

INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

Chairman Dr B.K. Sahoo visit UK



The Chairman of the School Dr B.K.Sahoo was invited to be a part of the British council's Connecting classrooms study tour to the UK for the Indian Policy makers. The delegation encompassed patrons of education like Mr. Gerry Arathtoon- Chairman CISCE, Dr. Sadhna Parashar- Head (Innovation & Research) CBSE, Mr. LV Sehgal- Chairman NPSC, Dr. Ameeta Mulla Wattal- Vice Chairman NPSC, Dr. Ravindra Kumar Parashar- National Council of Education Research and Training and other select personalities.

The study tour was designed to focus on policy level engagements in the areas of Science and Mathematics education and Information & Communication technology in UK school education. This tour was well constructed to give an opportunity to interact with the senior leaders and Master trainers in the field of education and technology with access to the latest technology at the BETT show.

The tour highlights included the Professional programs for School leaders at National College of School Leadership at Nottingham, a visit to the George Spencer Academy and Teaching School to interact with the Head teacher and



senior leadership team, opportunity to investigate leadership and teacher development as well as leadership development in schools. He had a tour of the exceptional schools along with their students and studied how the school works internationally through the National College of School Leadership.

Mr. Peter Hall Jones- Chief Executive of the Curriculum foundation took a workshop focusing on the Challenges and Opportunities that internationalization and globalization provides, Curriculum models from nations and states around the world and the skills, values and characteristics wanted in schools. A detailed presentation by Sir Ceri Morgan, Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI), ofsted, the office for standards in education, Children's services and skills enlightened the team on how they report directly to the Parliament and are independent & impartial on school education standards in UK.



The orientation at the BETT (British Educational Training and Technology) show, the world's largest educational technology fair at London gave an understanding into the roles of the international dimension and technology and implications of designing learning experiences.



The concluding visits to the John Cabot Academy and the Bristol Science Learning Centre gave an insight into the continuing professional development being taken up by UK to teach science even by non- science teachers.

At Sai International it has been our constant endeavor to bring in the world's best practices of teaching and learning. Study tours like these help us to emulate these practices and enrich our system by implementing the same.



Church down teachers visit our School



Mr. Mike Cutler and Ms Gillian Western, teachers from our partner School, Church down Village Infant School, Gloucester, UK, visited the School on a weeklong teacher exchange visit from 1st to 8th February 2013. The two teachers had a lot of interaction with the Primary teachers and not only they observed our class room practice but also delivered lessons and shared their teaching pattern with our teachers. During this week they had opportunities to visit several places of interest including Chilika, Nandan Kanan etc. They came to know a lot about our place, culture and also food as they tasted varieties of cuisines in pot lock lunches organized by the teachers. In reciprocation to this, two teachers of our School will visit their School in June this year.



Hinglish--Virtual Classes with Church down Village Infant School, UK

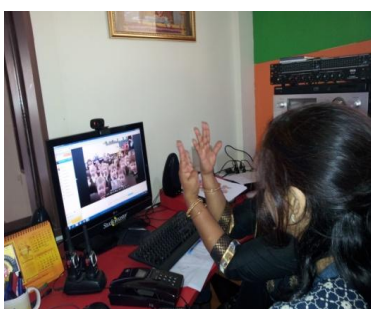


SAI is constantly looking towards the future with new and innovative ways to share and gain knowledge and best teaching techniques from our global partner schools. As part of this forward thinking we have linked up with our partner school Church down Village Infant School, Gloucester, UK and are conducting innovative language classes. Church down Village Infant School showed interests in teaching their

students basic Hindi while SAI International School teachers are looking for ways to improve our student's knowledge in English phonetics. In order to address both these Class will be taught via Skype on weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next academic School year 2013-2014. SAI is excited to be a part of such forward thinking classes that use modern technology. Virtual classes are now a thing of the present allowing teachers to carry out classes on opposite end of the world through the internet.



Visiting Faculty from UK in SAI



Mr. Ken Joshua, visiting faculty from UK has been supporting the School for the last two years, in training the teachers for professional development and enriching quality of teaching learning practice besides guiding teacher leaders to efficiently monitor and supervise the education practice move on effectively. He was joined by Mr. John Elliott, who guided the teachers and the ICT section in database maintenance and also developed software to help the Exam department keep records of Students in an up to date format. Mr. Elliott was a teacher of our partner School, Chosen Hill School, UK.

This is an extension of our Global School Partnership activities in which both Schools support each other in different curriculum related activities.

