

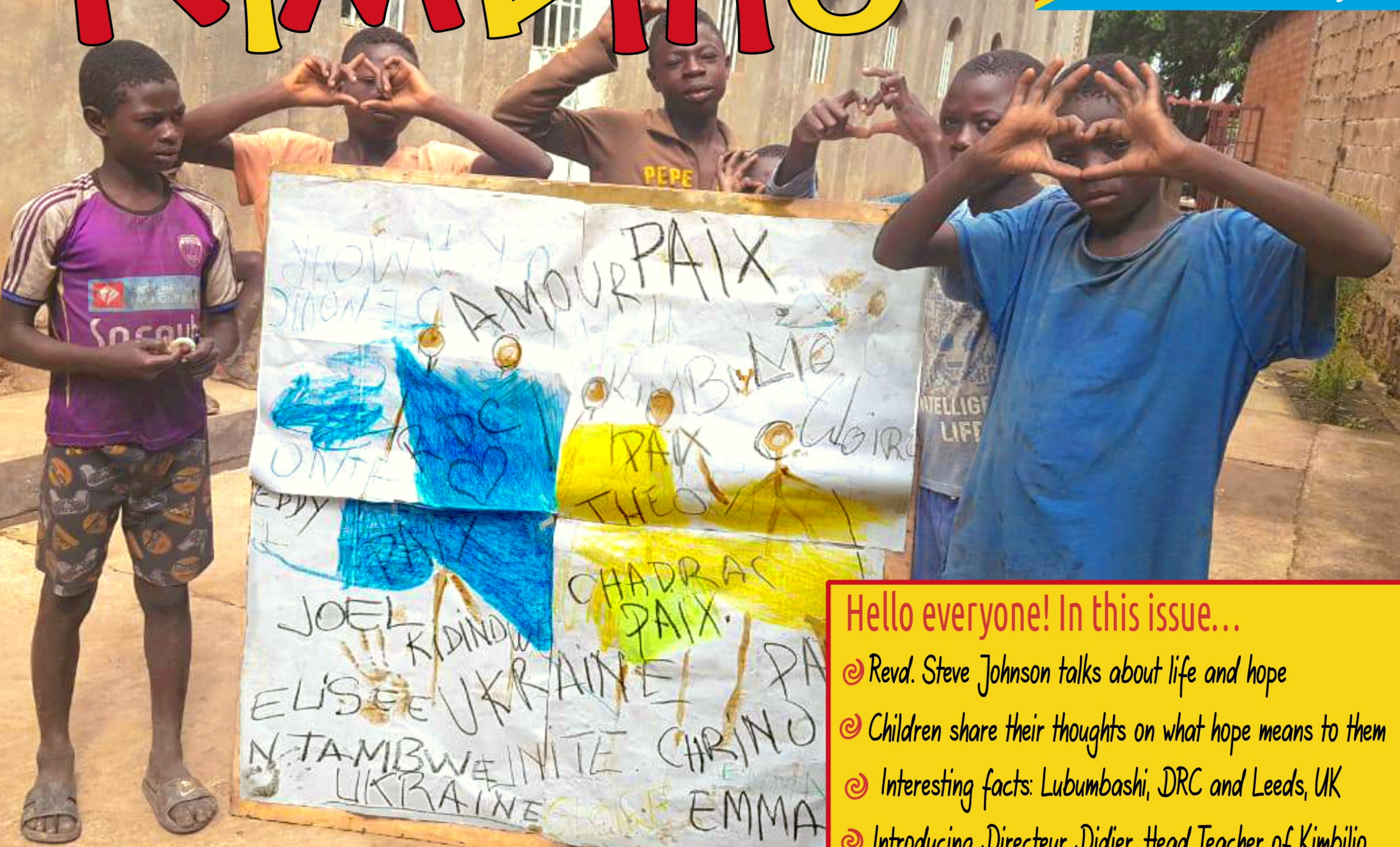
Helping children build a future with hope

Kimbilio



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- Hello everyone! In this issue...**
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We're thinking about HOPE and HOPING for PEACE

Hello Friends

Sometimes we cannot avoid the struggles of life. We are human. Over the last few years, each of us have been affected by the constant turmoil there seems to be around us, wherever we are in the world. There is always something to cause us worry or to catch us out when we least expect it. The pandemic has really challenged the way we live our lives and some of us will be affected by it very personally. More recently the war in Ukraine has also brought, for many, worries on top of our everyday troubles. If we trust in God, we can find the peace and hope that Jesus offers us. When we hope we believe that good things will happen. Hope helps us to be brave and strong and keeps us going. Who or what gives you hope?

Revd. Steve Johnson lives in Church Stretton, Shropshire, and is a Trustee of Congo Children's Trust.



Our next issue will be in summer before the holidays.

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OUR CHILDREN IN DR CONGO AND THE UK SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ON WHAT HOPE MEANS TO THEM

St. Helen's CE Primary, Wheathampstead, Herts

- Hope is never giving up.
- Hope is believing good things will happen.
- Hope is being positive.
- Hope is seeing the sunshine.
- Hope is new flowers after winter.

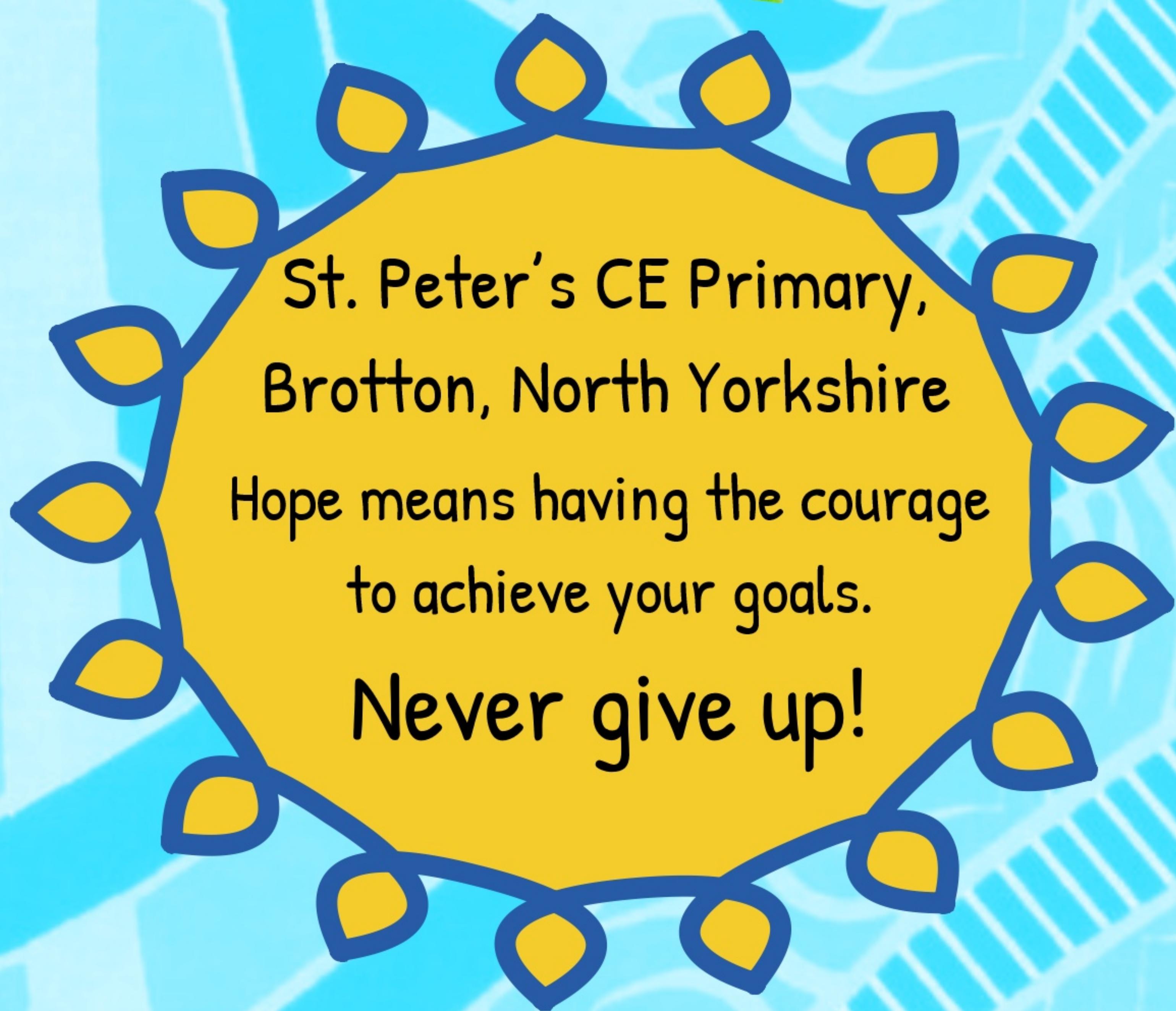


St Lawrence Primary School children think hope is something we give to each other. Hope is a gift.



St. Peter's CE Primary,
Brotton, North Yorkshire

Hope means having the courage
to achieve your goals.
Never give up!



INTERESTING FACTS

Our Kimbilio school is clearly visible from the sky. This satellite image of the school was taken by Google Earth. If you want to find the school, go on the Internet (with permission) to earth.google.com and type these coordinates in the search box:

-11.657103,27.572978

You'll see that the school is on the western side of Lubumbashi. When the land was acquired by Congo Children Trust to make shelters for our Kimbilio children, it was fields and countryside but, now, there are more buildings and people because the population of Lubumbashi is growing.



Lubumbashi is the third largest city in DR Congo. It was once called Élisabethville and is in the south-east of the country near the border with Zambia.

Size: 747 km²

Above sea level: 1,208 m

Population: estimated 2,584,000

Annual rainfall: 1,238 mm

Time: 1 hour ahead of UK time



Leeds is the third largest city in the UK and is in middle of the north of England in the largest county, Yorkshire.

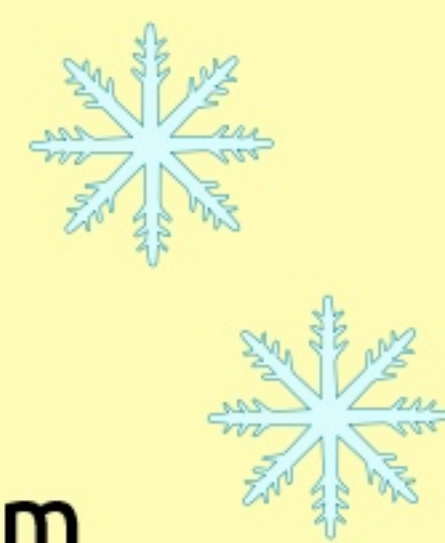
Size: 552 km²

Above sea level: 63 m

Population: 831,560

Annual rainfall: 620 mm

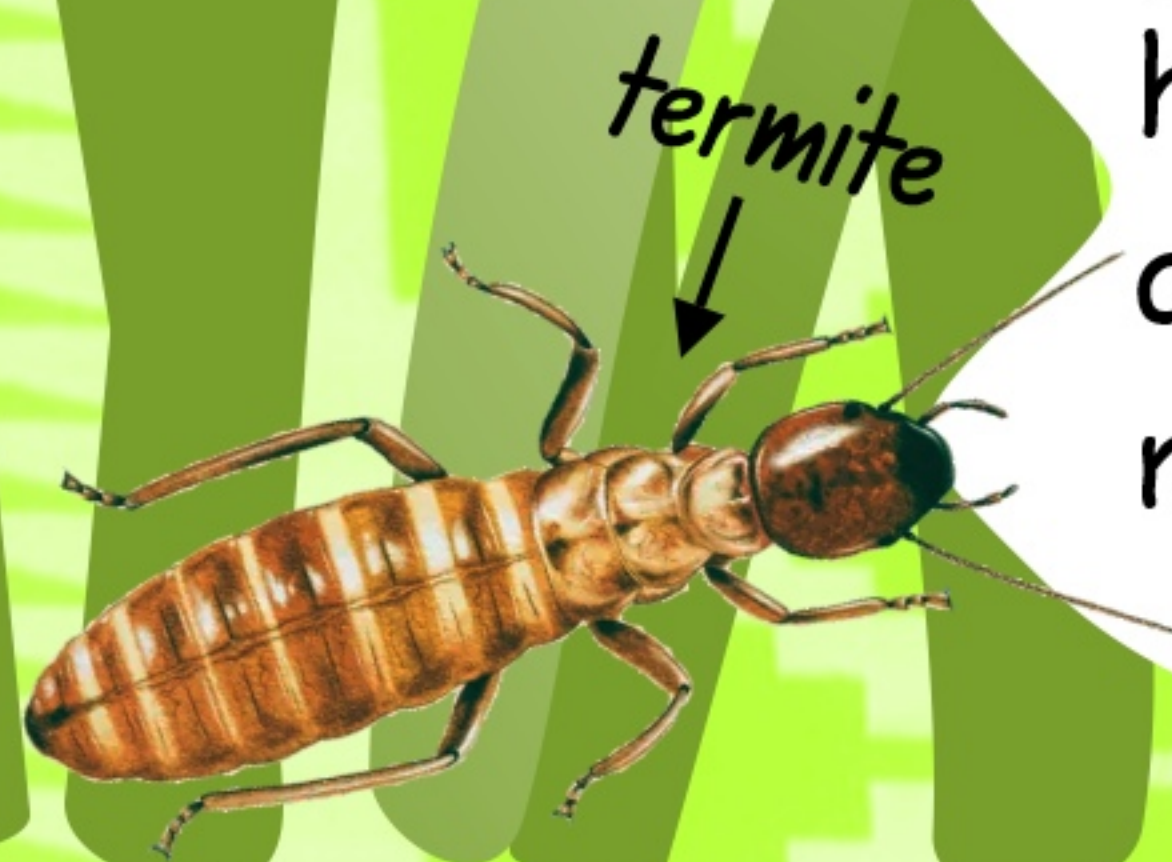
Time: 1 hour behind DR Congo



Lubumbashi has twice as much rain as Leeds and is 1,145 metres higher above sea level (think about running 100 metres eleven and a half times, phew!). It rains mainly in summer and autumn, and because the city is so high, the climate is cooled, otherwise it would be very hot. Their winters are pleasant and mostly dry. Do you think you would prefer this climate to the weather we experience in the UK?

Ian Harvey, founder of Kimbilio, first saw this land in 2007 when it was fields and countryside. The grass was so high it was over his head! The grass was chopped down and kilns, to make bricks, were made from the termite mounds.

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We are planting some roots and we will watch them grow



We are delighted to introduce you to the Director (in French, Directeur) of Kimbilio Primary School, **Monsieur Didier Ilunga Mutombo**, who is married with five children. Directeur Didier believes school should be a place of happiness, peace, love and tolerance for the children and staff to enjoy and he encourages parents and carers to support the school's goals in educating children to become good citizens who contribute to society and to the development of DR Congo.

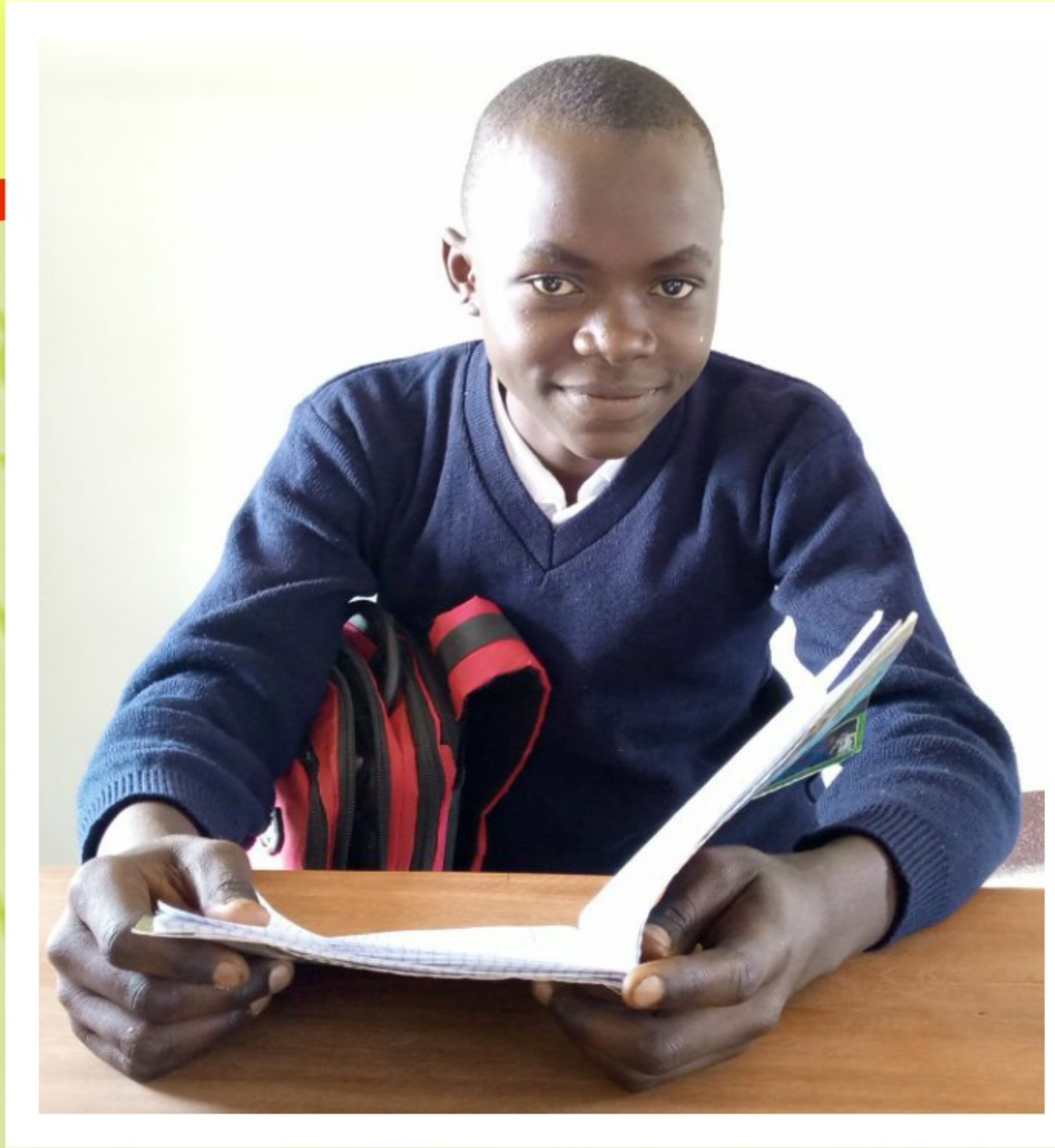
Directeur Didier and the children have planted young jacaranda trees around the school. The planting of trees helped the children to understand our need to combat global warming and look after our Earth.



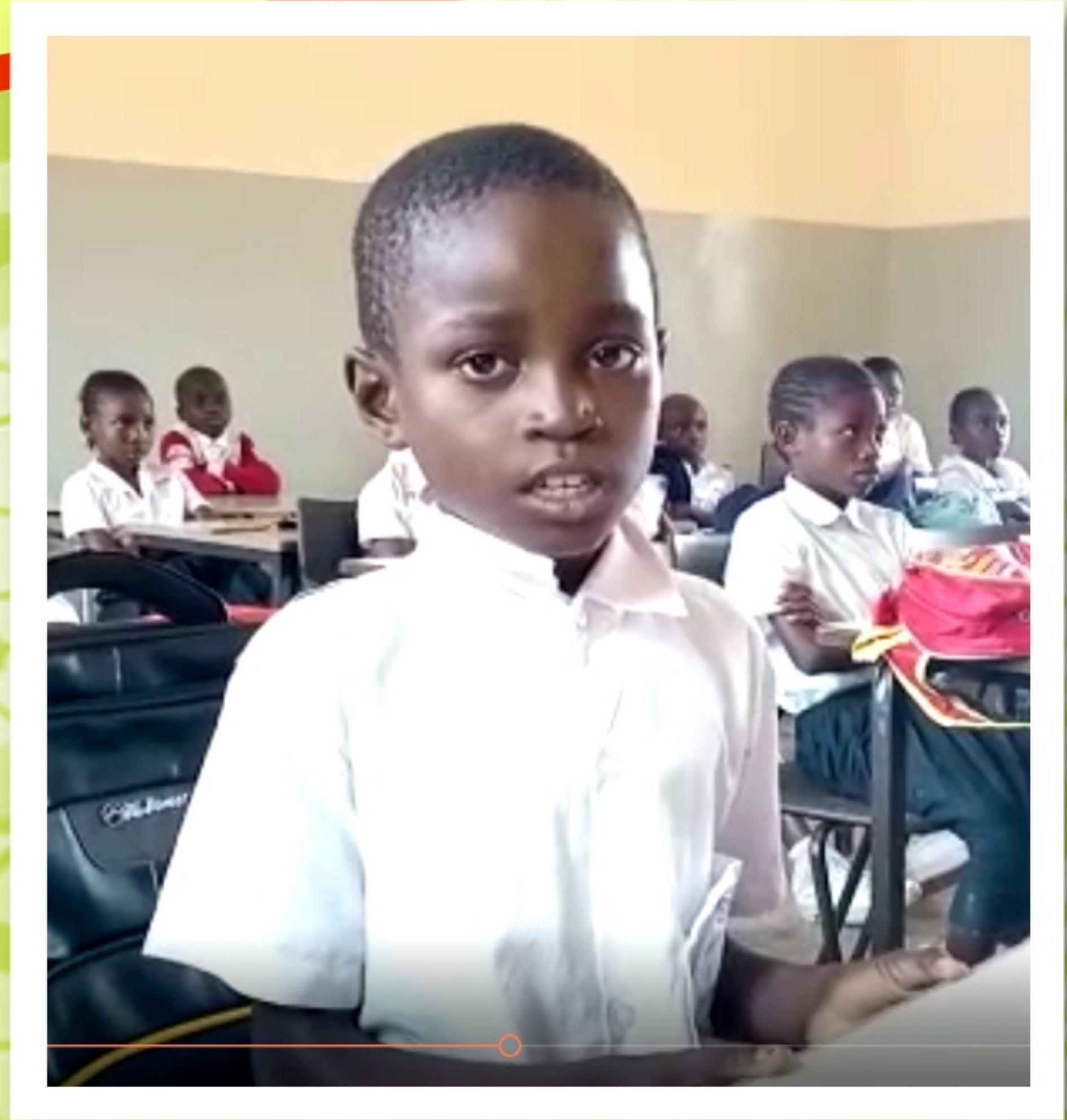
Our Kimbilio questions and answers page



Dorcin asked: Are there problems in England when it rains as roads here can be impassable?



Richard asked: What do English children want to do for a job when they grow up?



Kabwe Jean asked: What lessons do you do at school in England?

Pupils from St. Peter's, Brotton, answer questions



Hello Dorcin. My name is Willow. In England, snow, heavy rain or strong winds can make travel dangerous. On motorways there are computerized signs to warn drivers to be careful. In the countryside we look out for bad conditions ourselves. Roads can become impassable with snow, flooding or fallen trees.



Hello Richard. My name is Willow. I think everyone wants to do something different. For example, some children want to be doctors, nurses or teachers. Some want to do sports or be famous on the Internet. Some will become parents and carers and work from home. We might start a job and then change our mind.



Hello Kabwe Jean. My name is Kadie. At school we study mathematics, English, science, history, French, religious education, sport, art, music and PSHE which means personal, social, health and economic education to help us prepare for our lives as adults. Our lessons are fun.

Questions for Kimbilio children from Hedgehog Class, St. Lawrence Primary

Hello! How did you celebrate Easter, please?
Did you go to church?

Do you go to school at Easter time, or do you have a break from school?

Hello. We would like to know if you eat chocolate Easter eggs?

