



Dear friends in India, dear Nandhini, dear Fr Regis, dear Fr. Charles, dear Ambrose 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 some days ago. Since our last newsletter many activities have taken place that we like to share with you. Enjoy reading our Newsletter.

Social day at the Albert Schweitzer School

This year, the Albert Schweitzer School once again had a social day. On this day, the students were given the task to find an opportunity to work in a social sense.



Some students worked in a social institution (for example, a kindergarten or old people's home) and thus made their own working time available directly to other people.

Other students worked for friends or some company and earned some money. The money earned in this way was then

donated. One third of the money raised was donated to the St. John's Home, one third to earthquake victims in Syria and from the last third the school will buy a drinking water dispenser for all students in our school.



Garbage – Project



This year, the “garbage - project” took place again. The 5th graders worked on different topics related to garbage. For example, they learned that plastic is a big problem in nature because plastic cannot be broken down, but only breaks down into smaller and smaller particles. The fifth-graders then reported that plastic is often eaten by animals. The plastic fills the animals' stomachs - but they do not get full and can starve. For example, plastic also gets into the human body via the food chain and can therefore lead to health problems in humans too.



In order to do something about the problem, the students then set out to collect the rubbish that other people had left lying around in nature. For this they received a lot of praise from passers-by and then a thank you and a certificate from the headmaster and the mayor.



Class sponsorship

This year, the 5th graders were again informed about our partnership with the St. Johns dormitory and about the lives and problems of the Dalits. Several classes then sold cakes in the school hall and donated the money to the projects in Neerpair.

India-working-group and activities at the ASS

Just before the summer holidays, the India Group organized a raffle. The students of the group brought toys, books, CDs and other surprises from home that they no longer use, but are still in good condition. They wrapped all these things into small gifts. During a schoolbreak, tickets were sold to the other students and each ticket won one of the little gifts. A lot of tickets were sold and the India-group-students very proud that this crowdfunding worked so well.



India-working group sold coffee, tea and cakes at the 5pm concert at the school



performances by the choir and the Belleplates 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, icecream and tea and coffee.

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





Class-trip to Berlin (by Nora)



two countries and we did a sight seeing tour on a boat. In between there was time to do actions in smaller groups like to visit famous places (for example the “Brandenburger Tor” or the television tower), to go experiencing food from all over the world in the market hall or simply to play boardgames at the hostel.

In June the 10th grade of the Albert-Schweitzer-School went to Berlin on a class trip. We visited the DeJa-vu-, the Espionage- and the German Movie-museum. We also went to see the “Reichstagsgebäude” (the place where the German government is seated) where we had a short talk with the Member of the government Marja-Liisa Völlers. Additionally we went to a Memorial of a prison from the time when Germany was



French-German Exchange Program Part 2 (by Nora)



end was spent in the host families. I went with my host family to a climbing park and to a beautiful small village at the sea. In the end, the whole exchange was an amazing time with many new experiences.

After the Easter holidays the German students, who took part in the exchange program, went to France to visit their exchange partners in their families. Everybody was very excited to meet their partners families and live with them for more than a week. In this time there were days which we spent in school with our partners but we also did many trips in our “German group” to different locations in France. For example we went to Etretat, a place at the sea with amazing rock formations, and to Paris, the capital of France, where we saw the Eiffel tower and did a sight seeing tour on the river "Seine". The week-



Trip to England with 8th grade students (by Lina)

Like every year (except the corona-years), 50 students from the eight grade were in Eastbourne. The teachers Mrs. Hübner, Ms. Rudolph, Mrs. Wengler and Mr. Henkel came there with us. We went to the cliffs "Beachy Head" and "Seven Sisters", we went to Brighton and London and on the first day, we did a City-quiz. It was very funny and we had a lot of luck with the weather. It never rained! The host families were nice too and we got delicious food every day.



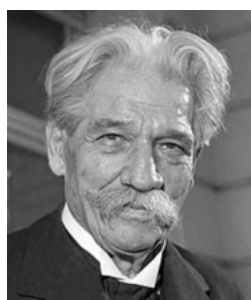
Musical at the Albert-Schweitzer-School (by Lina)



This year the Chor and musical club presented the musical "Emelie voll abgehoben" (Emelie taken off). It's about people on a very lonely island in the middle of nowhere, where the people are bored of seeing all day only sun, ocean and palm-trees and eat all day Shells and coconut. But then there is

Emelie, who is dreaming of flying away from the island. First the others think Emelie is total stupid, but when she finally flies, they are total blown away too. And the audience was also enthusiastic about the story and our performance!

75 years name Albert-Schweitzer-school



A few days before the summer holidays began, ASS celebrated a special anniversary: on 17 June 1949, the Albert Schweitzer School in Nienburg was named after the famous theologian, doctor, musician, scientist, philosopher and Nobel Peace Prize winner Albert Schweitzer. It was also the first school in Germany to be so named. There is even a correspondence in the archives between the former headmaster, Dr Zenker, and Albert Schweitzer, in which Albert Schweitzer himself agreed when asked.

To commemorate the day, the school community invited Dr Wolf from the



German Albert Schweitzer Foundation to give a speech. He talked about many unknown things about Albert Schweitzer and it was

a pleasure to listen to him.



A-level (=Abitur) joke at ASS

Almost all of the students who were allowed to sit the A-Level exams passed them successfully, some with exceptionally good results. So they organised a 'fun day' and decorated the rooms in our main building. Later in the day, the students played games with teachers and younger students, served food and drinks, and sold their Abi books.

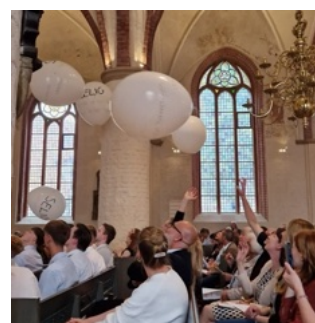
The last act of the day, as every year, was the students' dip in the pond next to the school. The weather was fine, so many students jumped in.



Service in church St. Martin and farewell ceremony



One day later when everybody was showered and well dressed, the farewell of our A-level pupils started with a service in the church St. Martin. The motto was "Game of life" and in the end, big balloons with prayers came over the heads of the auditory.



Then we changed the location and went to the theatre of Nienburg where is enough space for pupils, parents, family and staff. There the ceremony with music, speeches, the choir and a film has taken place. In the end, all pupils hold their A-level reports and a long afternoon came to an end.

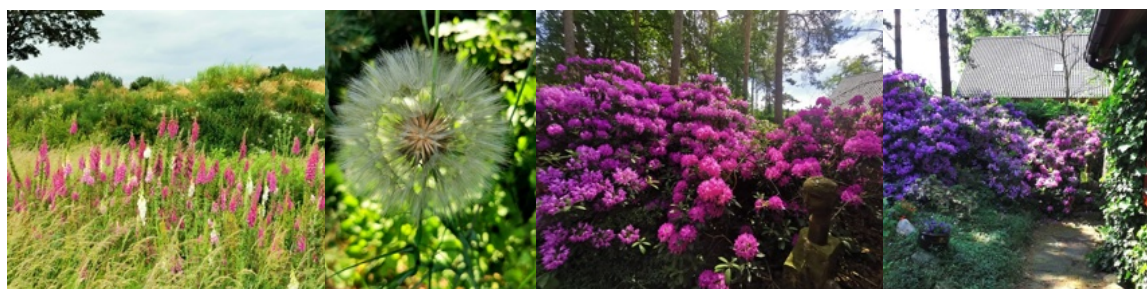


Start of summer holidays

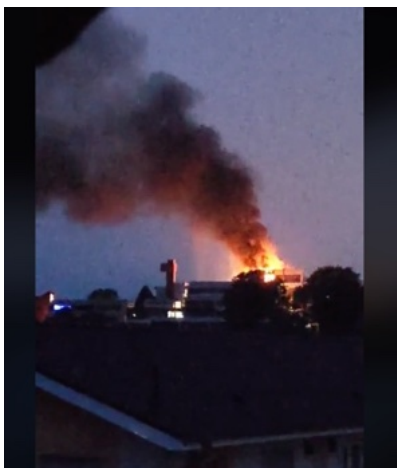
These days, the academic year in Lower saxony came to an end. Summer holidays started on 24th of June. All pupils, teachers and staff are happy to have finished the academic year. Now, everybody has six weeks for holidays and recreation till the beginning of the new academic year on 5th of August 2024.

Weather in Germany (by Edda)

Last week, it was very hot in Germany, more than 30 degrees. People enjoy the high temperatures and the sun, because this year springtime was very wet, so the plants have enough water to show us very nice colour. The deers come out of the woods for searching the fresh green grass. We have had some warm days, but most of the days are windy and fresh! It's good for the nature, but not so good for the people!



Fire accident at Gymnasium Oesede



There was a fire on the roof and on the top floor of our school at 4.30 am on the night of 11 May.

The fire brigade was on site quickly and was able to

extinguish the fire, but it still caused a lot of damage. The main building of our school is unusable since then. Fortunately, our students' written final exams had already been written, but the oral exams were due to take place on 15 May and were therefore moved to another building. Exciting days for our teachers and especially for our graduating class.

We had to improvise in order to be able to resume lessons in grades 5 to 12 afterwards. Fortunately, we received a lot of help and support. Year 8 is being taught in the nearby secondary school, while year 12 has been distributed to various rooms in the neighbourhood. The other year groups have been accommodated in an adjoining building. Fortunately, the 9th graders still had a week of work experience and the 10th graders had a vocational week. The graduation ceremony took place on 20 June in the neighbouring village.



Now we are all glad that

the school year is over and that the schools have been closed for the holidays since 22 June. We are confident that most of the main building will be ready for use again by the start of school on 5 August. Only the science laboratories will remain closed. That's a big restriction for our students and the examinations next year. But at the moment we're glad that everything turned out well and nobody was injured. The clean-up and repair work is in full swing. We hope to have everything out of the way soon.



As last year, the two India reporters Maria Simonenko and Dominik Heidenreich (9d) were on the road in Hildesheim on 15 May 2024 on behalf of the India-AG to gather impressions and share experiences with the school community.



Marie Oelve & Amelie Zill (7d)

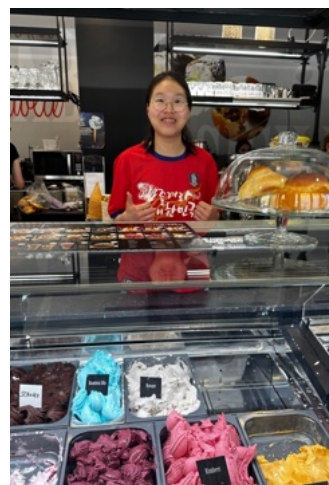
Marie and Amelie had the opportunity to put their creativity and fashion talent to the test in the fashion shop "Dagma" on India Day. They were responsible for redesigning a shop window, a task that required both creativity and a good eye for detail. The two students also enjoyed the social aspects of their work, including meeting new people and having pleasant conversations that showed them how important social contact is in retail. Their advisory skills were not neglected, as they were able to help customers select products and provide them with advice and assistance. As the two had already worked there last year, it was only natural for them to return on this day. They were able to spend the day in a familiar working environment for a good cause.

Overall, the two seventh-graders rated the day as successful and full of experience. Many thanks for your commitment and a special thanks to the owner of the shop!

Daon Park (9d)

Ninth-grader Daon worked that day at "Venezia", an ice cream parlour on the market square. In addition to keeping the shop clean, she was also in charge of the ice cream counter and selling ice cream. The India-AG member emphasised that this was what she enjoyed most. Daon's favourite part, however, was the social contact and the many smiling customers when she told them that she was working for a good cause that day. She also reported that the working atmosphere and teamwork was a wonderful experience.

In summary, Daon emphasised that she had a lot of fun that day and was able to gain new experiences. She was particularly proud to have done something good for the partner school in India.



Edda's dog
roams the
meadows and
fields

*Dear Nandhini, dear Fr Regis, dear Fr Charles and dear Ambrose,
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, Nora, Lina, Andrea, Edda, Kathrin and all Arivu-Team