



BENTLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE SITAHUMA SCHOOL



We are delighted to announce a special **Gift for The Gambia** as a new way to link with the community at Sitahuma. The pupils wanted to know more about our friends at the Sitahuma school and voted to support Kaira Konko again as one of our three school charities for the year.

By giving a donation to Kaira Konko you will be making a massive difference to the lives of others and your donation will go towards one of six very special projects. You will receive one of our super cards, beautifully printed on 100% biodegradable paper made with 100% green energy. These cards would make a lovely Easter or birthday gift - something a little bit different in this time of lockdown.

Simply complete the order form and return it to school. You can make your donation in cash or go online at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Sitahuma>.



The World Food Programme provides lunches for pupils but portions are meagre and the funding does not cover the full academic year. Your donation will help to buy giant sacks of rice, big bottles of oil and hundreds of onions and stock cubes to deliver to local schools across a wide local area. Fresh vegetables, and sometimes fish, are then added to make up a filling meal for every child. Just like at Bentley, lunchtime is eagerly anticipated. The children run to the kitchen in

great excitement then find somewhere shady with their friends, to eat and chat. A good midday meal allows children to focus on their learning and helps all families to be able to send their children to school.

Just as in Bentley, children in Sitahuma love playing games and football is very popular. You can see children in this photo playing football barefoot with a bundle of cloth as a substitute football. The fundraising from Bentley has helped to buy footballs, basketballs and hoops for children at school. These have been really appreciated by the children and it would be great to provide similar sports equipment for other local village schools too. Your gift will enable us to buy two good quality footballs from the local market.





£15

School and education is so important to provide lifelong opportunities for all children and the Early Years are key.

In the Gambia schooling is free for pupils but they are required to have a school uniform, shoes, exercise books and stationery

equipment. These items can be too costly for many families, preventing

children from getting an education which could

improve their lives or just stopping them from starting their learning journey until they are older. Children always start at Grade 1 and therefore each class has children of a



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very wide variety of ages. Your donation could help a child start their journey earlier and pay for all the supplies they need.

The Mother's Club at Sitahuma is very similar to our amazing PTFA . Fundraising in 2019 supported their soap making course. Since then, they collect leaves from local trees such as

moringa, neem and mahogany, which all have medicinal properties, and use them to make soap each week. The

process has enabled the Mother's Group to contribute to the community in many ways. They not only sell the soap

to the Sitahuma families, but also to other villages.

Your support is benefiting many children and families by supporting health and well-being. It will be used to

buy more moulds and materials to make extra batches,

and to train more groups in other rural areas.



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In every Gambian school you will find a garden for the pupils to learn how to grow vegetables which are used for healthy school lunches. Every home has a vegetable garden to supplement family meals, so gardening skills are essential. Banana trees cost £1 and each tree can eventually grow over 100 bananas each year. All garden crops can be easily damaged by drought, heavy rain and also by passing hungry goats and cows, if the fences are not secure! With your donation we can buy spades, set up water pipes, mend or create fences or walls and to buy more banana, mango and cashew trees.



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