

# YAK! YAK!

## Summer 2013

### Namaste!

### Ramadan Kareem!

We promised we would issue newsletters more regularly and here is the second quarterly edition. Since last issue we have achieved so much, and I continue to be in awe of the fantastic Yak community that grows day by day. By the end of the year we will have built our 4th school and opened our 10th kindergarten! You are truly amazing! Another good year for the kids! Thank you!

Moving forward we will bring our attention to supporting kids and teachers. We will provide more hot meals and uniforms, seek out kids still not attending school, and launch the new teacher training program. In short we will continue to ask ourselves the difficult questions and with your support continue to answer as many of them as possible.

Thank you to all of you who attended the recent Gala ball. The evening was a true celebration of our achievements to date and I valued the opportunity to thank as many of you in person as possible. Of course with over 350 in attendance, forgive me for missing out a few tables!

I am also pleased to announce we will have more events for you to support! In response to your requests for more events during the year, we have decided to focus on five events every year. These events will be The Ball, The Golf Day, The Art Auction, The Treks and The Fitness Activities. We feel the range of events will provide the opportunity for Yaks from all walks of life regardless of their personal interests to find an event they can get actively involved in as individuals or alongside others.

We also decided to brand these events across a common theme "For Children".

This makes it easy for you to find an event that suits you, and may attract some corporates to the cause. (This has already proved positive and there is an announcement regarding this below.)

Please enjoy the update and I hope to see you on the golf course, on the hill, or on the treadmill in the coming year!

Once again on behalf of the Children,

**Dhanyabath!**



## THE FIRST OF OUR NEW EVENTS, **THE INAUGURAL GALA BALL WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

The great and good of Dubai's society were both glamorous (see above!) and generous. The team at the Children of the Mountain is thrilled with the support from over 350 Yaks! The event was fully booked and we apologise to all those we turned away. Next year we will have to squeeze in more tables! The event, which was managed by Custard Communications (huge thanks to Amanda Glam Yak & Nicola Tart Yak!), and held at the H Hotel, had it all! Fun, food, entertainment

from an amazing Band, The Boxtones, a DJ set by infamous DJ Kung Foo Panda, the world's longest ever raffle and a clever little quiz that had us all guessing! Our thanks to everyone who contributed to making the night such a roaring success and for enabling us to build our 4th school! See you all next year but remember to book early!

NB: Remember you can download your personal pictures from the Facebook page .





MISSED DINNER?

# DON'T WORRY; YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN THE OTHER NEW EVENTS!

As you have read, the first event, the Gala ball "CELEBRATE FOR CHILDREN" was a huge success. It's now time to launch the other four events.



To make it even easier for you to get involved, we have set up a team fundraising page on Facebook. You can support the team's efforts today, by donating to the team, to individuals of your choice, or why not get actively involved by joining the team yourself!

[www.justgiving.com/teams/competeforchildren](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/competeforchildren)

## CREATE FOR CHILDREN

September 15th 2013

@ Media One Hotel

This Art and Photography exhibit will be a pleasant relaxing evening providing an opportunity to view works of art, meet the artists, and support the children in a practical way.

## CLIMB FOR CHILDREN

October 11th - 21st 2013

CLIMB FOR CHILDREN @ Nepal

John will lead this trek himself. You will have heard that our treks are inspiring! You are only entitled to an official Yak name if you have taken the journey to Tandrang, and you know you want one!

The trip in Eid will include a chance to follow in John's footsteps and climb 'The Hill' to Maitum, learn the Drunken Man dance with the sherpas and of course meet the Children. The trek will reach 3,500mt on trails, not used by trekkers. This really is an adventure!

Cost is only 3,500aed plus flight and donation! The Climb for Children 2013 is limited to 15 Trekkers so if you interested in taking a unique trip that includes children and mountains, then you know what to do. Contact: [John@childrenofthemountain.org](mailto:John@childrenofthemountain.org) or call John on 050 5517982

## ON COURSE FOR CHILDREN

28th November 2013

@ The Earth Course

As a Golfer you will know that this event, now in its 3rd year, is very very popular! If you do not book early you will miss out! The Golf day is held on the Earth course at Jumeriah Golf Estates and is genuinely unique as it's immediately after the Race to Dubai and the course is simply awesome! Another unique feature is the fact that places are strictly limited to 84 players to ensure everyone has a great day. So if you are interested in teeing up at the most prestigious charity golf day in the Gulf.

Contact: [Events@childrenofthemountain.org](mailto:Events@childrenofthemountain.org) or call Rob on 0505593235



## COMPETE FOR CHILDREN

Various dates from September 2013

We are delighted to announce that Tribefit, Dubai's leading club for the socially active, will support the Compete for Children initiative. Get fit while helping children! Join the Children of the Mountain team in activities and **lose some lbs and donate some dirhams!**



If you are interested in joining us "get active get involved!" Contact: [events@childrenofthemountain.org](mailto:events@childrenofthemountain.org)



## PROJECT NEWS

It's Monsoon in Nepal but we do not rest! We are planning ahead for the end of the rains and our return to Tandrang in October. We are delighted to announce that your support continues to bring education to the children on the hill - our next school at Darne is fully funded! Work will begin on the foundations as soon as the rains stop in late September. I am particularly pleased with this achievement as the kids at Darne and Janapryia (the two schools will merge into one) currently lack even the modest basic of facilities.



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The whole community is overwhelmed and excited! We plan to open in January 2014.

### Jerrybutty Project update

It remains our ambition to open a school to provide access to education for some of the most neglected children in Nepal, the kids of Jerrybutty shanty, Kathmandu

Pending confirmation of a site for the new school, we will support Renu and the kids at Koseli by donating meals, uniforms and support on day to day overheads for a year. We hope that we will be successful in finding a suitable location for a second school to provide the kids in Jerrybutty slums access to a daily hot meal, a shower, and above all an education.

## RAMADAN INITIATIVES

As it's Ramadan I thought it appropriate to once again try to raise awareness to one special project.



In this picture I see kids. These kids board in awful conditions. They don't have toilets, a place to cook, a place to eat, or beds. I am asking you to help me support these kids, not because they are muslim but despite the fact that they are. The Children of the Mountain is a non-religious organisation, our religion is the education of, and support of children. I need \$10,000 to give these kids basic facilities. If you want to support this specific project please call me direct.



### Dubai Company supports Ramadan Project

Throughout Ramadan, Ecogreen has committed to pledge IAED for every hour worked within their company and IAED for every laundry bill processed. They are keeping a running total of funds raised on their facebook page. So if you are looking for a practical way of supporting the cause, why not give them a call! Thank you EcoGreen!



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We reach our 10th Klub!

I am pleased to announce that MYGYM has donated our 10th Khakuua Klub. Thank you to Pias Bahri-Oomer, all the parents and staff of MYGYM Dubai.



## Yes it's true!

Our crazy Austrian Yaks are planning an indoor climbing event that will involve climbing 100 'routes' and reaching the height of Everest. The event will run over August and September in the Frankenfels valley. So if you are reading this in Austria, you now have an event to support!



## Children of the Mountain teacher training programs, supported by Room to Read and Oxford University Press

We are delighted to confirm that Room to Read, the US based provider of local language children's literature for children in communities desperate for such support, have donated 120 books for each of our ten schools in Tandrang. These specially designed books will compliment the teacher aids we supply as part of our existing school support program and will be utilised to enhance the new teacher-training program we will launch in October.

In conjunction, Oxford University Press, the largest university press in the world and publisher of teacher support classroom literature are providing their excellent 'First Friend' series, enabling us to provide teacher literacy 'kits' at approx. \$200 a school. This makes our programs cost effective and sustainable. We are extremely grateful to both organisations for their generous support.



**Himalayan Arabica**  
*Premium Organic Coffee*

**Did you know** that you can start building a school by donating the price of a coffee?

Yes it's that simple. Take this routine daily task and translate it into a contribution towards education for children desperately in need of your support. Watch the new video and share with friends, colleagues and family. You can, today, help John build more schools and it all starts with a single cup of coffee...

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrmCptBdfF](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrmCptBdfF)

Thank you to sixth frame for their support in making the new video.

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