

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

We hope you are all doing well. Here everything is going smoothly since summer holidays started three days ago. Your visit in Germany is very fresh in our heads and hearts. It gave a very good impact to our community. Since than many activities have taken place that we like to share with you. Enjoy reading our Newsletter.

Arivu Summer Meeting



On Sunday the 2 of July we had our annual meeting at Edda's house. This was the first annual meeting for me, Nora. First, we took a photo in Edda's beautiful garden. Edda made very tasty Indian food, but I still have to get used to Indian food as I still think it is too spicy. After the annual meeting itself in which we discussed coming activities, we ate the dessert: fruit salad and

tiramisu, witch was also very good, but I think that the best thing of this day was Eddas really cute dog Nola. Nola was lying under the desk or on the sofa and you could always go to her and stroke and cuddle her.



Visit of Viji, Ambrose and Nandhini in Nienburg

In April we were very happy about the visit of Viji, Ambrose and Nandhini in Nienburg and at the Albert-Schweitzer-School. The visit was something very special for us: on the one hand we were sad because it was the first visit in which Father Suresh was no longer with us. Together with our guests we commemorated Father Suresh.





On the other hand, during this visit we could feel that Father's ideas, inspiration and strength are living on through Nandhini and the entire team. We were very impressed and motivated for our association work that the guests, despite the deep grief for Father, continue to work with incredible commitment on the projects in India and told us about them so convincingly.

Nandhini, Viji, Ambrose, thank you very much for your visit!

Open day at the ASS



In April, the open house took place again at the ASS. On this day, the school presents itself and the many different offers, especially for the 4th year students who can choose the ASS for the coming school year.



On that day, the India-club showed a short film about the St. John's dormitory and explained the projects on posters. In addition, lassi and spiced nuts were offered and the children could make friendship



bracelets and take part in a quiz about India.

India-working-group and activities at the ASS



Just before the summer holidays, the India Working Group organized a raffle. The students of the working group brought toys, books, CDs and other surprises from home, that they no longer used by themselves, but which are otherwise still like new. They wrapped all these things into small gifts. During a schoolbreak, tickets were then sold to the other students, who then won one of the little gifts for each ticket. After 10 minutes all tickets were already sold and the India-group-students very proud that this crowdfunding worked so well.



As in previous years, many concerts by the various music and theater groups took place at the end of the school year at the ASS. So there was a musical performance, several performances by the choir and the Bellplates group and the usual 5:00 p.m. tea concert by the brass classes and the choir-group. At this 5:00 p.m. tea concert the India-group sold homemade cakes, melons and drinks.

Traditional festival of Nienburg City: Target shooting



Every year, this special type of shooting festival is celebrated in Nienburg on Monday after Johanni day (24th of June). In the morning, all participants meet in front of the town hall and march to the place where the shooting on the target takes place. In the evening, they march back into town, partly fancy-dressed and quite drunken after a lot of beer during this long day.



Abifun at ASS: ASStronauts – we leave Apollo 13!



28th of June was the day of Abifun (A-level fun). It means that the pupils decorated most of the rooms in the school building one day before. The day itself, the lessons were interrupted and the final year students offered small games for teachers and pupils and an open air show „on stage“. Besides, a teachers music band and a pupils band played and sang songs.



As every year, quite many pupils of final class followed the old tradition of ASS and jumped into the pond right in front of the school. Because this pond is not too deep, they finally stand in the water and sang their A-level-song. Even people who just came the way

along had fun to watch the bathing pupils.



It's over now!"



30th of June, the ceremony for the pupils of standard XIII has taken place. This year, 68 pupils passed their A-levels at ASS and some



reached it with excellent results. The afternoon started with a mass in the church of St. Martin in Nienburg. Teachers and pupils prepared the mass with the motto „See you again!“.



Later on, the absolvents got their A-level- testimonies in a ceremony hold „on stage“ in the theatre of Nienburg. The mayor of Nienburg, Mr. Jan Wendorf and our headmaster Mr. Dr. Sebastian Wegener directed their speeches to the auditory as well as some others did, before the testimonies were handed out.

Saturday 1st of July, the dancing ball with parents, family, friends and some teachers was the final event for the boys and girls of standard XIII. Everybody dressed up and all guests celebrated till late at night in a brandnew and very nice location.

Start of summer holidays

These days, the academic year in Lower saxony came to an end. Summer holidays start on 6th of July. All pupils, teachers and staff are happy to have finished the academic year. Now, everybody has six weeks for holidays and recreation till the beginning of the new academic year on 16th of August 2023.

India Club and other activities at Gymnasium Oesede

We, the india club of Gymnasium Oesede, were very happy to welcome some guests from Neerpair, India at our school. Ms Nandhini Krishnan, her sister Viji and English-Teacher Mr Ambrose came to our school on Monday April 17th. We decorated our school and our headmaster Mr Rohm gave a small welcome speech in the hall.



Later all Fifth year students (120 children) gathered in the hall and our guests gave a very interesting presentation about Dr Arulappa Hr Sec school and all Neerpair projects. The young students listened with



great interest and asked a lot of questions about the live of their “classmates” in India.

Our guests also met some teachers and part of the students parliament. It was the first time that we had guests from India at our school. We feel that we became friends! Thank you for explaining your mission and being so friendly and open-hearted to us. So we send our wishes with Kathrin Haase to our new friends in India.



On Europe Day, 22.5.2023, the school community of the Gymnasium Oesede organized a peace march.

1300 students, teachers and school staff marched together to the city of Oesede with posters expressing the wish for peace in Ukraine and Europe. Our big peace procession led us - accompanied by the police - from the school center almost to the Oesede town hall. There our principal Mr. Rohm as well as Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering (former president of the European Parliament) and mayor Dagmar Bahlo held

speeches on peace. In addition, two Ukrainian schoolgirls impressively told about their experiences in the war zone before they fled. All in all, it was a very successful peace march, which even after more than a year should remind us of the war and our support.



On Thursday, June 29, the graduating class of 2023 was ceremoniously dismissed. The framework was provided by a church service in the Lutherkirche, prepared by the advanced course in religion. At the subsequent presentation of certificates, the outstanding achievements of this year were acknowledged, a somewhat wistful look back was taken and, above all, thanks were expressed to teachers, parents and students. The music leadership course was responsible for the musically remarkable program.

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India Club at MARIANO-JOSEPHINUM in Hildesheim



At our school there is an India Club where students, who are between 13 and 17 years old, campaign for St John's home and for the Jesuits night-schools.

Usually we meet on Friday to organise projects to raise money for our partners in India and to inform our schoolmates about how important it is to support poor children there.

The „India Day“ is one day every year when all students at our school work instead of going to school. We donate the money we earn to India. Our record right now is about 23.000 € (which is 2.066.367 Indian Rupies).



We also have an info booth at our open day and sell cakes, waffles and mango lassis at school events to tell everybody about our work.

Some of us are going to visit India and our Partner school this summer.



Dear Nandhini, dear Fr Regis, dear Fr Davidnesan,

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!

Hilde, Andrea, Nora, Kathrin and all Arivu-Team