



# *Novi Survat Charitable Organisation*

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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## **June 2019 Newsletter 063**

In Devon we have had very mixed weather with a hot and sunny two weeks up to and including the Easter break followed by very cold weather for the May Bank Holiday. This coincided with the first of our summer sales

Dr Mina has been in the U.K to visit her daughter and son and we had the great pleasure of having her stay with us in Devon for a few days where she was able to relax from her hectic workload. She was however 'on call' and constantly received many phone calls from colleagues and patients asking for advice on treatment and medicines!

### **Day Care Centre.**

The Day Care Centre was visited in late January by the students from Braintree College who kindly donated £250. Some of this has been spent on a Samsung Tablet, books, toys and sensory balls for use by the speech therapist. Thank you Braintree College.

### **Educational Sponsorship Scheme.**

Whilst they were in Goa the students from Braintree College also took time out to get together with the Educational Sponsored Students where they were able to discuss the progress and aspirations of our students.

We are awaiting the exam results for the current year and to date are pleased to note that Sana, Altaf & Rubina have all passed their respective exams.

### **Starting Point.**

Because the Easter holidays which commenced in mid-April (due to the lateness of Easter this year) the six week summer holidays followed immediately meaning the school has been closed for eight weeks and will reopen on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Some children will have left to go to main stream schools and there will be a new intake to replace them.

The children who attend Starting Point come from different states, each of which has its own language. One of the teachers asked a little girl Soumya from the state of Karnataka "what do you call mosquitoes?" to which the girl replied "oh no miss we don't have to call them at all, they come by themselves"

On another occasion a teacher asked a little boy Pallav "why do you always talk whilst I am teaching?" to which after thinking about it he replied "probably because you are always teaching whilst I am talking"!

During a math class Vallie asked Naksh what he would have if she gave him 1 pineapple, 1 banana, 1 orange and 5 strawberries. He said "fruit salad!"

Khushi was asked if her mother helped her with her homework. She said "No, My mum did my homework all by herself".

Ved was asked why he always gets so dirty. He said "I'm a lot closer to the ground".

## Outreach Programme.

Whilst the school has been closed Jane and her team have not been idle but have been busy visiting the slums and distributing clothing that we have taken out from the UK, handing out much needed essential foods and making the children happy by giving out toys of all shapes and sizes which Jane buys from local people whose children have no further use for them.

## Sponsors & supporters.

Thank you to Braintree College for visiting the Day Care Centre and for their generous donation. Thanks to Marianne & Bjorn from Sweden who visited Starting Point

Many thanks to Dorothy, Eileen, Pat & Julia for knitting, filling and selling 'Easter Chicks'.

To the family of the late David Butler for donating the proceeds from the retiring collection following his funeral. Judging by the generous donations that were received David must have had many friends and been greatly respected.

To 'Etta' a very lovely elderly lady who regularly makes substantial donations but who wishes to remain anonymous.

Congratulations to Pam Sleeman for her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and thank you for asking for donations to Novi Survat in place of birthday presents.

Thank you Julia & Roger for your continued involvement especially with the long hours spent helping Pat & I at the summer fairs at various locations in and around Devon despite the weather and bearing in mind they live some 80 miles from Exmouth.

I am often asked what I get out of running the charity and the overriding answer is seeing the progress of the children. There is however another benefit and that is having contact and meeting so many lovely, genuine, generous people who sponsor and or help in so many different ways. Thank you all, without you we would not flourish.



Washing the clothes in one of the slums. The clothes are bashed and rubbed on the stones to extract the dirt!



One of the patients Jeet who attends the Day Care Centre undergoing some physiotherapy exercises.

Wishing you all a very happy summer.

Clive