



Making global connections

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## Picturing Our World

Bridges is working with 8 partners on the Picturing Our World project. The project is raising awareness about the Millennium Development Goals producing exhibitions of photographs which will promote action in our local communities. Each group has chosen their own MDG e.g. Thomas Adams School is looking at Poverty and Hunger; whilst other partners are looking at the need for universal primary education, water issues and environmental sustainability.

Watch this space for details of where and when the exhibitions can be viewed later in the year. For any further information regarding this project please contact Alison on **01952 255562**.

## Fairtrade Schools – Training for £25!

We are offering a subsidised 1 ½ hour CPD session for primary schools interested in becoming Fairtrade schools. Ideas for helping pupils empathise with producers, activities for KS1 & 2 plus the ins and outs of gaining Fairtrade schools status.

Wednesday 1st July 2009, 4pm – 5.30pm here at our offices in Wellington.

To book contact Mel on **01952 255526**.

Limited places available.



## Love Music Hate Racism

Shrewsbury College is holding a musical anti-racism event on Saturday 20th June 2009

12am – 11pm with big bands as well as talented local musicians joining in a day to say no to racism. Bridges will be there 12am – 5pm, as part of our Celebrating Diversity project with the college. We'll be running a stall and exhibition to celebrate local diversity, with the help of students from the college. Contact Sylvia on **01952 255526**



## Waste and Woods

Three local schools have been looking with Bridges at environmental issues that affect their communities and the rest of the world. Apley Wood School has been getting to know their local wood and thinking about how to join with locals to protect woods and forests. Shortwood and Buildwas Primary Schools have been seeing how they can help reduce waste in their communities. All 3 schools held exhibitions that have also been on show in local churches. Recent action has included a very efficient Swapshop at Buildwas School, with pupils swapping loads of items.



Part of exhibition of waste at Shortwood Primary School

## Inspiration for school councils

Our popular G8 challenge project has come to an end but the project school councils just keep on doing great things to help make a difference. Download free video clips from the project to inspire your school council to take action on global issues. See our website homepage.

## National Competition Celebrating Diversity

The NASUWT is holding its annual art and creative writing competition for pupils aged 5 – 16 on the theme of diversity. Prizes of up to £1,000.

Visit [www.teachersunion.org.uk](http://www.teachersunion.org.uk) or ring

**0121 453 6150** for further details.



Views from Shropshire

Oral histories exploring the diverse lives and experiences of ethnic minorities in Shropshire

## Sad Farewells and New Resources

Our project worker, Mana Kaur, recently left Bridges to move to a different part of the country. Mana spent over 2 years doing fabulous work for us – collecting oral histories from local ethnic minorities and creating a book and an exhibition, as well as a wealth of teaching resources for KS2 & 3. These are now downloadable from our website. CPD sessions and workshops on diversity are also available for KS2 – 4 and for colleges. For details of workshops contact Sylvia or to hire the exhibition contact Mel on **01952 255526**.

## What's cooking in the Global Villages?

Our four Global Village project communities are continuing to plan events with a global dimension. Hinstock School has become an Arts Alive venue and hosted a musical trio from the Balkans in January. This will be followed up with a visit to Hinstock on May 19th from a Bosnian choir. The Maesbury community is planning to hold an America day on June 27th. In Farlow the school, local church and WI are joining forces again this year to hold an event on June 20th to celebrate art and food, both local and global. With help from the community, Bitterley School is busy working on a new garden complete with a cob oven and story circle. For more details contact Alison on **01952 255526**.



Tea Hodzic Trio at Hinstock

## Developing Cross Cultural Curriculum

Bridges is working with Partners into Education in Birmingham on a project funded by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. Overseas trained teachers are working with 3 Shropshire secondary schools through a series of 3 placements in 2009 to enhance the Citizenship and Humanities curriculum. Teachers from Zimbabwe, India, Hungary, South Africa and Iran are taking part in the project. The Corbet School, William Brookes and Blessed Robert Johnson School are looking forward to the opportunity for pupils and staff to learn about these countries through the first hand experience of our participant teachers.