



WELCOME TO OUR

SGB Cambodia Newsletter



WHAT IS IN THIS ISSUE?

Reasons to be cheerful

We reached our £5,000 target at the end of the previous academic year. A massive thanks to everyone involved in ensuring that we can continue supporting SGB Cambodia.

In this newsletter there is an update on SGB Cambodia, an interview with the founder of Aid for Rural Education in Cambodia, and information on what you need to do to apply for the Cambodia trip.

Rain or shine

THE WEATHER IN CHI PHAT VILLAGE

The climate of Cambodia is governed by the monsoon winds, which define two major seasons. The rainy season brings 80–90% of the annual precipitation, and the dry season has temperatures usually between 25–40°C.

In April, the hottest month, the temperature reached a scorching 42°C in Chi Phat village and firefighters' trucks were used to spray water on the roof of the school. Students used wet towels on their heads to cool down.

That was in stark contrast to conditions in August where heavy rain waterlogged the school field and caused the local river to dramatically rise.



SGB Cambodia Update

LET'S SEE WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SGB CAMBODIA

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

ENGLISH CLASS

The older group have been studying with the English course book. Most of the students in this group can read better than before because they have already finished learning "English phonics".

The other two groups are at the beginner stage of English language learning. They learned: months of the years; ordinal numbers; cardinal numbers 1-100 and English phonics.

The students were also asked to do all kinds of extra activities such as: colouring the pictures, drawing pictures, doing homework, doing role-play, dictation, playing English games or singing English action songs.

The students learned a new English song titled "This is my friend". They sing along with me or the speaker. English songs are always fun.

COMPUTER CLASS

For my computer classes, the older students of grade 5 kept using the English typing program because all of them hadn't reached level 3. Their typing speed is just 10-15 wpm, but the speed needs to be 15 wpm – 25 wpm.

And for groups 2 & 3, they started using and learning computers for the first time. After one week, everyone was able to operate the computers by themselves. It was really great! And to help students focus on learning English and computers, I encourage them by saying: when you have knowledge of computer skills and English (ESL), you will have plenty of chances to get a good job and have a better future.



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.

Fundraising Events

BIG WALK FOR CAMBODIA

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the Big Walk for Cambodia, where pupils participated in a sponsored walk around the playing fields to raise money for our sister school in Cambodia.

As a community, we raised a whopping £2,844.21. This went a great way towards our annual £5,000 target. We were amazed by how well many form groups did, especially Mr. Williams' form, 7U. They raised an outstanding £237.50.



ART & DT EXHIBITION

Another huge thank you needs to go to our Art and Design & Technology departments. They hosted an event showcasing the exceptional work from all year groups. The work on display was truly impressive and it was a fantastic celebration of the talent at SGB. The event raised £361.25.





Buy a brick in support of SGB Cambodia

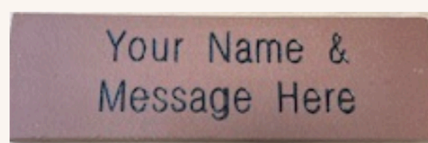


Building futures Brick by Brick in support of our school in Cambodia

Would you like to not only help us to build a better future for our pupils in Cambodia BUT also have your name and message on our walls in school for years to come?

This unique opportunity to buy a brick slip to make up a whole wall in our reception area enables us to fund our sister school but also sees your brick being a part of our school in the future

**The cost per brick is £30
this includes two lines of up
to 16 characters per line to
include spacing.**



**To support us in this venture please contact
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An Interview with Mr. Peng Ty

Mr. Peng Ty is the founder of Aid for Rural Education of Cambodia. It is through this charity that we are able to support a school in Cambodia.

How many years have you been working with children?

I have been working with children in Cambodia for 23 years. I was an English/computer teacher in 2001 at a very remote area. Then, in 2002, I became a program officer and junior based in Phnom Penh, and continued managing 30 English/computer teachers in rural provinces. Currently, I manage and support 27 schools in rural areas of Cambodia.

Why did you want to start helping the children of Cambodia?

The drive to support children in Cambodia stems from recognizing the significant challenges they face in accessing quality education, especially in rural areas where opportunities are limited compared to urban centers. Our aim is to foster an environment where children can grow, learn, and thrive. By offering English and computer classes, we hope to enhance their skills and broaden their future prospects. These programs are designed not only to improve their language and digital literacy but also to instill a love for learning that will open doors to new opportunities.

What would you like to say to the children, parents and teachers in Stafford?

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the children, parents, and teachers in Stafford for their incredible support. Your contributions extend far beyond financial assistance; you are helping to create opportunities for Cambodian children to learn, dream, and build better futures. Your kindness will have a lasting impact on these communities, and please know that your efforts are deeply appreciated. By working together to support education and create opportunities for children in Cambodia, we can drive meaningful, lasting change. I invite others to join us on this important journey, as together we can help fulfill the basic needs of these children and shape a brighter future.

How to apply for the Cambodia trip

DO YOU WANT TO VISIT SGB CAMBODIA?

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. The main purpose is to teach in SGB Cambodia, where pupils also meet the teachers and give resources to every child to help them with their education.

Without doubt, the most rewarding aspect of the trip is when Year 13s teach fun and creative lessons to the children in the school. However, no trip would be complete without visiting the amazing array of cultural and natural sights. This includes: the pristine beaches of Koh Rong island, the temples of Angkor, Tuol Sleng prison and the Killing Fields, eating fish amok and deep-fried spider.

For the pupils making the visit, the impact upon their lives will be immeasurable. They will experience first-hand the inequalities that exist in the world and realise the positive contributions they can make. Their perceptions of people and places will be challenged as they become immersed in a vastly different culture and environment.

The application process is open to Y12 pupils in autumn, and the trip will commence in February of Y13. Pupils need to be aware that by applying for the trip, they are also applying to become ambassadors for the school, accepting the extra responsibilities that this brings. For those in lower school who aspire to go on the trip in the future, now is the opportunity to think about how you demonstrate the school values and what you can do to support SGB Cambodia.



We need your help

ARE YOU A PUPIL AT SGB STAFFORD?

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.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY?

Parents, individuals and local business have all played a significant over the years in helping to make SGB Cambodia the success it is today. This is something that makes our community so special. If you wish to find out more information or donate to our international charity, then please contact us.

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, support and excitement, we can continue on this wonderful journey.

