

# Friends of Tafo Newsletter

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Friends of Tafo is a UK Charity that facilitates and inspires sustainable development in education, health, employment and infrastructure in the town of Kwahu-Tafo, Ghana, West Africa.

This is the 10th FOT Newsletter, which comes to you as we celebrate some huge successes in Kwahu Tafo.

## Building Blocks!

We asked for your help and you responded...

An Admin Block and a Dining Hall for the Senior High School's 340 students have leapt up under the daily supervision of KTDC Chair Adwoa Yeboa, with Ghana International Bank and Douglas Turner Trust leading your donations.



Adwoa at the Dining Hall site



Above right: Grand Opening by Ghana's Minister of Communication on October 6th. Above left: the newly completed Administration block

FOT is: **Chair:** Humphrey Barclay, Nkosuohene of Kwahu-Tafo; **Secretary:** Georgina Owen; **Treasurer:** Benjamin Ntim; **Trustees:** Crispin Leyser, Jules Leyser, Daisy East, Lizzie Pomeroy, Robert Taylor; **Committee Members:** Colena Abbosh, Dr John Ofori.

## Recent news

**The Empire Strikes Black 4!:** The Chief's son Boat (*right in photo*) came to UK to help promote and take part in the 4<sup>th</sup> triumphant Hackney Empire fundraiser, and was interviewed on BBC Radio London.



### In the Swim:

A new roof at the Islamic School, and new furniture at the Senior High School have been funded by staff at St. Paul's School for Boys in London swimming across the Channel, and Lizzie Chatterjee swimming down the Thames.

**Twinning Ways:** London's Eastside Young Leaders have built the Islamic school walls up to meet the new roof (*right*).

New sports kits were sent to Tafo's Experimental primary school by Maney Hill Primary school along with illustrations of UK wildlife.

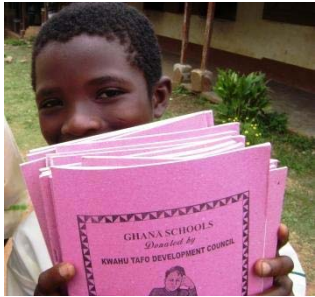


Children at Puddletown First in Dorset collected toys for the SDA Primary (*left*).

And even Her Majesty the Queen expressed interest in Samuel Whitbread's support for Tafo's Methodist JHS when she visited SWCC recently!

**Ship Ship Hooray!!:** We sent 100 boxes of great learning materials donated by GiveBooks International, Chris Owen, Jan and Tony Robinson, and SWCC (*right*). It costs us about £10 per box to transport to Tafo, and gifts are very well received – we are on the look out for more...





**Needy Pupils:** (*left*) Funded this year by Mortgage Keys Wealth Management, and Cambridge University SAFE Trinity Hall and SAFE Emmanuel College.

**Health matters:** Presteigne Medical Centre in Wales has paid subscriptions for 45 people for Ghana's new health insurance scheme (*below left*).



**Library Upgrade:** New photocopier, pc and printer (*right*) donated by Barclays Bank of Ghana: refurbishment by FOT.

**Tafo on film:** learn more about our work through our short films of Tafo coming to our website soon.



## New Projects

**Girls' Science Club:** Sutton Coldfield Grammar School For Girls is supporting the creation of a Girls' Science Club in Tafo. More than 250 excited girls turned up to hear about it! (*right*)



**Sustainable Tourism:** We want to open up Kwahu-Tafo's rich natural and traditional heritage to visitors, and bring extra revenue to our development work. Info on our new initiative *Saape Tours* will be coming to our website soon.

**Music Festival:** Royal Music Academy founders *ie:music* are planning a Tafo Music Festival in January 2008. Three days of fun, to celebrate traditional Kwahu music and to draw regional attention to Tafo's amazing progress.

## What you can do...

Giving to FOT puts you directly in touch with a community where we make sure you see speedy effective results. We can find vital uses for whatever you can spare, and often fund a project that particularly interests you. With this Charity, it's personal.

**Donations:** join our list of generous friends! Donations by cheque, standing order or internet: [www.cafonline.org](http://www.cafonline.org). Tafo's teachers need cupboards in their bare classrooms to store the precious learning resources we are sending. They cost £45 each – can you help?

**Major thanks to:** Among other generous donations, Serco has funded the town's first public notice board (*left*), a printer for the SHS, and a new grass-roots HIV/AIDS campaign. Peggy Cradduck donated a scanner and a printer which are now installed in the library. Thanks also to early bird Christmas card buyers and all of you who have personally given donations and attended our events.



## Christmas is coming...

Don't forget this year's lovely Christmas cards (*right*) – they're selling fast! Please order from our website.



If you would like to donate to our work please send a cheque to 'Friends of Tafo' along with your name, address and email to:  
**Friends of Tafo, P.O. Box 43826, London NW6 1XG** Thank you so much!!!  
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