

# THE Sylvia Wright TRUST

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 326139

## Supporting

Residential School for 220 profoundly deaf children  
Education & Therapy Centre for 100 severely disabled children  
Nursing College for 120 students

## Newsletter Christmas 2019

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*Sylvia with her 200 Staff, 300 children and 80 nursing students*

### *Dear Friends*

This last year has been a most unusual one for me as I had two accidental falls. The first resulted in a head injury, a month in a Bangkok hospital and two months of recovery in the UK. Another fall in September led to a full hip replacement. I am recovering well, back at work in India and walking with a slight limp. I wonder if God is trying to tell me something!

Apart from all that, our schools for the profoundly deaf and the mentally and physically challenged and the nurses' training college are thriving and continuing to give high quality care and much improved life chances.

On my return after the initial accident, it was very humbling to see the delight of the children and staff on my return and to realise the very real improvements we are able to make in their quality of life. It makes me glad to see their happiness!

May God bless you all for your continued love and support for those we serve. May He continue to bless us all and keep us in His care, wherever our paths may lead.

I wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy new year. *Sylvia*

### **New Hearing Aids**

All children new to the school for the deaf this year have been fitted with a high quality digital hearing aid. Every starter had a hearing test so that each device could be tuned to their individual hearing loss. The aids were kindly given by Hear The World, the charitable arm of manufacturers Phonak. The charity has also replaced all 170 hearing aids they gave to the children in the main school five years ago.



*New Hearing Aids for New Pupils*

### **Sylvia's Cows**

Sylvia is very fond of animals and for a long time has kept a small herd of cows at the school. Cows' milk provides an important source of protein in what is mostly a vegan diet. Sylvia had a family connection with farming and visits the cows each evening, often with some of the children. All take a keen interest in the cows' wellbeing. The milk is of higher quality than is locally the case but, in the absence of full pasteurisation, it is always boiled before use.



*Protein at Source!*

## Lee Morgan Visit



*A Warm Water Therapy Session*

Children in the day centre for those with disabilities were delighted to receive another visit by Lee Morgan from San Francisco. The centre houses a warm water pool, used for physical therapy to assist those with muscular or skeletal problems. The warmth and reduced gravity in the water minimises pain. Lee was the prime mover behind the building project and raised much of the funding needed. Suzanne Rose, a hydrotherapist from the UK, is also a regular and will be making her fifth visit in February to strengthen further the training of the staff in safety, sanitation and hydrotherapy.

## New classrooms for The Nursing College

The Nursing College is continuing to increase its intake towards a target of 120 students. An additional dormitory was added last year. Two more classrooms are under construction.



*Builders At Work: Indian Style!*

## Yoga on the School Curriculum

All the children in the school for the deaf now take part in regular yoga sessions run by a professional instructor. The exercises are very beneficial, both physically and mentally.



*Yoga for All*

## More sponsors needed

Most of the children in the school and a few of those in the day centre have sponsors. They are delighted to have a 'friend in the West'. We need sponsors for the remaining children. An update on the child is sent to the sponsor twice a year. Some sponsors like to respond. Details are available from Angela Clark (0113 2677660).



*Sponsors Needed*

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