

Welham Boys Service Project, Deoli

On 1st and 2nd February 2023, a Round Square IDEALS based Social Service Project themed 'One Sky, One Humanity and One World' was organised by Welham Boys School at Deoli, Rajasthan. 6 students of grade VIII & IX: Disha Gupta, Prapati Singhania, Pranjali, Aarohi Jain, Pahulpreet Kaur and Priyani Bansal attended the event. It was to introduce young adults from public schools to understand, make a difference through community engagement and develop a deeper understanding of rural culture through service. The stay of all the delegates was in Bharatpur, Rajasthan. It was a seven hour journey from Hisar to Bharatpur. A Rajasthani Puppet show was displayed in the evening of the arrival of schools. This was followed by a briefing about the project and an ice breaking session. The next day early morning we left for Keoladeo Ghana National Park where students saw birds such as Brown headed Gull, Purple Heron, Mallard etc. in the artificial wetlands of the National Park. Students identified the birds in the guide book provided by the school. After returning back we left for Mohini Read India Centre, Deoli. On the first day students were divided into four groups. Each group was given one of the following tasks: Construction of Toilet for rural women, Wall Painting at the Mohini Read India Centre, Stool weaving, Cleaning the village stretch of polythene and non-degradable material. Later, some students from each group went for tree plantation in the village. Students relished the traditional Dal Bati Churma Ladoo for lunch which was arranged by one of the village headmen. The work done by the students was appreciated by Bharatpur District Collector Mr. Alok Ranjan. Bonfire was arranged for the students after they returned back to the hotel in the evening. Students from all the participating schools interacted. The activities for the second day of the Project was also arranged in the Mohini Read India Centre, Deoli. A Community Meet & Educational workshop was organised by the Barefoot College International (BCI), Harmara, Rajasthan. Students were divided into two groups one was trained in making solar lamps while the other group was trained in making reusable sanitary pads for rural women. Making solar lamps involved soldering, joining circuits etc. students enjoyed doing it on their own. In the training program the students were joined by people from the village. Student delegates presented Nukkad Natak for the rural people and village school students performed a dance for the visitors. This was followed by Group Photograph and distribution of Certificates. The students completed their solar lamps after which we left for the hotel. All the delegates left for their schools the following morning. Students experienced the food and culture of Rajasthan, and became aware about Migratory birds. The main motto behind community service was to develop an attitude of gratitude. It was a great learning experience in such a short duration.



