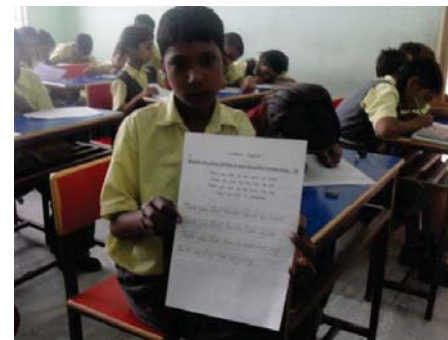


# JHAG CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

## prem pathshala - school house

Parent/teacher interviews and counselling sessions were conducted during February and four international volunteers immersed themselves in the life of the school, contributing to the children's cross-cultural experiences.

The parents of the local children attending Prem Pathshala from the local area were invited to meet at the school to discuss their children's academic achievements, behavioural issues, transport facilities and extra classes. This was extremely well attended with 95% of parents taking an interest. Vanessa Hassett from Australia, Jeremy Kiff, Millie Warner and Louise Macleod, all from the UK, taught English, craft and drawing. Olga Saxen, a photography student from the University of the Creative Arts, UK photographed the Jhag Children's Village and the Jhag Village. A handwriting competition was held and pre-Holi celebrations were enjoyed by everyone on 26th February 2010. The vegetable garden was developed and general maintenance attended to.



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Vanessa Hassett's time working at Prem Pathshala was a significant experience for her. Below is an excerpt from her recollections.

*It is only a week since my return to Australia, but I already want to go back! My time with I-India was amazing and incredibly rewarding. Prabhakar, Abha and all the staff at I-India were so welcoming and helpful the entire time! My first few weeks at I-India involved seeing all the projects I-India is working on in and around Jaipur. I saw the endless work I-India is doing, and the need the great for their services. There were so many volunteers involved in all different projects, which was great to see. In my final few weeks, following the students' examinations at Jhag I was able to continue the great work of both volunteers, Jeremy and Louisa, teaching three or four classes a day. Teaching the children at Jhag was a challenge, but an extremely rewarding one. I taught English and games alongside Jeremy and Millie. In these lessons I taught various aspects of English, such as body parts, days of the week, and conversational speech. The children were eager to learn. I incorporated artwork into some of my lessons, as I believe it is a vital aspect of learning and development. Their work was displayed to give them a sense of pride. Volunteering with I-India was the most amazing experience I have had in my life, and I will endeavour to continue to support your commendable work at Jhag Children's Village.*



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