



# GETS Fundraising News!

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This is a new, extra update for all our supporters (because there is so much good stuff happening within the charity). We want to say **thank you** to everyone for all your support, whether you sponsor our students, give us your time, cash or bring us resources.

## The Cadets are coming!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to the Driffield 873 Squadron Air Cadets and their leader CO Adrian Hanrahan who will be visiting Sunrise in April to see the completed Sports project that they have funded.

The new facilities will provide a much needed flat concrete hard court area for students to play sports on within the Sunrise grounds. The Cadets plan to give the school facilities to play Volleyball, football and netball in the area. Today they play on a mix of sand and sharp stones, often in bare feet. To raise funds, the cadets held a Family Fun Day last year, which included a Craft Market, Car Boot Sale, and Fun Dog Show with DJ, Bar, Food, Dance Displays, local talent, raffle, tombolas, and more.

Thanks also to the on-going support of Angela Longoni-Sarr who introduced the cadets to our charity. We look forward to their visit, which will also count towards the cadets' Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards. If you know of any groups that might like to support us please pass on our details – perhaps order some of our new leaflets (see below).

## Super Show (oh yes it was!)

Julie Limbrick (Trustee) attended a panto and sketch evening in St Margaret's Bay (Kent) on behalf of GETS, given by Joyce Turner and the ladies of the W.I. It was a great event and raised much needed cash for the charity. Thank you to all concerned.



## New publicity materials

GETS would like to thank Mario at *The Print Room* for all of the GETS leaflets, books and Sponsor a Class publicity which have all been so kindly printed and given free of charge to the charity. This has saved the charity a considerable amount of money over the years and we are truly grateful.

If you would like to receive any of our leaflets to distribute to family and friends please contact us. Our new leaflet and Sponsor a Class flyers are hot off the press!

## Our very own video!

GETS supporters come from all around the world. Sami Dost, from Pakistan, has supported us by very kindly producing our super Sponsor a Class information video. This was previewed at our 2013 AGM, but has since been improved. You can view by searching 'Sponsor a Class' in YouTube, or [by clicking here](#).

We can also send you the original file if you would like to use it offline.

Watch this space for our new and improved Sponsor a Class website, which will feature the video shortly. Thanks Sami!



Helping youngsters in The Gambia can be very rewarding

GETS plans & achievements -

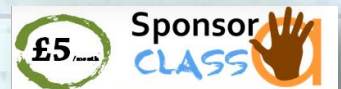
700 students helped in last 3yrs  
138 new school places planned  
200 students in our school today  
19 jobs created

Could you help us do even more?

>95p spent in Gambia per £1 given in UK  
[www.getsuk.org](http://www.getsuk.org)

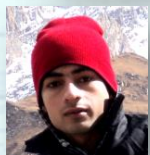


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### Welcome to Class!

For just £5 a month you can support up to thirty of our students, and their teacher, through Gambia Education and Teaching Support. And we'll give you so much in return...



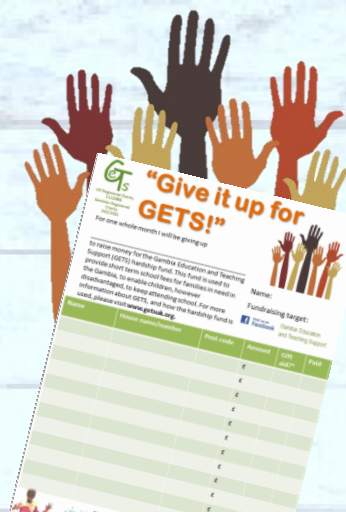


# Give it up for Chris!



Christopher Hill has visited GETS Sunrise Centre on more than one occasion and raised much needed funds. Chris's latest undertaking on behalf of the charity was to be the first person to decide to try the new 'Give it Up for GETS' fundraising drive. He raised £150 via his sponsors by giving up something for one week – cakes and sweets! Although Chris reverted to his former enjoyment of the sweet things in life at the end of the week, he did decide to give them up for just two days each week. A great outcome for GETS and also for Chris! Well done and thank you again Chris.

If you wish to 'Give it Up for GETS' contact Julie@gets-sunrise for details and form.



## Are you following us yet?

Our Twitter page has been up and running since November, and we now have over 40 followers. You can follow us too by searching [@GETS](#).

Thanks to supporter Felicity Schofield for regularly updating the page and managing tweets.



## Wishes do come true...

We are often asked by supporters what items we are in need of at Sunrise. Many people have looked at our projects page on our website before travelling out to Gambia and brought things from our list of items.

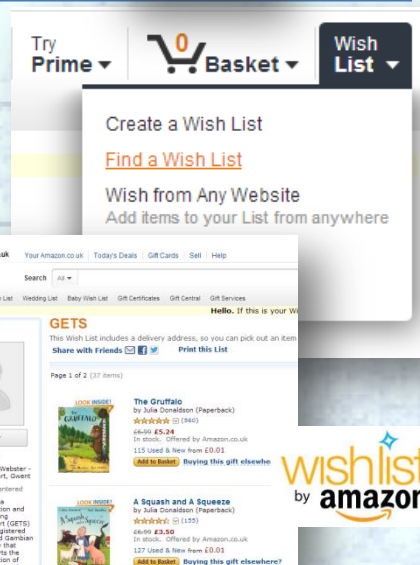
For those that don't get to visit in person, but would like to send a small gift to the school we have created a GETS Amazon wishlist.

By clicking on the [link here](#) (or search 'GETS' in the Amazon wishlist search bar on their website) you can see a list of the items we'd desperately love, with a note about the quantity desired and the importance of each item.

Items bought this way will automatically be sent to our storage facility with Dawn and Paul to be included in the container we're sending out in the summer – so no worries about the weight of items!

Don't forget to add a message to your order to let us know who it's from – we'd love to acknowledge your gift.

Thanks to all those that have brought us much needed supplies to date!



## Thanks Denise

One of our biggest challenges has been to support the school and charity administration at Sunrise that is normally delivered single handedly by Helen Touray, with help from Sendeng Suso but we have had the luxury of extra help from Denise Green for over a year now. Denise came to Sunrise on two days each week to support Helen with her many IT and management skills to "get things done" plus lots of moral support when times are tough. Thanks and good luck with your new project in Australia, Denise.





## Three overlapping blue and white calendar cards are shown. The top card displays a grid of dates from 1 to 31, with columns labeled 'MONDAY', 'TUESDAY', 'WEDNESDAY', 'THURSDAY', 'FRIDAY', and 'SATURDAY'. The cards are slightly offset, showing the dates on the ones beneath.

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# Sponsor CLASS



## How to make your own Tie and Dye

You must need:

- White or light coloured t-shirts
- Fabric dye for hand use (such as Dylon)
- Rubber bands or string
- A large bucket
- Rubber gloves
- Tap water

Gambians use special stiff cloth and lots of chemicals in their dyes.

In the UK, we can use ready-made t-shirts and pre-made dyes to make it easier.

**Step 1:** Start by rubber banding or tying your t-shirt with string. Lay the t-shirt out flat, front up.

Pinch up a little of the fabric in the centre of the shirt and bind it around it. The thicker the tie you use, the wider each circle will be.

Raise your "pinch" higher and place another tie a few centimetres below the first.

Continue until you have as many rings as you want.

**Step 2:** Prepare dye according to the instructions (or ask your teacher to!) Make sure you wear rubber gloves to protect your hands!



**Step 3:** Once your t-shirt is fully tied, place it in the dye for around 15-20 minutes. The longer it is in the dye, the darker the colour will be.

**Step 4:** When it is ready, remove from the dye carefully. Rinse out in cold water until the water runs clear. Wring out, and when it has dried a little tie can remove the ties to see your design! Tell your parents or guardians that you can wash in the machine, but wash it on it's own the first time around in case any dye comes out!

If your class has a go at making tie and dye t-shirts, please send us a photo. We'd love to see them, and will promise to post them on our school [blog](#)

 [info@sponsorclass.co.uk](mailto:info@sponsorclass.co.uk)



This summer we aim to bring over another 100 chairs and tables plus cupboards etc. for our newly built classrooms and to start furnishing the library. We have enough to fill a container, but shipping is expensive. If anyone has any contacts in shipping companies, or any fundraising ideas, we desperately need your help!