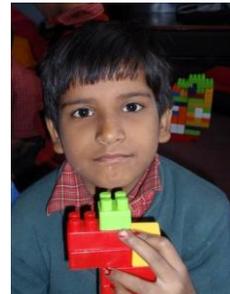


Exam time

When I was fit enough to work again the preparations were well underway for the class exams. Most of the last two weeks has been taken up with these preparations, the exams themselves and correcting work. I was only able to work with children from Nursery C and D, and part of the Upper Kindergarten class on two days.



The Ashray Social Centre

Conny van Staalén from the Benares Schoolfund Foundation in Holland (www.benaresschool.nl) asked if she could come one morning to Little Stars School and observe one of my classes. She came on Thursday 2nd and afterwards she was keen that I should come to the Ashray Social Centre in order to work with the children and teachers there. At the Ashray they provide a small health clinic and a school for poor local families. I was able to go there the next day; the Little Stars children had two days off at the end of their exams. I took play material with me and worked with the Lower and Upper Kindergarten children. They listened very well and I was pleased to see how much they enjoyed the sessions. I have an appointment to go back on Tuesday to look at what material they have and give advice on how to use it. For example, Conny told me that they have Mini Loco from Holland, but the teachers don't know what to do with it.



Storage

A cupboard has been purchased for the material that I bought earlier, and I have labelled and organised the games and puzzles.



Other material that was already at school but not in use has also found a place in this cupboard. Now that there is a cupboard dedicated to 'learning through play' I hope that the teachers will make good use of both the existing and the new material.



I bought a rack, which I have used to display/store the Cool! English at School flash cards. There is an index of all the topics covered and the related cards.

Tutoring

I have been working with one of the hostel girls who has a low IQ. We played some language games and made some puzzles. The class 10 girl who I had been coaching was unfortunately unable to take any of her exams because of family problems. We have however resumed our sessions and she is working towards her next exams.

Jeevan School Training

Due to the exams we were unable to take part in the last two training sessions. We plan to be present at the training on Saturday 11th, my last Saturday in India. Kati has asked me to prepare a TPR type activity and I have chosen 'We're going on a bear hunt'.

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