



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! Our summer holidays have just begun, and everyone is looking forward to some well-deserved time to relax after an exciting and busy end to the school year. Over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed many special activities and memorable events, and we are happy to share some of them with you in this newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it!

Open-House-Day at ASS school

As every year we are holding our "Open-House-Day" in April. On this day, children from the primary schools come with their parents to visit our school. They can then choose whether to enrol at our school or at another higher secondary school.



At the Open-House-Day all subject groups presented their work. As the ASS offers many more subjects than primary schools do, the students were able to gain insight into these new subjects.



In addition, all working groups presented their activities. The India working group (India Club) provided information about the Neerpair projects and the excellent work of Nandhini, Ambrose,



Father Charles and the entire team. Visitors could also have their hands decorated with Mehendi and we collected donations by selling candles that we had made in advance.

5 PM Teatime- Concert



The school's Teatime Concert took place again in June. During this concert, the music groups from the younger grades presented their work in a lovely performance.

The India Club traditionally sells coffee and cake there. This year, it was very hot that day, so we also sold ice cream, watermelon and cold soft drinks.



Day of social work at our school

The Social Day was held at the ASS in May. On this day, regular lessons are replaced by social activities. Some students helped out at a social institution, while others found ways to earn money to donate.

First aid course (by Lina)



On the day of social work, the 9, 10 and 11 graders also had the opportunity to participate in a first aid training course, instead of the usual social work. The course took place from eight o'clock till four o'clock in the afternoon. The participants got divided in four groups of 20 people.

The students who participated (one of them was me) were shown, what to do in the event of an accident, for example how to get people out of a car and how to bring unconscious people in the recovery position. Also we learned how to make different types of bandages and how to reanimate someone who's heart stopped beating. In between we had breaks to eat, drink and talk. All in all we learned many important things for our lives (and the lives of others too)!



SDG Project at Day of social work (by Nora)



Together with a group of younger students me and some friends painted the icons 17 SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations) on the wall of our school building. We started by explaining what each goal means and every student got to pick their favourite goal.

Then everyone painted the icon of the chosen goal at the wall. Once we were finished with painting, we went on a short trip to collect rubbish from the school yard and a nearby playground to demonstrate how easy it can be to help fulfil the SDGs.



AbiWood – the stars leave, the fans stay at ASS!

Wednesday, 24th 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, one pupil had a last oral exam and after he had passed it, the lessons were interrupted. The pupils of standard XIII started little games for the younger pupils and teachers outside.



Nevertheless, 15 pupils of standard XIII jumped into the stinky-smelly pond right in front of the school. Because of the big heat in Germany, this event of A-level fun was shorter than usual.



Bye bye to our „stars“ of AbiWood!“



One day later, the farewell ceremony for the pupils of standard XIII has taken place. 57 pupils passed their A-levels at ASS in 2026. The Thursday afternoon started with a mass in the church of St. Martin in Nienburg. Teachers and pupils prepared the mass with the motto „AbiWood – You are the salt of the earth!“.



Later on, the absolvents got their A-level-testimonies instead of „Oscar trophies“ in a ceremony held „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.



Friday 26th of June, the last event has taken place on a really hot summer evening: the dancing ball with parents, family, friends and some teachers. Everybody dressed up and all guests celebrated till late at night in a very nice location.

Target shooting in Nienburg



Last Monday in June, this special festival is celebrated in Nienburg. In the morning, all participants meet in front of the town hall and walk to the place where the shooting on the target takes place. In the evening, they march back into town, while marching bands accompany them. Most of these groups called citizen companies are fancy-dressed instead of their uniform and many people spend applause when they come back into town.

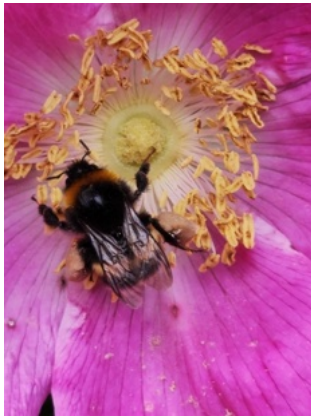


Start of summer holidays

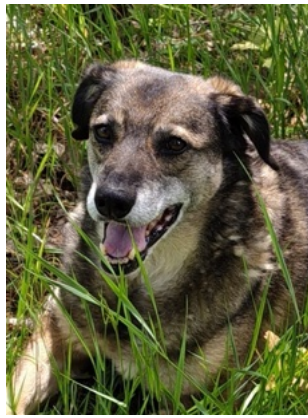
Finally, the academic year 2025/2026 in Lower Saxony came to an end first of July, when all other pupils got their annual reports handed out from their class teachers. Summer holidays started on 2nd of July. All pupils, teachers and staff have five and a half weeks time for holidays and recreation till the beginning of the new academic year on 13th of August 2026.



Weather in Germany (by Edda)



Slowly, very slowly
summer is coming
to Northern-Ger-
many. We have
many rainy days,
very good for the
natur, but people
need sunny days,
good for the health!
We have to wait...



Meanwhile the summer is unusually hot in Germany. While the high temperatures can be challenging, they have also helped many fruits ripen earlier than usual. We are now looking forward to harvesting delicious raspberries, cherries and other fresh fruits from our gardens. The photos show some of the colourful fruits that we are enjoying this season.

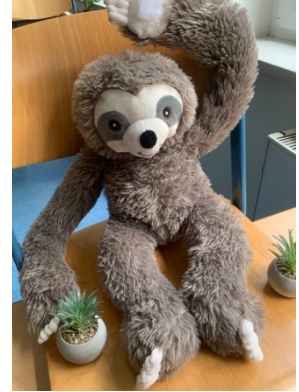


Activities at Gymnasium Oesede



We are
the India Club at Gymnasium Oesede. We
meet every Tuesday after school. We are
seven girls from Grade 6: Romy, Leni, Merle,
Frieda, Ela, Franzi and Hermine.

Franzi (6B)



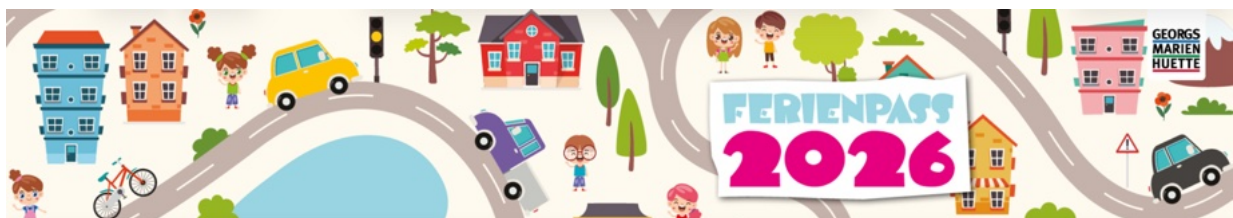
Mango is the club mascot of our India club. He's a sloth. We love him and carry him around with us all the time. Every time we walk into our club room, we run over to him and get really excited. We love him.

Merle (6A)



On 12 May 2026, we cooked Indian food. We had Lassi, Indian potato patties, lentil curry with rice and some watermelon. It was great fun to cook and it tasted delicious too!

Hermine (6A)



The Holiday Pass is a scheme run by our hometown Georgsmarienhütte during the summer holidays to combat boredom. You buy it at school. It is 5€ only which is very cheap. You can try out different sports and get creative. There are also various vouchers, for example for the swimming pool. I think it's a brilliant idea and I take part every year. *Merle (6A)*

On the second-to-last day of the school year, every class at our school goes on a class trip. Our class, Year 6A, visited Hof Hauswöhrmann.

Hof Hauswöhrmann has a large playground next to a cornfield. There is usually a maze in the cornfield, but it was closed on the day of our visit. However, there were still plenty of things to do. We spent the day playing on the playground and enjoying the many snacks that were available. Later, our parents joined us to celebrate the end of the school year together. It was a wonderful afternoon, and everyone had a great time. **Frieda (6A)**



Two weeks ago, we made mandalas and other designs using coloured sand in the India Club. Everyone created something different. For example, there were flowers, flags and a cute little yellow duck. **Ela (6A)**

National Youth Games at our School (by Kathrin)

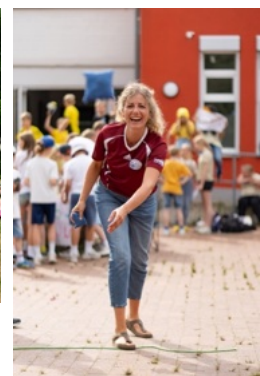
At the end of every school year, our school takes part in the National Youth Games, a sports competition that is held in schools all over Germany.



Different year groups compete in different sports. Pupils in Years 5 and 7 take part in gymnastics, while we, the Year 6 pupils, compete in swimming events. The older students in Years 8 to 10 participate in athletics competitions, including running, jumping and throwing disciplines. The students in Years 11 and 12 help to organize the event. They measure times, prepare the competition venues and support the younger participants. Refreshments are also provided for everyone during the day.

A special highlight after the competitions was the traditional football match between the Year 12 students and the teachers. The students played brilliantly and won the match 6–0!

Annual Summer Festival at School



On the last Monday before the summer holidays, our school celebrates its annual Summer Festival. All year groups take part by visiting 13 fun activity stations, including a Bobby Car race and the popular "Ring Transport" challenge, where the whole class passes a hula hoop around a circle without letting go of each other's hands. While our Year 13 students have already graduated, the Year 12 students organise the games and provide refreshments. Every class forms a team, and there are also two teachers' teams and one team of former students, making it a great day for the whole school community.

Activities at Gymnasium MARIANO-JOSEPHINUM in Hildesheim

On May 12, two Indian Jesuits, Father Vasanth and Father Frankly, visited our school.

They told us about their work in mountain villages in India, where they help children go to school and get a better education. Father Vasanth showed us pictures and videos, which gave us a good insight into the schools and everyday life of the children there.

It was interesting to learn about life in a different country and how important education is for these children. At the end, we even sang a Tamil song together, which was a lot of fun.

Hannah and Nina

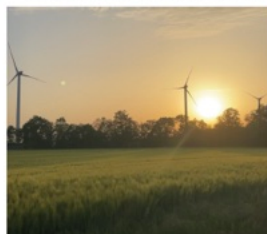


Summer in Germany

Hello,
today we want to tell you something about the Summer in Germany this year. We like to spend much time with our Friends in the Summer and we like the Summer holidays very much! On the 2nd July is our last day of school, then we have 6 weeks of vacation. That means we don't have to go to school.

During the Summer holidays you can do many things:

- go on vacation
- meet your Friends/ Family
- go to the outdoor pool
- go hiking
- bike tour
- go to the amusement park and much more things!!!



German nationalteam



This Year, it's a very special summer, because of the FIFA Worldcup! The 2026 World Cup will take place from June 11th to July 19th in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

The game will be played in 16 venues:

- USA(11): New York New Jersey Stadium
Dallas Stadium
Atlanta Stadium
Los Angeles Stadium
Miami Stadium
Boston Stadium
Seattle Stadium
San Francisco Bay Area Stadium
Houston Stadium
Kansas City Stadium
Philadelphia Stadium
Mexico(3): Mexico City Stadium
Guadalajara Stadium
Monterrey Stadium
Canada(2): BC Place Vancouver
Toronto Stadium

We are very excited for the football matches!!

Alea and Nele

An end-of-the-year-review of our elective course „India“

When we started 8th grade, we had to choose an elective course we wanted to be in during the following year. Some of us chose the elective course called „India“ as we knew we had a Partner school there. But back then we didn't know it would be so much fun to be in this course. We started the year by learning about India's geography and religion. We also did some fun things! For example one day our teacher brought Henna for us. We really loved drawing fun patterns on our arms and hands! Another time we made some easy to do traditional Indian foods. And most of them didn't even burn! Most of the time we spent by making presentations about different topics like Hinduism and nature, writing e-mails and sending articles for the newsletter to our Partner school, watching documentaries or we even tried yoga one time! But our highlight was for sure our excursion to Hannover, where we visited an Hindu temple and participated in a Puujas there. This was one of the most authentic experiences we've ever had! Now the school year is going to its end. It was a really great year for all of us and we would have never believed that we would experience so much new!



Sophie, Manuela and Tijen

The Fleamarket project .

We are a group made up of students from a wide variety of classes and grade levels. That is why we started off on Tuesday with an icebreaker game. To help us remember each other's names, we then crafted colorful, Indian-style name tags shaped like elephants. Afterward, we painted jars, burned patterns into wooden boards, and created tattoo designs. We plan to sell all of these items among other things at the flea market. We also split into groups to go shopping for the ingredients for the Indian dishes.



The following day, Ms. Witte gave us an insight into everyday life in India and, in particular, your school. Afterward, we went to the kitchen and cooked a vegetable stir-fry with rice, tomato raita with papadums, and mango shrikhand. We all really enjoyed the meal.



On the last day, we made final preparations for tomorrow's flea market. We hope to sell a lot so that we can raise as much money as possible for you.



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!

Cordula, Hilde, Nora, Lina, Andrea, Edda, Kathrin and all Arivu-Team with students
from Albert-Schweitzer-Schule, Gymnasium Oesede and Mariano-Josephinum