

Press release

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***Cronton CE Primary School* links with *TANZANIA* to prepare young people for life and work in today's world**

Teachers from *Cronton CE* has forged a partnership with *Arise School* in *Tanzania* as part of Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning, a unique global education programme.

Connecting Classrooms is run in over 30 countries by the British Council in partnership with the Department for International Development (DFID). It works with schools across the globe to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to make a positive contribution to their world.

The programme enables teachers not only to teach these skills to children in their classroom, but also to visit partner schools in other countries to exchange insights and ideas on how to improve teaching and global learning in their schools.

Cronton CE is taking part in the programme, because of its commitment to preparing young people to make a positive contribution to their world.

On hearing the news that *Cronton CE* has successfully applied to take part in the Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning programme, Sir Ciarán Devane, CEO of the British Council, said:

'I am delighted that *Cronton CE* in *Cronton* is taking on this excellent opportunity to develop their professional practice by collaborating with teachers from Tanzania and the UK. Their commitment to equip young people with skills and understanding for life and work in an increasingly global economy is to be commended.'

Students *will be* working with their counterparts in *Tanzania* on an exciting project learning about Zero Hunger and Gender Equality.

Julie Roberts from *Cronton CE* said “We want to raise important issues with our children and give them an opportunity to be critical thinkers and discuss their feelings and understanding of global issues and be able to raise awareness of the global issues we face. This year, we have found it more important in our school as we have ensured that environmental studies are an important part of our learning in the curriculum. We want to continue to develop this strong awareness by connecting classrooms with the Arise School in Tanzania.

Connecting Classrooms will enable Miss Rogers and Mrs Simm, our teachers, from *Cronton* to take part in an exchange visit with the partner school to share experiences and success in teaching and implementing global learning in both schools. We will focus on “Living as One” by incorporating the Zero Hunger aspect and looking at geographical aspects including farming & crop failure. Looking closely at working together to grow & compare different types of food, where the children live in comparison to each other and how food waste is used in both countries. We also want to incorporate into the teaching about gender issues & equal gender rights. Transferable skills that will be taught are problem solving, critical thinking & collaboration.

The Head Teacher, Ombaeli Nyari Tulele from Arise school said “We have for many years collaborated on many different projects. We would now like to take the next step and connect the classrooms by developing the pedagogical skills of both sets of teachers.”

“Connecting Classrooms” will allow for an exchange of teachers between *Cronton* and *Arise Schools* with so many potential benefits for pupil learning, teachers and the schools as a whole.”

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- Connecting Classrooms is a global education programme brought to schools by the British Council in partnership with the Department for International Development (DFID).
- It includes face-to-face and online courses, international collaboration between schools and funding opportunities based around global learning.
- The programme gives teachers and educational professionals the opportunity to develop classroom practice and develop ideas with like-minded teachers internationally.
- To facilitate collaboration face to face, schools in the UK can apply for a grant to take part in a project with an overseas school.
- By developing and networking with thousands of teachers across the world, the British Council aims to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and values to live and work in a globalised economy.
- The British Council has committed £17 million over three years to work across the globe. The UK government has additionally contributed £21 million to support partnerships between schools in the UK and developing countries.
- Thousands of schools will be supported to work together in over 30 countries across the world; to enhance teaching and global learning for teachers and young people.

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