

## SANDWICH SCHOOL HELPS FARATO

Ten students from Sir Roger Manwood School accompanied by two of their teachers, Helen and John, spent a week at the school digging the garden, painting murals in the classrooms and on the external school wall, teaching sports, music, science, arts & crafts and English.

It was amazing how much the put into the week and they even had time to study African drumming and batik. This short week changed their views:



*"It made me more aware of the reality of poverty."*

*"I increased my friendships and gave me a new perspective on life."*

*"I learnt how lucky we are, and we shouldn't take things for granted."*

*"It was amazing to see how joyous Gambians are and how people can make a difference."*



In November 2007 students from Hayesbrook School Tonbridge will be spending their first week in Farato. There will be plenty of work for them to do and we hope they will gain & give as much as these youngsters did.



## The London Marathon

Congratulations to Des White and Claire McDonald, of Paddock Wood Athletics Club, who completed the London Marathon for GAMBLE and raised a good amount of sponsorship.



## We need you!



**Sponsorship** is the sole resource we have to pay the teachers' salaries. If we are to keep well-trained, competent and committed teachers we **MUST** pay a competitive rate. Some private schools offer much higher salaries than we can currently afford and there is a real danger that we are investing time and money in training only to lose the teachers.

However much or little you can afford, regular sponsorship means we can offer increments and regular salary reviews and maintain a dedicated staff. An average salary for a primary teacher is £40 pm. We owe our teachers more than that!

## VARIOUS FUND RAISING EVENTS

The African drumming evening in February was a huge success. Over 90 people played drums and ate African food.

In May Relative Minors and visiting musicians held a concert for GAMBLE and it is events like these, together with donations from sponsored runs, the craft stall and sale of Christmas cards plus generous gifts from individuals that have all contributed to sufficient funds to complete Phase 2 of the Primary school. So, by September we hope to have two more classrooms on top of the present two which will give us the time to provide schooling for 40 more pupils both in 2007 and 2008. Precious time in which to fund raise for the final stage: the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classrooms and the head teacher's office. So

please keep up the support! When we finish building the Primary school we can concentrate upon teacher training and simply (!) maintaining the school.



## Future events – put these dates in your diary

**14-16<sup>th</sup> September** Art Exhibition in the Church, Yalding



**6<sup>th</sup> October** in the Church, Yalding, *Cancionero*, an Early Music Ensemble will perform music from the Middle Ages and early Renaissance.

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## FUND RAISING IDEAS

### CRAFT STALL

To book this exotic stall at a function ring Pauline  
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### SPONSORSHIP

Can you run, walk, climb, swim, fast or any other crazy idea to attract sponsorship for GAMBLE?

### CELEBRATIONS

If you want your guests' presence but not presents, why not ask them to donate to GAMBLE

