

Primary School Teacher Exchange



The first leg of the British Council sponsored primary school teacher exchange programme recently took place with teachers travelling to Uganda from the Northamptonshire primary schools which included, Castle Primary, Fairfields Special School, Whitehills Primary, Silverstone Schools Federation, Woodnewton (Corby) and Meadowside (Burton Latimer).

It is fair to say that all found the experience very rewarding if not challenging at times, and in some people lives it made a strong if not profound impact on how they perceived the world around them. The second leg of the exchange takes place between the 22nd September and 2nd October when the Ugandan colleagues make the return visit to the UK.



Some of the UK Teachers with Ugandan Colleagues

Discovery Centre, Uganda



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So many "firsts" have happened . . .

It has been exciting to have many "firsts" happen at D.C. since the Spring newsletter. The ground floor resource area of the Education Centre has been carpeted and used for the first time by Ugandan and UK teachers in the exchange programme. The first computer lesson has been given to a group of children from a local Ugandan primary school. A live link has been made between students at the Centre and a school in the UK via the internet and even the bananas planted eighteen months ago in the "farm" area have produced fruit! We are so thankful for the good progress made and appreciate the brilliant staff of Discovery Centre for making it happen.

The "First Fruits"



The "Woodnewton" Bananas



Luke Politano from Woodnewton Learning Community (a primary school in the British Council Primary Teacher Exchange programme) examines the bananas on a plant first put in the ground by

colleagues from the same school in March 2010.

Continuing on the agricultural theme, over three acres of maize have also recently been planted and the crop is doing well.



Bananas being planted in March 2010

The First Computer Lesson Held

The Education Centre was built to facilitate links between schools in Uganda and the UK and also as a resource for local Ugandan schools. It was very pleasing recently to have the first group of Ugandan primary school students come for a lesson on using computers. For a few of the students it was the first time for them to have a "hands on experience" - brilliant!



The picture left was taken as a screen shot from a computer in the UK. It shows Nixon, a staff member of D.C. teaching in the Education Centre using a laptop and data projector. The lesson was streamed live over the internet and watched live in the UK

New Garage and Workshop Built



D.C. vehicles until recently at have been parked under trees, a situation which is far from ideal. A garage has now been built to house them and also looking to the future to house a tractor as well, which is urgently needed to control the large area of grass now at D.C.