

## Connecting Classrooms visit February 2013

### Connecting Classrooms at Stokeinteignhead Primary School

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Patrick, Rose and Stephen accompanied some of the pupils from Stokeinteignhead Primary School on a trip to Riverford Farm to see some of their farming methods. It was beautifully bright but freezing cold.



*Patrick, Rose and Stephen wrapped up well!*

On Thursday, our Kenyan visitors came to our school. They spoke to all of the children in assembly, were given a tour and then spent an hour in each of our classrooms



They shared some music and dance, answered lots of questions and saw a variety of teaching activities. These included some soil experiments which the participating schools are conducting, both in Devon and Kenya.

### Connecting Classrooms at Manor Primary School

We welcomed some very special guests from Kenya. Mrs Rose Omanyo, Mr Stephen Orato and Mr Patrick Juma Makhulo. They had a fantastic day and shared in our carnival celebrations. Rose even sang a Kenyan song before all of the children joined the carnival procession in the afternoon.

The day marked the beginning of the 'Connecting Classrooms' project and of a new partnership between Manor Primary and Imprezza School, Kenya.



*Patrick, Rose and Stephen joining in the carnival.*

***Our Mission** is to enable students, both boys and girls, who would not otherwise have any access to secondary or decent primary education to succeed.*

## Connecting Classrooms at Torquay Girls' Grammar School

Following the award of a grant from the British Council Mr Walker, Chemistry teacher from TGGGS, along with two other teachers from local primary schools, Manor in Ivybridge and Stokinteignhead near Torquay, will be taking part in a exchange with three schools in Kenya. The grant funds the exchange of teachers in order to foster cultural and education links between the U.K. and other countries.

Headteachers from the three schools participating from the Western Province of Kenya recently visited Devon, and came in to TGGGS for a day. They were introduced in an assembly and went on to spend the day visiting classes and meeting students and staff.

During an assembly Rose Omanyo, Headteacher of the Imprezza school, updated us with events currently taking place in the school. She thanked the staff and pupils for the charitable support that TGGGS provides, helping Kenyan students, the majority of whom are orphans, to attend the school.

This year's Connecting Classroom project will involve a series of experiments to test the soil and monitor the rate of evaporation at the sites of the different schools in the U.K. and Kenya. The experiments will be performed and recorded by students in the schools and results compared when the teachers from Devon return to Kenya.

The three visiting headteachers met the members of the Geology Club who are helping to perform and record the experiments at TGGGS. A year 7 pupil explained that the records of evaporation over the last four weeks here in the U.K. had been less than impressive!

Rose, Stephen and Patrick, the visiting heads, reassured us that evaporation would not be a problem in Kenya. The equator passes just six kilometres north of Kisumu, the nearest major town to the three schools!



**Explaining the records of the evaporation to Rose, Patrick and Stephen**

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## Meet Our New Trustee

Earlier this year Mr Bob Cross was invited to be a new trustee of Operation Imprezza.

Bob has developed a close working relationship with the work of the charity over the past 4 years; firstly when he was Headteacher at Stokeinteignhead Primary School and more recently through his close association with Torquay Girls Grammar School, where is he a school governor.

On his appointment Bob said, *"I feel honoured and privileged to be asked to be a Trustee of Operation Imprezza and I hope I can make a positive contribution to the valuable work already undertaken by the existing Trustees. Having seen at first hand the hard work that Catherine and her team at Imprezza Academy undertake I feel that anything we can do to help her achieve her ambition of providing a place of learning for as many under privileged children is the least we can do."*



We, at Imprezza, are delighted that Bob has agreed to join the team and look forward to working closely with him as the school develops.

**Bob Cross**

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Kind regards,

Christopher Hulme

Chairman