

## International Links Website update July 2018

### International links:

We have continued our links with The Gambia this year. Haddy, the girl we sponsor, has been doing really well in school. She won the award for School Ambassador, representing the school in several debate competitions in the region. She also won the regional championship for spelling and took part in the televised national spelling bee finals.

In January, years 1 to 6 wrote letters to our link school, Brikama Lower Basic School and were thrilled to receive personalised letters and pictures back. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about daily life in The Gambia and the children's interests there. We were also pleased to receive some more photos of the school, which were shared in an assembly.

In June, the whole school took part in the 'Send My Friend to School' campaign, creating posters to send to the Prime Minister. This year's campaign was 'Make Schools Safe', persuading the government to keep the global promise of every child receiving a quality education by 2030. The focus was on making schools safe havens in places around the world where children face violence and danger.

### Fairtrade:

It has been a busy year for Fairtrade at St. Andrew's. The dedicated MAD club ran tuck shops in March and June, as well as promoting and selling 'The Real Easter Egg'. As a result of all of these, we sold an incredible £315.60 worth of products. The MAD club did an amazing job of promoting Fairtrade around the school by presenting in assemblies and distributing posters.

During Fairtrade fortnight in February, the Co-Op visited year 5 to talk about their Fairtrade products and why Fairtrade is so important. The children carried out an activity to guess which were the best-selling products, with some surprising results. Bananas and chocolate sell well, but we discovered coffee and biscuits do too.