



Dear Parent/Carer,

Manor Park are very excited to begin working closely with a charity called Project Gambia. As part of our aim to raise awareness around The Global Goals, Manor Park are going to be taking part in various activities and charitable events to support this charity. Through assemblies and lessons, we are introducing pupils to what life is like for children in The Gambia whilst embedding global learning into the curriculum.

Project Gambia has, since 2007, established a range of projects in schools, villages, and farms in The Gambia, to provide education, support, and funding to enable people to find a sustainable solution to poverty.

Projects we are going to be taking part in:

The School Feeding Programme

The programme provides schools meals for 300 children at St Peters' and Wisdom Nursery Schools. These schools serve very poor communities so many of the children arrive at school hungry because their families do not have enough income to provide even the barest minimum of food. As a result many children are withdrawn from school, and to earn money to provide food for the family, have to engage in street trading thus exposing them to risks including sexual abuse, child trafficking, teenage pregnancies, and child labour. The programme provides these children with a daily nutritious meal, ensuring their attendance at school and safeguarding them from the risks of being on the streets.

There is a competition to design a logo for this campaign, which the children in our school are going to do. There will be a winner from each school that takes part, and an overall winner. The overall winner will have their logo printed on all campaign items to do with The Feeding Programme!



Christmas shoeboxes

We are going to be creating shoeboxes that will be shipped over to The Gambia. We are going to be sending boxes to children at a school called 'Spring of Life' where the children are aged from 4-11. We will create these during the final week of term, ready to be shipped over. **Please have all items in school by 13th December 2021.** Boxes are being supplied for us.

There is no expectation to go out and buy new things, but please ensure it is not broken or damaged. Here is a list of items that you could bring in:

- Felt Pens
- Crayons
- Pencil Crayons
- Pens
- Stickers
- Hair Accessories
- Small balls
- Balloons
- Bubbles
- Nail Varnish
- Paintbrushes/paint
- Maths Set
- Sharpeners
- Rulers
- Art Brushes
- T-Shirts and Football Shirts
- Lollies and Sweets
- Children's Books
- Small Toys
- Arts & craft things
- Jewellery
- Toothbrushes and paste
- Underwear
- Socks
- Gloves

If you would like to find out more, you can visit the Project Gambia website:

www.projectgambia.org.uk

Many thanks,

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