

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. Christmas is coming very soon. We hope you can enjoy the lights and feel how the newborn child brings promises and hope. We are happy to share some activities that have taken place in the months October - December. We hope you enjoy reading!

India - Club of the ASS Nienburg and selling small craftings for Christmas at the ASS



In December we welcomed two new members from 5th and 6th grade to the India-Club at the ASS. So we played get-to-know-you games and created profiles.



Apart from that we made and prepared lots of little things, which we sold at school in the weeks before Christmas. For example we made and sold snowmen out of marshmallows and roasted almonds and glitter glasses. Some of the results you can see in the pictures.



Parents-Teachers-Day at ASS

In the Ende or November the yearly parents-teachers-day has taken place at Albert Schweitzer School for classes 5 to 8. It means that parents have an appointment with the teachers of their child. While waiting, the parents are happy that the India club of ASS offers coffee, tea and cake to refresh. The members of the India club really liked to bake and to sell all these products.



We from Arivu-Team also made Advent wreaths. Every year, It is a special event when members of Arivu core committee come together to decorate advent wreath. It takes a lot of time and efforts, but we enjoy the time together and it is wonderful

to see the creation of the beautifully decorated wreath.



We and sold them at school on an advent bazar where we offered candies, Eddas knitted socks, scarfs and Pullovers and self-made sweets as well as advent wreths. Edda knitted an incredible number of warm and beautiful socks and pullovers, which were quite popular and many people bought them.





Christmas parties at ASS school

At school there are always small Christmas parties in all classes on the last day of school before Christmas. Many classes have breakfast together or listen to Christmas carols and play games.



Some classes also play “Secret Santa”. When playing “Secret Santa”, everyone randomly gets the name of a classmate. You then have to bring this person a little surprise. It is a secret who gets a gift from whom. The children are always quite excited because of this “Secret Santa” and look forward to it long beforehand!

Activities at the ASS – Tea concert



Friday 8th of december, Albert Schweitzer school invited to its five o'clock tea music hour. Several music groups played and sang songs that they have learned since the beginning of the academic year in september.

Besides, it was the first time for some of the younger pupils to be on stage and to perform while a lot of parents, class mates and friends were listening.



The India club made sure that nobody had to listen hungry or thirsty to this concert. So they offered a variety of cakes, cookies, coffee, tea and warm beverages to all.

Christmas Service at ASS on 22nd of December



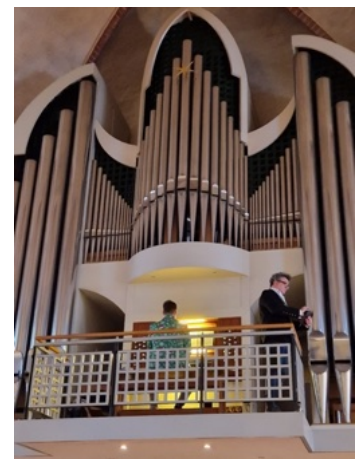
It is a long tradition that pupils, teachers, staff, parents and even grandparents come together in the church of St Martin in the end of the last school day. They

celebrate holy mass together which is a nice way to finish the work in 2023 and to start into the Christmas holidays till 8th of January.



Students of various classes, choires and music teachers invested a lot of time to prepare. Even our headmaster Dr. Wegener is part of it because he plays the organ of the church.

Now, all the children are longing for Christmas and everybody is happy to



have two weeks off for recreation and to spend time with the family.

Cold weather in Germany

In November we had very cold weather in Germany. On one Monday it suddenly started to snow. All trees and plants had a white coat of hoarfrost. It looked very beautiful. Normally the snow melts away within one or two days. But this year we had a period of at least 14 days with minus degrees.



India Club and other activities at Gymnasium Oesede



Christmas is coming soon. The school has been festively decorated since the first Advent. This is the nicely decorated and illuminated Christmas tree in our hall at Gymnasium Oesede.



But also in the homes and gardens we see nice decorations that symbolize the arrival of Christmas.



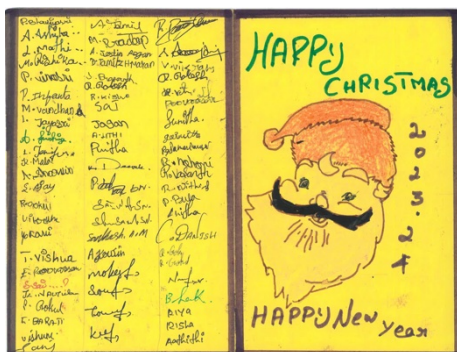
In the last lesson before starting into Christmas holidays, the students and teachers of every class do something special. My chemistry class of standard 12 created an "Chemistry Christmas Tree" with liquids in various colors.



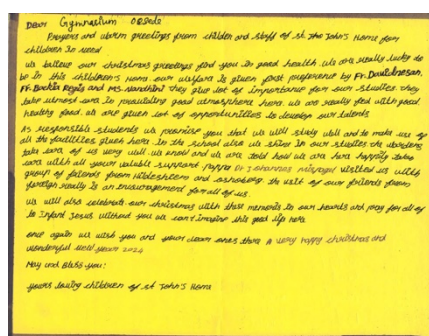
In September the German-Friends-Club under the guidance of Mr Ambrose Balu sent their profiles. We also founded an Indian-Friends-Club with some students of standard 8-10 and responded by sending our profiles in October. In our hall we also have a new info-board where we post the newsletter, the profiles and other news from India. We hope to stay in touch with



our Indian friends!



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





For the second time, the Oesede Grammar School's Christmas bazaar was a highlight in the last week of the Advent season. For the first time, the proceeds went to our partner school in India. In the classes, in working groups and at home, creative and hard-working handicrafts were made to support this cause. We were delighted to welcome so many visitors from parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. Thanks to all the dedicated pupils!



India Club at MARIANO-JOSEPHINUM in Hildesheim 🇮🇳



On Friday, October 6, we had the pleasure of welcoming distinguished visitors from India to Mariano-Josephinum: Two Jesu-

its stopped off in Hildesheim on their journey through Europe to get to know the Mariano-Josephinum.

After Father Jebamalai, the provincial of Tamil Nadu, and Father Vasanth had been warmly welcomed by Mr. Speer, the headmaster of our school. They were given an excellent guided tour of the school and the cathedral library by Dr. Bruns. They



were moved to realize that the Mariano-Josephinum is in the Jesuit tradition. They were particularly impressed by the cellar of the dead, where they could also see the grave of a Jesuit: A bond that goes far beyond monetary interest was established. Lively discussions were held over a pizza lunch together with the India-AG. The students of the India-AG presented their work for India with interesting presentations in English: The fact that students from a German school work one day a year to donate the money for Indian students evoked gratitude and joy among the Indians. During a warm farewell, the India-AG was emphatically invited to travel to India again as soon as possible. Both sides hope to see each other again soon in order to maintain the bond.



Last Friday we put new stickers on the advertising pillar with the AG - especially with current photos from the trip in the summer and photos sent by the evening schools. We are very enthusiastic about Nandhini's videos. These will soon be shown on a small TV in the break hall.

We are currently preparing the information for the 5th grade, which will run in January: The students are working diligently on presentations on India in



general, the situation of women in India and the situation of children in India. Two of the India drivers (David and Johanna) will tell the 5th graders something about Dr. Arulappa Higher Secondary School.

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 confidence so that we can feel the joy of Christmas.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2024!

Hilde, Andrea, Kathrin and all friends from Arivu-Team and Aktion Indien