



GETS News!

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Sunrise nearly full again

We have 92% of Sunrise full this year at this time and we currently have 2 vacancies in our staff of 32. Nearly all of our gaps are in Skills Training, mainly as a result of dropping out in years 2 and 3.

Everyone who was in school posed for a picture this week. It is great to see so many children and young people choosing to come to the Sunrise Centre.



GETS, through its sponsors, are helping all those who are pictured here

Our 2019 AGM was in Sevenoaks



Our formal AGM was organised in Kent this year and we caught those that could attend in a picture.

It was lovely to see everyone but especially Julie Limbrick again, one of the founding Trustees who worked in those early days to make GETS a success story.

We do have excellent support, for which we are very grateful, but we would be delighted to have other people help us in The Gambia as a volunteer or as a Trustee.

Pro-active support for young girls' health

At Sunrise we often support the community with vaccination programmes, like the drive to eradicate Polio, sometime ago. This time we were asked to support the pro-active move by Gambia and WHO to prevent Cervical Cancer by distributing the HPV vaccine.

All Lower Basic girls in Grade 3 and above (so broadly aged 9-14 years) were vaccinated in the hall at Sunrise by Awa Baldeh, Ousman Ceesay and Faburama Touray from Public Health.

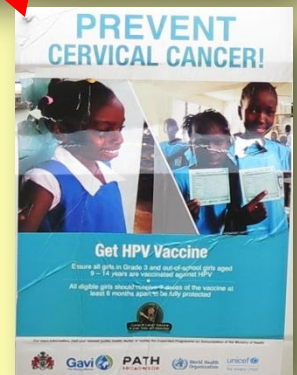


Nervous girls are waiting in line for their "Jabs"



*Awa and Ousman
from Public Health*

The team will come back in June to catch up with anyone who missed and also to give out a second dose.



NAT Results 2019 LB G3 – overall pass rate >90%

This year our boys and girls in Lower Basic Grade 3 achieved another set of excellent scores in their National test paper, externally marked within The Gambia.

The class, led by teacher Fatou Cham, did an excellent job representing themselves and the school. The boys managed an average pass mark of 93% and the girls beat this with a score of 94%. **Well done everyone!**

Fundraising to help GETS keep going

We were delighted to see Angela Longoni-Sarr and Johnnie Walker come to see us at Sunrise in November. They have both helped GETS now for many years.



Angela playing catch with Nursery pupils

Now → Then



Angela has raised cash from sales at her Mandinka Crafts stall to help us at Sunrise and, for one project, with enormous help from the Drifffield Air Cadets. They produced enough cash to fund a sports floor for the school, built nearly 6 years ago. We continue to be very grateful.

Easy Fundraising with - Give as you live

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but it can make a huge difference to the children in our Sunrise School

Helping to bring "WWW" to our Library



Ray presenting Librarian Sainabou Sambou with the iPad

Recently one of our friends and long-term supporters, Ray Harding, retired from his position as Chief Executive at the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West-Norfolk. He wrote to us to say that he'd been asked about a retirement gift by friends and colleagues but rather than accept a personal present, he nominated GETS to receive educational gifts with the money collected on his behalf.

We suggested getting a new iPad to give children access to the World-wide Web, some for the first time. We are currently fitting it securely into our library. We also have some money left over to chose some new books to fill gaps in our school collection.

Ray listened to some of LB3 (aged approx 9) children read stories from the new iPad



Nyima Sanneh shows off her reading skills

We are extremely grateful for this very generous gift. Thank you!

Successful staff – Teacher Training

This year 4 of our staff returned to Sunrise having completed teacher training courses, supported by GETS.

Gambia Teacher Training College in Brikama was the institution that provided this training with observation of practice teaching at the Sunrise Centre..

We are very proud that the whole group were graduates from our Skills Training Centre and we are delighted at their success. They are a credit to our work.



From our Sunrise Nursery school Mama Nabaneh and Mbacho Jallow successfully completed their Early Childhood Development Course (ECD).



From Lower Basic Yassin Jammeh and Sulayman Jobe successfully completed their Primary Teaching Certificate course.

Sulayman Jobe now teaches our LB3 class after being successful at an interview for the post..

More Fundraising – Afternoon Tea!

We were delighted to hear from Julie Limbrick about her recent donation to GETS.

Julie and her daughter Claire ran an after tea cream tea for a group of her friends. They also organised a raffle to encourage extra donations. The result was a total of £300.

We are very grateful for their support. Julie is one of the founding Trustees of GETS, who worked in those early days to make the charity a success story.



Julie Limbrick

Can you help us do more?

GETS is achieving a lot but we could do even more with the help of you or your friends.

Could you :-

- Sponsor a Sunrise child or young adult who has dropped out of education due to a lack of money for fees (£12 pm)
- Sponsor a class or a teacher (typically £5/10 per month)
- Send us cash to improve facilities or keep those we have in great shape
- Check our current needs list and bring us something see www.gets-sunrise.org/Get_Involved.htm
- Give us your time as a charity Trustee to run GETS and help set out our future plans to do more