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Hastings Sierra Leone Friendship Link Schools Report

2023

Our schools and their partners

All Saints CE Primary Academy
St Pauls CE Primary Academy
Christ Church CE Primary Academy
Guestling Bradshaw CE Primary School
Battle Abbey Secondary School
Battle and Langton CE Primary School
St Leonards CE Primary Academy
Sacred Heart RC Primary School
St Mary Magdalenes RC Primary School
Sedlescombe CE Primary Academy
St Peter and St Paul's CE Primary School
Ore Village Primary Academy
Claverham Community College
Saxon Mount Secondary School

Edest
REC Kossoh Town
Kankalay
Maynard
Kelly's Vocational College
Jui Lower
Model Baptist, Grafton
REC Hastings
Beckley
REC Jui Upper
Glory
St Mulumba
Huntingdon Kola Tree JSS
Huntingdon Jui JSS

Funding for Visits and Projects

- ▶ British Council is no longer giving grants
- ▶ Funding now raised through
 - ▶ HSLFL donations,
 - ▶ schools fund raising events
 - ▶ other charities (Fonthill Foundation this time)
 - ▶ individual donations

Our October 2023 visit to Sierra Leone

The first one since Covid in 2020

12 teachers, 4 HSLFL members and Yvonne Johnson

Timetable included

- Joint training workshop
- Headteachers workshop
- Work in schools for teachers,
- Visits to schools by Isabel, Corinne and Jeitta
- Sanitation Meeting and visits to schools by Richard, Alex and Suffian
- Reflection meeting
- International Pupil Council meeting
- School Farms Exhibition

Glory and REC Hastings



Huntingdon Kola Tree and Jui



We also fitted in

Not bad for 8 days!

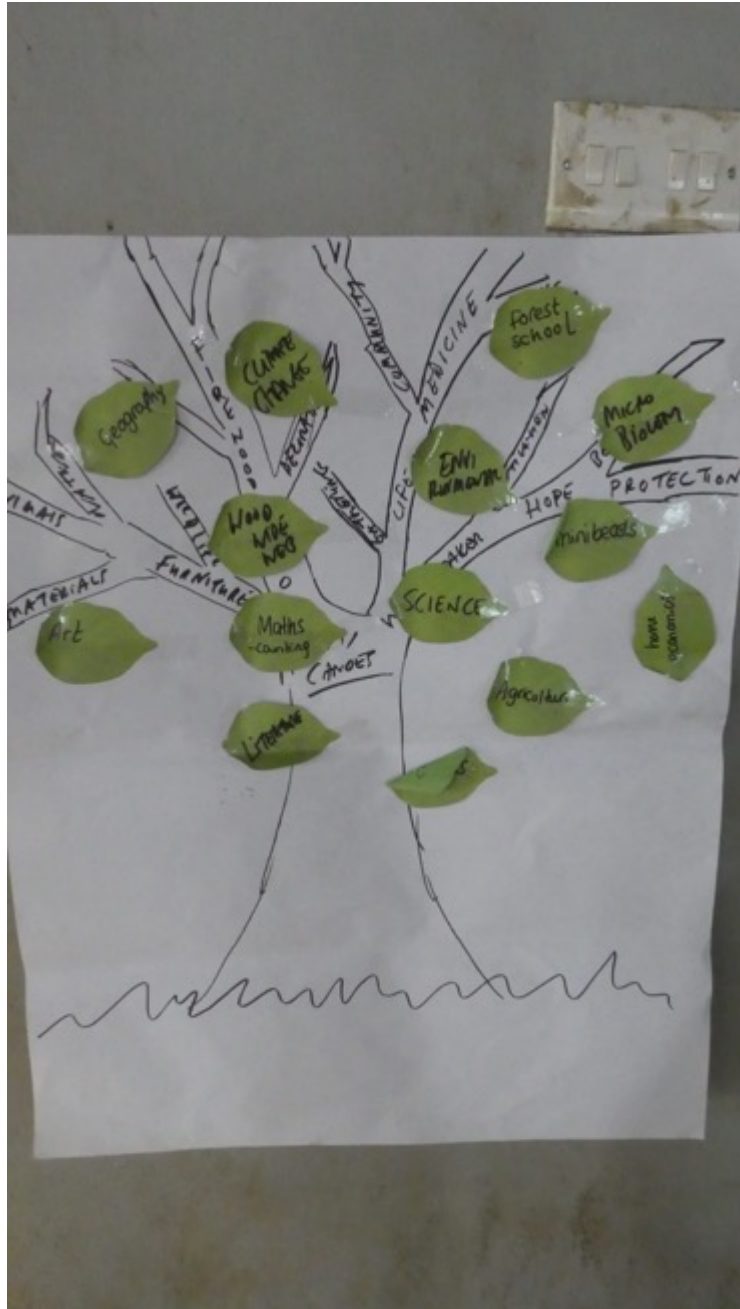
- ▶ A cooking lesson
- ▶ Visit to the Chimpanzee Sanctuary
- ▶ Lots of eating out courtesy of Yvonne, Mimi, Francis and Abie, and the school teachers
- ▶ A visit to the beach
- ▶ A visit to Francis Mason's new project
- ▶ A visit to Freetown, sight seeing and shopping
- ▶ A meal out, treating our partners for all their hard work, support, friendship and care during our visit





Our 2023/4 Joint Project 'Protecting Our Future'

- ▶ Planting trees
- ▶ Recycling waste for classroom resources
- ▶ And more to come



What next?

- ▶ Regular School Meetings
- ▶ Regular IPC meetings
- ▶ Plans to bring Sierra Leone colleagues to UK in June 2024
- ▶ Build on our 2023/4 project 'Protecting our Future'
- ▶ Share plans and successes with colleagues in Sierra Leone
 - ▶ Francis Mason - Schools Coordinator
 - ▶ Teachers in partner schools and others interested
 - ▶ Jeitta and Suffian, School Farms Managers

Other activities

- ▶ International Pupil Councils
- ▶ School Farms Project
- ▶ Sanitation Project



School Farms Project 2023/24

- ▶ A brief history
- ▶ The School Farms Project 2023/4 builds on the success of previous years.
 - ▶ 30 schools
 - ▶ £1000 for the managers to decide how this should be spent.
- ▶ Local supervision
 - ▶ Project Manager, Mrs Jeitta Kanneh and Suffian Kamara, Assistant Project Manager, with support from Francis Mason, HSLFL Schools Coordinator in Sierra Leone.
- ▶ International information sharing
 - ▶ Jeitta, Suffian, Francis, Isabel, Roger and David form the SF Committee, meeting regularly and interacting with HSLFL Trustees.

How it works

- ▶ A workshop at the beginning of the farming year, usually around May time.
- ▶ Agree objectives for the year, funding and responsibilities
- ▶ Jeitta and Suffian visit schools on a regular basis during the year
- ▶ Regular SFP meetings keep the UK members in the loop
- ▶ A celebration Exhibition in November/December





What happens to the produce?

- ▶ Used for preparing school meals
- ▶ Shared within the school and local community
- ▶ Sold to buy more seeds, garden tools, fertilisers, fencing
- ▶ Sold to buy resources for schools



2023/4 aims and Longer term aims

- To expand the school garden project which started in 2020,2021 and 2022 to include sustainability.
 - Enhance community participation and collaboration in the 2023 school farm project
 - To continue building capacity through workshops and raise awareness on what the school farm project is all about.
 - Products from school farm project 2023 to benefit schools, children, and the community.
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- ▶ To continue to teach Practical Agriculture in more and more schools
 - ▶ To work together with Local Community
 - ▶ To create more livelihoods in Agriculture and Farming
 - ▶ To become sustainable eventually without further funding