

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

We hope that this newsletter finds you in good health and mood. We are happy to share some activities that have taken place in the months October - December. We hope you enjoy reading!

India - group of the ASS Nienburg



In the last few weeks before Christmas, the students of the India group of the ASS made and baked all sorts of things, which were then sold at the school and at the weekly market.

Among other things, we cast new candles from old leftover candles and baked many biscuits. In the week before Christmas we cooked an Indian dish and enjoyed it together, remembering our friends in India.



Parents-Teachers-Day at ASS

After a break of two years, the parents information day has taken place at school again. Parents come to see the teachers of their child in order to talk to them how everything is going. At this occasion, Edda, Bettina, Michael and Regina from Arivu-team sold advent wreath, knitwear, socks





and other Xmas-decoration. Some pupils of the India-club offered coffee, cakes and cookies and furthermore, they had handmade candles and glasses of jam and marmelade to sell. A beautiful, very nicely decorated Christmas tree was set up in the break hall.



Selling advent-wreath and knitwear at the market in Nienburg City

In the end of november, Arivu-team, Lina, Nora and Hendrik spent a successful morning on the market. This time, we were lucky to get a wooden hut from the market master. So we had a shelter to offer the same nice Xmas-products to quite many people who came along. Some of them even remembered us and were happy to see us again.



50th anniversary of Andrea



On the occasion of my 50th birthday in August, I (Andrea) invited for a big party. So, I asked my guests to "feed my birthday piglet" with a donation for Arivu instead of bringing a gift along. In-



deed, all my guests fed the piglet extremely well. In the end, I was glad and touched at the

same time to see that more than 1000 Euro for social projects in India were the result of a wonderful party night.

Activities at the ASS – Tea concert

Last week teachers, parents and students of the ASS were invited to the traditional tea concert. Some music classes played various Christmas carols and the India group (India club)



sold tea, coffee, cakes, pretzels and roasted almonds. The students also packed very small surprise gifts, which were also sold - especially the younger siblings of the ASS students were happy about these surprise packages and they were all sold! Many visitors attended that evening, listened to the music and enjoyed it.

Christmas Service for students of ASS Nienburg



22nd of december, pupils, teachers and staff of ASS let 2022 end with the Xmas-service in the church St Martin. Everybody was happy that this tradition went on after the break due to corona. Especially most of the pupils were surprised seeing our new headmaster himself playing the organ during the service. Afterwards, the Xmas- and winterholidays started for all of us.

Cold weather in Germany



Last week we had very cold weather in Germany, -8°C . All trees and plants had a white coat of hoarfrost. It looked very beautiful. But for road traffic, this situation was quite dangerous. On Monday, in some regions, public buses did not run and schools remained closed for a day. But in the meantime everything has melted again...

India Club and other activities at Gymnasium Oesede



On Friday, December 2nd, we had Parents and Teachers Day at Gymnasium Oesede. Our India Club took the opportunity to set up a booth and sell homemade handicrafts.



At the same time we informed about our partnership with a PowerPoint presentation. There was a nice atmosphere and many interested parents and colleagues stopped by.



Our final year students took their pre-baccalaureate exams in November. The picture shows the chemistry course. The exam also included a practical part with experiments. We wish our graduating classes in Germany and India good luck for the final exams next year.



Christmas is coming soon. The school has been festively decorated since the first Advent.

We were especially happy about the Christmas mail from India: Thank you very much!

The India-AG also made a card and sent greetings to India. We hope that the card will reach you soon.



Dear Nandhini, dear Fr Regis, dear Fr David Nesan,

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

Please convey our wishes 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!



Lights shine everywhere and everything is festively decorated. People are preparing for Christmas.

Christmas is the celebration of love, hope and confidence. But it is also a time when we miss the people who are not with us. We especially remember Fr John Suresh. May Christmas fill us with comfort and confi-

dence so that we can feel the joy of Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2023!

Hilde, Andrea, and Kathrin for Arivu-Team

