

Message from Ms. Eva Plachá, about Kanishka Binayak Saha



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Kanishka Binayak Saha

Kanishka became a pupil of our school in the year 2008. He was beloved by his schoolmates and teachers. He was an enthusiastic student, eager to learn as much as possible – he could count and read very quickly despite the fact Czech wasn't his mother tongue. But he was even better in all skills than some schoolmates – native speakers. He loved to read Czech books – fairytales – and he always made his parents speak Czech as he respected they lived in the country the language was used. He made friends with kids at school immediately. At the end of his first school year his health problems started and he had to be hospitalized. He never lost the energy to struggle with his illness. His teachers Liba Tomanikova and later Jarka Mullerova, Jess Olexinova together with the kids kept always in touch with Kanishka – sending him letters and pictures (especially cars that he loved so much) to encourage him. But in fact Kanishka was who encouraged all around by his never-ending optimism and strength. He was really a **BRAVE BOY**.



Although Kanishka couldn't be present at school we stayed in touch with him and his parents – the teachers came to his home in Zlin to meet his family and to give him some lessons so that he could pass the grade properly. And of course he succeeded – he was very intelligent, smart and incredibly wise considering his age.

Unfortunately, despite the medical care and the great support of his family Kanishka lost his struggle for life on 22nd May 2011. But he is still in our hearts. Kanishka's parents and grandparents decided then to set up **Kanishka Binayak Saha Memorial Prize** awarding the best pupil of grades 1 and 2 in Zakladni škola Zlin, Kvitkova 4338 to remember their boy and to keep his spirit alive. Every year on 16th October – Kanishka's birthday – Nibedita Saha with her sister come to school to present the prize to the kids. And this is not the only occasion we meet together – Kanishka's family come to meet his schoolmates to see how they have grown up, what they have learnt and on the other side we – Kanishka's teachers - come to see them to remind their beloved boy. That has made our friendship stronger and helps to overcome the heartbreak. God bless you all.

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