



## School year 2009 – 2010 has come to an end

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The school year 2009 – 2010 has come to an end. Throughout the second and third weeks of April, all the students were struggling with their final exams. Halfway through May, they will receive their results and then enjoy a well deserved holiday. On the first day of July, everyone will be back to begin the 2010-2011 year!

### HOLI

The festival of colors was celebrated with lots of joy and determination. At school, no one escaped the multicolored powder that was being thrown. On the very day of Holi, March 1<sup>st</sup>, the hostel girls went up to the rooftop of Asha's brother's house. They held a real battle with water guns, water balloons and buckets full of colored water. The girls and guests played for hours, but after a nice bath everyone was scrubbed clean.



Only those volunteers with blond hair were unable to get rid of all the colors. "Colorful" India gains an exciting new meaning.

### Construction Update.

According to astrologers and pundits, the 16<sup>th</sup> of May will be a very promising and prosperous day. On that day, we will hold a Puja: a sacred ceremony and prayer to mark the beginning of construction for our new school building. Some of the most important things are having guaranteed access to water and electricity on the building site.



### Sponsorship Corner



**Anshika** is 6 or 7 years old. Her father is a laborer with irregular work, and her mother is mentally disabled. Anshika has two sisters (14 and 16) who are both married, and one brother. She is a very nice and polite girl who studies in Little Stars School with determination. Singing and dancing are her passions, but she also performs exceptionally in her class, achieving high results. Anshika is a very promising child.



### New Clothes for our hostel girls

We have the smartest and most beautiful girls in all of Varanasi in our hostel. They have adorable smiles, can pray in Sanskrit, can sing with determination for hours and are most competitive in dancing. Many of them are also ranked very highly in their classes! In this photograph, all our girls show off the new clothes that they received from a very generous Indian donor who wanted to show his respect to the school.

### Robin and Claire, Laura, Megan, Stefanie, Stephanie, Romina, Bronwyn

Little Stars School is blessed with many volunteers. Throughout this year, they gave a lot of time and attention to our children, helping to advise and educate them. The hostel girls in particular enjoy lots of group outings as well as one on one attention!

