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Christmas 2013 issue

Vinayak Shiksha Niketan School, Thimi, Nepal

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Our School Voted one of the Nation's Best

The Education Ministry, along with the Nepal Government, has published a list of the nation's best schools, on the basis of SLC results and extra-curricular school activities.

Our school was honoured as being the best school in Bhaktapur, as published on National Education Day, in the national daily paper *Gorkhapatra*. We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you for your kind support in helping Vinayak school and its children for the last 25 years. Your continued support makes it possible for us to provide a better school and make a lasting positive impact on children's lives.



Our school has recently been voted the best in Bhaktapur.

Childrens' Art Competition

Vinayak school competed against more than 100 Bhaktapur district schools in the 14th annual Childrens' Art Competition on 20th September 2013. Chief guest district education officer Mr. Shankar Gautam and special guest Pabson Bhaktapur, along with President Mr. Rajkumar Maharjan, distributed certificates, medals and cash prizes to the winning students and schools. Principal Mr. Surendra Bikram Prajapati chaired the event, with parents, teachers and students attending.



Talented winners of the 14th Bhaktapur district Childrens' Art Competition.

Development of School Infrastructure

Thanks to your kind support of the Vinayak school, we have been able to improve and expand the school building, as you can see in the photographs below. It has changed dramatically over the past 12 years, and your continued donations and generous sponsorship of needy students means they have a bright future.



Then



Now

NEES AGM 2013

Here are the highlights of this year's AGM, held in August:

Judith Milne has taken over the treasurer role from Pat Corbet, who stays on as a trustee.

Judith has looked into whether partnering with a larger charity could bring in larger funding, but they spend this where they feel the need is greatest and could not guarantee continued support for our school in Thimi. So the trustees have decided to continue for a further year as NEES in the hope that we can grow and attract younger members.

Judith volunteered to act as a communications conduit utilising her business resources to help NEES become more proactive.

In order to get school end dates for all the sponsored children, Phillip will create a spreadsheet for the school to complete, showing age and leaving date.

Sponsors Needed

Before the next AGM we want to recruit a minimum of five new sponsors or a cash alternative of £1000 in donations.

Interested in taking a more active role? Please contact Phillip Threadgold at: phillipthreadgold@btinternet.com.

Scout Cycle Rally to Local Temple

On 5 August, the school held a scout cycling hike to Changunarayan Temple, Bhatapur (15 km). The school principal, Mr. Surendra Bikram Prajapati, organised the event and hopes that using bicycles rather than motorcycles or taking the bus will help to motivate the public to be more environmentally friendly. 30 scouts, both boys and girls, and three scout teachers participated in the cycle ride from Thimi to the temple.



Encouraging children to be green.

Brothers' Day Celebration

Tihar is a five-day-long festival celebrated in Nepal where the fifth and final day is celebrated to honour brothers and wish them long life. The school has participated in celebrating this event within the community.



Many candles are lit both inside and outside Nepalese homes.

Vinayak School Student to Graduate in Nursing



Rajeshwori Prajapati

We have recently received a progress report, letter and photograph of Rajeshwori Prajapati who is studying Nursing and will be graduating by the end of this year. Our congratulations and best wishes to Rajeshwori.



Scout Drawing Competition

On the occasion of Children' day, the Rotary Club Of Madhyapur, District 3292, organised a group drawing competition among Interactors and Scout boys and girls.

All together, 25 groups participated and created pictures on the topic *Students and Social Service*, the main aim of the drawing competition being to promote social responsibilities of students.



'Students and Social Service'.

As you know, Nepal is one of the least-developed countries in the world. Over half the population lives under the international poverty line, and thousands of children die every year due to malnutrition and diseases. Poverty, illiteracy, gender inequality and poor education affect many families. With your help we are providing a safe, secure and spacious school and enabling some of the world's poorest children to receive a high standard of education.

A massive thank you for your continued support of the children at Vinayak School in Bhaktapur at Christmas time and over the coming years.



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