



VICTORIA COLLEGE BELFAST
Cranmore Park, Belfast, BT9 6JA
Tel. (028) 90661506 Fax. (028) 9066898
Email: nmawhinney170@victoriacollege.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Bachpan Bonding Global School Partnership Program

Organised and Sponsored by
Shruti Foundation

In collaboration with
British Council and Belfast Education and Library Board (BELB)

Schools Participating:

Victoria College, Northern Ireland	Him Jyoti School, Dehradun India
Ashfield Girls' High School, Northern Ireland	Uma Rana Public School Sanghol, India

First meeting in India 09 Jan 2011 – 17 Jan 2011

Members of Victoria College attending;

Miss Michele McMackin (Staff)
Miss Deborah Hatton (Staff)
Miss Molly Elizabeth Gilmartin (Pupil)
Miss Dara Patricia Murphy (Pupil)
Miss Christina Sheila Larkin (Pupil)

Members of Ashfield Girls High School Attending:

Mrs Beverley Cripps (Staff)
Mrs Fiona Mullaney (Staff)
Miss Sarah Fullerton (pupil)
Miss Stephanie Orr (pupil).

General objectives:

- To empower pupils and staff in India through the sharing of good practice with a particular focus on ICT.
- Development of transferable skills.
- Enhancement of traditional educational, knowledge and cultural systems.
- Stimulate curiosity and awareness regarding global issues, encouraging contribution to decision making and reflection upon personal and cultural responsibilities.
- Use of a variety of research tools, technology and media to investigate, portray, evaluate and disseminate global skills and challenges.
- Enhanced awareness of resources and sharing and comparison of teaching and learning strategies.
- Familiarisation and exploration of ideas.
- Further establishment of curricular objectives and projects.
- Agreement of dates for agreed projects.
- Development of relationships on a personal and professional level to promote, progress and strengthen the partnership.

Curriculum objectives;

- Actively engage as many pupils and staff from the partner schools as possible to enrich their cultural awareness and curricular experiences.
- Active and equitable involvement and co-operation between all partners, each partner school will be actively involved bringing its specialisms and strengths to the joint project work.
- Enriched attitudes and dispositions.
- Development of personal thinking skills and capabilities.
- Enhanced understanding of other cultures and education systems.
- Shared teaching and learning strategies.
- Sharing of good practice.
- Development of the arts within the curriculum; the project "Music across the Map" will focus on the Arts- music, art, drama, the media and also make use of ICT where appropriate.
- Progression of cross curricular work.
- Improved understanding of global poverty and issues affecting others.

- Augmentation of the global element within the schools.
- Contribution to the Learning for Life and Work programme.
- Strengthen the global outlook of pupils, staff and the local community.
- Reflection upon global issues on a local, national and global level.
- Discovery, understanding and development of global comprehension.
- Exploration of cultural similarities and differences.
- Building on the Connected Learning Day which has already taken place, cross curricular work will be further developed.

The global element of our interdependent world will be highlighted within all the partner schools.

Specific objectives for the January visit:

The girls at Himjyoti use the Samvedna website (<http://samvedna.wikidot.com/>) to collaborate with kids in other schools. This website, and the wiki technology behind it, can be used very effectively for inter-school collaborative projects - by utilizing the following technology features such as collaborative wiki pages and forums. This platform could be used for collaborative projects between Victoria College and Himjyoti school.

Kojo (<http://www.kogics.net/sf:kojo>) is an ICT based Learning Environment developed by a volunteer teacher at Himjyoti. It has many different features that help with the learning and teaching of concepts in the areas of: Computer Programming and Critical Thinking, Maths, Science, Art, Creative Thinking and Computer and Internet Literacy all of which may be compared and shared between the partner schools.

The girls at Himjyoti are currently working on four different projects with Kojo:

- An investigation of the relationship between the perimeter and area of rectangular figures (class 6).
- An investigation of the angle sum property of triangles (class 7).
- A study of the congruence of triangles (class 7).
- An investigation of Newton's laws of motion (class 11).

The projects involve:

- Internet research to identify practical uses of mathematical concepts.
- Authoring of content using HTML.
- Creating animations and user interactivity using computer programming.

Ashfield Girls and Victoria College will bring material related to these topics to share with the staff and pupils at Himjyoti and Uma Rana Public School. Staff from Victoria College and Ashfield will present to staff at Himjyoti and Uma Rana School on the following:

- Designing a Lesson Plan
- Teaching methods used by your teachers
- Methods of student evaluation and feedback.
- Learning support

Evidence of support for the project:

Victoria College Belfast
Cranmore Park
Belfast BT96JA
Northern Ireland

22 October 2010

To whom it may concern

I write to endorse the College's proposed participation in the Shruti Foundation's Bachpan Bonding - Global Partnership Project in collaboration with British Council's Global Partnership project. As a school which has had the International School Award recently renewed we are committed to developing our pupils' understanding of global issues and wish to afford them every opportunity to develop cultural understanding through curriculum based projects with pupils in schools in other countries.

This entire project has been organised by Shruti Foundation for international exchange between our students and teachers who have been offered the opportunity to visit the school in January sponsored by the Shruti Foundation for the Bachpan Bonding Global Project. This pupil will work in partnership with the pupils of the Him Jyoti School to prepare a presentation and performance at the World education Congress in Delhi on 15th January 2011.

I am particularly pleased that we will have the opportunity to work directly with the Him Jyoti School in Dehradun, the Uma Rana Public School in Sanghol and with Ashfield Girls' School in Belfast. There has already been considerable constructive communication between the schools with the International Coordinators in each institution sharing ideas and reaching agreement on interesting curricular projects as we move forward.

We are very much looking forward to a member of our staff visiting Him Jyoti School in January so that initial discussions about potential joint curricular projects may be further developed. We anticipate an agreed programme will ensue which will involve our entire school community through projects based on cultural diversity, sustainable development, global conflict and solutions for peace.

The two schools in Belfast anticipate a very productive working relationship with the schools in Dehradun (Uttarakhand) and in Saghol (Punjab), and are certain that the collaborative work begun under the auspices of the Bachpan Bonding Global Partnership could be sustained into the future by both schools.

Yours sincerely



Head Teachers' Declaration

"I, the undersigned, certify that the information contained above is correct to the best of my knowledge and that my school supports the aims and activities outlined. I certify that my partner school has seen and is committed to the project as outlined in this application."

Signature:



Date: 17/11/10

Patricia Slevin (Ms)
Headmistress
Victoria College Belfast