

SRI LANKA 2013 CALTHORPE PARK SCHOOL TEAM POST TRIP REFLECTIONS



Peter: I am still not used to the rubbish climate of the UK compared to really hot Sri Lanka. I am scared of their being some weird bug in my room like in Batticaloa! I really want to go back.



Ria: This trip was indescribable. It has really made clear to me how much of an impact charity work makes to the lives of others. I feel privileged to have seen and been part of that and also that I have the life I have. The impact that the school, lifestyle and children in Sri Lanka have made on my life is huge. I know I am a better person and will try to take what they taught me and use it every day. I will try to be good @ Maths so I can go (even with the Maths GCSE) and try and convince my mum to go again. I know I will be back.



Lucy: We've be-en to Sri Lanka!

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I still can't believe it!

We've made so many wonderful memories and wonderful friendships along the way

We have not just changed our lives but many others as well.

I just want to go back.

(I'm still tired) but I wouldn't have changed anything.



Jack: I am now in British time after having a couple of days where I would wake up at five in the morning. It was a surprise coming back as there is such a huge difference in the climates between the two places. Also, I am more appreciative of my possessions, and I can't believe the poverty the children there live in. Before going, I was anxious about how I would cope with the 3 a day curry. However I am really glad I went I wanted to stay the full 30 days of the visa.





Sameena: The first thing I thought when I came back was when can I go back? Every day I think back to the happy sunny days back in Sri Lanka with the happy children. Coming to school and living back in cold England I have realised how the trip has changed my perspective on life. I can't be more thankful to everyone who made it possible.


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Fiona: After this trip it made me think how lucky we all are. Looking forward I think it's going to make me more grateful about everything. I miss the children and the weather. As a group we are like a family now and we will always be friends. Thank you



Mr Taylor: National Anthem

Leg Shave

Cobras

Head Shoulders Knees and Toes

Sports Day and Equipment

Craving of Pringles (Fiona!!)

Circle time Finale!!



Niamh: We have now been home from Sri Lanka for just over a week. It was an amazing experience and I am glad I was able to have this opportunity.



Felix: Now that the trip has ended I feel that I look at things different way now. I have already started to save for next year.



Jake: I am so happy that I went on this amazing trip. I miss everyone including Cobra and God (obviously) Very excited for next year already.



Ryan: Since I've got back from Sri Lanka I have reflected on the trip greatly. It has made me realise how lucky I am to have such a supportive family. To have money to do the things I love to do. Basically I feel lucky to have the life I have. I want to thank every single person that was part of the trip, because it would not have been the same



Imogen: Been home for 8 days, I miss Sri Lanka a lot and all the people there. I really want to go back as I feel we needed longer in the schools. I made close bonds with the students at the school.



Maddy: I really enjoyed this trip because I have never experienced anything like this before. I have so many memories and it would not have been the same without the people who took part.



James: The trip was absolutely fantastic. I really enjoyed meeting all the children. Doing the charity work and exploring Sri Lanka. It was a great experience seeing the massive difference between different areas of Sri Lanka.



Our strength in our success was the team spirit amongst our group and the students sharing their experiences with their peers and their determination to make a difference and to re-visit Sri-Lanka next year will keep things positive as we start planning next year's trip!

I could not have done the trip without Tommy and Wendy who were very helpful during the trip and of course, to Dilanee and all the meetings we had in planning and preparing the trip and our wonderful tour guides and friends, Gihan (God) and Modusham (the Cobra) who we all miss very much already.

