood pressure due to his busy work. Unfortunately on 16th April he had pain both in his back and chest, he went to Fishtail Hospital. Next day he was serious and admitted in ICU for 5 days. When he stabilized he was referred to Norvic hospital in Kathmandu. The doctor decided he had blocked artery in his heart and Mrs Tenzin agreed for them to do angioplasty. The surgery was completed but Mr Yeshi was still poorly. With the kind support of a sponsor in UK it was agreed to fly him to Delhi, India for another operation.

June

Mr Yeshi returned to Pokhara but was still not well enough to work for several weeks. The school continued with its new year and the children worked hard at their new subjects.

September

We have three terms each and they each finish with an exam. The first term exam was held on 3rd to 10th September. The result was declared on 17th and all the students did very well in exam and they were very happy.

Kids are listening to the exam report and their results.



August

Our School Inter house quiz competition between two houses Trisong and Trirel was held on 3rd August 2014. Trisong won the quiz with 64 and while Trirel scored 58. The competition was very tough both houses but everyone enjoyed it and did very well.

Prayer for Marleen.

Due to Mr Yeshi's health the school heard very late about the illness of Marleen, our beloved friend from Holland. Immediately when we heard the bad news, Class 6 students organized the special prayer for her and offered a few butter lamps to God and prayed for one hour. The prayer was to Green Tara goddess. We hope that she will recover soon.



July



16th July to 19 July 14th students from World Challenge visited our school for a three days project. They painted some classrooms and donated 500 pounds towards a generator and gave some notebooks for children.

25th to 29th July Hailyburry College also visited the school. They worked hard and painted primer on wall and ceiling in bedrooms.



November

The annual Dasain Festival Holiday happens in November. Most of kids are very poor or orphaned, therefore they can't go home for the holiday but staying in school all year is boring. So for the last 4 years Mr Yeshi managed to send the kids for holiday with different families in Pokhara and Kathmandu. This year, we requested for 37 families to take the kids. All the families accepted the request and we sent 56 kids to families. 12 students actually went to their home villages and the school paid for transportation and pocket money. Thirty students stayed at school.

During the holiday Yeshi's family, other some staff and the remaining kids painted the corridor, stairs railing, store room and new bathroom at top for children. Meanwhile some professional painters painted the outside of the building.

December

Mr Yeshi, having been back to Delhi again for another operation returned to the school. This was great news. Even better news was the completion of the 3rd floor. We were able to move in to the rooms. Now we have separate dorms for girls and boys. There are also bathrooms and some bedrooms for visitors and teachers to use. This means we can move the dorm from downstairs and we can use this space for as a room for dining, reading and play room. We are very excited.



Kids Voice

You are the one

You are the one person we love.
You are the one we love the most
The way you keep us,
The way you make us, happier all the life.
Throughout our life,
You are the one who thought of us all the time
Its you, Mum who help us always.
You are the person, we love the most
You are the one for us.

Pemba Dolma Class VI

Laugh

One day the teacher asked to John to bring a pear for the practical class.
Next day John came with pair of shoes.
Teacher; I 'd asked you to bring a pear and you 've brought shoes.
John: You asked to bring pair. I didn't know of what.

Karma wangchuk Grade V

Education

Life is tough without education
That for sure without doubt.
Judgment based on fact around
Education is the basic of a child's right.
Tough life, hard time to live tomorrow
If easy life today, no hard work to bow
In future would be idleness and sorrow.
Determination and devotion needed now

Thupten Chodon Grade VI

Modes of Life

Life is small, live it.
Dream are bit, full fill it
No time to stand and stare, work it.
Troubles are memory, face it.
Ways are difficult ,cross it.
Lost on a way, search it.
Anger is injurious, dump it.
Difficulty comes in, face it.
Life is cute, share it.
Happiness in life, share it.
Study is until life ends, follow it.
Troubles are happiest, make it

Tsering Lhama class V.I.I.I

3 things

3 things to respect. **Old ages, religion and love**
3 things to love. **Purity, honesty, and hardworking.**
3 things to control. **Tongue, temper, and temptation.**
3 Things to watch. **Speech, behaviour and action.**
3 things to prevent. **Laziness, falsehood, and slander.**

K Thupten Grade V

Time

Time is to slow, for those who wait.
Time is too long, for those who mourn.
Time is too fast, for those who enjoy.
Time is too short, for those who toe.

Palkyi Gurung Grade V.I.I.I

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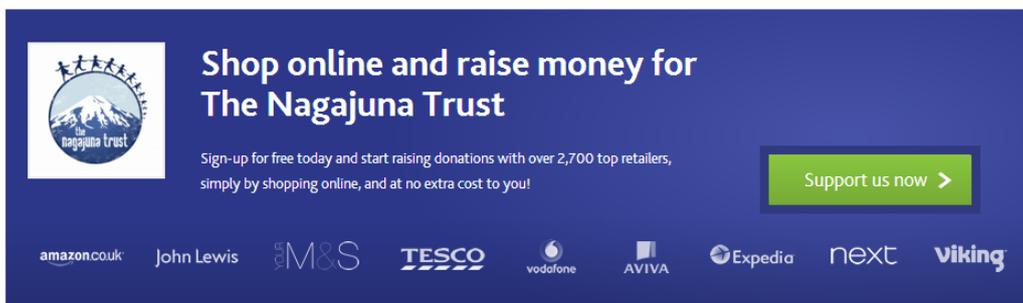
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