



Hello to all of you!

A while ago we went on a little school trip with all the kids. Whereas in the west, children tend to visit big playgrounds and attraction parks etc on days like this....We went to visit some holy places...For holy places are many in Sikkim....but attraction parks aren't (fortunately, ha, ha!!).

So we had four jeeps that arrived at the school at 5 O'clock in the morning to pick us up. We decorated the jeeps with our school flag, brought all our things for picknick lunch etc and off we went!

After a 3 hours drive we arrived at Pemayangtse monastery, a very powerful, inspiring old monastery overlooking the majestic mountains. There the kids could stretch their legs and we had tea and bread. After that we went to sit down in the big gompa amongst the wonderful statues and wall paintings. The beautiful and clear voices of the children resounded in the stillness of the gompa....all buddhas were listening to the sincerity of the childrens' heartfelt prayers and all started smiling!

Then back into the jeeps again to proceed our way to Kecheperi lake. This lake is considered to be a very holy lake in a hidden and very peaceful place. It is said that this lake has wishfullfilling qualities...so I was busy doing many virtues wishes for the benefit of all (and for our sponsors generosity, ha, ha!!).

There again the children enjoyed the scenery, we lit some butterlamps, we did some prayers and had lunch.

The kids all very joyful, the teachers and drivers all in a very good mood...and the sun shining but not too much!

Such a wonderful day!!

Then back in the jeeps again for the long journey back home...some kids sleeping....some kids vomiting...some kids singing...and some just 'being'....

May you all be well and happy!

Warm greetings from all children and staff!

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