



EBO TOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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CHILDREN SETTLED AND HAPPY

Firstly may I apologise for being 2 months overdue with this newsletter. Time flies by so quickly, and I have neglected to keep in touch with you the sponsor/supporter. Sorry. In December a team of volunteers embarked on a journey to the school and community, and we had a very productive trip out. We were greeted by 83 smiling and very happy children, shaking our hands. The staff are working very confidently with the children and their teaching is improving so well, thanks to their continued education supported by the charity, in particular one sponsor. The teacher training college has been visiting our school on several occasions to assess the teaching standards of the teachers, and reports

Show that Lenna, and Siaka are performing to very high standards. Our continued community work is still on going, with aid being sent over two times a year. The rice and mosquito nets, plus cleaning products are so gratefully received and the hugs and thanks the team get is all down to you the sponsor/ contributor. So can I take this opportunity in thanking all who have supported us with easing lives in the community. In December we held a Christmas party, and all children came to school in their party clothes, danced to music, played pass the parcel, plus met Father Christmas, who gave each child 3 little presents. Can I thank the trustees who wrapped and organised this, and paid for excess baggage on the plane to get the presents across. Can I too thank the kind sponsors who made pillow case dresses, and



supplied the presents. The children too enjoyed a hot cooked traditional meal, and took a take away meal home with them. The smiles were beaming.



CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTRATION

On 20th November 2017, we became a fully registered charity with the charity commission in England and Wales. Up to this time, we were registered with HMRC, for gift aid purposes, but due to earning over £5000 per annum we had to take the next step and register the charity.

This is a milestone for

myself, I never thought the charity would become anything like this. Starting with £200 in 2014. The journey is a huge learning curve for me, as I have never been here before, so I have made a few mistakes but learn by each mistake made. We have a team of 10 Trustees who are an amazing support in many ways. So now we move on in confidence to ease lives.



Registered Charity Number: 1175808

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Special points of interest:

- Word of thanks to all sponsors.
- Safe guarding
- School build funds
- Rice and Mosquito nets.



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME



Can you help take little ones off the streets and educate them?

Nursery school education in The Gambia is private sector. The costs to parents and guardians is very expensive. Education is the future, and an early start in life is key. Here at Ebo Town Community Nursery School, we offer ALL our children a FREE education, thanks to the sponsorship programme.

From as little as £25.00 A YEAR, you can sponsor a child. You will be allocat-

ed a little boy or girl, whom you can support as much or as little as you like. This fee goes towards the child's two uniforms, all teachers salaries, and all school equipment. Some sponsors like to send additional money for the child's family to buy Rice or mosquito nets. Some sponsors like to send a small gift out at Christmas.

Paula Howells the Found-

er does try to keep ALL Sponsors and contributors up to date on what is happening at the school by sending quarterly news letters, and holding a yearly presentation evening in Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

If you would like to sponsor a child for a year, please get in touch .

THANK YOU FOR CARING.

“We pray that a new school can be built to enable us to have a 3rd classroom”

In July 2018, we will be saying goodbye to 20 of our children, as they move onto Grade 1 school. As we wave them off to new grown up, we have a sense of achievement knowing that we have **PLANTED SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE.** We are still in touch with our ex-

students who come across the playground, and sit and chat and share with us.

ENROLLMENTS

Will be taking place April 2018, for 20 new little children to come and join our school. The April 2018 team will be walking

the community in search of little ones to invite to the school. It is always challenging and heart wrenching as each child deserves an opportunity to be educated.



CONTINUED COMMUNITY WORK



Love never fails

1 Corinthians 13:8

After school closes from its morning session, teams of volunteers, ready themselves to walk 6-7 miles in 35 degree temperatures, in the red dust of Africa. Ebo Community is a very poor community, and some of the living conditions that teams find pulls our heart strings. BUT there is no room for pity, we have to help.

Thanks to our Rice, Mosquito net, and cleaning products appeals, plus all the wonderful donations of clothing, and

bedding etc, we can ease lives a little. On our December trip, the team found a lady, who showed us inside her home, it was just a room, broken furniture, no bed, no water, the condition was so poor her baby had to sleep at in a neighbors compound. Two members of the team bought a mattress, we gave rice, mosquito net, bedding, clothing, the lady and her husband, were so grateful. Now the baby sleeps with his parents. Life changing moments, which eases lives. Please try and support our appeals. We

are at present on another appeal, for the next trip over next month. If you would like to support a family with aid, the cut off date for this appeal is Friday 6th April 2018, to allow us to send the money over and get our paperwork in order for leaving on the 11th April 2018.

THE RAINY MONSOON SEASON IS APPROACHING AND RICE AND NETS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED.

**YOU CAN HELP EASE A LIFE BY DONATING.
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELP AND SUPPORT.**

Can you help us to be the bridge between Europe and Africa.

RICE: Costs

£22.50 50kg bag

£13.00 per 25kg bag

A 50kg bag lasts a family one month.

MOSQUITO

NETS : £5.00

CLEANING PRODUCTS:

FOR 4 ITEMS COSTS £2.00. (Soap, bleach, washing liquid, washing powder.

Container going

Our next container load will be leaving in July 2018.



THE BIG BUILD. EXTRA CLASSROOM NEEDED TO CATER FOR 40 MORE CHILDREN.

In December 2017, at a Committee meeting with Trustees, it was voted that we take on the build project, as a charity. We have been quoted £25000 to build a 3 classroom school and drop in centre. Since we have been appealing for build funds, we have £8000 in our build fund accounts, thanks to some

amazing and kind donations. We still have along way to go, if you have any fundraising ideas to help us achieve this dream, please get in touch. Paula Howells the Founder, is doing a sponsored walk of 20 miles in August 2018. It will entail a 2500ft climb, on the first third of

the walk. The walk will be from Church Stretton up the Longmynd, along the Shropshire Way, back to the quarry in Shrewsbury. Sponsor forms and fund raising pages will be set up shortly. All money will be for the build funds.

DREAMS DO COME TRUE

“Can we approach all businesses we know and ask for a £100 donation. 170 donations will enable this to happen”

SCHOOLS SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Now that we are a fully registered charity, and with the events of recent times regarding child safety measures. Ebo Town Community Nursery school, has taken extra measures to safeguard all our children. We do have a safe guarding policy in place, if you would like me to send a copy to you please get in touch. All

team members will be DBS checked, all members of staff, will have had checks at the Teacher Training College, or will have a Police Character Certificate in place. Our school follows the child protection Act 2005 of The Gambia. In line with new measures, we will only give out first

names of children, and year of birth. Any visitors to the school must fill in an application form 2 months in advance of their trip out. All photographs obtained are on permission of the families, and names used on social media will be changed.



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Dave and Paula went to The Gambia in January 2014, with £200 in their pockets to make a difference and help. Since then, we have been led into opening a school, and running it fully. Doors open, and community work starts. We can sit in a comfy warm home, with a full fridge, nice cars, running water, electric, but only 6.5 hours flight away, there is poverty, suffering, and hardship.

Our journey in The Gambia continues. We feel stronger than ever in our hearts that a school/ community centre build, is the next step forward.

If you would like to help or join with us please get in touch.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA JUST GIVING OR BACS: SORT CODE: 77-91-29, ACC 37946868.

Every single penny goes directly to the project.

ON LINE SHOPPERS PLEASE SIGN UP TO
www.giveasyoulive.com/join/ebonursery-school

Its so easy: go via the give as you live page, which is free and easy to sign up to. Go via the link to over 4200 stores, energy suppliers, airlines, car insurance, and for every penny you spend on line, a small percentage comes directly back to Ebo School. Its so easy.

Thanks to everyone.

Paula and the team would like to thank all sponsors who enable each child attending the school a FREE education. Without you the sponsors the school would not be able to run the way it does.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

For the knitted blankets that keep coming, they are all so beautifully and wonderfully made

PEOPLE WHO GO THE EXTRA MILE TO SUPPORT.

You people know exactly who you are, your generosity is amazing, you give of your time, your extra finances, your handy-work, etc. You are walking with us on this journey and making such a huge difference. Thank you so much.

TEAMS GOING OVER

We have a team of 5 going over on 11TH April 2018, each trip people help at the school and work in the community. On this trip we have people who have never been before.

Each person, pays for their own flights, accommodation, injections, so thank you for your love and help. Every single penny goes directly to the school & children.

FINALLY

Paula and the team would like to wish you and your loved ones a wonderful and blessed Easter Season.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTINUALLY KEEP FINANCALLY HELPING.

YOU ARE THE HIDDEN GIVERS, AND MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.