



*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 and our newsletter finds you all safe and sound. Our trip to India is yet to come and we are all looking forward very much to meeting you soon in person. Since the beginning of the academic year in August some activities have taken place that we like to share with you. Enjoy reading our Newsletter.

### India Group at the Albert Schweitzer School



This year, many children from the new 5th standard are in the India working group. At the beginning of the school year, we first got to know each other with lots of getting-to-know-you games and learned something about the projects in India. In September, we then collected apples from the surrounding orchards and then made apple juice and apple jelly from them. The jelly will then be sold in November to benefit the projects in India.



### World Cleanup Day



In the week before the worldwide World Cleanup Day, some classes and the India working group from the Albert Schweitzer School and at the same time some groups from the Dr. Arulappa Hr Sec School collected garbage from nature and so made an active contribution to environmental protection.

The students in both Nienburg and Neerpair were able to experience that garbage was not only being collected at their own school, but



worldwide! In fact, according to the initiators of the campaign in Germany "Let's do it! Germany", millions of people worldwide in over 190 countries took part in World Cleanup Day this year.



## Town Festival of Nienburg

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The last weekend in September, the City of Nienburg celebrated its town festival. From Thursday til Sunday many attractions like the Giant Wheel were offered to the visitors.

Music groups and bands of different styles gave a concert on stage, but single musicians entertained the people in the street as well. Teachers from ASS sold

food and drinks in cooperation with the church St. Martin.

Unfortunately, the weather on Saturday morning was so bad that the ARIVU Team decided to skip the flea market in order to stay healthy for our trip to India.



### Travel preparations

In October, a group of teachers and students from ASS will be coming to India. We are all very excited and looking forward to the visit! Before the trip, Hilde's children tried on Indian clothing to see what they would wear in India. The whole group had a meeting and spoke about the trip and especially about the situation of Dalit People in India.

## Successful story: Markus Thielemann

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Markus Thielemann, former student of ASS and ENSA-participant 2012, has been nominated for the national German Book Prize 2024. He has recently launched a criminal Roman with the title "From the north comes a thunder". After his A-Level-Examen, he studied literature and started writing essays and books.

His book is listed among the best six books and the decision will be published in the end of October.

## Restart school and Clean up day at Gymnasium Oesede

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After the fire accident at our school in May the clean up and maintenance activities went on with full swing, so we could reopen our school with the beginning of the academic year on August 5<sup>th</sup>. All classrooms have been restored, only laboratories for science lessons are still affected. We are very thankful to all who helped for this success!



Hilde from Arivu-Team Nienburg approached us to join in the worldwide clean up day in September 2024. On September 24<sup>th</sup> several students of standard 5 and 6 participated and helped to clean the area of our school.





## Project on the nationwide “Day of the Homeless” at MARIANO-JOSEPHINUM in Hildesheim

What could you do without?

We asked these and other questions with a group of schoolgirls at the nationwide “Day of the Homeless” on September 11<sup>th</sup>, when many organizations in Hildesheim also drew attention to people on the margins of our society.



We built an XXL Jenga tower (see picture) and labeled the individual building blocks with terms that you can't do without or can do without well in life, p.e. money, education, alcohol, freedom, vehicle, clothes, friends,...

What is it like without a home? What is it like for me if I can't invite my friends over because I don't have an apartment? Can I even maintain friendships if I'm homeless? How important are freedom, democracy, faith or simply having water available at all times to me?



The playful pushing of the Jenga stones and the collapse of the “tower of life”, which became increasingly shaky the more things were pushed out or had to be done without, led to many very interesting conversations with people with and without housing in our city.



We would love to continue these conversations on November 9<sup>th</sup> at this year's “Hildesheim Wellbeing Morning” at our school! The “Hildesheim Wellbeing Morning” is another project of Gymnasium Mariano-Josephinum. With our students and other organisations we provide food, shower facilities, haircuts and friendly conversation at a warm and sheltered place to homeless people in Hildesheim.

### Benefit concert in St. Mauritius: “So that we can get to school ...”



“So that we can get to school ...” - This was the motto of a charity concert in St. Mauritius on Friday, 30.08.2024, in aid of our Indian partner school. This concert was intended to help financing an urgently needed school bus. It will take many more fundraising activities like this making this dream come true. But we are on the way.

Under the direction of Eva Tiecke and Florian Franke, a project chamber choir sang works from the 19th and 20th centuries and offered the audience, who were enthusiastic about the clear, differentiated interpretations, musical treasures such as

psalm settings by Mendelssohn. Annette Broll not only accompanied the choir, but also impressed with her organ music. This last part of the concert was appropriately followed by an invitation to drinks, which the students of the Indien-AG prepared for the audience.



Aktion Indien e.V. and the Indien-AG would like to thank all the musicians for a wonderful concert and all the donors for their generous gifts!

*Dear Nandhini, dear Viji, 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, stu-  
dents and staff of Arulappa Higher  
Secondary School and all members of  
WE-Group! We are very much looking  
forward to meeting you soon in India!*



*Hilde, Andrea, Kathrin and all friends from Arivu-Team*