

# Lotus Leaves

Rancho's School

The initial batch of students matriculated with an overall pass rate of 93 per cent. All went on to further education.

In 2013 two IT-suites, a residential courtyard for 88 students and facilities for the School Managing Committee were built.

A 1km mudslide defence wall was completed and the school is overcoming the 2010 mudslide devastation by creating a lush, green Dragon Garden learning environment on the campus.



The school has grown to 705 students with more girls than boys.

Students study in formal classes according to a curriculum set down by the Jammu and Kashmir State Board of Education. They also participate in extra curricular activities such as sports, culture shows and kung fu.

## Growing Young Lives



Druk White Lotus School arranges a big annual 'meet' between 12 local schools, the Kurman Gyalmo Inter-school Literary Fest. It includes debate, quiz, art, creative writing and elocution. The 'Best School (junior)' prize was awarded to Druk White Lotus School.



## Growing Buildings



As the school grows, we build additional accommodation each year. We have built 27 classrooms, plus residential accommodation for 345 students.

Buildings underway include accommodation for support staff who have to live on site 24/7, latrines and two final classrooms.

## Capital Programme

### Still to do.....

The largest outstanding task is to extend the dining hall & kitchen so all residential and day students can eat in a protected environment.

We need £40,000 towards this.

We want to pave and provide seating in the Central Courtyard to improve the space available for school assemblies and cultural performances.

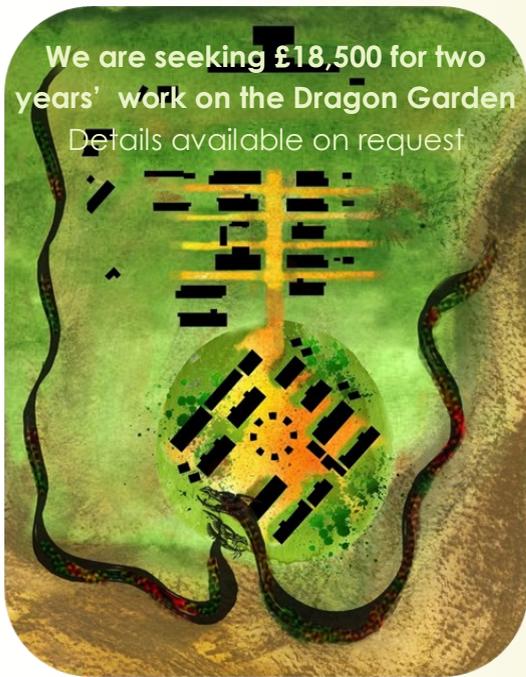
Aiming for completion of buildings in 2015.



The school also needs a shower block, health centre, caretaker accommodation, a winter shelter for school buses, further site security measures and additional water infrastructure.

The campus will then have physical facilities for all classes from Nursery to Class 10 (age 16+).

We are seeking £18,500 for two years' work on the Dragon Garden  
Details available on request



We want to transform the chaos left by the 2010 flood and mudslide into a Dragon Garden that will be:

- An outdoor learning resource for students at Druk White Lotus School
- A Tibetan Buddhist Garden based on best green practice that will inspire and teach all who enter
- A place for students, parents, staff and visitors to connect with nature and learn about big issues such as climate change, sustainability and biodiversity.

# Growing a Dragon Garden

With your kind help, loving care by students and the local landscape team, and help from landscape designers from Greenwich University, London, we are transforming the current mudslide boulder field. . . .

. . . . into sports facilities as well as a wonderful green garden like this.

To achieve our aim we will have to apply expertise, money, water (through a new drip irrigation system), fertile soil (created in our new plant nursery), and tender loving care.



"Nature provides a wonderful way to balance out all the technology in our lives"  
The Gyalwang Drukpa

## AWARDS



- International Stone Architecture Award, 2013**  
Awarded in Italy, for architectural quality and expressive use of stone materials.
- The Emirates Glass LEAF Awards, 2012**  
Druk White Lotus School and Arup Associates received the 'Best Sustainable Development' award.
- 'Test of Time: Environmental' Award from the British Council for School Environments, 2012**



**THANK YOU**  
on behalf of  
**DRUK WHITE LOTUS SCHOOL**



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