Exploring international dimensions

rincipal of GD Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar, Vijay Laxmi Singh, along with Pooja Datta (Primary Teacher) visited the St Matthew's Primary School in Leeds, UK from October 5-13. The visit was a part of the teacher exchange programme under the DFID Project.

The visit was aimed to get immersed in the life of the school and the country, and getting an opportunity to find out about contemporary English culture. Lessons based on cookery, dance and religion were conducted wherein children got an opportunity to learn more about the Indian culture. An interactive session on common issues like water conservation, endangered species, etc was also conducted. Future plans, progress and development of the ongoing projects were discussed with the Head Teacher and the Programme Coordinator.

Vijay Laxmi Singh said that the world has become a small community now and such visits are a source of inspiration to learn about various glob-



al issues. Through exchange programs, educators gain opportunities to share the strengths and best practices of each other's education systems, and provide their partner's students with unique cultural perspectives. Exchange teachers build knowledge of each other's country, people, culture, and language, and acquire the global awareness and skills. Ms Pooja said, "I have learned so much both professionally and personally, this experience has given me the space and time that I have needed to grow as a person and a teacher."

Each day provides opportunities to learn and achieve new things...



Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria School, Ghaziabad hosted 'Viraasat', under the aegis of Spic Macay on October 19 and invited vocalist Padmashree awardee Prof Rita Ganguly. School chairman Dr Rajaram Jaipuria and president Shishir Jaipuria of Jaipuria Society graced the occasion with their presence. School principal Manju Rana welcomed the guests. Directors of Jaipuria Group of institutions, principals, teachers and students from the host school as well as neighbouring schools attended the

event. School headmistress Nandini Shekhar proposed the vote of thanks.

Lions Clubs International, USA organised an award function at GD Goenka Public School, Rohini. Rohit Bajaj (Principal), Seema Bajaj (PGT - Biology) and Kiran Saluja (TGT - Maths) from Remal Public School, Rohini were honoured for their outstanding contribution in the sphere of educational excellence and shaping the newer generation by attaining high standards in value education. M.P. Gunta



the club president awarded them certificates, shawls and mementos. Dr R P Bajaj, manager, felicitated them for making the school proud.

G D Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar conducted 'The Cleanest Day' drive in association with The Grand Banyan Project (British Coun-



cil). Students gave pamphlets to the residents to create awareness amongst them regarding the cleanest day drive. Students along with their teachers went to the adjoining

areas and cleaned them. They raised the slogan 'We are human warriors against pollution'. School principal Vijay Laxmi Singh encouraged the students and honoured them by christening them'The Clean Brigade'.

Reeta Pant, principal, Lalit Mahajan SVM School, Vasant Vihar was honoured by the Bhartiya Janta Party, Teacher's Cell, Delhi, for her valuable contribution in the field of education. The school staff and students congratulated her for the achievement.





Around 60 staff members of GD Salwan Public School, Rajinder Nagar along with school principal Vijay Laxmi Singh visited Kingdom of Dreams on September 3. The place offered the best of India in the form of Cuisine, Crafts, Musicals, Dramas, Carnivals, Street Dances, Mythological Shows and much more. Every state pavilion had a distinct style and character which were delightful to observe. Teachers also visited the Nautanki Mahal. They were thrilled to visit the backwaters of Kerala, savour the taste of fenny in a quaint tayern in Goa, view the royal splendour of a Rajasthani Palace and enjoy the rustic charm of a Punjabi village. Vijay Laxmi Singh said that 'Culture Gully' captured the features of India. Sangita Sharma, Travel and Tourism coordinator for the school said that the grandeur and detailing that had gone into bringing out the place was indescribable.

A teacher is a second parent

DIVYA KUMAR, TEACHER G D SALWAN PUBLIC SCHOOL, OLD RAJINDER NAGAR

always feel nostalgic whenever I remember my pre primary school days, those motherly teachers who always cared and loved us and tried to form a safe and a pleasant atmosphere in the school. After twenty five years of my life, today I too standing at the same

platform and can relate how important it is for a teacher to play the role of a mother in school. A teacher is a second parent in the school and schools are the first place where the child's behaviour and educational success is shaped.

A toddler steps outside his home

for the first time, unknown about the new environment he'll get, the new faces he'll meet. A teacher with all her love and affection welcomes the child and makes him comfortable in the school. He gets a feeling and assurance that 'yes'

she is the person to depend upon. A teacher becomes a real teacher after rigorous years of training and experiences in the field. She carries an indispensable responsibility in the classroom. All the students depend on her. Everything she says has a strong impact on their growing minds.

At last I would conclude it by saying that in the hands of a motherly teacher, a classroom is a magical place... There's a smile on each child's face. Self dependent skills are modeled; the best of reality is bottled. Gifts and talents are refined, the willed future is designed.