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Mrs. Smith's Adventures in Moldova !

Over the Half Term holiday, Mrs. Smith went out to visit our Partner school in Burlacu, Moldova.

Here is what happened.

" I arrived in the village of Burlacu late on the Saturday night and after a quick dinner went to bed in a 'hammock' bed. Each morning I was woken by the Moldovan alarm clock- a combination of cockerels and donkeys!

I first went into the school on Monday morning. This school has children from 7-18. The school is in need of lots of repair and equipment. In the classrooms , many chairs did not have chair backs and in the dining hall- no chairs at all!

I taught an English lesson to a class of 7-9 year olds, showed them photographs of children at Crosshall Infants and read out two letters written by Year 2 children. They wanted to ask lots of questions about our school. They especially liked our uniform!



In the afternoon I went to visit the Kindergarten- a new school for 3-7 year olds. This school is in an old building which also needs lots of repair but the teachers have been busy painting to try to make it look nice.

The children were preparing for a special festival, 'Children's Day ' and I was able to watch them rehearsing dances and songs."

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Special points of Interest

- ☺ Mrs. Smith returns from Moldova.
- ☺ Shoe boxes distributed safely
- ☺ Future Fundraising
- ☺ Money for street children project handed over.

Mrs. Smith's Adventures in Moldova ! (cont.)

"Later on in the week I was able to distribute the shoeboxes that we collected at Christmas time. The children were very excited and carried their boxes home carefully. For the remainder of the week I kept seeing children around the village with their shoeboxes or their new toys. They and their teachers asked me to say a very big thank you to you all for your kindness. They were certainly very much appreciated."



Mrs Smith reading out letters from Year 2 to the children in Burlacu School

Street Children Project

During the week I was able to help with the Street Children project. Over 25 children arrived after school and were given a meal, cooked by a small team of adults. They ate a vegetable stew, and had biscuits for pudding. All drank hot black tea with sugar in!

Afterwards the children had the opportunity to do their homework or play outside. Volleyball was a

very popular game. I had also taken a parachute with me. They had never seen one before and we played games for two hours.

Thanks to your generosity on our fundraising day, I was able to give the project 700 Euros. Tamara, the lady who organizes the support for the street children was overwhelmed. She told me that this would keep the project going for

the next 12-18 months.



Parachute fun with the Street Children.

Continuing support



Thank you to everyone who has

contributed to the support of our Moldovan projects. We know that your help has a direct and long lasting impact on the people that we support in Moldova.

Mrs. Smith is planning to return to Moldova in the future to help with some training of teachers and to continue to foster the links in both the main school and the Kindergarten.

There are many things we can continue to do to support these two schools and we will let you know of how you can help too.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work in Moldova or are able to offer additional support for any of the projects, please contact the school.