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Joyce's International Nursery school is hardly recognisable as the school we first saw three or four years ago. Three shabby classrooms with no furniture and a water well that went deep into the centre of the earth represented the school facilities. Of course, that is normal in Gambia, so the surroundings didn't dampen the spirit and energy of the head-teacher, the teachers or the children.

But, the Gambian Children's Fund wanted more for the children. We wanted clean, fresh drinking water on tap, we wanted a kitchen to provide a midday meals, we wanted children to be able to go to the toilet in sanitary conditions, we wanted furniture for the children to sit on, we wanted blackboards for the teachers' to teach on, we wanted more classroom to accommodate the children.....and now we have all these things, thanks to you and your support.



We have an on going commitment to the children and to the staff. We need to pay the teachers' wages and pay for the midday meals. Gambia is an area of extreme poverty, but despite that, the families want to help towards the running of the school in any way they can. Every Monday morning, every child brings in some wood, this is then used throughout the week to cook the food. The Gambians are proud people, they would rather not depend on charity, but sadly they have no choice. Giving firewood to the school is the only thing they can contribute.

It is a difficult time for everyone now with the worry of energy costs, house prices, unemployment and a deepening recession. We at the Gambian Children's Fund are very aware of this but it doesn't stop us asking for just 2 pounds a month to feed the children, if we don't do it, nobody will, and there will be no need for the firewood.

Everything is relative, and however hard life becomes for us, it will never reach the level of poverty that the developing world faces each day. We have a support system that prevents us from hunger and homelessness. No such system exists in Gambia.

We all deserve a break from stress and hardships . The Gambian Children's Fund is not able to change the face of Gambia, we are not able to solve all the problems and give everyone a good life, but maybe, just maybe, with your help, we can at least make life a better place for the children at Joyce's International School. With your support, the new classrooms will be full of happy children, with food in their stomachs, water in their cups and hope in their hearts.

IT ONLY COSTS 2 POUNDS A MONTH TO ACHIEVE THIS.....PLEASE HELP USPLEASE HELP THE CHILDREN HAVE HOPE.....SEE OVERLEAF FOR DETAILS.....



**A BIG THANKYOU TO
LEICESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL
WALLACE BELL CHARITABLE TRUST
WHO HAVE CONSISTANTLY SUPPORTED
US AND WITHOUT WHOSE HELP WE
COULD NOT HAVE FINISHED THE
3 NEW CLASSROOMS THIS YEAR**

**& ALSO A BIG THANKS TO DEBBIE OF POWDER BLUE,
FRANCIS STREET - KARIN, HAZEL & ALL THE PEOPLE
& BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORTED OUR ICE PALACE
EVENT ON THE 13TH NOVEMBER**

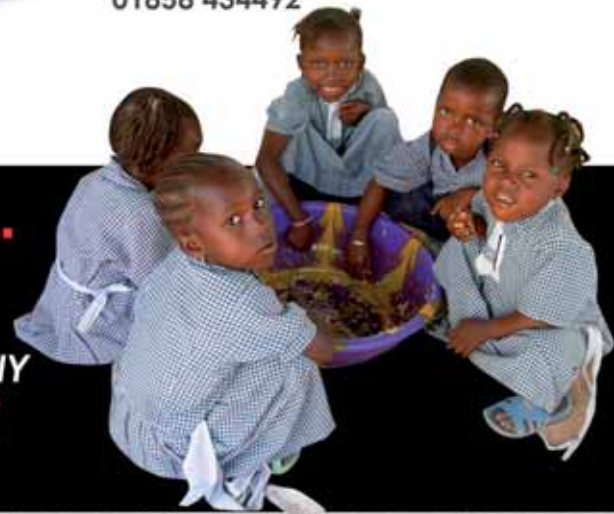


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school in the Gambia.**

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CHILDREN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE FILL IN
THE FORM BELOW AND HAND INTO YOUR BANK OR ANY
HSBC BRANCH . . . YOUR SUPPORT WOULD BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED, THANKYOU!**

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

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FOR THE CREDIT OF **THE GAMBIAN CHILDREN'S FUND AC/NO - 81571168**

THE SUM OF COMMENCING **£2 A MONTH - TWO POUNDS A MONTH ON FIRST OF EACH MONTH**

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