

# Taaro ke Bacche

A school for children  
with autism & Down's syndrome

Children of the stars

तारों के बच्चे



in Varanasi (India)



## Newsletter December 2022 - April 2023

Taaro ke Bacche, Rehabilitation Centre and Special-needs School, is pleased to send you this Newsletter for the month of April 2023.



Republic Day celebration at Taaro ke Bacche

### News from Enfants des Etoiles (EDE) in Geneva

The EDE association and its committee have continued their administrative and fund-raising efforts.

Mrs. Corinne Grand, who has been responsible for fundraising for several years, decided to retire at the end of 2022. We thank her sincerely for her dedication and are looking for someone else to take on this responsibility with the help of the president.

The committee has also received requests from Mrs. Fanny Marquet and Mrs. Femmy Vinçotte to join the committee. Fanny Marquet will officially present herself at the next AGM, the date of which has not yet been set. She has already started helping with the communication strategy. Femmy has kindly offered to help at the stand at the Fête de la Musique.

We also express our deepest thanks to all our private and public donors, as well as to Mrs. Solange Demole, the Eagle Foundation, the Lord Michelham de Hellingly Foundation, HOPE Association and the communes of Thônex, Genthod and Cologny.

On January 26th, Republic Day, one of two important Indian national holidays, the president of EDE, accompanied by the committee, was invited and honoured by the Indian ambassador to the UN in Geneva, and the consul for her work in Benares, which was the subject of a presentation of her professional career in Geneva and her commitment to Taaro ke Bacche in Benares.

## Life at the school in Benares

### Educational and therapeutic care from November 2022 to April 2023

After our seminar on the "ComDeall Communication system" which took place in October 2022, TKB set up assessments for each of its children and adolescents with the participation of a parent.

The assessments allow the special educators to decide on three goals for the next three months, coupled with the activities needed to achieve them. The objectives are shared and discussed with the parents.

It was an intense activity that provided everyone with a clear structure in order to follow the child, her/his difficulties, potential and progress.



Collaboration with parents about the "ComDeall Communication" assessment

### December

TKB welcomed two new children: Arav and Shazim both aged 7. They have joined the middle school group.

December 3rd was also the occasion to celebrate the International Day of the Disabled Person by going for an outing to Nehru Park.

On December 23rd we held a small Christmas celebration with songs and sweets.



Arav at the Nehru Park



Outing at the Nehru Park



Shazim playing "Connect 4"



## January

At the beginning of January Marie-Françoise returned to Geneva for 4 weeks.

The school closed for a week for the winter holidays.

Invitation and honor from the Indian Embassy in Geneva on 26th of January on the occasion of Republic Day celebration

## February

During the month of February, TKB was submerged with applications for new admissions. Sadly, we had to refuse them because of lack of space - a frustrating situation for all of us... We have a waiting list of 13 children.

In order to best accommodate all these requests, TKB has decided to set up individual sessions for the children of families waiting for a place in the school. The sessions will cover both academic and sensory aspects of care. These sessions will be paid for by the families.

For this start-up, we have rented and are setting up two additional rooms adjacent to the school.

On February 26th we arranged a parents' meeting. The number of participants and the compliments received were very encouraging.

## March

March is the month of Holi, the festival of colors which was celebrated this year on March 8th. It is always a great joy for everyone, accompanied by moments of music and sharing...

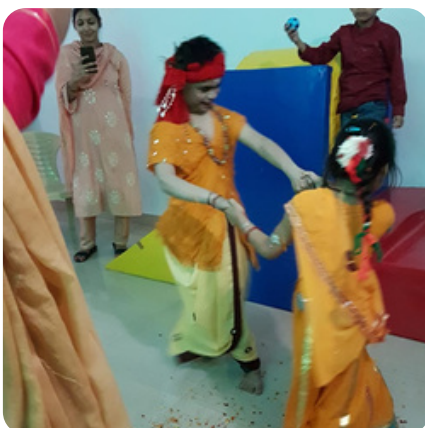
Marie-Françoise was asked by a group of tourists to present the TKB project to them. They kindly gave us an envelope containing a donation of 15500 INR.

The group consisted of 16 people from different countries, all of them members of an association for worldwide protection of elephants.

On March 25th Marie-Françoise was invited by the Centre for Genetic Disorders of the University of Varanasi to present the TKB project.

The contact with these scientists was very warm.

It was also an opportunity for TKB to present and sell some of our children's paintings.



Holi in TKB

## April

On April 2nd, World Autism Awareness Day, TKB organised a public event on the school premises in the form of a recital by our friend Sukhdev Mishra, a violinist, and two other musicians. The cultural programme was followed by a balloon release and refreshments. The event also celebrated the inauguration of the pre-vocational training centre for our youngsters aged between 15 and 18.



TKB Hopes you will enjoy reading this Newsletter and thanks you sincerely for your support.

TKB is looking for volunteers for their food stall in the Fête de la musique that will take place from the 23rd to the 25th of June in Geneva. If you wish to support us in this action to raise funds for TKB activities, please contact us by e-mail at [communication@enfantsdesetoiles.ch](mailto:communication@enfantsdesetoiles.ch)

To support our activities, you can join and become a member of TKB by paying a membership (30.-/year) or by donating on TKB's account, using the IBAN or the QR code below:

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