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Dear Parents,

I am writing to tell you about the school assembly I am conducting tomorrow and the Benevolent Fund collection this week for a charity called Building a Future for Asia (BAFFA). I wanted to tell you about this in person as it involves fundraising that I am connected to personally and is a superb cause that a school like the RGS can support.

Next February my husband and a small group of his colleagues are travelling to Chitwan province in Nepal to help this charity build a new secondary school for over 300 pupils. My husband's company are paying all the accommodation and transport costs for the team, but they also need to fundraise over £50,000, of which £2,100 is an individual target. All money raised goes directly towards building a new 2-storey school with 6 classrooms and to providing the necessary educational equipment.

Currently these students have lessons in a dilapidated 3-room building, which suffered significant earthquake damage in 2015. They do not have many of the advantages that our students and school community have. By helping to finance the rebuilding of this school, I think the RGS can feel proud that it has supported a community on the other side of the world and transformed the lives of the students of the Shree Kaparphori Secondary School.

At the end of the letter, I have included some photographs of the students we will be helping and the current school they use, as well as previous projects BAFFA has completed. The charity has already completed the groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new school and there are some photographs of this event.

I am going to be asking your son if he can bring in at least £1 for the Benevolent Fund collection this week on Wednesday 26th June to help this really worthy cause. I would be extremely grateful if you could support him with this.

Yours faithfully
Claire Whybourn
Subject Leader for French



Students from the school and the current school building

Previous before and after photographs of BAFFA projects.



Groundbreaking ceremony at the Shree Kaparphori Secondary School, Chitwan, Nepal, May 2019



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