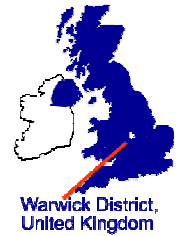


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Primary Teachers' Group

Supporting Global Aspects in Education

March 2010.

- Please make a note that our next meeting will be on:

Thursday, 29th April 2010
St Anthony's School
Sydenham Drive, Leamington Spa

If you cannot come yourself, please arrange with another member of staff to do so.

Also

The African Day of the Child
Wednesday, 16th June 2010

Notes from our meeting at Kingsway School on 28th January 2010:

Schools represented: Brookhurst, Clapham Terrace, Kingsway, Telford Infants, St Anthony's; we welcomed newcomers from Kingsway and St Anthony's

- St Anthony's had had a visit from **International Development Minister Gareth Thomas and James Plaskitt MP** (promoting 1-Goal: education for all in Africa) when the children had given a presentation about their link with St Francis School, Bo. They were sending 1-Goal football shirts to St Francis.
- Liz told us that the **Cooperative** store in Clemens Street had a scheme to plough back tobacco profits into **community grants**. Grant claim forms are available in store for grants £50 - £1000; Clapham Terrace intends to apply for their arts week.
- Brookhurst are having an **African Arts Week** W/C 14th June, to coincide with Day of the African Child, and they will invite artists and local people/parents with African connections to come in to do arts activities with the children, including cookery. They hope too to have a mask artist. This fits in well with the creative curriculum. There are links with music, art and design.

- **Day of the African Child:** Wednesday, June 16th. St Anthony's agreed to host the event. Ideas about what could take place were discussed and John Myers will circulate our ideas. Some activity between our schools and our partners would be advantageous.
- The value of the '**Reel Lives**' CD (£25), was again recommended, which includes a useful comparison between the lives of two different children in Sierra Leone (Freetown).
- Kingsway were integrating work into their curriculum - '**weather**' last half-term. There is useful comparison work in the '**water**' unit of the teaching resources.
- **Communication:** Telford were disappointed that they had not had a reply after sending Christmas cards. It was suggested they might phone to follow this up. If there are problems in contacting them, then if they let OWL know, they will try to sort it out.
- **Phoning Bo:** We are now finding phone calls on **Skype 'voicemail'** is the quickest, easiest, cheapest (17p/min) and clearest way of communicating. Download Skype from www.skype.com/intl/en-gb/download ; click on the [Call Phones] tab; select the country and enter the phone number starting 00232 (e.g. 0023276773158); press the green button and it's done!
- **Global Schools Partnership** - It has been suggested that **Matt Stephenson** from the Hull-Freetown link comes to talk to us about their successful experience with the Global Schools Partnership in getting teacher exchanges. We are led to believe that the criteria for funding may have been relaxed. A Thursday meeting was preferred. An email will be circulated when the date is known. **Since arranged for Thursday, 11th March, 4 p.m. at St Anthony's**
- **A link for registering** our individual school links with the Global Schools Partnership has been put on the 'Quick Links' page of OWL's website at: http://www.oneworldlink.org.uk/primary_1/page4.html
- Jenni reminded everyone that it was possible to achieve the **International School Award** in stages. Judith Young (WCC) had arranged a meeting for 4th February.

Next meeting at St Anthony's, Sydenham Drive on Thursday, 29th April, 4 p.m.
Julia to send out reminders via the Google Group

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