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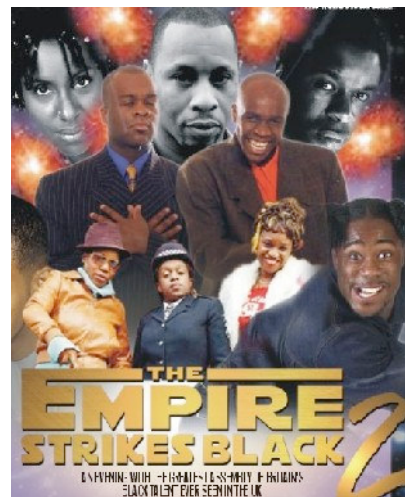
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The Empire Strikes Black 2

May 1st 7.30pm Hackney Empire
Following last year's fantastically successful fundraiser, we bring you another unmissable evening of laughter, dance and song in aid of the community of Kwahu-Tafo. The best black comedy and musical talent will be performing for you. Tickets from £12. Call Hackney Empire Box Office on **020 8985 2424**

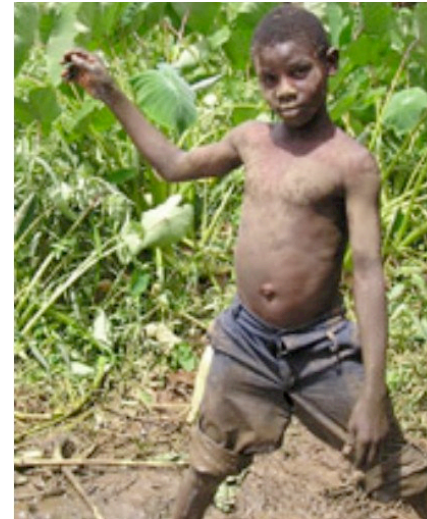
Friends of Tafo Newsletter

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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.

Tafo Launches Education Fund



Some children can't afford school: Kofi (left) was sent home for lack of 75p of his fees. Esther receives an annual Senior Secondary School bursary from FOT: we need to extend this scheme to more students.

BOOK NOW!! For a fantastic night out in Hackney on May 1st with top black comedy and musical talent: **THE EMPIRE STRIKES BLACK 2..** see back page for more details.

Tafo's Development Council (KTDC) is mounting a major local campaign to support our efforts to enable everything from basic school fees to computer training. This will bring a step change in the delivery of education in Kwahu Tafo. See the following pages for current projects.

FOT 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, Jessica Dallyn, John Ofori.

SSS Progress

A year ago Tafo's only Senior Secondary School was failing, with just 10 pupils and volunteer teachers. With your help, we funded the refurbishment of classrooms, provision of power, installation of washrooms and the beginnings of a sports pitch. Enrolment is now up to 50 pupils and we are getting ready to install computers for the first time. We need more funds for the teachers' salaries until the Government takes over funding the school.

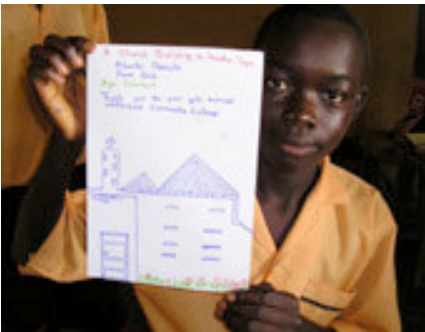


Teacher training

In order to improve standards of teaching across Tafo's schools, two generous volunteer UK Teacher Trainers have visited the town to assess the schools' needs. We now want to fund a series of teacher training workshops. One Tafo teacher said '*We look forward to the workshops bringing modern teaching methods to Tafo*'.

Computers

digitalpartnership has offered Tafo 400 reconditioned PCs. The KTDC is planning a computer classroom in each of Tafo's Junior Secondary Schools. Rooms have to be prepared and electricity supplied: funds are urgently needed to take advantage of this amazing windfall.



Twinning

The first twinning of a UK school with one in Tafo has resulted in an exciting friendship between Samuel Whitbread Community College and Tafo's Methodist JSS. Letters and drawings are being exchanged, and SWCC pupils have collected £1500, which is being used to help rebuild the school's kindergarten.

BUY THIS BOOK: Impressions of Tafo. After its spectacular launch at the Ghana High Commission, Robert's insightful portrait of the people of Tafo is opening everyone's eyes to what the town is all about. See website for details.

Music Academy

With generous funding from star Robbie Williams' management *ie:music*, the Royal Music Academy has been established in Tafo. This provides daily classes in traditional and modern music skills to give local talent a chance and has added a marching band to the town's celebratory occasions.



Skills Development

We are continuing our support for the unemployed and unskilled in Tafo through a series of workshops in making beads, tie and dye fabric design and numeracy. These workshops have produced excellent results and have been oversubscribed. We are keen to fund further workshops and to find ways to introduce the products to new markets.

As part of wider programmes we have also established a series of skills workshops for Tafo's disabled and visually impaired community, which will provide the opportunity for them to support themselves, and are encouraging local artists and potters.



And also...

A marathon race was held in Tafo this Easter as part of the season's celebrations. It was easily won by Eric Amuzu. Eric has previously won the 800, 1500 and 5000 metres not only at his school but also in regional competitions, but is struggling to get noticed by the State athletics scouts. We have

supplied him with running shoes, vests and shorts and will be reporting back on his progress!