

### India News

#### School's Out for Summer!



In Vedanthangal, the school's are now closed for Summer Holidays. The children had their annual end of year celebrations which included farewell speeches, performances and dances to celebrate the start of their holidays. Schools will re-open in June.

#### Upskilling Through Sewing



In rural India, it is difficult for women to gain work due to the limited access to education and skills. In order to address these, 15 women participated in a 22-day course in which a tutor came to Vedanthangal to teach them basic sewing skills. They started with hand-stitching techniques and were then shown how to use a sewing machine. At the end of the course, they are able to send their certificate to a government scheme which sends them a free sewing machine. This initiative gives them the freedom to earn money from home by stitching clothes, children's uniforms and alterations, and provides them with better opportunities for their families, as well as promoting women's empowerment.

### Brighton Festival Stall

The team had a stall outside Jules Emporium for two Saturdays, as part of Brighton Festival, to sell items from the Tailoring Project and speak about the work of Indian Futures. The yearly May arts festival is a hub of creativity, with events spilling into streets, parks, and beach. The Children's Parade lined the streets and saw a fiesta of colour, costume and live music, and gives school children a chance to focus on what they want to change, cherish, and discard to create a better world. The stall raised £294!



### Triangle of Freedom Project Update

An update from our ongoing school collaboration in which children in the UK, Iran, and India are invited to freehand draw, then their artwork is transferred onto ceramic tiles, and showcased in exhibitions - This month, we held a workshop with Year 2 children at Hove Junior School. The first exhibition will take place during the school's Summer Fete on Saturday 5th July. Proceeds from the tile sales will support our projects in India.



## Spain News



### Festa del Badiu

Indian Futures' sister charity Projecte Laia had a stall at Festa del Badiu in Badalona. The yearly event has a weekend of performances, outdoor dining for local residents to eat together and a Sunday market. Roger's stall was selling items from the Tailoring Project, as well as Pep Àvila's visual storytelling photography books.

