

Updates from India

Happy Diwali!



Diwali (called 'Deepawali' in Tamil Nadu) celebrates good overcoming evil. People light candles in decorated clay pots and fireworks. They clean their houses and eat mainly vegetarian food, eggs and 'mithai' which is a sweet snack with nuts and dry fruits made at home. They also wear their finest clothes.

Diwali takes place on the new moon and the date varies from year to year. This year it was the 12th of November.

Our students wanted to share their Diwali celebrations with their sponsors so they sent us the photos you see here. Diwali is particularly popular with students as it also celebrates the victory of wisdom and knowledge over ignorance.





An Afternoon with Indian Futures

Indian Futures had a brilliant turn out to the afternoon fundraising event held at Manor Road Gym this month.



Attendees had loads of fun hearing Alanna's spoken word, learning about sarees with Poppy Jaman and how to dance like a Bollywood star with Kate Adams.

Special thanks to Sue and Cheryl for their generous donations!

Warm Welcome to Gus



Indian Futures is delighted to welcome Gus Watcham, local artist and writer, to the team!

“Anna asked me to edit a video documenting ‘Memories of an Indian Future’, the charity’s photography show for Brighton Festival 2023.

I felt fortunate (as well as a little daunted) to be trusted with this task - it being my first commissioned video project. However, this wonderfully talented team are so supportive and the experience has been very positive for me.

I'm delighted to say we're now working together again, on a short film about IF's special friendship with Manor Road Gym.

I'm loving this process of collaboration and discovery.”

The video on ‘Memories of an Indian Future’ can be found on our Youtube channel under the email signature.

