

Hello to all of you!!
Hope you are all doing really
well!

I wanted to send this mail a while ago already but there was simply no internet connection to find....sorry!

Since the 15 th of March i have the great pleasure of being back in the school amongst the wonderful kids. It is always so nice to return and to see their shiny faces, to hear their cheerful voices and to enjoy their lovely energy!

I arrived in the dark of the evening, just in time to join in for the evening prayers. I always find this one of the most beautiful moments of the day: all the kids are sitting in a big circle, we do a little bit of meditation together, recite our prayers, mantra's and devotional songs and then i read them a story.....precious moments together!!

In the hostel we have again 5 new five year old children and they seem to have settled in nicely. An elder student functions as a "guardian" for each little one: to look after their laundry, cleanliness, homework etc. It is absolutely wonderful to see how the bigger ones are caring for the younger ones. And as one of the elder students recently wrote in a letter to her sponsor: "the bigger ones love the smaller ones, and the smaller ones love the bigger ones" so cute!

A bit back in history: we started the school 2 years ago with all together 42 children and currently we are running our third schoolyear with a total of 61 children. 32 Children are staying with us in the hostel and another 29 are dayscholars from the local village. Classes are: nursery, LKG, UKG (lower and upperkindergarten), class 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Over the winterholiday lots of jobs have been accomplished like preparing an extra classroom, getting extra furniture, blackboards are newly painted, kitchen has been painted, and some small changes in the hostel. One of the teachers has resigned so we are looking for replacement and one of the cooks did not show up after the winterbreak. For him we have a very good replacement in the person of a Tibetan man who cooks really well!!

At the moment we have a volunteer from England and one from America. They are very enthusiastic and active and are so kind to share their energy and skills with the children and staff.

Every day i contemplate how extremely fortunate i am to be able to live in beautiful and peaceful Sikkim and to be together with these wonderful, gentle, humble and joyful children.

I feel rich, i feel lucky and i feel from the bottom of my heart that i am exactly in the right place, doing the right thing. Living in total simplicity in the middle of nature, sharing time and energy with those wonderful beings!

Experiencing many richnesses which simply goes beyond words!

May all beings experience this kind of happiness and contentment!

much love to you all!

Hedwig