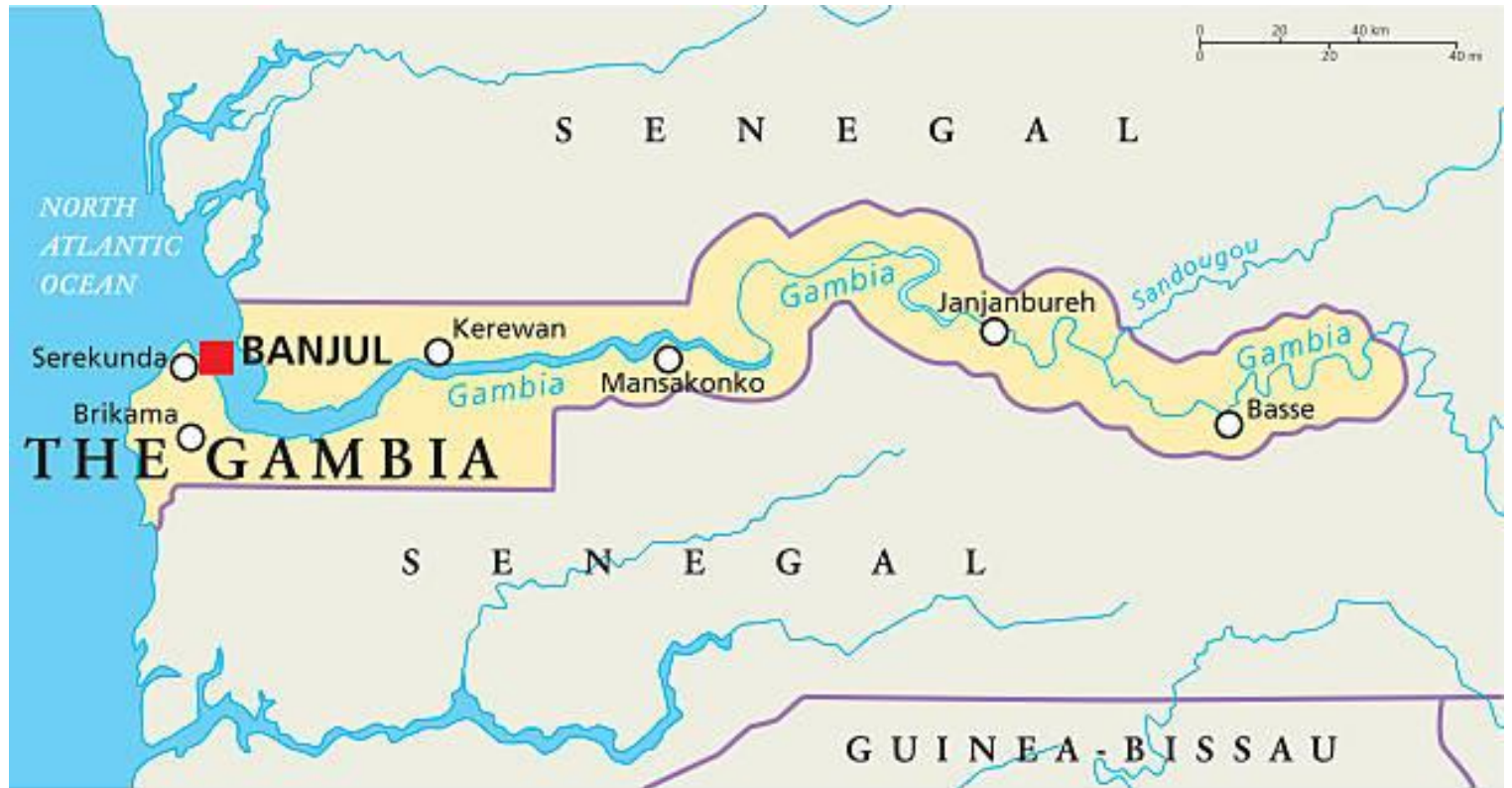


The Gambia 2023



We raised some money to support projects in our linked Gambian schools



We enjoyed hot chocolate on a cold day!



We had a pop up shop

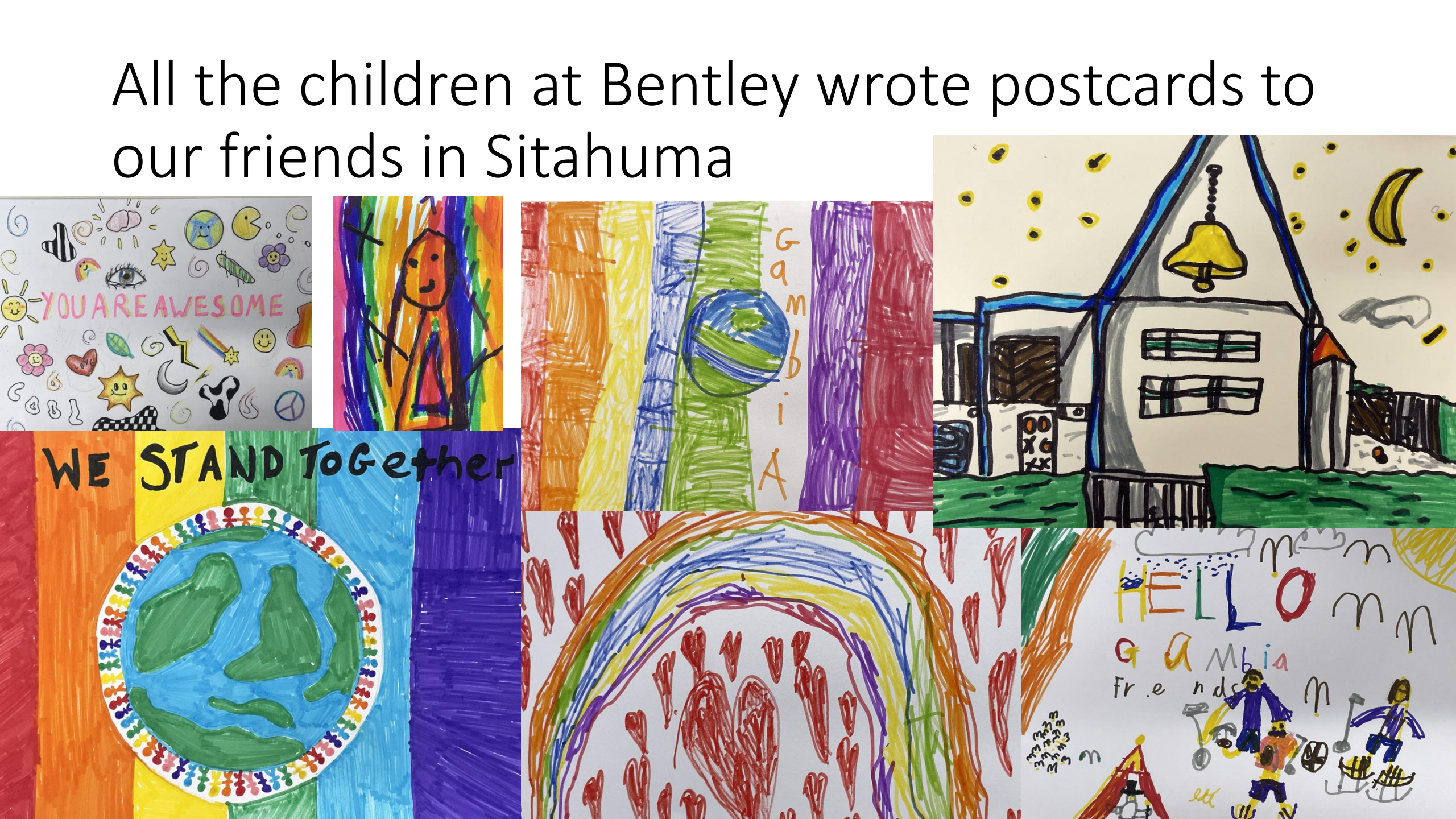
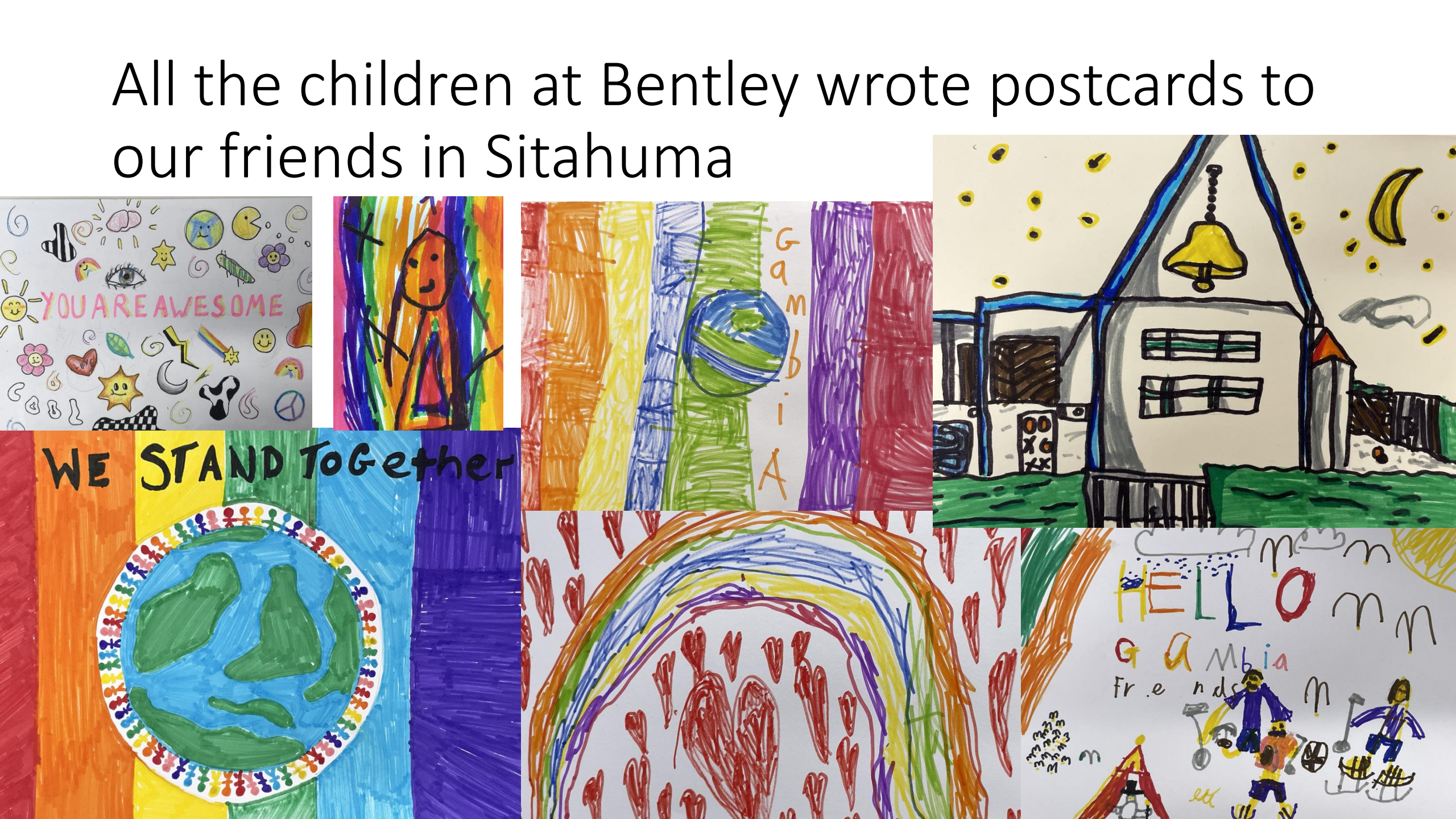
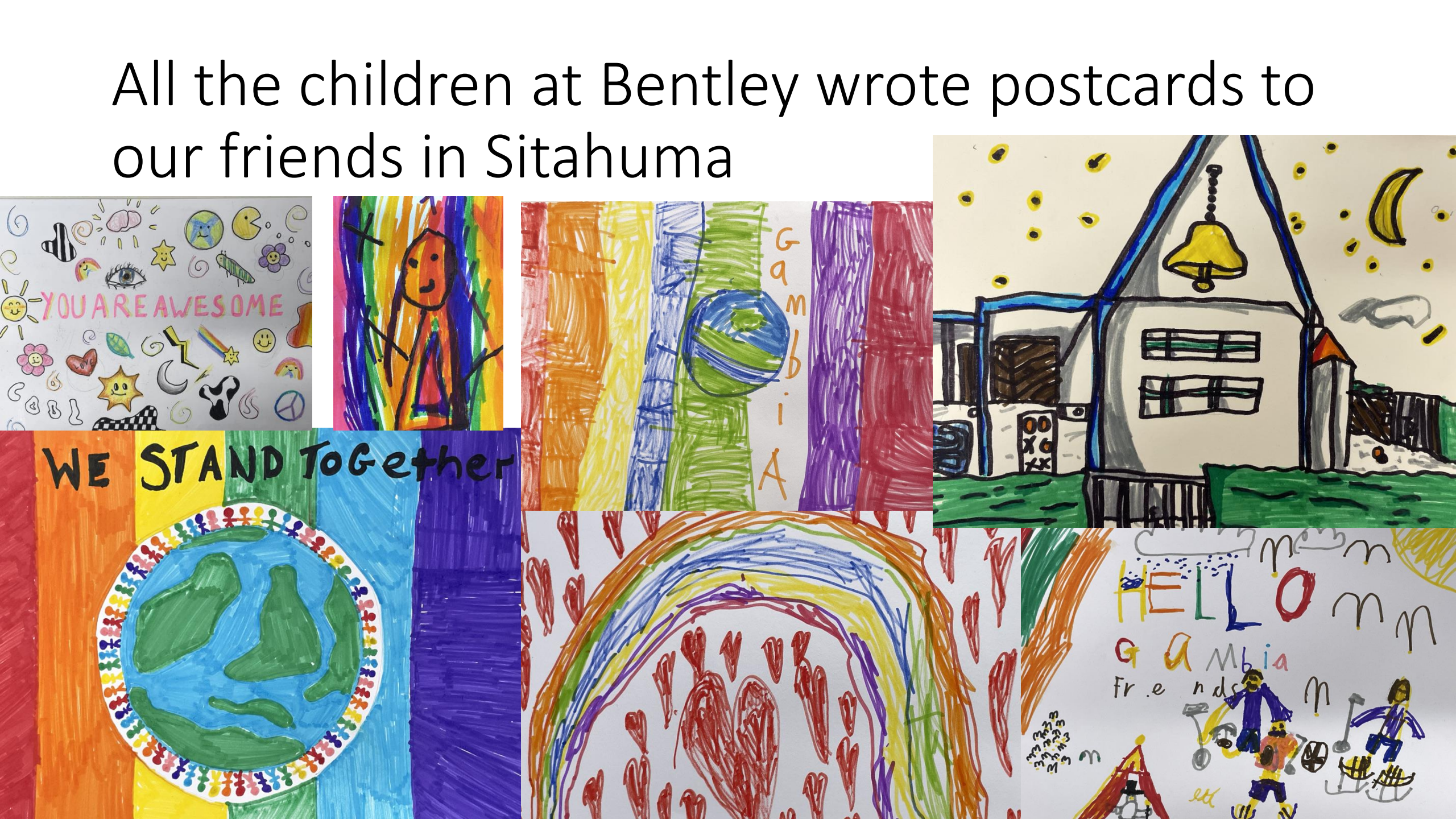
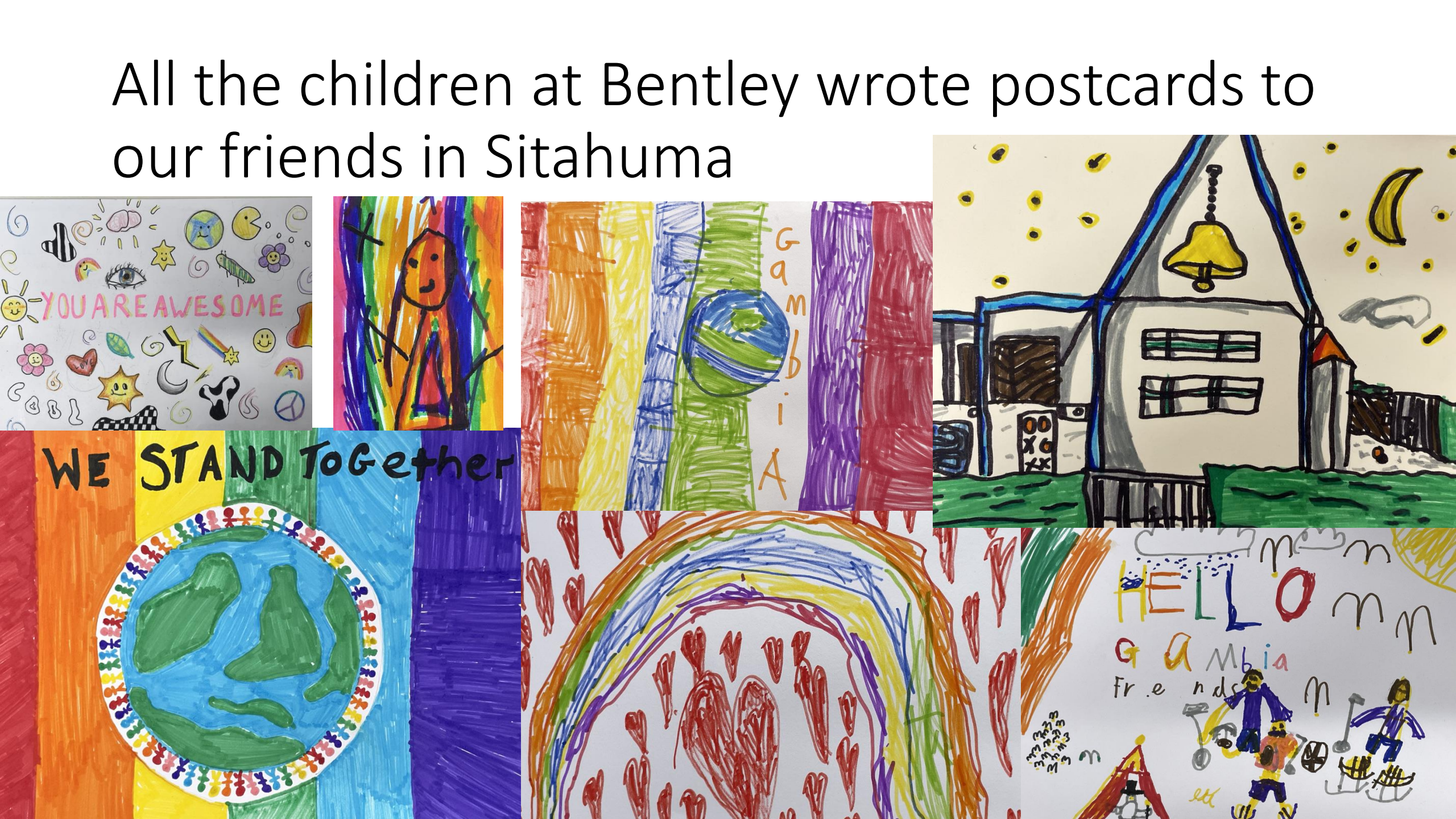
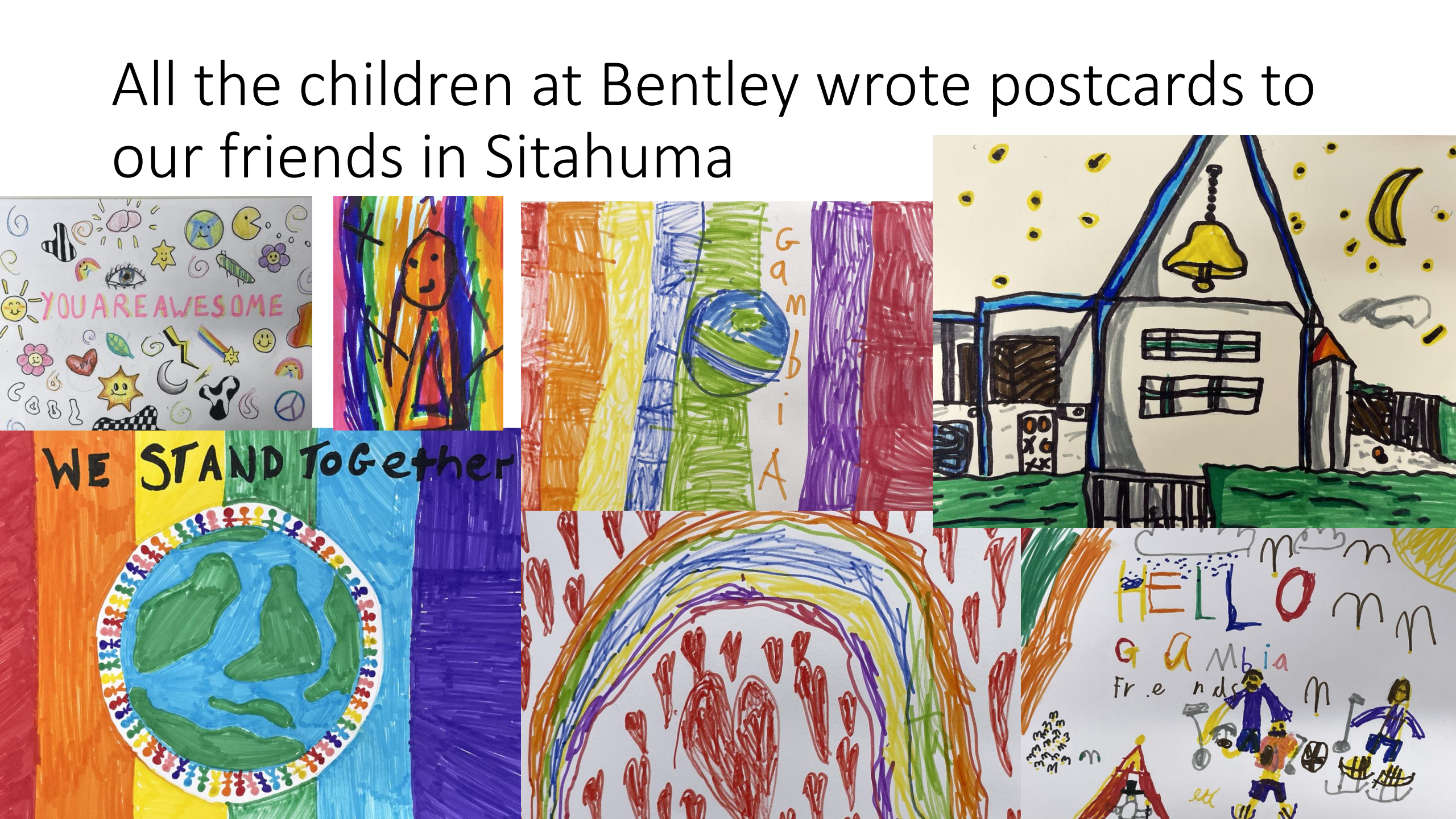
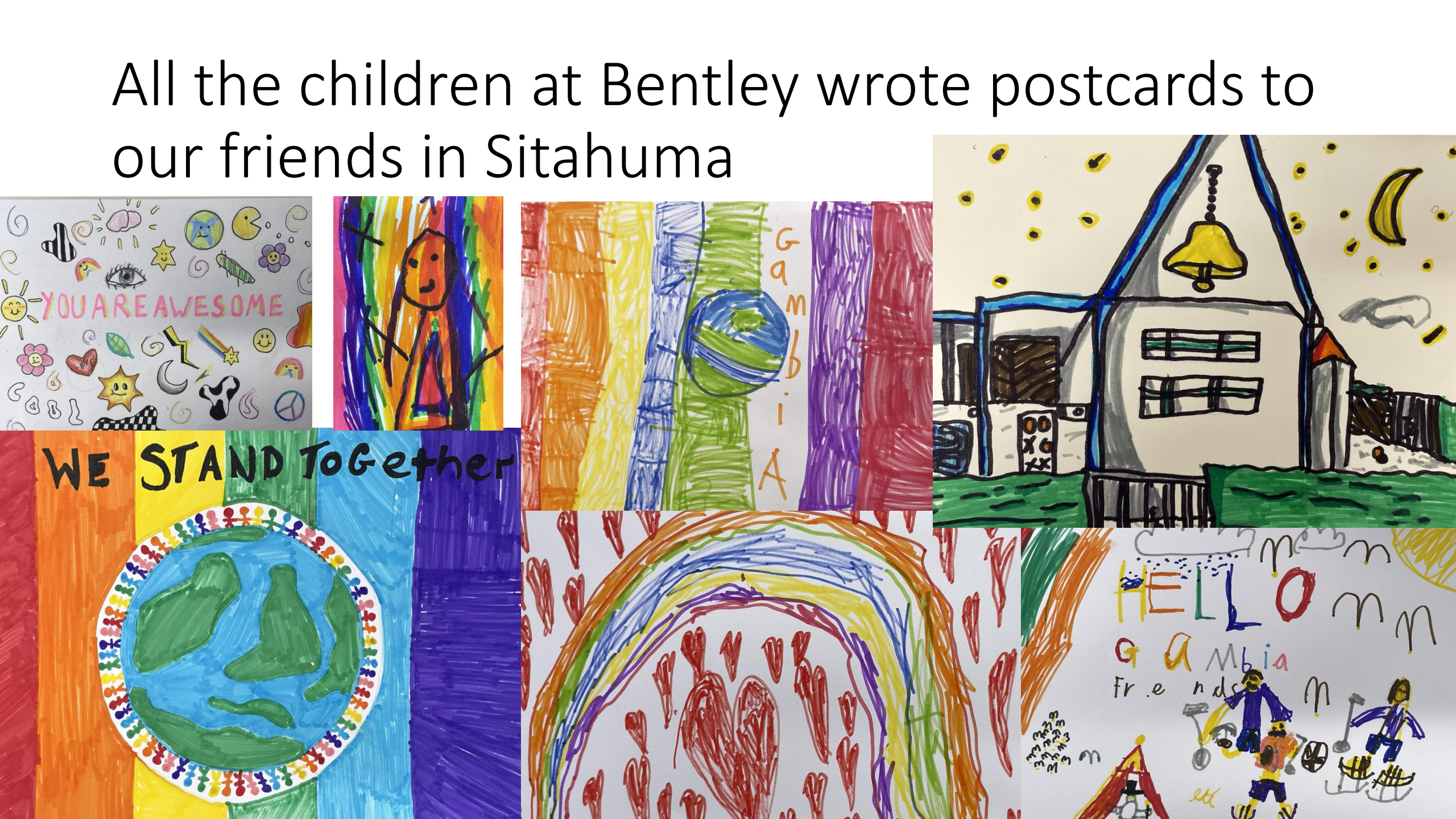
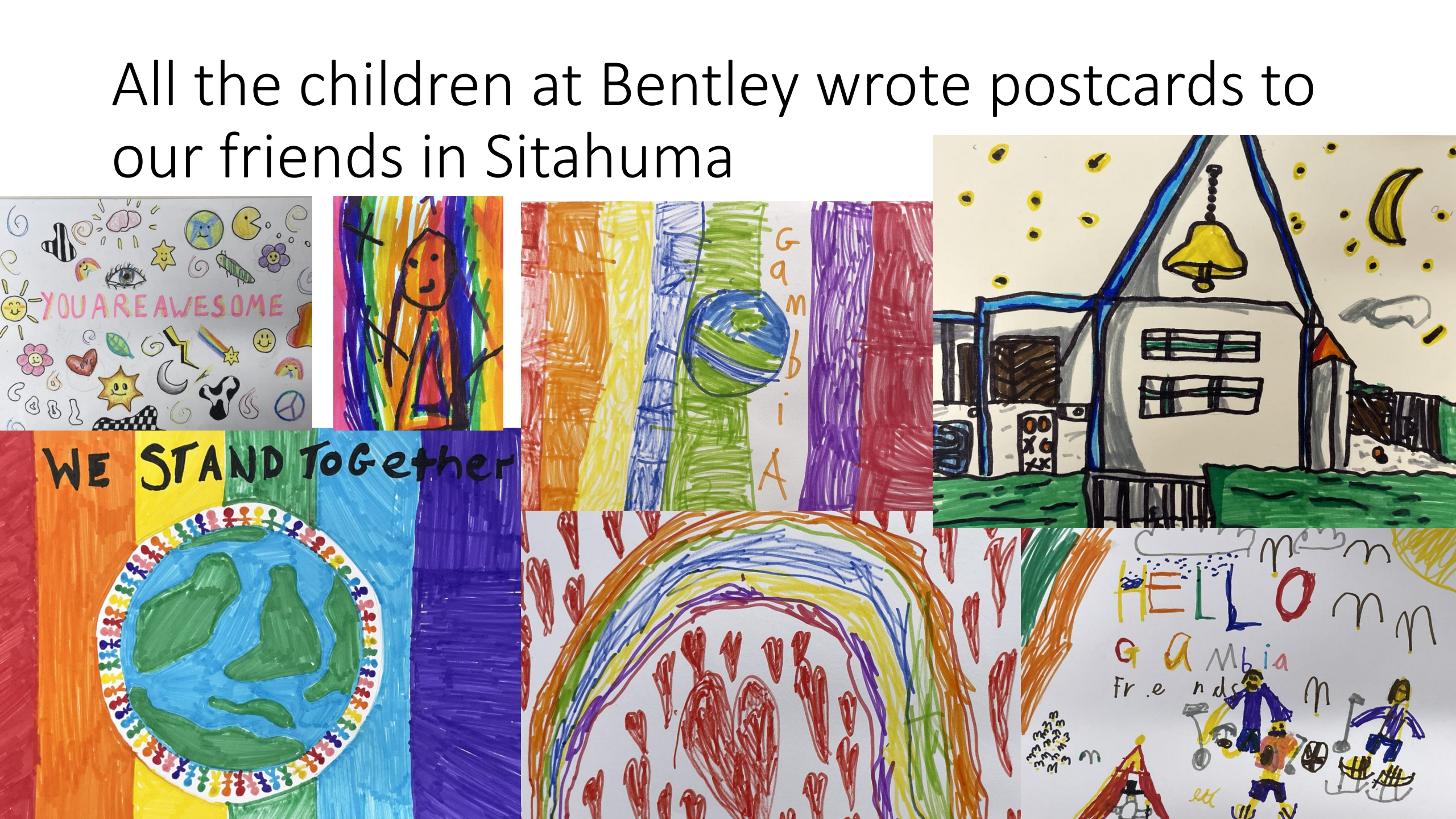


We had a special colourful clothes day!



All the children at Bentley wrote postcards to our friends in Sitahuma

The collage consists of six children's drawings. The top-left drawing is a postcard with the text 'YOU ARE AWESOME' in pink, surrounded by various symbols like a sun, stars, a heart, and a peace sign. The top-middle drawing shows a stick figure with a triangular body and a circular head, standing in a colorful, abstract background. The top-right drawing depicts a house with a yellow bell hanging from the roof, a crescent moon, and stars in the sky. The bottom-left drawing features a globe with green continents and blue oceans, set against a background of vertical stripes in orange, yellow, green, and blue, with the text 'WE STAND TOGETHER' in black. The bottom-middle drawing shows a large, multi-colored rainbow arching over a landscape with red, heart-shaped trees. The bottom-right drawing is a postcard with the text 'HELLO Gambia Friends' in colorful letters, and a scene of children playing with a ball and a small tent.



Mrs Pinchess packed up the resources we had collected to take to The Gambia

- Pencils
- Library books
- Reading books
- Clothes
- Some school uniform
- Teddy bears
- Some other gifts
- It was a very heavy bag!



Mrs Pinchess, Miss Triggs & the bears headed off to The Gambia – we saw so much!

We were lucky enough to see the Atlantic sea!



We kayaked in the mangrove and saw lots of amazing birds



When we arrived in Soma town we went shopping for the food to take to Sitahuma School



When we arrived we were met by the whole school!



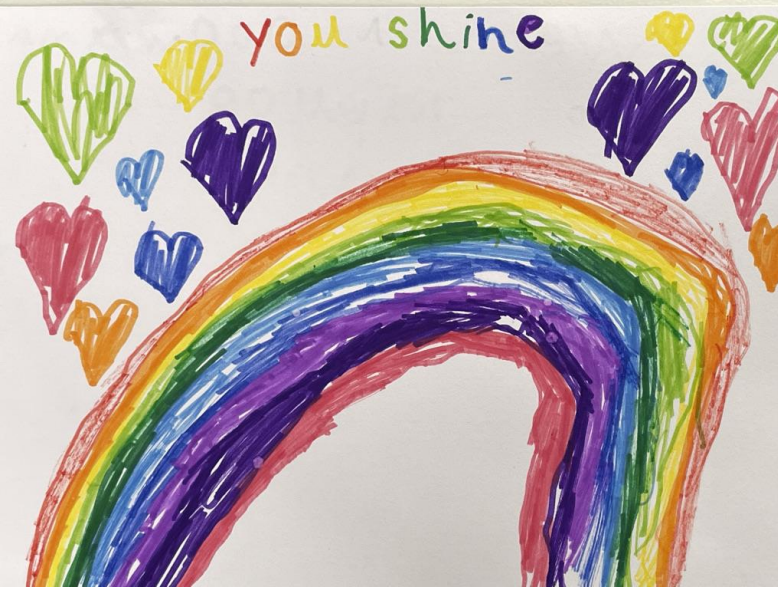


Sadly, the school had not had food to provide lunch. Everyone was excited to see the food being unloaded. The cooks got to work to make lunch!

We handed out the bears



The children LOVED
receiving your cards!



We visited the school garden

The fences have helped the garden to grow without animals eating the vegetables



We could see the water pipe working well and saw banana plants, tomatoes and rows of onions



We bought some of the soap
made by the Mother's club



We saw so many interesting and amazing things in
The Gambia. Everyone was so friendly and all the
children wanted to say a big HELLO to Bentley!



We continue to develop a special friendship
with our friends at Sitahuma school



Thank you Bentley for your postcards, your kindness and your support for our linked school at Sitahuma.

The money we raised has already bought school lunches for all the pupils in three different rural Gambian schools. It will continue to support more gardens, curriculum work and other projects over future months. You have made a difference and it is appreciated.

