

Taaro ke Bacche

A school for children
with autism & Down's syndrome

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Newsletter – November 2015

News from the association in Geneva

The interim budget presentation meeting was held on 17 October 2015, with the committee. A total of about fifteen people apologised.

A financial statement will be made on 31 December 2015, followed by a general meeting in April 2016. Marie-Françoise will be in Geneva from 19 December 2015 until 3 January 2016, and she is planning to go back to Geneva for the summer on 8 April.

School life in Varanasi

On 8 October 2015 Marie-Françoise came back to Varanasi and got back to work.



Four children have been attending school regularly, and they have made remarkable progress. A girl whose health has deteriorated can no longer come to us, and the family of a boy with Down's syndrome is waiting to meet Marie-Françoise.

The educators worked very well while Marie-Françoise was in Geneva over the summer.

Nevertheless, there are still several issues to be solved, i.e. we have to:

- find a new place on the ground floor of a bigger house;
- solve some relationship difficulties between members of staff;
- deal with some tricky Indian bureaucracy issues;
- think about the project of founding an Indian NGO.





In early September, we welcomed Kanha, an autistic boy of three and a half years. It will be necessary to offer him some individual support, along with an early intervention program in the presence of his mother, from whom Kanha cannot be separated.

Our three elders, Niyanta, Agrat and Vishal keep on making good progress, both in terms of behaviour and cognitive development. Every morning we hold two sessions: one in class and one in the sensory integration room.

Agrat and Vishal attend Mukesh Ji's class every morning for 40 minutes; they absolutely love writing activities.

At the moment Niyanta is alone in class; she is still very good with space activities and is starting to find an interest in the writing sessions.

Every Monday we all prepare lunch together - we wash, pill and cut the vegetables, and in the kitchen the children take turns to help the teacher who is in charge of cooking. The children really enjoy this activity, which makes great sense once we eat what we have prepared! This is much better than the meals provided in individual lunchboxes!



Agrat will be leaving us in December, as his mother has been transferred to another city in another state of India for her work. The family has already found a specialised school for their son.

Here in November, and this year it was on the 11th, a big festival named Diwali is celebrated. This is the festival of lights, and it spiritually means "the victory of light over darkness." This festival is quite similar to our Christmas party, and as important.



Some more photos of our life in Varanasi



Our website:

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