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# Mala News

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Greetings!

## Children speaking English

Most children, when they join us, have only ever heard their parents and grandparents speaking the local village dialect and consider even Hindi a foreign language. In our schools we use pure Hindi, so that by the time they are in the higher primary classes all their lessons will be taught in pure Hindi. We are proud that our pupils learn to speak excellent Hindi, with correct grammar and punctuation; something that many Indian students in top English medium private schools never achieve.



As a good standard of spoken English is vitally important for anyone in India who wishes to study at higher levels of education, English is also given great importance in the curriculum.

So, imagine how tough it is for our pupils to simultaneously take on two new languages. English as a third language is particularly difficult as it is not spoken by anyone in their family or village. Even their English teacher at school may struggle as they, themselves, learned English only imperfectly.

We help the children and their teachers by introducing spoken English in class 1 of primary school and then, throughout their time with us, they have an English lesson every day. We use the Muzzy programme, an engaging cartoon story that the children find fun to watch, imitate and practise. By listening to the English story line, they naturally pick up the correct pronunciation and learn to use simple phrases confidently. They play games, do role play and learn effortlessly and enjoyably. By the time they enter middle school, (grade 6), they are confident enough to have short conversations with visitors to the school, to greet them, introduce themselves and ask and answer questions.

Anne Gilmour  
Trustee and Teaching Advisor

During this period of lockdown, some of the class 8, 9 and 10 pupils have been set homework to give a short presentation in English. We have put together clips from what we received in this 11 minute video. If you would like to see the full submission of any child, they are all listed below so just let us know which ones you would like and we will send to you.





Payal  
class 8 Guria



Anamol class 7 Guria  
and Anurag class 8  
Guria



Sarvesh  
class 9 Patehra



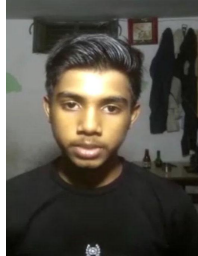
Anchal  
class 8 Guria



Anil class 10  
Patehra



Riya class 9  
Patehra



Satyam class 8  
Guria



Shreya class 7  
Guria



Vikas class 8  
Mujehra

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