

YOUTH STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAMME TO

FRANCE & SRI LANKA

A group of 8 students along with two faculty members went on an educational trip to France from **23rd May to 2nd June 2013**.

It was a fun filled, enriching experience as the students had a wonderful time exchanging views and cultural diversities of both the countries. The study exchange programme provided the students an opportunity of staying with local French families, thereby, familiarizing themselves with their way of living and traditions. They visited various land marks like Disney Land, Eiffel Tower etc. During the return journey they stayed at Colombo (Sri Lanka) and had a hilarious time at the beach. The group was accompanied by Team Leader **Mrs. Pooja Malhotra** and **Mrs. Anju Rishi Raj** from the school and **Mrs. Preeti Bhutani**, President, Prayatna Educational Society.

The names of Group Members are as follows:

1. Mayank Sehrawat X- A
2. Kunal Chugh X-A
3. Chirag Mehta IX - A
4. Pulkit Sharma IX - A
5. Anmol Dureja VIII - B
6. Pranjali Garg VIII - B
7. Ishika Rawat VIII - C

8. Kushaan Mendiratta VII - C



It's a small world

A cultural and linguistic exchange to France was organized by Prayatna Educational Society for the students of Adarsh Public School and Language Temple.

A group of 15 students from Adarsh Public School, Vikas Puri and language Temple, accompanied by three teachers travelled to France for a cultural and linguistic exchange for 10 days.

The students went to Paris and Rouen and attended a short duration French language course in Alliance Française de Rouen.



Discovering Paris

The trip began with discovering Paris and its monumental beauty. The visit to Louvre, standing face to face with the world's most famous painting Mona Lisa left the students spellbound.



Mounting the height of 320m to reach the top of the Eiffel Tower left them mesmerized. The beautiful view of Paris from the top imprinted an everlasting impact.

The visit of Disney Land was full of fun and frolic. The breathtaking rides gave the 360 degree view of the world. On meeting the Disney characters, even the adolescents turned to little kids dying to be clicked with them.



The true journey begins

The true experience begins here. On arrival in Rouen, the students were taken away by their host parents. With fear for a strange family and a difficult language barrier to break, the students moved on to their families with a smile on their faces.



Study time

The students attended French classes every afternoon at Alliance Française de Rouen and participated in several other activities during the morning hours.



At the school

Our students were taken to a secondary school in Rouen where they interacted with the French students. The interactive session opened up their minds to a different system of education. They made many new friends and left with a promise to continue to be in touch.



Where meeting of heart makes up for everything

At the host family, linguistic and cultural barriers were broken away by the meeting of hearts. The host families did their best to make the students happy, contended and helped them make the most out of their stay. Once again the host families and our students proved that love has no language and the world which appears strange at first sight is in reality no different from our own world.

Time for recognition

Students' efforts were recognized by the Alliance Française de Rouen and by Prayatna Educational Society. The certification ceremony took place at the premises of Alliance Française in the presence of all the teachers and host Families. The students received certificates from Mr. Dominique Waag, Director Alliance Française de Rouen and Mrs. Preeti Bhutani, President; Prayatna Educational Society.



Bidding Farewell

The last day was touching and emotional. The students entertained their host families with traditional Indian dance forms and songs. The host families equally participated in the dance mania. The students and the host families danced to the same tune and proved that music too is universal. One need not understand the words to enjoy the song.



The students finally left for the airport with tears in their eyes and everlasting beautiful impressions in their heart. The journey does not end here, the true journey begins now...