

## Moanoghar School, Bangladesh 2018

Hello Everyone — Moanoghar School – return after 2 years. Times have been tough. Over 50 people died in landslides last year due to heavy unprecedented rain – our building suffered but only a bit PHEW! Weather has been all over the place so that nurseries and crops were washed away. In spite of all that, Moanoghar marches on and lots of good things are happening.



But first let me share some of the more iconic stuff!! Here is studying in Moanoghar — on the roof with a companion! A sorting of the Tamarind (a fabulously sour fruit) for distribution to the students (they love it!)



Then we released balloons to inaugurate the fourth Moanoghar Alumni meeting to which 300 old students came who already offer money for the university loan system and who hope to do more. No one imagined that so many

would come, it was a huge success.

So let us look at Moanoghar now. The campus is so much cleaner, the children are so much more organised and slowly we are revving up to make major changes to the timetable and everything else. Let's hope it all works out.



We bought tamarind and brooms for the year — not the season for bananas!

The first big change will be a third meal = breakfast. The parameters are difficult: no plate (takes too long to fetch and wash and replace) except on holidays; nutritious; cheap (only budget for one year at Taka 8 (US cents 9) per child per breakfast; can be made by our bakery; as quick as possible. As we need at least 750 pieces.....!!!! So it will be donuts and bread with pumpkin, or coconut, or banana or peanut filling and occasionally rice with egg and Dahl.



Next the proposal is to (finally) start school early. At present the Assembly is at 10 and school finishes at 4 pm with a meal



at 9 am and another at 5 pm. Proposed is breakfast at 7 am or in class, Assembly at 7.30 and school finishes at 2 p.m.

Then there is a drive afoot to improve the teaching and classes, both in size and style, and then to try to have a better sports program and extra activities.

During my stay, we worked a lot on assessing the situation in the school and found that there were a lot of areas to improve. In fact no one had bothered to calculate the working amounts and times of the teachers. No one had carefully considered the timetable and I was so pleased that I could really offer a helping hand.



Still there is a lot to do. The mudslides have damaged some buildings and the

re-enforcement needs to be more permanent.

The building we built in 2015 still looks beautiful and is in FULL use.



Finally, a reminder that we are dealing with children!

An eternal print on the school wall!

Hope you stay well and happy,

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