

A week in Bangladesh

Mrs Ratcliffe and Miss Davies had a week's adventure in Bangladesh this term. And an adventure it certainly was with temperatures of 35 degrees and a culture of modesty, very few people speaking English and a motel with cockroaches!

Why did we go to Bangladesh? Well it's to do with the London 2012 Olympic Games. The aim is for the Games to have a long lasting impact; to not just be about those 2 weeks of sporting action. Unicef, Youth Sports Trust, British Council and Hipperholme and Lightcliffe School Sports Partnership are teaming up, to improve the lives of millions of children through sport, health and fitness.

As we know PE can improve many physical, mental and social aspects of life. The



aim is to improve the delivery of PE in schools, in third world countries and to eventually improve the overall quality of life. It is not an aid programme but a sustainable project, initially delivered over three years.

The project is called International Inspirations and has a long term aim of improving the delivery of PE in schools through qualified PE teachers and young leaders within the school.

Calder High School is very excited to be partnered with Pirganj Government High School in Rangpur, North of Bangladesh. It is a boys' school with 300 pupils, 60 to a classroom. They love PE, but do not have the resources to ensure that the PE lessons are constructive. At present they have 1 handball, 1 football, 1 bamboo goal post, a cricket bat and ball and lots of enthusiasm.

While we were on a visit to the school the students played a game of handball, the whole school came out to watch! Miss Davies demonstrated her skills by joining in and soon realised that although the pupils lacked resources they had plenty of skill and enthusiasm.



We would like to thank the headmaster and PE teacher for making us feel so welcome in Pirganj Government High School, and are looking forward to their return visit in October.



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