



SPRING UPDATE FROM NKWANTA



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Trustees' Visit to Nkwanta – Report from Trustees Julie Robinson & John Horseman

In November 2015, GEP trustees Julie Robinson and John Horseman spent ten days in Nkwanta visiting Kyabobo Girls School and meeting with people from the local community. Here is a report on their visit:

On our recent visit to Nkwanta, we were able to observe first-hand just how much Kyabobo Girls School has progressed since our last visit and we were delighted to see that the girls are happy and doing well. There are two new ICT teachers who are very knowledgeable, and it was great to see how enthusiastic the teachers are in general.

We were thrilled to note that everything we sent over on the container shipment last year is being used, including all computers and science equipment. The new science and technology block is already being used for teaching Design Technology, Science and ICT.

We are hoping to develop ICT provision at the school in the coming months. At the moment, there are around 15 PCs and the girls are getting familiar with Microsoft Word and Excel, whilst also becoming proficient with PowerPoint. The next step is to install internet connectivity in the school and we are currently looking into the most reliable and cost-effective way of doing this.

Upcoming plans for improvements to the school include the installation of a mechanised borehole pump and a larger water tank for running water, and the conversion of the Teachers' Resource Centre into teachers' accommodation. These are seen as priorities for the charity and we hope to raise the funds for these projects in the coming months.

During our visit, we stayed in the GEP Kyabobo Centre Guest House, which was clean and tidy, with new curtains in some rooms and a renovated kitchen. Eventually every room will have a clothing rail, additional shelving, bedside tables and lamps, and possibly some electrical equipment. The guest house is busy and it is making a small profit.

We greatly enjoyed our stay in Nkwanta, especially the warm welcome we always receive from the local community, and we look forward to seeing even more progress at Kyabobo Girls School next time we visit!



A DAY AT KYABOBO GIRLS SCHOOL – IN PICTURES



Meeting friends at the start of the day



Morning prayers in school assembly



Getting the answers right in English



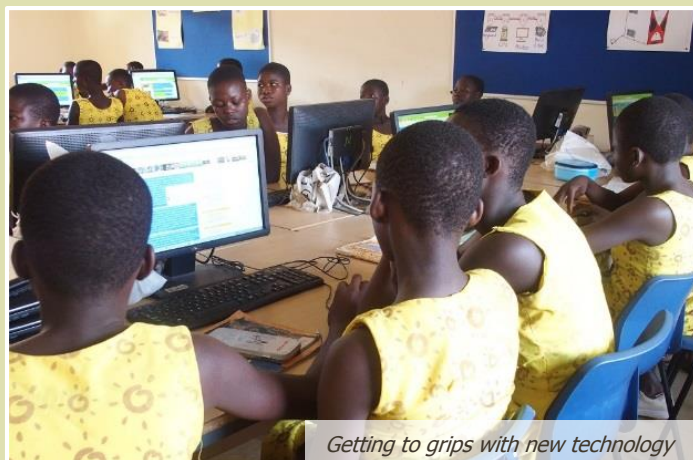
Working with Naomi in Local Language



Having fun with science experiments...



... and reporting back on the results



Getting to grips with new technology



Visiting the local market after school

SPONSOR UPDATE

Majedie Asset Management to support GEP for 3 Years!

Majedie Asset Management is a London-based investment boutique with a real sense of social responsibility and a great track record for supporting charitable causes and 'gift-matching' employee donations.

Hence, we are honoured that Majedie have chosen GEP as one of three charities that they will be supporting for the next three years: an honour we are sharing with St Joseph's Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Together with representatives from the other charities, our patron Lady Gifty Tetteh and GEP chairman Richard Tribe went to meet the Majedie team in April, where they spoke about our mission to expand the Kyabobo Girls School to nearly 500 pupils over the next three years and the huge difference that Majedie's support will play in these plans.

We very much look forward to working with the Majedie team over the next three years.



Thanks to East Grinstead Soroptimists

We are very grateful to Soroptimist International of East Grinstead who will be continuing to support the Ghana Education Project by donating £300 a year for the next three years. The organisation's Honorary Treasurer Janice Jones said "Our members are very pleased to support such a worthwhile project".

Soroptimists International is an organisation for women that aims to improve the lives of women and girls and help local, national and international communities.

Ghana Supper Club chooses GEP



We are delighted to announce that Ghana Supper Club have chosen GEP as their nominated charity for 2016. They are based in Tunbridge Wells and offer Ghanaian themed supper clubs once or twice a month. A group of GEP trustees visited on 22nd April and had a fantastic evening (as you can see from the photo above). GEP Chairman Richard Tribe said "The food was truly outstanding and the atmosphere was brilliant!"

Ghana Supper Club are also catering for a GEP fundraising evening on 24th September at Christ Church in Tunbridge Wells High Street... a definite date for your diary! Give them a call on 07977 314349 or visit their website to book a place at one of their evenings and you can support GEP while enjoying some amazing food: www.ghanasupperclub.co.uk.

REMEMBER!

You can fund a girl's education at Kyabobo Girls School for just £10 per month

Sign up now at:

www.gep300.org.uk



THANKS TO OUR FABULOUS FUNDRAISERS

Music Night with 'The Visitors'

On Friday 4th March, rock covers band 'The Visitors' performed a fantastic one-off gig at TWGGS. The evening was a huge success and we are very grateful to the band for working with the girls from TWGGS, who sang with them, and for making sure everyone was up and dancing. The event raised nearly £1,000 for GEP - another fantastic sum!

Joanna Sanderson, a languages teacher at TWGGS said "thank you for a great evening and for all your hard work. We all had a great time, as did the teachers from our exchange school in Bonn."

Go Dorothy Go!



On 17th April, Dorothy Balfour (aunt of Lily Tait who will be going out to Nkwanta in October with the TWGGS 2016 Team) ran the Boston (UK) Marathon in aid of GEP, raising an impressive £400 for the charity after only five weeks' training. Congratulations to Dorothy for achieving your goal and many thanks for your support! If you're quick, you can still sponsor Dorothy at www.justgiving.com/Dorothy-Balfour2.

TWGGS Senior Concert

On March 22nd, the GEP 2016 Team provided refreshments such as cakes and drinks for the Senior Concert at TWGGS. It was a simply stunning evening of mesmerising musical performances from individual pupils and choirs. Over £200 was raised for GEP from the refreshments, as well as several donations on the evening, which were undoubtedly in recognition of what a pleasure it was to be there. The TWGGS Ghana Team parents who volunteered to sell refreshments did not want to leave! Congratulations to the TWGGS Music Department for all their hard work in getting the girls singing and playing so beautifully – they were a real credit to the school.

James Tanqueray Half Marathon

Thanks to our supporter James Tanqueray who ran the Brentwood Half Marathon on 20th March and raised over £600 for the charity. Well done and thank you!

Caroline Horobin's Sprint Triathlon

Congratulations to our long-term supporter Caroline Horobin who completed a gym triathlon consisting of a swim, a run and a bike ride back in December in just 2 hours 7 minutes, and remarkably raised over £2000 for GEP. Thanks Caroline for your continued support.

Grosvenor and Hilbert Park

On May Day Bank Holiday, several of the girls from the TWGGS 2016 team held a stall at the Grosvenor and Hilbert Park Family Fun Day in Tunbridge Wells, offering inventive face-painting and games for the children and raising over £410 in the process. Well done girls!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TWGGS Teachers' Team Triathlon

A team of three female teachers from TWGGS are running the Shock Absorber WomenOnly Triathlon 2016 on **10th July at Dorney Lake, Eton, in aid of GEP.** **The competitors are** Heidi Freeman, Sarah Fischer and TWGGS 2016 Team staff member Micaela Grove. To help with fundraising, these fearless teachers have decided to challenge themselves to get fit, and to complete their first triathlon as a team. They would be extremely grateful for any donations, big or small, at: www.justgiving.com/TWGGS-Teacher-Team.



TWGGS Team 2016 Sponsored Walk

The current TWGGS Ghana girls, accompanied by parents and staff, are walking a VERY long way from Brighton to Eastbourne on 3rd September. Sponsorship for this epic event would be much appreciated and their fundraising pages will be ready very soon!