



# 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.



Helping youngsters in The Gambia can be very rewarding  
GET 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)



## 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!



### 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...

## 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 You Tube, 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!

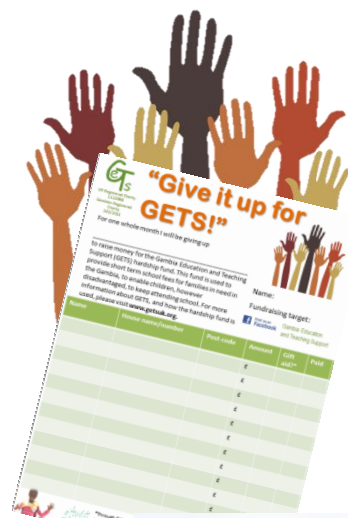


# Give it up for Chris!



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.

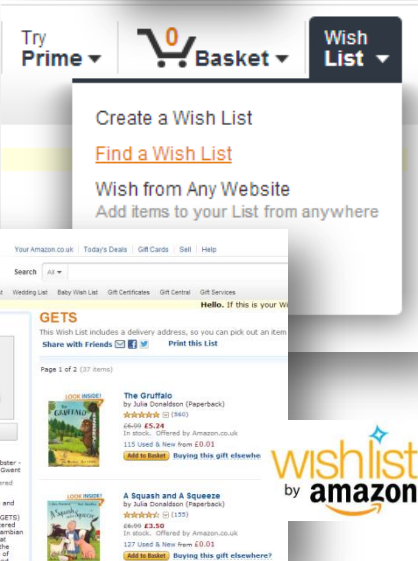
For those that don't get to visit in person, but would like to send a small gift to the school we have created a GETS Amazon wishlist.

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.



# Up and coming events: could you help out? Easter 2014 – Chester Food and Drink Festival



This year we have booked a stand at the Chester Food and Drink Festival at Easter to promote our new Sponsor a Class scheme, as well as collecting general donations for the school and our food programme. We'd love to hear from anyone local who might be able to spend some time on the stand helping out. You would, of course, gain free entry to the event! Dates are Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Please let us know what availability you have if you can make it.



See us on the exhibitor list [here](http://chesterfoodanddrink.co.uk/).  
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## Class to class sponsorship

**Sponsor a Class** Thank you for supporting an entire class of children in the Gambia!

By sponsoring a class at the Sunrise Centre you will be helping to help children & young people achieve their ambitions through education. Your generous support will be used to help pay for teacher salaries and training, classroom resources, and learning funds for students. In the Gambia, a little goes a long way! In return, you will receive regular updates and photos on the progress of your class throughout the year. You will also receive the Sunrise Education and Teaching Support newsletter.

**Who'd like to sponsor a class?**

Our donation: £ per month/year  
 Nursery Class  
 Primary Class  
 Vocational Class

**Teacher and School details:**

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class/subject: \_\_\_\_\_ School address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact email (for updates): \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation details**

We'd like to pay for your sponsorship by cheque  Please make payable to 'Sunrise Education and Teaching Support' and send with this form to the address below.  
 bank transfer  Payment agreement to support teacher. Regularly, we will send you a standing order form to complete.  
 We'd like to pay monthly by standing order  If you intend to fundraise your sponsorship amount, you can send your donation to us within one school year.  
 We'd like to pledge our sponsorship

**Make your donation worth even more by claiming Gift Aid here!**

For your donation to be eligible for Gift Aid, you must be eligible to claim Gift Aid. Through Gift Aid, the donation you give will be worth 10% more, at NO extra cost to you. If you would like GDS to reclaim the tax you have paid on all your donations please fill in your name, and any donation you make to the Sunrise Centre. You must be a UK resident and you must be a UK taxpayer. Please return the completed form to: 'Sponsor a Class', The Mount, Bradley, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 1YH. Registered charity numbers 1101998 (UK) 342955 (Gambia) 174666 (Yor)

Know any teachers? Children still at school? We're very keen to start new relationships with schools though our class-to-class sponsorship. Just the same as our regular sponsor a class program, but with dedicated classroom resources sent out to teachers to use every half term. Schools can also choose to fundraise their sponsorship donations. We have dedicated forms for schools to use – please contact [maxine@sponsoraclass.co.uk](mailto:maxine@sponsoraclass.co.uk) for more information. We're also hoping to launch a 'design a piggy bank' competition once we have a few schools on board.

**Sponsor a Class**

### How to make your own Tie and Dye

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 a tie 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!

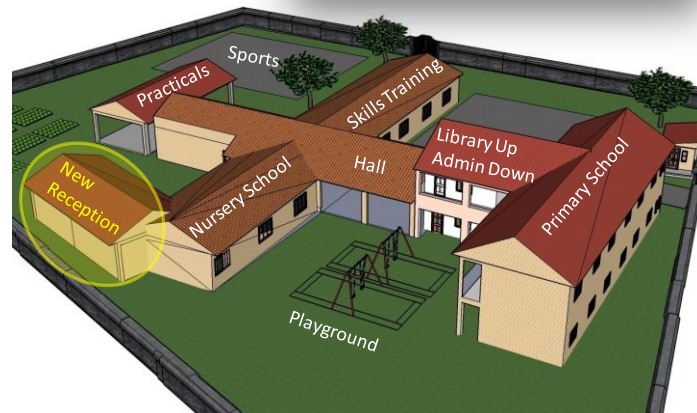
**Step 3:** Once your t-shirt is fully tied, place it in the dye for around 15-20 minutes. The longer it is in the dye, the darker the colour will be.

**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 you can remove the ties to see your design! Tell your parents or guardians that you can wash in the machine, but wash it on its 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](http://www.getsuk.org)  
[info@sponsoraclass.co.uk](mailto:info@sponsoraclass.co.uk)

## Future Spoiler – A New Reception Class

We've got longer term plans to bring in some more pupils at the lower end of the Nursery school (Aged 3 to 4) to start education a little earlier. This gets more children off the street sooner and helps them begin to learn more quickly, in English, a language that many won't use at home. We want to start building another classroom, adjacent to the current Nursery 1 building (as shown in the diagram). We're working on some funding ideas but this still leaves us a good way from the £15,700 that we think the building extension will cost so if you have any ideas then we'd be delighted to hear them.



## Our next big challenge...

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!

