



A Unique School

More than 100 years ago poet and novelist Rainer Maria Rilke mentioned a school where there was time for everything: *Only very softly, without burden, does the schedule's net cover the day. Often it is deferred. The weeks do not rush through the hands with the monotonous haste of a rosary. Every day begins as something new and yields unexpected, expected and totally surprising things. And there is time for everything. (...)* There is time and space in this school. (From the book: *The Multi-GradeMultiLevelMethodology and its Global Significance* by Thomas Müller et al). **Learning for Peace** Loka's Small School with Big Dreams is inspired by Rilke's vision of a unique and unusual school. At Loka children receive an education connected to the whole movement of life. Students learn to see their differences as a beautiful opportu-

ity to learn and grow by engaging in dialogue, deeply listening to different perspectives and together moving towards new thoughts beyond divisions. **Building & Thriving** This year Loka's school fully opened after two years of repeated lockdowns with 100 eager students and 10 dedicated teachers. Together we worked on creating a good atmosphere, being aligned and getting back on track. The past six months were not just about building up again, also about thriving! **Loka News** Teachers participated in an online workshop by **Artreach India** where they explored the question: What does it mean to be a teacher? >>> **Chennai Photo Biennale & Artreach India** gave an online photography workshop to senior students. More workshops will follow soon including the possibility of photos of Loka's students being part of a national

What? Loka is a small school with big dreams. **Where?** At the entrance of a village along the Punpun river in Bihar, India. **Why?** Loka explores (new) ways of learning for a Beautiful, Just and Sustainable World. **Who?** Loka's 100 students aged 4-16, from nursery to grade 10, receive a complete education of Head, Heart & Hand. **How?** At Loka students are equipped to create their livelihoods, empowered to uplift their surroundings and enriched with a sense of purpose.

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exhibition! >>> A *Darwin Garden* was created and is maintained by student/gardener Shankar. Seeds used in the garden originate from *Down House* in the UK, where the well known naturalist Charles Darwin wrote *On the Origin of Species*. >>> Loka students & teachers held a World Peace Meditation from the understanding that true peace starts within; one student, one school, one village at a time. >>> Dinesh and Sanatan were Loka's first students to participate in their CBSE board exams. They gave their full effort supported by devoted teachers. Soon it will be clear if they passed their exams and move on to grade 11! >>> Loka's senior students received a gift from **Out of Eden Learn** (Project Zero/Harvard): notebooks and colouring pencils to draw and write about their daily observations and experiences.

*****Thank you!*****





Loka's Teachers visit the Mahabodhi Temple in Bodhgaya.

Building a Bright & Beautiful Future

Thanks to kind support Loka's school is growing and thriving.

This year Loka received support from Van Kesteren Foundation, Triodos Foundation, Jacoba van Wassenaer Fonds, Cornelisse Foundation and individual donors. Contributions are being used to cover the monthly costs of Loka's school and investments are made to create teacher rooms and an extra storey on the school building.



Join Hands with Loka for a Bright & Beautiful World

Loka's Inspiring & Innovative School is located in a remote area where most people struggle to survive. The school depends on the kindness of people and organisations who support an education for a Bright & Beautiful world: Plant 2 trees for € 5; € 15 provides 100 children with fruit; € 30 supports the education of a child/month; € 360/year; € 3.600 an entire class/year. No donation is too small! Individual donations covered 35% of the school costs in 2021, starting at € 5/month. For 2022 the school still requires € 21.000 to furnish & finish the new storey on Loka's school building. Indian and Dutch donations are tax deductible! More information: lokafoundation@gmail.com.

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What is Education?

Thoughts & Insights

Loka's teachers have been deepening their understanding of education through reflections, dialogues and listening to Krishnamurti Talks. During teacher tea meetings they shared some of their thoughts and insights:

Sneha - Education is more than acquiring skills to obtain a job. It is about the kind of human being we are and what we contribute to the world. **Nancy** - What I am learning is the importance of going beyond the superficial. Education includes values and integrating different perspectives. **Sapuna** - Education is about relationship. **Santosh** - We need to find the right balance between traditional education and aspiring towards something new. **Piyush** - Mechanical learning can breed criminals. I have seen this happen. Something else is that learning takes time. We need to keep the conversation alive of what education/learning means. Do we use what we learn for betterment of ourselves, our family, society? **Doma** - My mindset has changed from wanting to be understood by my students to trying to understand them. As a teacher my most important task is to learn to understand my students. ////////////////