

THE BATEMANS TRUST



Schools' Pack

Supporting disadvantaged children in Chennai, South India



KEY STAGES 1 + 2

- Encourage global citizenship skills with our '£10 challenge' fundraising ideas
- Share cultural links through an interactive relationship
- Day in the life 'video diary' of an Indian School Child



Our guided reading pack including six books and puppets for £25!





WELCOME!

Welcome to The Batemans Trust and our first Schools' Pack. We have worked with teachers and educational consultants to produce a pack which aims to help teach valuable concepts, tie in with curriculum themes and create fun for everyone involved.

In the UK we often take education for granted. Our children enjoy some of the best schooling in the world and we expect them to go to school and learn the skills they need to work and earn a living. Contrast this with India, where only one-third of all children over six years are in full-time

education*. Many children from poor backgrounds work or help their families instead of going to school. These children desperately wish they could go to school and get the education they need to change their lives.

The Batemans Trust is a UK-based charity committed to providing education, accommodation and welfare to disadvantaged children in Chennai, South India. India has a rapidly growing economy, but the divide between the poor and rich is widening. By providing a high quality education to disadvantaged children, we equip them for a life in modern India and help them, and their families, to escape the cycle of

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poverty. As part of our fundraising programme, we have designed this pack to help teachers discuss the need for quality education in countries like India, and to give schools the opportunity to raise funds to support the work we do.



"Give your children the opportunity to interact with school children in India, the chance to really engage in the issues and create powerful and lasting memories"



WHO IS THIS PACK FOR?

This pack is suitable for teachers and youth leaders teaching girls and boys aged: 5 – 11, key stages 1 & 2 (or as appropriate to child's development)

CURRICULUM LINKS:

- Geography
- Religious Education
- Design
- Maths
- English
- Citizenship

WHY SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED?

Besides helping disadvantaged children to access education, your school and children can benefit greatly from the concepts and activities included in this pack.

For your students:

- A chance to send emails and exchange pictures with school children in India (teacher supervised).
- Understanding the value of the education they receive in the UK.
- Creating an awareness of the conditions experienced by children in another country.

"Where possible, a trustee of the Batemans Trust will come and talk to a school/class about the charity, the work we do and why it is important"

- Understanding the importance and value of education, particularly for disadvantaged children.
- Awareness of humanitarian issues: charity, gender equality, equal opportunities, racial and religious discrimination.
- Fun and engaging fundraising ideas.

For your school:

- A guest speaker to present the charity, the work we do and the background to the problems we tackle in South India (where available, depending on location).
- Opportunity for an ongoing relationship with a school in South India.
- Fundraising ideas that tie in with new curriculum themes.
- A set of guided reading books and teaching notes.
- Opportunity to enhance a school ethos of charitable giving and helping others.
- Great PR opportunities for the school.

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3 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1) SPONSOR A CHILD OR CLASS

There are three main ways you can help The Batemans Trust. Whether you plan a one-off fundraising day, a fundraising campaign tying in with curriculum themes or you sponsor a child in India, every penny you raise will make a real difference to the lives of children who otherwise would not be able to go to school.

1) SPONSOR A CHILD

2) PLAN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

3) BUY OUR BOOK

Sponsoring a child is a great way for a class or school to work together for a good cause. The money can be raised by fundraising activities and/or by parents. It also provides a focal point and common thread for curriculum themes, in particular religious education, design and technology, geography and citizenship.

Your school or class can choose to sponsor one or more children. £150 per year will pay for a Batemans child to attend school and help towards their accommodation, food and healthcare. Your school or class will receive written letters and/or emails from the sponsored child(ren) updating them on their life and explaining how their contribution is helping them through school.

- Your school/class will be matched to a child(ren) of a similar age to

your school children.

- Your school will receive photos, letters and emails from the child to share with their students.
- A guest speaker (usually a Batemans Trustee) can visit the school to talk about the charity and our work to parents and/or children.
- There is no obligation to continue the sponsorship for any length of time. However, it is helpful for both school and sponsored child if a relationship can be established and maintained for at least a year.

Get started today:

This pack includes fundraising ideas and factsheets that can be used in the classroom to accompany sponsorship. For more information, or to arrange sponsorship, please speak to Emma Sagar: emma@batemans.org.uk or call 07740 379162.



3 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

2) RAISE MONEY FOR BATEMANS

Fundraising for charity is fun, brings people together and makes everyone feel good. It can also be educational and form part of an exciting lesson. There are loads of ways you can raise money for Batemans. Here are some ideas to get your school started:

ACTIVITY 1: £10 CHALLENGE

How it works?

Give a class £10 and challenge them to use this to raise more money. For example, by buying: ingredients to make cakes to sell at school; materials to make bracelets to sell at school; or equipment for an event such as a party or performance they can sell tickets to. The profit from one event can be rolled forward into another so the children can see the £10 grow and grow.



CURRICULUM LINKS:

- **Maths** – solving problems in context including measuring and scaling
- **Design and Technology** – opportunity to engage in process of designing and making in a range of contexts, such as cakes and biscuits
- **Art and design** – use a variety of materials to design and make products e.g craft items for sale
- **English** – write information sheets based on this activity.

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2) RAISE MONEY FOR BATEMANS

"Organise a writing or art competition with the theme 'Living and learning in India'"



CURRICULUM LINKS:

- **Art** – develop a range of art and design techniques to paint a picture using the theme 'children in India who can't go to school'.
- **English** – write a story or newspaper article based on the theme of 'living and learning in India'.
- **Religious Education** – explore Indian culture and religions – clothes and symbolic jewellery worn.
- **Citizenship** – discuss the importance of going to school.

ACTIVITY 2: COMPETITION

Ideas you can try...

Organise a writing or art competition with the theme 'Living and learning in India'. Children can pay £1 to enter, with a prize going to the winner. Why not use our 'Priya goes to school' storybook as inspiration for the story or picture? Indian culture has lots of brightly coloured clothes, jewellery, food and decorations to use in the pictures or story.

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2) RAISE MONEY FOR BATEMANS



"There are loads of ways to raise money: try sponsored sport challenges, dress-up days or why not sell tickets to a school talent-show?"



ACTIVITY 3: TO GIVE UP SOMETHING IMPORTANT

Ideas you can try...

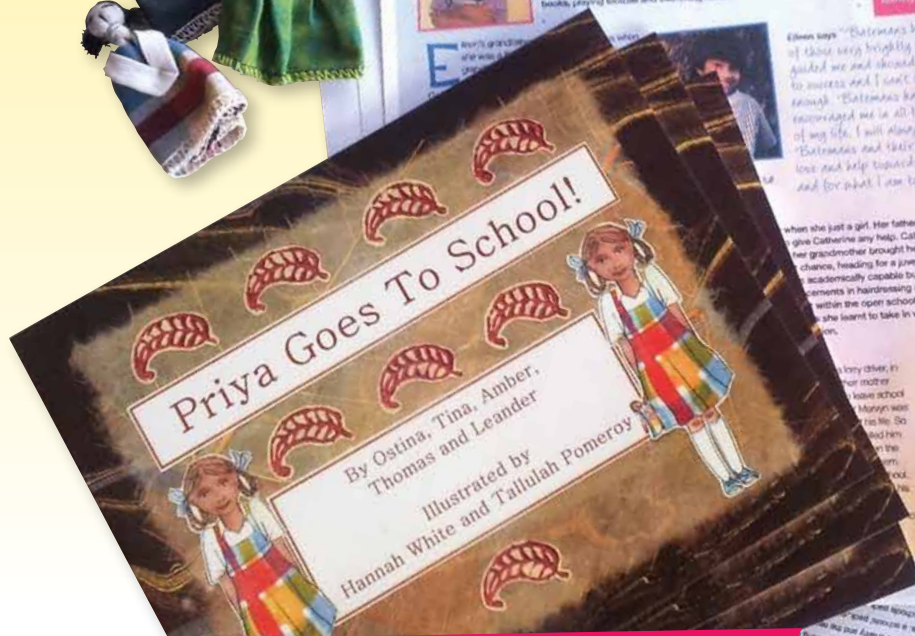
Using the theme of children living without ready access to food, water and education, ask children to give up something that's important to them for a day or even a week. TV, chocolate and buying magazines are all things they could be sponsored to go without (remind them, though, that they can't give up school!). Alternatively, they could donate the money they save from giving something up, such as the cost of a magazine or sweets.

Or try these other fundraising activities:

Non-uniform day, dress-up day, sponsored walk/bike ride, sell tickets to a school play/party/talent show.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

- **Maths** – solving problems in context, including measuring and scaling.
- **Religious Education** – foods avoided by different religions.
- **Computing** – create a sponsorship form.
- **Citizenship** – discuss how we can help others and/or how people differ (culture/religion)
- **Geography** – conditions that people around the world live in and how these differ from life in the UK – lack of food, clean water etc.



Guided Reading Set
- including 6 books,
guided reading notes, a
dvd of a day in the life of a
Batemans school child,
and a set of 3 Tsunamica
finger puppets

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3) BUY OUR BOOK - PRIYA GOES TO SCHOOL

This wonderful picture book was co-written by children at the Batemans Open School and offers a real insight into how their lives have been transformed by the work of the Trust. Each full-colour copy comes with three tsunamica finger puppets, made by women living in villages devastated by the 2004 tsunami.

FOR SCHOOLS:

We've produced a guided reading set including six copies of the book, guided reading notes, geography fact sheet and a set of three tsunamica finger puppets. It's an ideal tool for introducing some of the curriculum themes we've mentioned and can be used with our factsheet about education included in this pack. Each pack costs £25.

DISCOUNT FOR SCHOOLS

Buy 10 books or more for
£5 each instead of £7.50

Guided reading set only
£25 including 6 copies of
our book and a tsunamica
puppet set

AT HOME:

Why not ask parents if they'd like to buy a copy for their children? We've included a flyer about our book (page 10) that can be copied and sent out to parents. Schools can collate orders to receive a discount on bulk orders. Simply order 10 or more books at £5.00 each, instead of £7.50 (including postage and packaging).

HOW TO ORDER:

Please send your orders with a cheque to: The Batemans Trust (PRIYA), Stocks Lane Farm, Steventon, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX13 6SS, or visit our website www.batemans.org.uk



TEACHERS EDUCATION SHEET: EDUCATION IN INDIA

EDUCATIONAL PROVISION

The Batemans Trust operates in Chennai (formerly Madras), in the state of Tamil Nadu, South India. Although on the surface, there is provision for education in the form of state schools, the reality is there are not enough of these schools and the standard is not high enough to encourage families to send their children. There is a high drop-out rate from state schools and many teachers are unqualified or absent from classes – reportedly 21% teacher absence on any one day in schools in Tamil Nadu (All India Primary Teachers' Federation 2008). In India only 33.6% of all children over 6yrs are in full time education: 46.9% of these are in private education and 27.4% at government schools.

In rural Tamil Nadu 27% of school children are in private schools and

this figure is likely to be higher as there isn't a complete list of schools and many low-cost private schools are not recorded. Even slum children pay for school where they can, as it offers the greatest opportunities. For the age group 6 to 14 across India, there has been a steady increase in private school enrollment, from 18.7% in 2006 to 29% in 2013.

Private schools are generally preferred as they teach the curriculum in English – this is in demand as it's essential for working in the boom sectors of retail, leisure, IT and telecoms. English is also the single unifying language in India. The Batemans Trust looks after many children from the minority Anglo Indian community, and migrant workers from other states in India, their first or only common language being English.

WHY DO SOME CHILDREN NOT GO TO SCHOOL?

Some cannot afford to go to school, having to work to keep themselves and their families. For others the distance or transport is prohibitive. Some children have been forced to leave the state school system because they can't keep up with lessons either owing to learning difficulties or because of an unstable home life. In rural India, there are also fewer schools for children to attend. Girls are less likely to go to school, as traditionally a girl's education is of less value and some schools do not have private facilities or chaperoned transportation. Many stay at home to help with the family. Educating girls is a priority for The Batemans Trust; educated girls are less vulnerable, they marry at a more appropriate age, and have fewer children and more economic options.

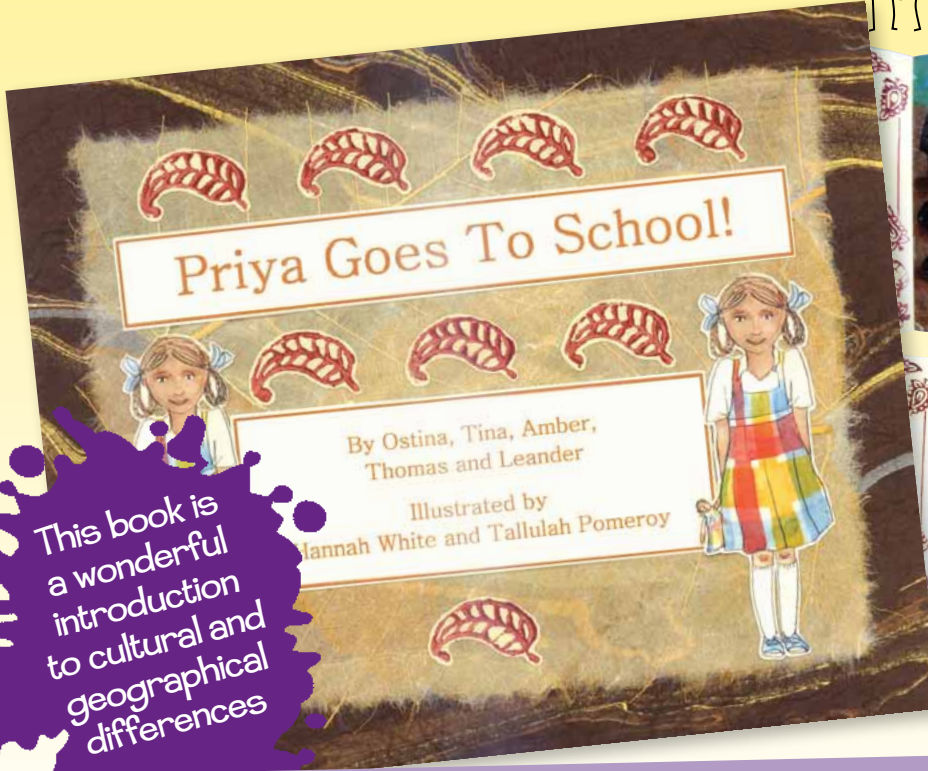
CHARITIES PROVIDING EDUCATION

The Indian government is trying to build more schools and ensure all children attend, but it will take a long time to build enough schools and make the socio-economic progress needed. Many charities run schools to help bridge the gaps in education. They also help those children without anywhere to live and without access to healthcare and nutrition. The Batemans Trust is a charity working in Chennai. We provide a free open school for children with special educational requirements; we pay for children to go to local schools and higher education colleges; and we provide accommodation, food and healthcare for orphans and children from unstable backgrounds. We rely solely on donations to cover our running costs.

• To find out more go to
www.batemans.org.uk



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This book is a wonderful introduction to cultural and geographical differences

OUR SCHOOL IS SUPPORTING THE BATEMANS TRUST!

To help raise funds for The Batemans Trust, a UK based charity helping disadvantaged children in Chennai, South India, we are inviting parents to purchase a copy of this beautifully illustrated book, published by Batemans. This wonderful picture book was written by children at the Batemans Open School and offers a real insight into how their lives have been transformed by the work of the Trust. Each full-colour copy comes with three Tsunamica finger puppets, made by women living in villages devastated by the 2004 tsunami.

CLASS NAME

PUPIL NAME

I would like to buy a copy of 'Priya goes to school' and enclose a cheque for £5.00
(made payable to: The Batemans Trust)

DISCOUNT PRICE TO PARENTS: £5 INSTEAD OF £7.50*

PARENT SIGNATURE

PARENT NAME

Please return to school.

* Our school needs to order 10 or more copies to qualify for this discount.



ABOUT US

What is The Batemans Trust and what do we do?

The Batemans Trust is a small UK charity supporting the most disadvantaged children and young people in Chennai. By providing safe accommodation, food, healthcare, education and vocational training, we give these children the power to change their lives and the lives of the people around them.

“We help disadvantaged children by identifying their individual needs, both educational and emotional, and create personalised learning paths for each child in our care. In this way we enable every child to reach their academic, social and emotional potential” – Kaushi Silva, International Educational Consultant, former headteacher of three primary schools and Batemans’ trustee.

We help around 120 children a year from the most deprived backgrounds through our Open School, hostels and support of

children at local schools. We are also finalising plans for a new boarding school outside of Chennai to include a teacher training facility and ‘roaming educational provision’. This will help more than 350 children and young people in South India each year.

EDUCATION

Our Batemans Open School helps those children who struggle in mainstream education, supporting them through necessary exams into higher education or vocational training. We pay for the salaries and continued professional

development of our highly-motivated local teachers. For those children at local schools, the Trust provides school fees, school uniforms and text books. We also provide skills training in tailoring and computing.

HEALTH

We are committed to providing a nutritional diet, a constant supply of clean water, nursing care, regular dental check-ups and improved sanitation facilities for all children in our care.

HOSTELS

We aim to make our hostels a real home-from-home, where our children and young people can feel safe and secure and learn to live as part of a caring community. The Trust pays for rent and well-trained, committed staff to run the hostels.

QUALITY OF LIFE

We make a huge difference towards the quality of life of our children. The trust offers a wide range of extracurricular activities, computer facilities, new clothes at Christmas, annual outings, sporting equipment and props and sets for drama and musical productions.

OUR CREDENTIALS:

Our trustees are people who not only care about the work we do but are experts in relevant areas. All have spent considerable lengths of time in Chennai working for the charity and include:

- **Alex Jacob** Founder of The Batemans Trust and UK primary school teacher
- **Kaushi Silva** International Educational Consultant, former headteacher

- **Anne Desir** Teacher
- **Mike Sewell** Publisher
- **Paul Crosby** Architect
- **Ben Arora** Educational entrepreneur
- **Sophie Bessemer** Educational marketing consultant

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THANK YOU!

WE HOPE YOU HAVE FOUND THIS
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or call: 07740 379 162.

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any feedback on this pack, please email
mail@batemans.org.uk

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