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# Mala News

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Greetings!

## Pradeep raises the bar to new heights

Readers of these newsletters will remember the joy of Project Mala staff at the success of Mala children at Foremarke school. Both Jaivik and Niraj did well and made the most of their opportunity to come to England and have a period of education at Foremarke Hall, the preparatory school for Repton, one of England's top public schools.



Pradeep started at Foremarke in September 2018 and his ***first term report*** has just been published and it is hard to see how the previous success could ever be beaten. Pradeep not only obtained good marks but also won the Headmaster's prize!!

Pradeep has commented on his first term at Foremarke Hall saying:-

Dear All at Project Mala

As you know I am being an ambassador for Project Mala at Foremarke Hall. I am trying to settle in this school, I think, I have success. Now I have friends as my brothers and sisters and teachers as my parents. I never feel upset that I am not with my family, sometimes I even think I am still in India. I love sports in school, especially cricket and swimming. I worked hard for everything in all subjects and received a report that was great and made me feel proud, which paid off my hard work. I am enjoying the food in the school, it is really delicious, as much as my Mum used to cook for me. I will keep on working hard and will keep trying new things. I am having fun as much as I can. I was never provided the opportunity to go on trips before. I love Foremarke's Sunday trips for boarders. When I go on trips I feel really happy and joyful, I think Cadbury World has been the best trip so far.



I never swam before, I now love swimming. I never visited another country before and now I can understand what another country can be like. I have had an opportunity to improve my English so I can now help other children at home to improve their English. I think I will take new skills back to India, for example I will be able to pass an entrance exam to an English Medium School, and also I will be able to encourage my family and friends to give the same rights for women as the men.

Seriously, I don't like the weather in England, and if I could change anything it would be to stop people smoking and drinking alcohol to make them more healthy and to stop pollution.

I am having a great time in England and learning how live away from my family, and how to behave in another culture.

I am very thankful to my guardians, my teachers, everyone at Foremarke Hall and to Project Mala for giving me this opportunity.

Pradeep

Our teaching advisors, who have known Pradeep since he started his education as a primary child in Project Mala's Guria school in April 2013, commented

Hello... As you might know I have had the chance to spend two lovely days with Pradeep and after a few chats he decided he would like to write down his thoughts about the last few months. I have helped with the typing but the words are his own and I have not attempted to "correct" him as I felt it was unnecessary. I am so proud of him...his attitude and his thoughtfulness... even if he is determined to stop me drinking wine!!!

Karen Brook

This is absolutely amazing writing and shows Pradeep to be not only an incredible ambassador, but a very thoughtful young man determined to use his good fortune and experiences to help his community.

I am very impressed with all he has achieved, but perhaps with his letter more than anything.

Anne Bate

I would like to express our grateful thanks to James Archer and all at Foremarke Trust, who have so generously funded the whole of the costs of this project and hope that the way Jaivik, Niraj and Pradeep have grasped this opportunity is a just reward for their continued support of the venture.

If you know anyone who might be interested in the newsletter please pass it on.

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