



This is Chenda!

Discovering solidarity with the NGO PSE For a Child's Smile!



The PSE school has reopened!

For several weeks now, the children have returned to PSE. The whole PSE team in Cambodia is very happy to again hear the laughter of the children echoing in the playground!



As in many other countries, the children are also following guidelines: they must wash their hands regularly, wear masks, and the class size has been cut in half.. We wish them a lovely return to school!



Focus on :

Apsara dance, a traditional Cambodian dance

On 11th October 2020, PSE broadcast a solidarity programme to raise awareness of the association. During this show, many former PSE students told their stories of how PSE has changed their lives. One of them, Karuna, a student from our Business School, performed a traditional dance: the Apsara! Have you heard of it ?

The Apsara dance is a traditional dance that dates back to the 7th century and has its roots in Hindu and Buddhist mythologies. Before that, the Apsara dance was reserved only for the king and his court, but starting in the 1950's, Cambodians and tourists were also able to see it.

In this dance there are 4,500 movements to learn! Girls start training when they are young to develop the necessary flexibility. Apsara dancers wear traditional costumes with floral motifs.

The Apsara dance had practically disappeared during the Khmer Rouge dictatorship, but thanks to Princess Bopha Devi, it has regained an important place in current Cambodian culture.



You can watch or re-watch PSE's solidarity programme with your family on our website: www.pse.org/live!



PSE helps families affected by severe flooding



In October, severe flooding hit the whole country. Many families had to leave their flooded homes.



Some families supported by PSE also had to leave their homes because they were not well protected from heavy rains.



PSE's social team took immediate action to help families!



They helped them find new accommodation and gave them food.



Q & A



What is World Children's Day?

In the past, children were not acknowledged as fully-fledged people. Over the centuries, they have been the victims of a great deal of violence and exploitation. But at the start of the 20th century, people began to speak out in support of children.

In 1989, the Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted by a majority of countries around the world. The convention says that children have the right to education, to receive medical treatment, to eat properly, and that they must be protected from all forms of violence. This convention also emphasises that children have the right to speak out and give their opinion on decisions that affect them.

In Cambodia, PSE defends the rights of the poorest children and enables them to go to school, to learn a trade, to have enough to eat, to receive medical treatment if they are sick, and to be protected if they are victims of abuse. PSE also teaches them to express their ideas and defend their opinions.



Give smiles to children in Cambodia

Solidarity actions to help PSE

A PSE Sponsor has chosen to take on as many sponsorships as she has grandchildren! "PSE is an association that is very close to my heart. I talk about it a lot with my grandchildren because I find it important that they realize that other children in the world do not have the same opportunities as they do. And what a joy to know that we are brightening the lives of these children in Cambodia!"



Every action counts, and all help is welcome. You can help us in other ways: in each issue of this newsletter, you will find a **project that you can do alone**, with your friends or with your class. Send us your ideas for an **action** with some photos, so we can feature it in this newsletter!

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