

CONNECTED TEACHERS



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The Newsletter of School Connect
A Christian charity linking schools in Kent and Uganda

What a busy few months it has been since our last newsletter. School Connect has worked with Kingsmead Primary School at their "One World Day", has run Planning meetings at Selling CEP, and has been in discussion with Kent Scouts about working with them on their next big International Jamboree in 2013.

Just as exciting as all of that is the expedition that went out to Uganda over the Easter holidays. Loads of your partner schools were visited and if you sent work in to us for your partner school then it was taken personally to the school by the team. So a massive thanks to Churchill, Swalecliffe, Kingsmead, Shears Green and Hampton. Your schools were hugely appreciative of your gifts and super, super keen to find out about how all of you are getting on too. Sally has written about the trip for this newsletter so read on for more details of her visits.

On the website you will also be able to see the first copy of our sister publication/newsletter, "Pre-School Connect".

Heather Ratcliffe heads up our work in pre-schools and Foundation stage classes so if you would like her to come and work with the youngest members of your school then contact us on the usual email address and we will put you in touch with her. The newsletter will give you a good idea of the sort of activities Heather gets up to for School Connect!

Matt Anderson

Sports and Games

Next term's theme is all about sports, games and being healthy. Remember that the "Isaac's Day" DVD has loads of ideas and resources to use to support this theme. If you do not have one, give Matt a call and put in an order!



Easter School Visits.

Quick Updates

Now that the team is back from Uganda (safe and sound), we are putting an update together so that you will be able to see some of the new resources that we have for you to use in your classrooms. Once these have been photographed they will appear online but to wet your appetite we have.....

- Some more toys and games including a new handmade football
- A rag doll
- Some packaging from well known Ugandan products
- A traditional skirt which is worn during celebration dances
- Some toilet paper (extra rough)

The next Co-Coordinator's meeting will be held on

9th June
Kingsmead School
4:45-5:45 pm

This is to replace the previously cancelled meeting and will allow us to give you a little feedback on the last trip and also talk about themes for next year and the work which you have been doing in your classrooms.

We have also acquired a set of Ugandan Newspapers and magazines which we will be using to put together a new "literacy lessons" pack as well.

Finally, please remember to bring in your school descriptions (or email them to me) to this meeting, so that we can continue to develop the website.

Sally writes... Over Easter visits were made to some of our link schools in Uganda. Old friendships were renewed and new relationships built.

Agirigiroi school was really pleased to see "old friends" again and we spent a lot of time discussing the building of new houses for teachers and thinking of ways that Hampton could help to repair their rain water collection systems.

Cheele were excited to receive their new multi-link cubes and Samuel is going to put them to work next term in a new scheme of work. They were also really grateful for the hundreds of pencils that were sent by Julie at Churchill School. The staff asked after you Julie and wish to see you soon.

Abule asked the team to speak to the whole school about what School Connect is doing and planning for the future. All the teachers and pupils thank Whitfield and Aspen for their love and support.

Katine have purchased three heifers using funds raised by Byron School, naming them Sally(!), Byron and Ali Beale. They are looking forward to their first milk in October. They send a huge "Thanks" to everyone at Byron for their love and concern.

Kirugaluga School is really excited about their new link. They asked for lots of photos to be taken to show off their school, extensive gardens and new hostel building to Swalecliffe. We will pass those on.

Now the challenge is for Swalecliffe to produce some great photos of their school to send out to Uganda.



Uganda, Easter 2011



Kirugaluga is looking forward to hearing from its new link school, Swalecliffe.



Have you had your school photo taken yet? Why not send a copy to your link school?

Kiswa Children's Community Centre finally gets running water.

Imagine going to school and not being able to wash your hands after going to the loo. Imagine not being able to use a flushing loo at all! After a lot of fundraising and messing around with pipes and local politics, Kiswa finally has a source of clean, fresh water that does not have to be carried into school each day! Hopefully this will keep the children and staff at Kiswa healthier and save a lot of time for teaching and learning rather than having to carry water.



Kiswa Children's Community Centre finally sees onsite running water thanks to a project funded by Canterbury Baptist Church Members and Whitstable Rotary Club.

In touch...

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