

Uganda 2018



Thursday 12th July –
Monday 30th July

STRS – PMMGS Link



The sponsored girls





PARVATIBEN MULJIBHAI MADHVANI GIRLS SCHOOL



The purpose of the trip

- To visit our link school, PMM, and carry out a joint project there.
- To experience and learn about a different culture first-hand, forging relationships.
- To experience Uganda, visiting two National Parks, observing the wildlife and dramatic scenery.
- To allow you the opportunity to demonstrate leadership, teamwork, communication and fundraising skills.

Itinerary Outline

- o Thursday 12th July 2018 - Fly to Uganda
- o Saturday 14th - Saturday 21st - Jinja and PMM School
- o Sunday 22nd – Saturday 28th - Safari to two National Parks
- o Monday 30th July 2016 - Return to UK
- o COST £2500

Part 1 PMM School

- o You will be participating in life at PMM School, attending lessons and an assembly, visiting the sponsored girls' homes and teaching a lesson to younger students.
- o Last time, the girls were keen to show us African music and drama and we took part in Sports Day.
- o We will carry out a joint project there (last year, we painted the computer room – next year, we will be installing washing lines, the students at PMM will be helping us; we hope that you will forge some real friendships through shared activities.







Visiting the sponsored girls' homes



A Cultural Exchange - drama





What's in a name? that which we call a rose
By any other word would smell as sweet;



In Jinja

- o See the local market
- o Find the source of the Nile
- o Visit a fishing village
- o ASCO (African Street Children's Organisation)
- o Visit Mabira Forest
- o Visit St Gonzaga, a typical rural school
- o Visit a slum







Uganda



- Equatorial Africa
- Safer than most African countries
- Home to the highest concentration of primates on earth
- 500 species of mammals
- More than 1000 species of birds

Part 2 Safari

- o Sunday 22nd - Tuesday 24th - **Visit Kibale Forest National Park.** Spend an afternoon trekking wild chimpanzees in their natural habitat. Stay in the peaceful town of Fort Portal at the foot of the Ruwenzori Mountains.
- o Wednesday 25th- Friday 27th - **Witness the might of the river Nile at Murchison Falls;** board a boat trip up the Nile to the base of the Falls, then climb the falls; take part in several game drives searching for the Big Five (we saw lions and elephants last year), and also giraffes, hippos, crocodiles and other exotic beasts; finally visit a rhino sanctuary.

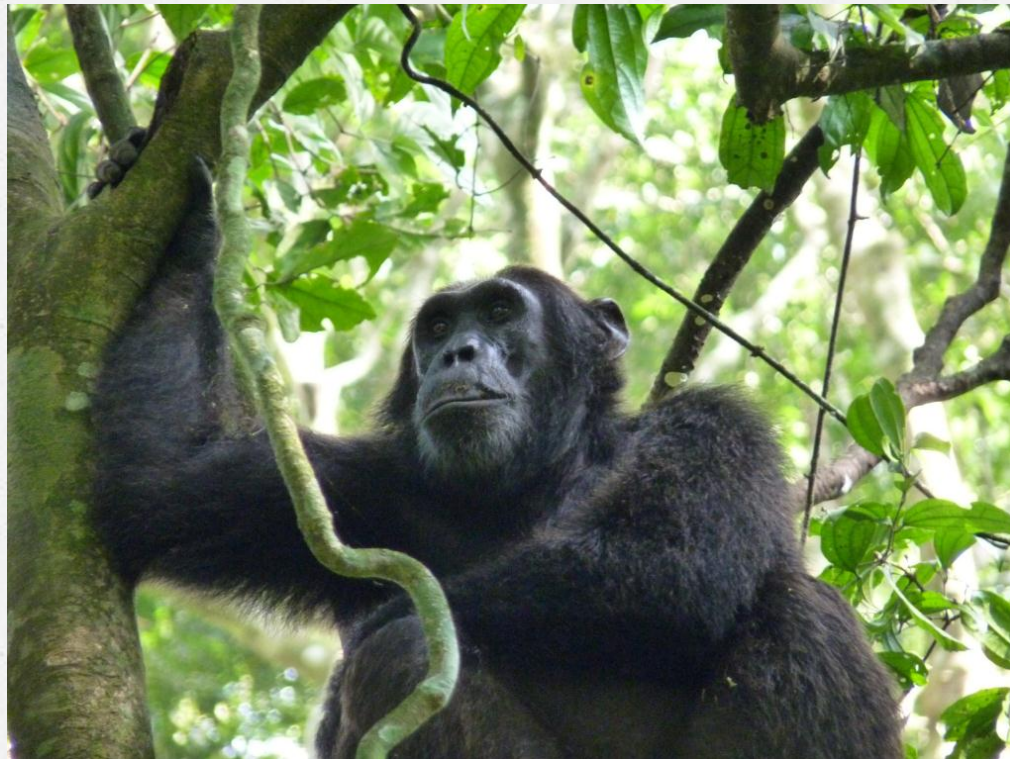
The Safari Expedition



Kibale Forest National Park



What you should see...



Murchison Falls National Park













Accommodation and Travel

- We hire a four-wheel drive bus, driver and a guide, who has worked for the Ugandan Wildlife Authority (UWA).



- We will be staying in hotels, of varying degrees of luxury! Each one is different and so are the room arrangements but you will share a room with at least one other.

What do I need to be prepared for?

- The heat
- The travelling
- Getting along with others on the trip
- Unusual food
- Vaccinations
- Fundraising!



What will it cost?

- o **£2500.** This covers everything except vaccinations, anti-malarial tablets, souvenirs and snacks.
- o We have to charge slightly more than the actual cost to include a contingency fund.
- o However, you will be expected to do fundraising, partly to reduce the cost.

The Next Steps

- o If still interested, please sign the register and ensure that you have a letter with attached information sheet.
- o **29th September 2017**: Deadline for applying by returning reply slip.
- o In the **week beginning 2nd October** we will write to say if you are successfully on the trip.
- o **13th October 2017**: Deadline for returning medical consent/**passport information** forms & payment of first instalment of £800 (non-refundable, to cover cost of flights). (6 months)

Passports and Visas

- o You will need a passport that does not expire before February 2019 in order to enter Uganda. This is because the Ugandan Immigration Office applies a condition that travellers to Uganda must have an extra 6 months validity on their passports at the point of entry in order to be admitted.
- o We obtain visas at the point of entry to Uganda, Entebbe International Airport. This usually involves queueing up for 2 hours or so but is actually more efficient than the alternative procedure of taking all passports to the Ugandan High Commission in London.

What if too many apply?

- o The limit is 16 students.
- o If the trip is oversubscribed, you may be asked to write a short letter, stating in what way you can contribute to the Uganda link and how you think you will benefit from participating in the trip.
- o We might have to select students by drawing names from a hat.

When do we need to be paid?

- o 13th October - £800 (we need to ask for a substantial first payment to book the flights)
- o 1st December - £600
- o 2nd February - £550
- o 4th May - £550
- o Cheques payable to *Sir Thomas Rich's School* or use on-line payment.

Fundraising

- o We would like and expect you to participate in fundraising activities for the trip and for PMM School.
- o Like last time, we will split all money from joint fundraising activities 50:50 between the PMM kitchen project and reducing your own individual costs. {We keep a separate tally of each member's contribution to do this.}
- o This time we are setting a personal target for you to raise a minimum of £500 towards your own costs. This money will be reimbursed to you after the trip.
- o Your share of the joint fundraising will contribute towards this total (at 50%) but you will probably need to supplement it by doing some individual fundraising.

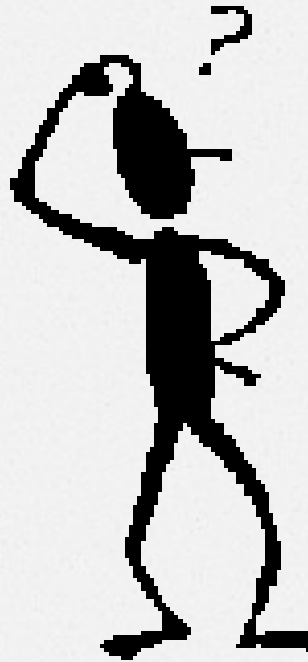
Fundraising Ideas

- o Last year, we raised money jointly by:
 - Holding cake sales (about 5)
 - Organising a sponsored bike ride
 - Bag packing at Sainsbury's, Asda and Tesco's
 - Soak the teacher
- o We will repeat some of these events this year. We would expect you to be available to participate in the major fundraising events.
- o Any fundraising suggestions of your own are to be welcomed.





Any questions?



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