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Greetings!

Foremarke picks a third Mala child to study in England

Foremarke Trust, the charitable arm of Foremarke Hall, the preparatory school for Repton, has offered another Mala child a chance to study in England for one year. The first boy who came was Jaivik, then Niraj followed him last year. These boys returned home to India as confident, mature English speaking young men. Foremarke were clearly pleased with these two as they have now offered a place to a third boy,

To select a child, the Foremarke Trust Trustee, James Archer, with his wife Catriona, visited India, where a group of boys were presented for him to interview. The selection process was very thorough and the boys were put through a number of tests to make sure the selected boy would be capable of making the most of this great opportunity.

Pradeep, one of the boys, was so keen to be chosen, that he prepared for the interview by spending time with Jaivik and Niraj to find out about Foremarke and life in England.

Pradeep is a very bright child and came top in most subjects. His father is a teaching assistant in a Government school. He also farms a small piece of land and owns a cow.

All being well, Pradeep will come to England to start in the September term.



Pradeep with his parents



The family cow which provides milk



Pradeep outside the school gates



Pradeep in English class

Spare a thought for the excitement, fear and apprehension as Pradeep contemplates living in England for a year. Before now the furthest he has travelled is Varanasi, a city 40 kilometres from his home.

He started learning English in Project Mala primary school just six years ago. Soon the only language he will hear is English. All his lessons will be in English. His text books and every sign will also be in what is to him a foreign language.

He will have to get used to English food and no more heavily spiced curries.

He will even have to learn how to use a western toilet that flushes.

Good luck and best wishes from us all Pradeep!



Twelve hopeful children during the selection process

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this newsletter, please pass it on.

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