

Lotus Leaves, Summer 2010

Newsletter of the Druk White Lotus Schools in Ladakh, India



Near left: These youngsters from really remote areas joined at the start of the school year in November 2009, bringing the roll to 576. They are sponsored by the Lille Frø Foundation, Australia.

Far left: In December, the school was honoured to receive a 'Design for Asia Grand Award' in Hong Kong.



Near left: In February, Prasad Eledath was promoted to Principal. Here he greets H.E. Thuksay Rinpoche (centre) and the King of Ladakh (right).

Far left: The new Chair of the School Managing Committee, Tsewang Paljor, receives a traditional katag scarf from Rev. Gergan and Prasad.



Near left: Druk White Lotus School, Khachey, is located in spectacular scenery about 7 hours' drive from the mother school in Shey.

Far left: The first branch school opened in April 2010 in Khachey, Kargil District, with 21 students.



Near left: Mike Burrows, a sports volunteer from London, soon had the students playing rounders.

Far left: Physical fitness is encouraged: for example, students learn kung fu.



Near Left: Construction Manager Angdus and School Manager Mme Sarla become unexpected table tennis stars on their way to the final.

Far left: Julayne Farmer, a volunteer from the USA, ran a photoliteracy programme. Here Dorjey Tsetan illustrates 'the best part of me'.



Near left: The new Warden, Kamal, enjoys a dance during a picnic. He is responsible for the 200 students from remote areas who live on the campus.

Far left: Bus driver Dawa shows off one of the two school buses at a picnic.



Near left: Nurse Angmo enjoying a school picnic, with Namgyal the Cook in the background.

Far left: Bann Salman, volunteer dentist from London, came to Shey in April to continue the preventive dental care programme initiated by Michel Guinet and Corinne Barbier. The latter two volunteers came to advise.



Near left: Prasad with IT volunteer Modesto Vega. Modesto is helping to draft and implement an IT Strategy for the school.

Far left: Ringzin Tsering, the new IT teacher, joined in March.



Near left: Students in Shey enjoy a movie in the Dining Hall, thanks to a new projector and screen.

Far left: The 3 Idiots movie became the biggest Bollywood box office success ever. Several scenes were shot at the school with our children in September 2008. Thanks go to the producer, distributor and Aamir Khan for enabling two charity screenings in the UK in support of our school.



Construction restarted in April after the long winter break. Angdus has been busy hiring carpenters, masons and labourers, and purchasing materials.

Two additional classrooms and more residential accommodation are badly needed by November 2010.

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