

## School Visit to Uganda

As many of you know I went to work in Nyakibale School for the deaf in Rukungiri, Uganda, Africa this summer. Many of you made very generous contributions and donations so I thought you would like to know a little about the trip.



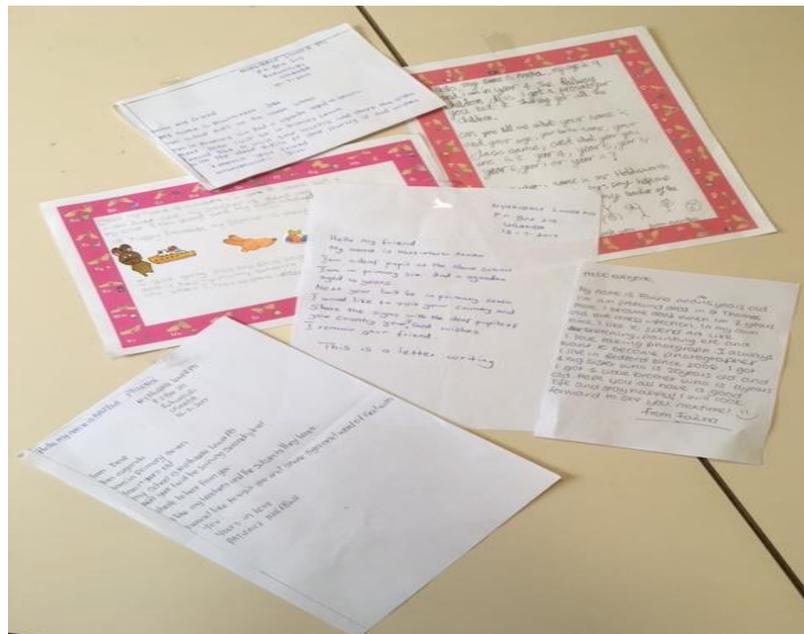
Unlike in England, the deaf children do not have hearing aids or cochlea implants, so all communication is through sign language. The children taught me some Ugandan sign language and I taught them some British Sign Language.

As you can see above, the classrooms are very bare. The rooms do not have electricity or glass windows or carpets. There are no whiteboards, only blackboards. Children are very happy and feel very lucky to be at school and work very hard. We took some colourful pictures to put up on their walls and colouring pens and pencils for them.



The children were very excited to receive the gifts that you gave as donations and they sent their thanks.

In the Hearing Impaired Provision, we wrote letters to the pupils in Africa, I took them with me, and the children in Uganda wrote letters back to us so they are now our African pen pals. They have no computers or mobile phones so they cannot send emails or text us!



The staff room had no electricity either and there was no photocopying machine or laptops! Everyone drank milky tea at break time that was prepared over a real fire.



The children who were not deaf loved singing and sang a welcoming song for us. You may see some of the children do not have shoes.



Uganda is known as 'The Pearl of Africa' and it is a very beautiful country and we were very lucky to see elephants, monkeys, Hippos, crocodiles and Birds.





It was a very interesting experience to see what schools are like in Africa and to see how other people live.

And Finally, the classes of P5 & P6 from Nyakibale School for the Deaf send a wave to you all from Uganda, Africa.



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