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Adventures in Moldova !

Mrs James and Mrs Smith visited the schools in Moldova from March 31st until April 8th.

They spent most of their week there working in the Kindergarten and the Main School in Burlacu but also had chance to visit two other schools.

One of the highlights of the trip was setting up live communication between children in Burlacu School with the School Council at Crosshall Infant School.

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 had each written a letter to a child at the school and these were given out. The children have re-

plied and copies of the letters are being distributed to each class.

It was really good to be able to see the impact of the donations that the school's have already received. For example they saw toys, stationary and laminators and furniture all in use.

The school's were very welcoming and demonstrated some lessons and activities, particularly dancing. In assembly the children have seen a short film showing the children in Moldova dancing.

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Special points of Interest

- ☺ Mrs James and Mrs Smith report back from Moldova
- ☺ Samuel the lorry being prepared
- ☺ Future Plans

'Samuel' the lorry

Since Mrs Smith has returned from Moldova she has been busy planning the next lorry to go out to Moldova to carry much needed aid. During the half term holiday all the shoe boxes donated at Christmas made the next stage of their journey to the storehouse in Cambridge. We plan to send out the lorry at the beginning of September. We already have large amounts of clothing and some furniture but also plan to send out the many bicycles and tricycles that have been kindly donated. Please see next pages for further wanted items.



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Mrs James was able to witness first hand the situation in the school's in Moldova. The following is an extract from her report to staff and governors.

"Wednesday: At Burlacu main school I was shocked by what I saw. The fabric of the building is falling apart, it was colder inside than out, the resources were non existent and I saw some very poor teaching methods. On the plus side behaviour was good, the children seemed happy and class sizes are small."

"What have I learnt?"

- It is truly shocking to experience the horrendous living conditions that some people in Europe have to endure.
- The task of helping the children of Moldova is enormous.

What can we do?

- Ensure we all help the children in our care to become global citizens and to understand the lives of others' and to appreciate diversity
- The need for help is enormous but at Crosshall Infant School we can help make a difference through continuing our work with the charity CEEM
- The biggest impact the school can have is by focusing on one village, Burlacu and its three schools and providing aid to families and resources to the school."

So plans for the future will certainly include the continued support of the schools in Burlacu. Money kindly raised by the O'Flaherty family from the sponsored balloon race in May will be put to good use to purchase much needed equipment for the schools. In addition if anybody has any of the following items that they would like to donate, please send into school with your child before **10th July**.

- Balls of wool for knitting
- Embroidery silks
- Embroidery fabrics
- New tennis balls
- Plastic skipping ropes
- Large flat packed cardboard boxes (for packing)



Burlacu Main School

Burlacu Kindergarten

