

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH PARKS PROJECT EDUCATION NEWSLETTER



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THE CONSERVATION CUP

During the summer the first Conservation Cup Tag Rugby Competition took place in Uganda.

The idea was to combine team sport and conservation messages in an inter-school competition.

It proved to be very popular with the children and even attracted interest from the national press in Uganda.

Our thanks go to Yowasi from Kafuro Primary School and Adam from Liss Junior School for working so hard to make the Conservation Cup a reality.

For more details, see <http://kafuroliss.primaryblog>



FEEDBACK FROM THE CLUSTER MEETINGS - UGANDA

Our Ugandan partner schools held their latest Cluster Meeting at the Project's house in the Queen Elizabeth National Park. The our Ugandan teacher colleagues were joined by Adam Stanley and Heather Green from the UK and several Community Rangers from the National Park as well as the Warden-in Charge of Community, Oliva Biira.

The key topics for discussion were a review of the current state of the twinning arrangements between schools, the need to improve communication between Ugandan and UK schools, the use of the school blogs and internet.

There was also a discussion around the need for children to be able to visit the National Park, and Olivia informed the teachers of the opportunities that existed to enable this to happen.

The Cluster Meeting was also joined by Co-Founder of the Project Charles Etoru who said a few words about the Project and the role of the schools and Community Rangers.

The Queen Elizabeth Parks Project will be working hard to make sure that the momentum created by this Cluster Meeting and the very successful Conservation Cup is maintained over the coming months.

Cluster Meeting Feedback - UK

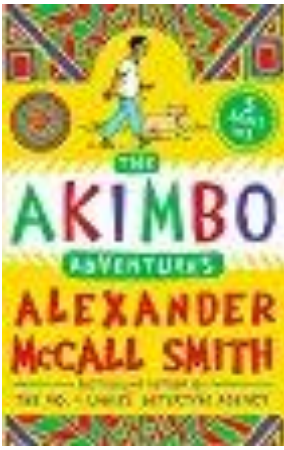
The latest UK Cluster meeting was dominated by feedback from Adam Stanley and Heather Green on their visit to Uganda during the summer.

Adam mentioned several highlights including building a cob oven, a bottle green house and getting to grips with the weather station. Adam also talked about the solar panels installed at Kafuro and Bukorwe schools.

“The trip was amazing and I cannot wait to go back” – Henry Green, Petersfield School Pupil who accompanied Heather and Adam on the recent visit to Uganda

Heather Green informed the meeting about the potential teacher training links that are being developed between The University of Chichester and training establishments in Uganda.

There was also a disussion about the British Council's current school's programme and the need for those schools who want funding through this programme to undertake the online training programme. The Project will be providing advice on this in its next Education Newsletter.



The Project recommends this book

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Julie Kelly from West Meon School reported that she had received several emails from their partner school Mahyoro Primary.

Project Leader Steve Peach updated the meeting on Project developments, whilst Park Ranger Joe Williams talked about his visit to Uganda earlier in the year.

ITEMS COMMON TO BOTH CLUSTER GROUPS

RANGER VISITS TO SCHOOLS

It is important to the Project that Rangers visit our partner schools, so please make contact with your local Ranger to arrange these visits. If you have difficulties in contacting your local Ranger please contact the Project.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Most of our partner schools have been set up with a blog site (hosted on primary blogger) and this is a great way of keeping in touch with each other and publicising what's happening at your school. It is vital that you keep in contact with your partner schools, so if you are having any communication issues or need help with blog ideas please contact the Project and we will be able to help.

RESOURCE MATERIAL

The Project recommends the book 'Akimbo Adventures' by Alexander McCall-Smith. Akimbo is the son of a national park worker and tells of his adventures fighting poachers, protection elephants and more.

The Project will be donating copies of this book to our Uganda partner schools please contact us if you would like a copy.

There are some interesting ideas and resource material based on the book at the following website.

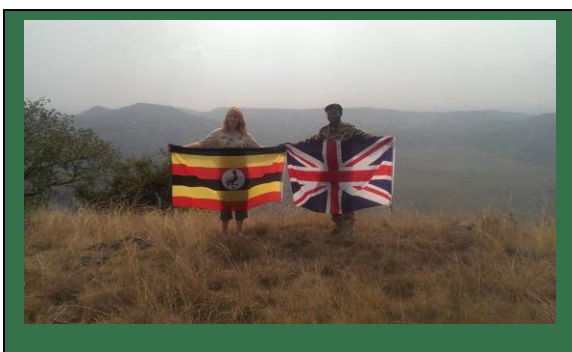
<http://www.teachitprimary.co.uk/KS2drama/akimbo-and-the-elephants-by-alexander-mccall-smith/tags/1614>

There is some additional resource material produced by IFAW (The International Fund for Animal Welfare)

<http://www.ifaw.org/united-states/our-work/education/elephants-never-forget>

The Project also recommends the resource material from PACE (Pan African Conservation Education) which if you are looking at wider African-based conservation and sustainability issues are really useful.

<http://www.paceproject.net/pace-packs>



If you have found useful resource materials that might be useful to our Uganda or UK partner schools please let us know and we will publish your suggestions in our next newsletter.

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