



GETS News!

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Sunrise is growing, again!

It is great to see our long term plans coming to fruition in the Sunrise Centre. When GETS Took over the centre in January 2011 (over 6 years ago!) we wanted to enlarge the school and build a Lower Basic School. All now complete.

We also wanted to grow the Lower Basic School population each year by filling it from our Nursery school and gradually get to 6 classes, totalling 180 children.

We're doing this too. Places at Sunrise are in demand!

This year, we took on another new teacher (Mr Ousman Jaiteh) and a new classroom assistant (Miss Fatoumatta Singhateh) to support our newest class (pictured above). We are now teaching nearly 150 in 5 classes in Lower Basic.



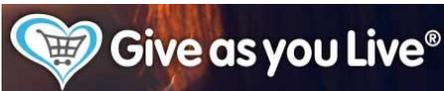
Staff Families are Growing too!



We currently support 3 families who are growing, amongst the Nursery teaching staff, which is quite a challenge with the 6 months paid maternity leave required by Gambian law, just like in the UK.

Two of the mums (Fatou Sanneh with Muhamed - right and Sally Cessay - left with Tombong) and their lovely babies came into see us in December. Mbacho Jallow, the other mum, also came in but we missed the picture opportunity, sadly.

Also pictured with Sally are two of our visiting supporters, Jane Derry and Tracy Hill.



GETS now employs 30 staff

So we need money every month to pay salaries and help 30 families.

Please can you help us to raise funds from big companies who offer to support charity work all over the world using the "Give as you Live" initiative. All you do (after signing up for the scheme) is to click on an extra search link, on your way to your favourite shopping web sites.

When you shop at over 4,000 top stores including Amazon, Expedia and John Lewis via "Give as you Live", they'll turn a percentage of your spend into free funds for our charity!

To help you not to miss a donation, you can download the donation reminder for Chrome, or download the Give as you Live app available for both iOS and Android allowing you to shop on the go or at home.



Follow the link below and get started today! <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/gets>



Volunteers and Visitors to Sunrise Centre

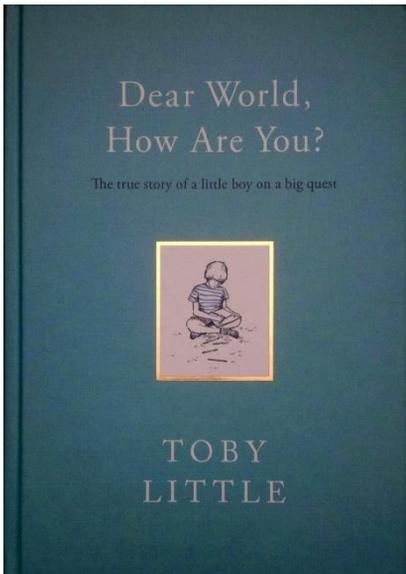
We always like to see people visiting the school to see Helen and the staff and progress that we continue to make.

There have been lots of questions in people's minds about politics and how The Gambia maybe changing but thankfully, this doesn't change people's willingness to help and give generously to GETS.

We are very grateful and would like to thank all our friends, supporters and helpers.



Sunrise Centre Appears in "World Wide" Book! - The Sequel



In our last newsletter we told you about Toby Little and his question to the World; How are you?

This time I'm pleased to say that Sunrise has held a competition to write back to a second letter from Toby, asking more about individual countries. The children of Nursery 3 decided to write about the food that they eat on special occasions.

Ndey Fatou Faal's work was chosen to represent the children from the Sunrise Centre, with a recipe for Benachin. A local rice based dish, meaning "One pot" in Wolof.



Toby's Book – Dear World, How Are You?

You can see more about Toby at www.writingtotheworld.com

How does GETS help with Education?

There are many ways in which GETS helps

1. Sponsoring within Sunrise (or occasionally outside)
2. Getting help from our friends
3. Building play equipment
4. Bringing quality resources
5. Providing excellent classrooms
6. Providing and sponsoring training for teachers
7. Having fun with extra-curricula activities

Can you help us do more?

GETS is achieving a lot but we could do even more with you (or your friends') help.

Could you :-

- Sponsor a child or young adult who has dropped out of education due to a lack of money for fees
- Sponsor a class or a teacher
- Send us cash to improve facilities or keep those we have in great shape
- Check our Amazon Wish list and bring us something that we need from it (see www.getsuk.org)
- Give us your time as a charity Trustee to run GETS and help set out our future plans to do more