

# Taaro ke Bacche

A school for children  
with autism & Down's syndrome

Children of the stars

तारों के बच्चे



in Varanasi (India)



## Newsletter – November 2021

### News from the association in Geneva

Since April 2021, the Association Enfants des Etoiles (Children of the Stars) or Taaro ke Bacche, and its committee, have continued to pursue fundraising for TkB Benares.

We participated in "The Meal" which took place on September 18, 2021 at the Parc des Evaux in Onex. As always, it was a great opportunity for us to meet other associations. Our thanks to Seema Uplekar for her help in selling our handicrafts.



**THE MEAL**  
10E ÉDITION  
LE REPAS DU TERROIR  
18 SEPTEMBRE 2021 AU PARC DES EVAUX  
INFOS BILLETTERIE SUR WWW.THE-MEAL.NET

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Après 18 mois, nous sommes heureux d'annoncer que les enfants sont de retour à l'école !

Times are still difficult economically and socially, both in Geneva and Benares. Life is very unstable, requiring constant readjustments, and reinforced hope and optimism...

Our sincere thanks to all our donors, both private and public: the C. Fabre Family, the associations The Meal, Ali Baba and You, the City of Geneva-City of Solidarity, as well as to the communes of Collonges-Bellerive, Dardagny, Puplinge, Troinex and Vandoeuvres.

The search for private and public donors is a large part of Marie-Françoise's activity when she is in Geneva, supported by Corinne Grand and Patricia Bell.

## News from the school in Benares

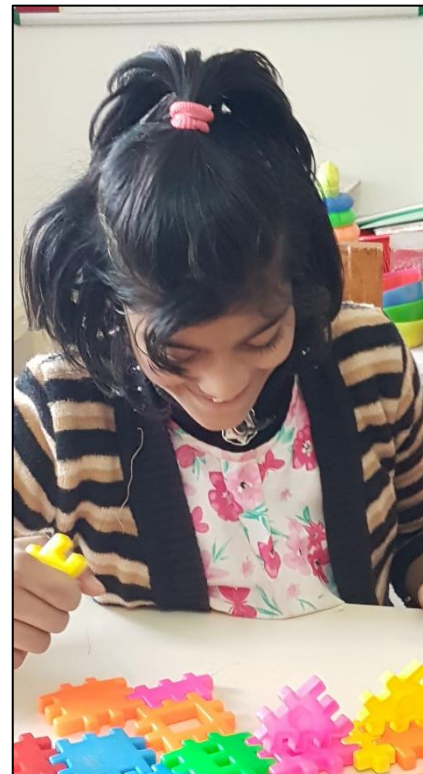
On April 19, 2021, the schools were closed due to the second wave of Covid which was beginning to sweep through the country. In view of the situation Marie-Françoise decided to leave Benares on April 24 and to work for the project from Geneva.

She returned to Benares on October 8th.

All through this second wave that hit India so dramatically, until August, the teaching staff and Marie-Françoise stayed in daily contact with the families in order to support the children's education and the morale of the families.

She felt it was important for her to stay connected to everyone and to engage in constructive activities through which all could feel a part of the Taaro Ke Bacche "family".

In addition, a bi-weekly follow-up in the form of online forums with parents and professionals was implemented. Marie-Françoise believes that this follow-up has been positive psychologically.



*Angel is happy to look at what has been built!*

*Riddhi, 3 years*



On August 1st, the schools reopened for the professionals, then on September 1st for the kids.

At first a limited number of children returned because some families kept their children at home out of concern for their health, and others had returned to their villages. Furthermore, at the same time Benares was facing an epidemic of mosquito-borne dengue fever which can be fatal.

Then, little by little, routine returned to the pre-Covid state.

Recently, we have received new applications, two for 9-year-old boys and three for the EIP (Early Intervention

Program) group including a 3-year-old girl, Riddhi.

On her return, Marie-Françoise also took charge of the new pre-vocational project for three of our youngsters who are now 14 years old. She met Vinita, former head of a sheltered workshop for autistic people and mother of a 24-year-old autistic boy. She will be available from May 2022 to help with this project.

We are going to start simple preliminary work in the place planned for this project: changes in the kitchen, construction of a wall, modifications to the electricity system, etc.

As this Newsletter is about to be published, we are preparing to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, which aims to promote the integration and access to economic, social and political life of people with disabilities.

To each and every one of our generous donors, friends, we express our sincere thanks.

A few more pictures of our life in Benares



Diwali, the festival of light and rangolis

Krish



Nishant & Aryan in a moment of sharing

**Dear Parents**

We are happy to have our children back in school

To help all of us run things smoothly, please make sure to inform about child's absence atleast one day prior to school day.

Incase of Health emergencies, try informing us by 7:30 am in the morning, for adjustments in our bus route.

- TAARO KE BACCHE



Riddhi playing with a doll



Babu & his mum

**TAARO KE BACCHE**  
**PARENTS MEET**  
 Topic : Schedule

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MAINTAINING A SCHEDULE FOR YOUR CHILD?**  
 आपके बच्चे के लिए दिनचर्या बनाए रखने के क्या लाभ हैं

**YOUR EXPERIENCE OF MAINTAINING A SCHEDULE WITH YOUR CHILD.**  
 अपने बच्चे के साथ दिनचर्या बनाए रखने का आपका अनुभव

**SHARING AND LEARNING OTHERS VIEW ON A BALANCED SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN**  
 बच्चों के लिए संतुलित दिनचर्या पर दूसरों के दृष्टिकोण को साझा करना और सीखना

*Invitation flyer for an online meeting*



More damaging floods in September

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