

## INDO-UK EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

The first leg of the exchange programme took off on the **9<sup>th</sup> of December**. The visitors landed on 9<sup>th</sup> morning to a warm and rousing welcome by the students of Sanskriti School, their parents and the teacher on duty (Vandana Nangia). The UK group comprised of ten King's College School students and two teachers, Mr. Simon Connelly and Mr Ted Lougher. The parents took them home and the host boys spent time with their UK partners to induct



them and settle them in.

On the **10<sup>th</sup> of December**, the entire group met for a show at *Kingdom of Dreams, Gurgaon* for the **Zangoora show**.

On the **11<sup>th</sup> of December**, the boys came to school. The day started with a traditional welcome *tikka* by our junior school students. Post the welcome ceremony they met our principal Mrs. Richa Agnihotri. The parents had organized a breakfast for the visiting delegates. After enjoying the sumptuous breakfast, the group of twenty students (ten from Sanskriti School plus ten from KCS) along with four teachers (Mr. Simon Connelly, Mr. Ted Lougher, Mrs Vandana Nangia and Mrs Pritha) went for an excursion to *Qutub Minar* and for a photo session at *India Gate*. They came back and played a friendly soccer match. The



match was between the Sanskriti boys and KCS boys. The visiting students went back to their host families in the school transport.

From the 12<sup>th</sup> of December – 14<sup>th</sup> of December, went for an out-station trip to **Agra and**



**Jaipur.** They were accompanied by Mrs Vandana Nangia and Mrs Ananta Prasad. The visit began at 0600 hrs on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. At Agra, they saw the *Taj Mahal* and then took a *Tonga* ride to the *Agra Fort*. For the visitors, The Taj was a breath-taking experience. The grace of perfection of proportions and grandeur of geometrical patterns adorned with well-appointed gardens added to the magnificence of this heritage site. The Agra Fort instilled a sense of awe in the visitors with its strength, resilience and power. On their way to Jaipur, they had a stopover at *Hotel Clark Shiraz* for lunch. Then they proceeded to Jaipur and reached *Hotel Royal Orchids* at 1930 hrs. Post dinner the children enjoyed a puppet show at the venue. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, a visit to *Amber Fort* was scheduled. One of the highlights of the visit was the elephant ride up the hill to the main entrance. The architectural beauty of the fort, intricate carvings and the paintings on the wall left the tourists astonished. From Amber Fort the group proceeded to *Sanganer* where they visited



the handmade paper, block printing, blue pottery factory. As a part of the cultural experience, the students did block printing on handkerchiefs and painted the tiles. In the evening, they went to *Chowki Dhaani* to capture the vibrant spirit of Rajasthan though

village art and culture, costumes, traditions, paintings and performances. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, a visit to *The City Palace* and shopping spree at *Baapu Bazaar* was planned for. At The City Palace, the students were mesmerised by the history and art and the grandeur of fusion between the *Rajputana*, *European* and *Mughal* styles of architecture. It was a marvellous experience. At Baapu Bazaar, the children bought Christmas gifts for their families. Post lunch, they started on their return journey to New Delhi and reached school at 2145 hrs.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, three activities were planned for the group. They were *Worli Art*



*Workshop* by Mrs. Navroop Kaur, the *Mayur Bhanj Chau Dance Workshop* by Mr. Rahul Dey, and the cooking of *Samosa* and *Masala Chai* by Mrs Sumati and Mrs Garvita. At 1230 hrs, the group proceeded to visit *Akshardham Temple*. The guests got to see the display of millennia of traditional Hindu and Indian culture, spirituality and architecture. They returned to school at 1730 hrs.

On the **16<sup>th</sup> of December**, they were taken to *The Rashtrapati Bhawan* to witness the *Change of Guard Ceremony* and to take a tour of this iconic establishment. The Change of Guard Ceremony was regal and the tour gave the visiting students a glimpse into India's strength, its democratic traditions and its secular character. After the tour they were taken for a farewell lunch to *The India Habitat Centre – Delhi-O-Delhi*.

On **17<sup>th</sup> of December**, the visitors said their final goodbyes at 0800 hrs to their new found friends amidst emotional farewell.

