



Mitrataa - Rouse Update

December 2022

It has been great to see the kids settling into the new world as covid settles down. They love being back at school and creating new routines, reconnecting with friends and rediscovering the world outside of lockdowns and quarantining.

Thank you again to Rouse for the support this year. We allocated your support to a couple of our major projects this year.

Roshani's Award

We continued to allocate part of your support to our Roshani's Award student, Rojina. Rojina has outgrown her special needs school and needed some new challenges. We have pushed her to explore her passions and interests and she has spent a lot of time this year knitting scarves which she sells through the school network, creating a cookbook of her favourite recipes which has helped her with some maths, English as well as cooking, budgeting and other related skills. Most recently, she has been volunteering in one of our partner kindergartens as a support teacher. She has absolutely thrived and is loving every minute of her time there. We hope she will continue this as well as exploring other passions as we work with her to create the independent future she deserves.

Karkhana STEM Club and Lab

As is the case around the world, the number of women in STEM professions in Nepal is very limited and many parents still pressure their daughters not to get involved in science and maths activities and careers. Additionally, as you know, many students in Nepal find maths and science challenging because it's not possible to rote learn them – there needs to be a level of understanding to be able to apply the knowledge. We partnered with Karkhana, a local organisation working in this area, to establish a STEM Lab for our students and to create and train a STEM Club of our students.



This Club, led by Asmita, one of our Bachelors of Engineering students, has conducted a number of science experiments with our class 6-10 students, a science quiz competition and some of their own maker activities. They are currently working on their plans for the first half of 2023 which will include a design maker challenge for all our students.



One of our Club members is passionate about robotics and is currently designing an automatic model car in the lab.

This lab has provided a new space for the students to engage with science and bring it to life, ensuring that they can really apply the knowledge they learn at school and move it to their long term memories.



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Thank you so much for your support this year. We look forward to updating you again soon.

We hope all the Rouse team, families and clients are safe and healthy.

With gratitude, Bec, Nimu and the Mitrataa team.