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Happy New Year to all of you, our friends and supporters, from all of us here in Kolkata!

On 28th September 2016, we got a new boy at shuktara. Pappu had received a call earlier in the day about an “unknown boy” who had been found on the street. He immediately went to a nursing home, where he had been placed and found him tied to a bed! Pappu was able to put things in motion and Subhash arrived later that evening. He has cerebral palsy, is non verbal, doubly incontinent and needs 24/7 care like Ratan.

At this time of year, when it is so much cooler both Ratan and Subhash are carried on to the roof of the boys house for the warmth of the sun, rather than staying in the house all day. They enjoy their food up there as well as being washed and dressed. You can see the shuktara transportation mode of being carried, in full operation in this photo of Subhash. Now he is known as Subhash Kumar.

(see photo above)

Pappu had not wanted to tell anyone our news about Raja until he felt that the time was right. He feels now that everyone ought to know that he got married!

In February 2014 he married a deaf girl called Riya and they now have a daughter, Oindrila who was born on 28th August 2015.

Raja and his family live independently as do Kedar and Sanjay. Every day Raja stops by to visit us and continues to do his painting in the shuktara boys house.



We had yet one more visit from our friend who lives in Chicago - Sunnie Niklaus. She comes as often as she can and spends a day with our girls at Lula Bari.

This time she came back with photos of the previous visit, which the girls really loved.

Coming back again and again to visit shuktara is something that not everyone can do, but when they can it is appreciated by everyone.

(photo - Guria and Sunnie)





Tamina



Muniya

Now that the movie LION is released in the UK you will remember that Bablu, Raju, Sumon and Ashok were given roles in the film and our homes received a lovely day's visit from the Indian production team along with Miranda Harcourt who coached the young boy who plays the lead role as Saroo. We haven't seen it here and are unsure as to whether our boys were edited out or kept in. But whichever way it is, this film is a touching true story of someone losing their family and then finding them again based in Kolkata and Tasmania.



A young man called Sanjib who lives locally to Shuktara and has sat and chatted with the boys here had suffered a terrible accident and ended up in hospital for some months. He made a commitment that when he got well, he would come back to Shuktara on his birthday in a show of gratitude and give everyone gifts. He came with his friends and provided food, sweets, sacks of rice and clothes for everyone at both of our homes.

It is wonderful to see local people become involved in the lives of the young people in our homes.

If you have any questions about the Trust or the work of the amazing team of Trustees

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