

*Dear friends in India, dear Nandhini, dear Fr Suresh, dear Fr David, best wishes to all of you from Arivu-Team Nienburg, Germany!*

Thank you very much for your recent newsletter that gives a vivid impression of life at St John's campus and at CHEER. We are very happy to address today to the new correspondent Fr David. Our special wishes and greetings to you!

With this newsletter we want to give an overview about the activities at Albert-Schweitzer-School (ASS) and Arivu-Team that have taken place within the last months. We hope you enjoy reading it!

### 5-o'clock-Tea-Concert



Just before the summer holidays started the traditional 5 o'clock-Tea-Concert took place at Albert-Schweitzer school.

Some students gave a little concert at school. They sang some songs and also performed some instrumental pieces. The students of the India-Club sold coffee, cake, pretzels and – because it was very hot – icecream and cool juices.

### Open Day at the ASS (Albert-Schweitzer-School)

In April the ASS invited to the "Open House at the ASS". A lot of students of standard IV came to look, because they had to decide if they would like to come to our school next term, or if they choose another one.

At this day the students of the India club informed about our partnership with the students in St John's Home. They also sold Lassi and some gifts from India. A lot of students and their parents listened very interested.



## Tombola

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At the end of the term in June the students of the India-Club prepared a tombola as a fundraising activity



for St John's home. They brought toys from home, that they don't use anymore. Then they wrapped everything as presents and stuck a number on each present. After that they sold these lots to the other students during school breaks. The students were eager to buy the lots and after two breaks only all the lots were marketed. With that activity we had a lot of fun and got a good result of 100€ as well.

## Janne Bade – new member in our Arivu-Team

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Janne Bade is a new member in our Arivu-Team. She is the successor of Annika who finished school. She is the new speaker for students in our Arivu-Team. Janne is in year XIII of ASS. She has been part of the India-Club for 3 years now and she was always very interested and helped with fundraising activities a lot. In the next newsletter she will introduce herself.

## 70 years Albert-Schweitzer-School Nienburg

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17<sup>th</sup> of June the Albert-Schweitzer-School celebrated its 70th birthday being named after Albert Schweitzer.

Special guest of this evening was Dr. Roland Wolf, the vice-president of the Albert-Schweitzer-society. He addressed his speech to the students, teachers, parents and other guests and informed about the latest developments at the Albert-Schweitzer-Hospital in the African village Lambarene (Gabun). His society runs and maintains this "jungle-hospital" so far as a kind of heredity on behalf of Albert Schweitzer.



We are really proud of the name of our school because ASS in Nienburg was the first school in Germany that was named after this great personality. After a correspondence with Albert Schweitzer in January 1949 he personally agreed and "felt touched" as he wrote in a letter to the former director of our school.



104 boys and girls passed the A-level exams and got finally their reports in the end of June. The day started with a mass in the church St. Martin under the title "What a faith!".

Afterwards, A-level pupils, families and friends went to the Nienburg theater where the director Dr. Weghöft and the class teachers handed over the A-level reports and said "good luck and goodbye" with words and music.

Besides, some pupils got prizes for their excellent results or for special social activities. At least, all of them were happy that 100% of those who got the admission to the exams, performed successfully in the last G8-classes.

From next year onwards, pupils in Lower Saxony have to complete nine years of gymnasium (G9) instead of eight years now till they can pass their A-levels. So they have to undergo their final examinations at the end of standard XIII instead of standard XII. That's why we won't have any A-level exams at Albert-Schweitzer-school in 2020.

### Annual summer-meeting of Arivu-Team



Every year before the academic year ends we meet for a last summer-meeting with our Arivu core committee. This year we started with a three-hour working meeting at ASS, before we were invited to Edda's home for dinner. We discussed a lot of future plans and organized many things. The meeting was very fruitful.

During a small break we refreshed with very tasty ice cream made by Hilde and the india-

club.☺

After that we went to Edda's home where she prepared a wonderful Indian-style-meal for us.



*Dear Nandhini, dear Fr Suresh, dear Fr David,*



*we send our hearty greetings and wishes to you and all our Indian friends!*

*Please convey them to all children in St John's home, to all teachers, students and staff of Arulappa Higher Secondary School and all members of WE-Group!*

*Hilde, Andrea and Kathrin for Arivu-team*