

India Trip 2024

Week in review

I was fortunate enough that this trip to India was my second time, having previously travelled 7 years ago in November 2017. Having grown up, I appreciated even more the importance of Mothers Care India's work. I was able to fully grasp the amount of effort that is put in by all on Scotland and in India to make this work as effective as possible.



Day 1

After a long journey we arrived in Noida, New Delhi and we met Joson Tharakan, Mothers Care Co-Ordinator on the ground in India. Joson kindly planned the week's itinerary which was set to include meetings with those working at Noida's Board for Research, Education and Development (BREAD) -another NGO that helps with school placement of our children and administration in India. Also planned were several visits to schools, where children that are supported by Mothers Care are placed, and also a visit to Mothers Care's very own school- St Marys Academy.

Day 2

We had a early wake up and headed off to our first school- Apna Ghar school in Noida. An array of talent was displayed by the pupils of the school, impressive dances and speeches set our week to a great start! We had the pleasure to talk with some of the children that are sponsored by Mothers Care India and each of them further highlighted the important role education played in their lives. It provides hope for not only each child but for their families too.



Day 3



We started off the day with a meeting with the BREAD staff which informed us of the hard work and dedication that is put in by each and every member of the team. The staff at BREAD work with Mothers Care to place children in schools throughout India and ensure that they have everything they need for their education. Afterwards, we headed to Sangam Vihar, a very disadvantaged area about 25 minutes from Noida. Here we met with the teachers, students, and their family members.

It was amazing to see how much effort the teachers at this school every single day, but not only that, there was a sense dedication and commitment to the children that was nothing short of inspiring.

Day 4

We headed to Kuwakeda where we were welcomed by the students at CDM high school. The students performed a show that demonstrated what Mothers Care India is all about- kindness and helping those who don't have as much as ourselves.

We then travelled to Mothers Care School, St Mary's Academy, which I haven't seen since the opening back in 2017. It was great to see the finished playground, and all the pupils and staff working together to make it a great place to learn!



Day 5

The last day of our trip brought a final meeting with BREAD staff and goodbyes. We spoke with Jason about how much we have learnt from the experience and what our next steps as a charity should be. As much as we would have loved to have spend longer in India, it was great to see the work of Mothers Care India first hand.

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