

Visit to Kerala, India

The Summer Term saw the children of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School take part in two big fundraisers for their **Mini Vinnies** initiative; Pyjama Day and the Big Mile.

A significant proportion of the money raised from these two events was given to an Orphanage in Kerala, India. The Mini Vinnies chose to send the money to this particular Orphanage because one of our families (the Jophin family) were planning a visit nearby, in the Summer holidays and were therefore able to take the funds directly to a place in need.

Sr. Jinty contacted Mrs Harlow prior to the visit and along with communications via the Jophin family, the Mini Vinnies knew exactly what the Orphanage needed and how the money was going to be used.

The Orphanage cares for all ages from birth to 90 years old and so powdered milk, nappies and other essentials were desperately needed and therefore purchased with the money raised by our wonderful children and families. Jennifer wrote about her trip and Sr. Jinty sent a thank you letter following the visit. Both of which can be seen on our website on our Mini Vinnies Page.

Thank you to everyone for enabling our Mini Vinnies to lead the school in making a difference to our international community.

In the words of Pope Francis:

'Let us all remember that: He spreads you into the world as seeds that sprout on dry land, as a consolation balm for those who are hurt, as a fire of charity to warm up many hearts choked by abandonment and hardened because they are discarded.'

We will be continuing our local and international charity works this year.



