



Pastor Ben and Mrs Marion Owusu- Sekyere

We started the following initiative back in 2010 at Meadow Lane School and then in 2011 we developed it as a joint venture with College House School.

We are very lucky to have a 'School Global Link' with The King's Village School in Northern Ghana and many times the head teacher of the school Mrs. Marion Owusu-Sekyere has visited Meadow Lane to talk to our pupils about life in Ghana and at the King's Village School.

Each year we develop the contact via swapping letters, videos or photos amongst all the children in an effort to find out more about each others school and life experiences. Within classrooms, children explore a mini topic about 'Life in Ghana' and learn a few words in Dagbani.

However this project is not about fund-raising as we are keen that our children do not view their African peers as underdeveloped and negatively different.

Instead, we teach the children about Global Citizenship. Focusing on the nature of our free education system and how we can support the non- free education system in Ghana by introducing them to the concepts of sponsorship and donations.

Each year we endeavor to sponsor 3 pupils from the King's Village School, one reception child, one year 1 child and one year 2 child. Therefore as well as the ongoing school links, our pupils will be in contact with a child of their own age through school, essentially following each other as they grow up together in different continents!

Mrs Owusu-Sekyere visits our school whenever she can during the year to help support our curriculum.

The donations needed for the 3 sponsorships are provided in the following ways:

1 child: Meadow Lane School Fund

1 child: A ex parent sponsor (who wishes to remain anonymous)

1 child: Donations made by your children when participating in 3 non-uniform days a year.

Any families wishing to contribute to the child sponsorship program at The King's School themselves may find details on the website: <http://www.thekingsvillage.org/>

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