

India Link Day 9

Saturday 19th January 2019

Our last day in India was definitely a memorable and lovely to spend the final day with all the of the children, teachers and CRS staff at a celebration sports day. Most of the children do not get to do sport at school due to space and had never been to a sports day or met with children from other schools so it was really special for us to be able to do this for them We had activities such as sack race, parachute games, sharks, football and tag for the children to rotate round plus a ventriloquist and a magician.



At lunch all the children were given lunch and ice cream which was a real treat. One thing I noticed was that the children did not waste any food, if they didn't want it all they packed it up and took it home for later. One little girl wanted to do this with her ice cream but obviously that would have been messy!



At the end of the day there was a chance to say goodbye to the children, teacher and staff before they headed of and we packed up and went back to the hotel ready to pack for tomorrow.

It was been a crazy, busy, tiring, chaotic and wonderful week and I have learnt a huge about as well as being about to share expertise and gifts with the teachers and children. We are so privileged in the UK to have an education system which provides for every child and that despite the issues with funding and schools budgets being tight we have more space and resources that any of the children or teachers in the CRS schools in Kolkata could ever imagine. Time to be thankful for what we have and consider how we at Scargill can continue to positively impact on the lives of the children in India, particularly Awami and Mahamaya schools.

