

## *Our Visit to Kamshet- Week 2*

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'Save the girl child' we all must have heard this phrase in our lives. Such girl empowerment slogans spread over a vast number of topics – female feticide, child marriage etc. However saving the girl child not only means saving her life but also her independence. The idea is to make her so strong that she does not have to depend on anyone for her basic necessities. This can be achieved by educating every girl child.

The Leela Poonawalla Foundation is one such foundation which promotes and supports education for girls. They provide educational scholarships to academically outstanding and financially deserving girls. I along with four other students from my school got the unique opportunity to intern at this foundation and teach English and math to some of these girls also known as Leela Jrs.

It was week two - day one, we started from school at 9:45 am. Travelling by road, we reached the school at which we were going to teach by 11am. The name of the school was Golden Glades Middle School and was situated in Kamshet. We started off with a small energizing game. After the game was completed the Leela Jrs split into their respective groups and the learning began.

I had a group of five extraordinary girls who were terrifically smart and grasped most of the concepts very quickly. Starting with English I did a revision of all the topics they had learnt previously. Once the revision was done a new topic was taught to them that was pronouns. They understood pronouns very quickly. They could answer all the questions I asked and could solve the worksheets too. They also wrote a few notes. They then took a five minutes break. After the break we started off with math. Once again a revision of everything they had learnt previously was done. The new topic that was taught to them was fractions. They grasped this concept very fast and understood everything very clearly. They also learned the various types of fractions. They could answer all my questions I asked very efficiently and could also solve the worksheets I gave them. We had two hours to teach and once the time was up we took off in our car.

It was day two and we started off around the same time and also reached around the same time. Once again an energizing game was played before the Leela Jrs split into their groups. In English only a revision of everything they had learned so far was done, nothing new was taught. We showed them a video and a ppt on nouns and pronouns. After the break math was taught. Addition and subtraction of fractions with the same denominators was taught to them. They understood this concept too very clearly. We had a few minutes left in which my and group talked about their lives and dreams. As soon as the time was over we left for Pune.

It was an amazing experience. Along with the Leela Jrs I learnt a lot too.

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