



WELCOME TO OUR

# SGB Cambodia Newsletter



WHAT IS IN THIS ISSUE?

## Newsletter Launch

This is the first of our half-termly newsletters that will update you on everything to do with our sister school in Cambodia.

Each issue will include information on what has been happening in Cambodia and also what we have been doing here to raise money and awareness for our international charity.

## Our School in Cambodia

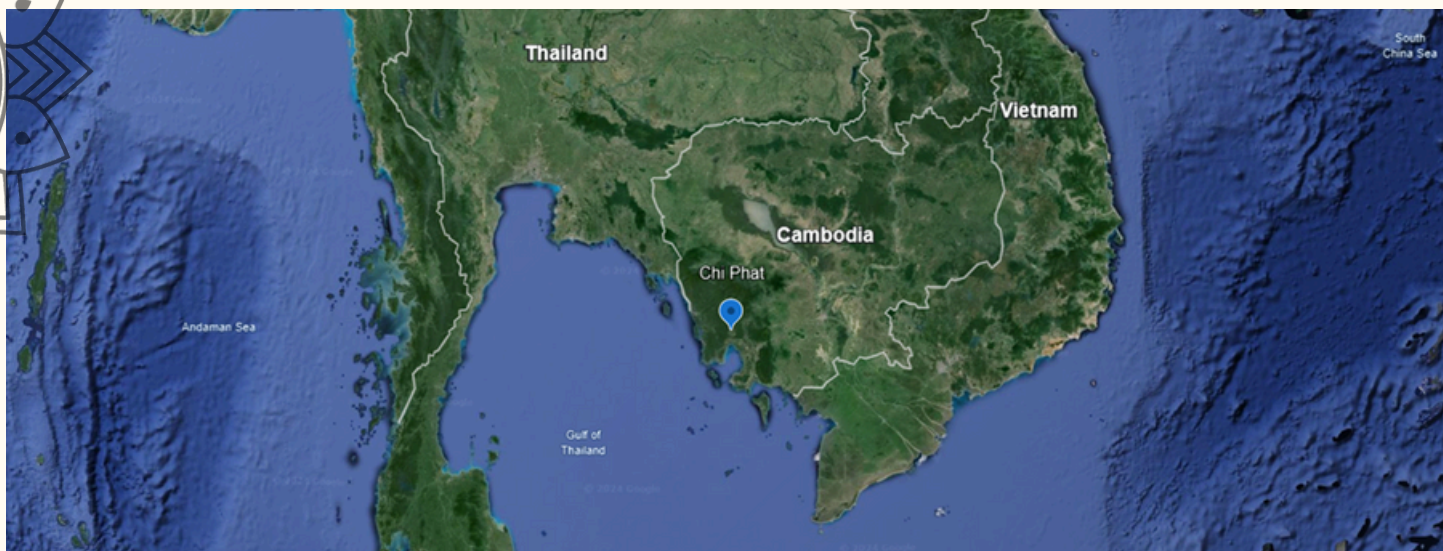
### SGB CAMBODIA, CHI PHAT VILLAGE

From 2002 to present, pupils and staff at SGB have shown care for the wider community by supporting a primary school in rural Cambodia.

Initially, \$16,000 was raised for a new school building in the village, with a further \$18,000 raised by 2010 to fund an extension.

In order to continue to support our sister school, every year we need to raise £5,000. This money is used to pay for the wages of the English and Computing teacher. Without our efforts, the children of Chi Phat village would not receive this important education.





## FUNDRAISING TOTALS

So far this year, we have raised £1500. This means we need to raise a further £3500 in order to continue to pay for the English and Computing teacher.

We are very grateful for all who have donated. In recent months, a quiz night held at the **Greyhound Inn**, Burston helped to raise over £600.

We would also like to thank **Craig Jenkins** and the **NatWest Charity Trust** in supporting this school project.

## MEET THE TEAM IN CAMBODIA

Mr Peng Ty – Founder of the Aid for Rural Education of Cambodia charity.

Mr Ratt – Principle of SGB Cambodia, Chi Phat Village.



# SGB Cambodia Update

## THERE HAS BEEN A LOT HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL IN CAMBODIA!

I am Min Titsathia, the English and computer teacher at SGB Cambodia. I would like to report to you about my teaching activities and other events.

### ENGLISH CLASS

For these three groups, they learned the same book named "Let's Go 1" on unit 2 titled "Colors and Shapes". After finishing unit 1, I learned that most students can't read well. So, I told them to stop learning with their course book for a while. Instead, I asked them to focus on learning "English Phonics" for a moment. The students have already finished learning the "Long Vowels", "Short Vowels" and "Word Families" sound.

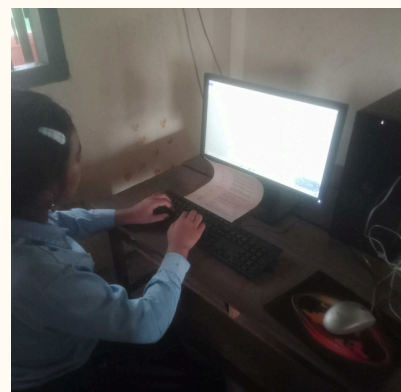
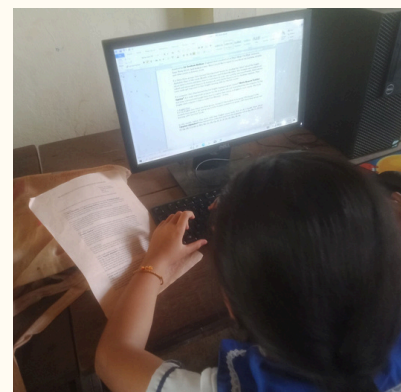
In the end of the week, they also learned about "Flags of Asia" (North Korea; South Korea; China; Vietnam; Taiwan and Cambodia), "The Weather" (sun; cloud; rain; thunder; snow; hot and cold), "Feelings" (happy; sad; angry; scared; love and confused).

And especially, they learned and enjoyed a new action song titled "If you happy and you know clap your hands".

### COMPUTER CLASS

For computer class, they keep learning the "Microsoft Word" program, for the students who finished typing the document lessons in English; they learned the new program called "Khmer Unicode Typing" (Khmer program). And for the students who finished typing all the lessons in Khmer typing program, they learned and started typing their document lessons in Khmer Unicode called "Open Office Writer".

And the good news of this month is that few female students have already finished typing their document lesson in English and Khmer Unicode letters, so they are really good resources for helping their classmates when in need. I can say that, now they became my "mentors" for the computer class.



## HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO SUPPORT OUR WORK?

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If you wish to find out more information or donate to our international charity, then please contact us.

# Our Current Fundraising Events



## ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK FOR CAMBODIA

All pupils will participate in a sponsored walk around the playing fields to raise money and awareness for our sister school in Cambodia.

£10 Challenge - Each pupil has been set a challenge to get £10 in sponsorship to help meet our target. The house group with the highest total will receive an end of term reward.

Any donation, large or small, is greatly welcomed and pupils should remember that the event is focused on coming together as a community.



## ART & DT EXHIBITION - FRIDAY 5TH JULY 6:30PM

Our Art and Design & Technology departments are hosting a captivating event to showcase the exceptional work of students from all year groups.

The exhibition will feature an impressive display of projects, allowing students to demonstrate their artistic and technological prowess, highlighting their diverse talents and skills.

The event will be raising money for our school in Cambodia. Tickets are £3, under 5's are free.

Tickets can be purchased on the door or at break time in the reception area from Monday 1st July – Thursday 4th July.



# Cambodia Trip

Every year, an 11 day visit to Cambodia takes place over February half term.

The trip is open to any SGB pupil who attends the Sixth Form and who has consistently demonstrated the school's values.

To apply, pupils need to write a letter outlining the reasons why they would like to go and their personal qualities that are important to a trip like this.

The most recent visit took place from 8th–20th February 2024. The main purpose was to visit SGB Cambodia, in Chi Phat village.

The ten Year 13 pupils involved saw the school first hand, and met the teachers & children. They gave out packs of stationary to every child to help them with their education.

The most rewarding aspect of the trip was when the Year 13s taught the fun and creative lessons they had planned. The happiness and excitement in the school meant that everyone had a wonderful and memorable experience.



# Do You Have Any Ideas?

## CALLING ALL PUPILS! CAN YOU HELP?

It would not be possible to support our school in Cambodia without the help of our wonderful pupils in Stafford. Over the years, you have always got involved with all of the fundraising activities.

Do you have any ideas for how we could raise money? You could do something on your own, with friends, family, or maybe as a form group. If you have an idea, then please share it with us. Talk it through with your Form Tutor first to get things started.

Everyone involved at SGB is incredibly proud of our success and in showing kindness and compassion for others through this charitable work. With your ideas, hard work and excitement, we can continue on this wonderful journey.



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