



Global Connections at St Peter's

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St Peter's



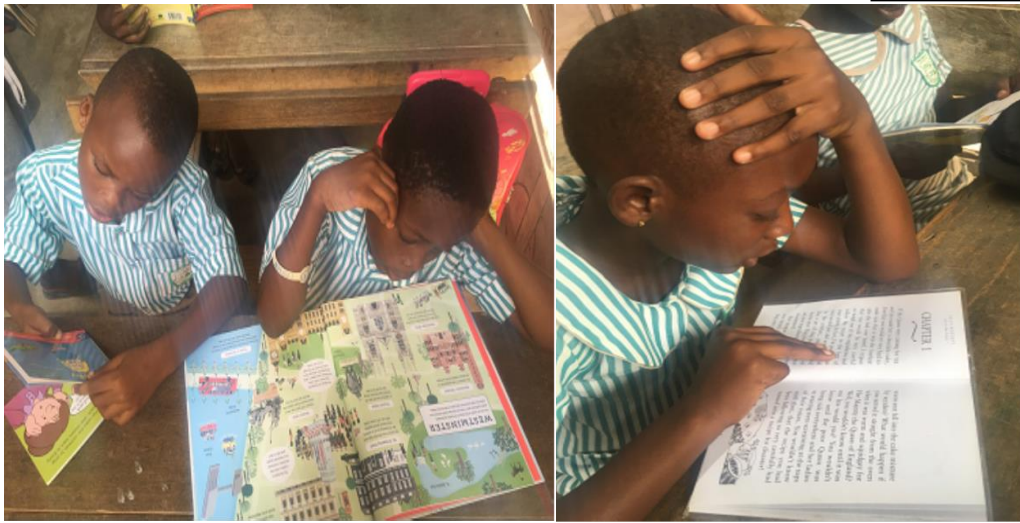
At St Peter's we see ourselves as citizens of the world. As such we have designed our curriculum to include learning about other cultures, countries and peoples. For example, in English we try to ensure that we have links to literature from other parts of the world and in our curriculum cookery classes, pupils learn to make dishes from other cultures.



Children at the UCC, with
Christmas cards from St.
Peter's pupils

Back in the summer of 2013 St. Peter's established a link with a charity school in Ghana. The UCC Future Leaders School is in Teshie, a suburb of Accra. The UCC provides mainly for children whose parents are not able to send them to a government school. In Ghana, primary education is free but families still have to purchase a uniform and stationery for school. Many of the children at the UCC are either orphans or have one parent in very low paid employment. For these families, education is not their main priority. They are naturally more concerned with providing food for their children.

Becoming fluent readers 2016



How does the UCC work?

The UCC is run Billa Mahmoud. He has a couple of full time teachers but relies on volunteers from around the world to support the teaching. Billa and his wife also have several of the orphaned children living with them. The principle aim is to give the children a basic education so that they can eventually join a government run school. As in many countries around the world, if a child doesn't achieve the required standard they cannot move up a year, so some of the children are still in primary school as teenagers.

Although a Muslim himself, most Ghanaians are Christians so the school begins each day with a Christian focused assembly. As well as educating the children, the school provides a meal for the children on three days a week – attendance is always highest on these days!



Hello
St Peter's!

How do we maintain our link?

Children at St. Peter's have written letters and cards to their Ghanaian friends. Postage is erratic and often doesn't arrive! But we have received photos and letters from the whole school using visitors to the school as carriers! The Ghanaian children were delighted to receive cards as none of them had ever received one before. We are told that these will be kept safely on the wall in their homes.

Enjoying learning in school

Cake made by St Peter's children
as part of a fund raising
afternoon



St. Peter's children have been learning about school in Ghana. There are many similarities in the curriculum and the structure of the day, but we have learnt a lot about the many aspects of life that we take for granted. Children at St. Peter's have organised a charity fair, raising £224 for the school in Ghana.

Contact in 2016

In January one of our parents was on business in Accra and took time to visit the UCC. He was able to take a complete set of Maths books on our behalf as well as several sports items. He was full of praise for Billa and the work that is being done at the UCC to give every child a chance in life.

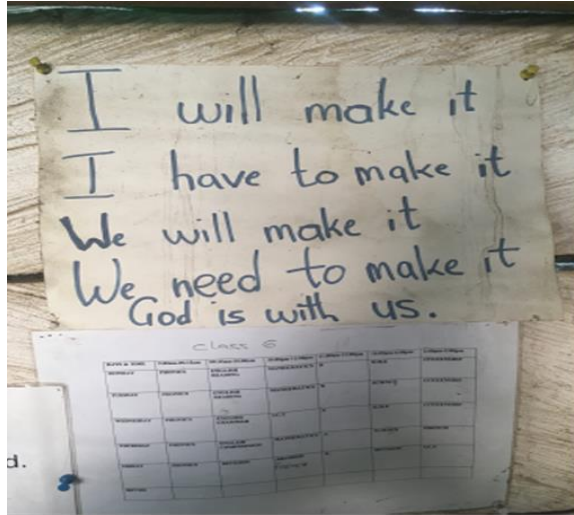
In summer 2016, a member of staff's son spent some time at the UCC and was able to see the Maths books being used on a daily basis. He also took more books out to the children and reported that many of them are making excellent progress in their English language and in their reading.

One of the main motivations for the children at UCC is sport, particularly football. Billa promotes football in the afternoons and runs competitive teams. He insists that children have to attend school if they want to participate in football. St Peter's families have donated football kit for the children which was delivered personally. A football shirt from an English or European team is a cherished item!



These boys are delighted
with their new kit.

The future



**Sign on the wall at
UCC**

We have a lot to learn from the Ghanaian children's determination and positivity and we shall continue to share communication and to support the school. We are hoping that they will have internet access at some point in the near future which will make communication a lot more effective. To support our understanding, we have incorporated two units focusing on Ghana into our Geography curriculum. This will improve our children's knowledge about the country and its people. As an added bonus, Weydon School also has links with Ghana so the learning at St. Peter's will be further extended when the children move on to secondary school.

For more information about the school and children's centre, please open the following You Tube links.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xddkoZwTbwher>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXHKrvhszk0>