

Have a whole day of activities based around the theme of Africa! On this day you can bring the Global Dimension into your teaching, pupils can learn about a less economically developed country and how Send a Cow helps people. This event can be linked to any fundraising that you are already doing, or be a fundraising day in itself. By the end of the day pupils should have a better idea about life in Africa and the different types of African countries.

Class Activities:

- Go to our award winning kids' website: www.cowforce.com to get a fun and informative introduction to Africa, poverty and Send a Cow. Pupils can go on a tour of Africa, meet Rose from Rwanda, compare their lives with children in Uganda and find out some facts about poverty in Africa.
- Pick an African country to represent and research (including some of those that Send a Cow works in: Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Ethiopia, Lesotho and Cameroon). See these websites for more details: www.sendacow.org.uk; www.countryreports.org; www.eldis.org/africa
- Find images and facts about their country, creating a display.
- Turn the classroom into a learning area about their country.
- Paint the flag of their country and put it over the classroom door.
- Have passport control where pupils have their passports stamped at the entrance of the class for a tourist lunchtime when pupils from other classes go round the school finding out about African countries.
- Wear bright colours, African fabric and the colours from their nation's flag or dress up as some of the animals that Send a Cow provides.
- Put on a slideshow of images that pupils have found of their country from the Internet.
- Play African games at break time or in PE; search Cowfiles.com for 'PE'.
- Make a **Bag Garden** or **Tip-Tap** for your school grounds – visit www.sendacow.org.uk/africangardens
- Create a giant Baobab tree or banana plant on the classroom wall to use as positive re-enforcement ('Positivitree' or 'Positive Plant'). Cut-out leaves or bananas and use them throughout the school term to praise pupils for positive behaviour, pupils could also ask to contribute to the tree to say something special about another pupil. By the end of the term the tree should be covered in leaves.
- Make the '**African snack**' at break time, or ask pupils to bring in fruit that they know grows in Africa.
- Simulate the collection of water from springs or rivers through a playground water relay where pupils carry buckets of water across a set distance – this could turn into a sponsored event.
- Draw and paint cows or other farm animals for a classroom display.
- Create an African village frieze, using straw, fabric and leaves.

Whole School Activities:

- Invite an African drummer or dance teacher to your school – contact your LEA or DEC for details of artists.
- Play some African music at lunchtime and in assembly (try www.africanchildrenschoir.com and Bundu Boys at www.amazon.co.uk).
- Ask for a Send a Cow Ambassador to come for free to your school and talk about Africa and our work – call our Bookings Secretary, Jodie Sampson on (01531) 821751
- Have a ‘Safari Lunchtime’ where pupils look around various classroom displays and get their ‘Passports’ stamped, collecting three facts about each country.

10 Send a Cow Fundraising Ideas:

1. Pupils get sponsored to come to school as a Send a Cow farm animal.
2. Collect coins to make a giant cow on your school hall floor.
3. Walk to school (as most African children would) and donate the bus fare/petrol money to Send a Cow.
4. Make farm animal shaped biscuits and cakes to sell or view some other ideas from Cowforce.com – Missions area.
5. Perform the ‘**Famous Cow Drama**’ to a paying audience.
6. Have a ‘Guess the name of the cow’ table, where pupils pay to have a guess from a list of 150 names.
7. Pupils raise a target amount to get their teacher to dress up as an African animal for the day.
8. Run a ‘**Read to Feed**’ scheme – go to www.sendacow.org.uk/readtofeed
9. Set up a PC with our online game ‘**Uddermadness**’ on it. Charge pupils to play – the highest scorer could win a certificate.
10. Pupils donate money for chocolate bars and crisps at break time and have a healthy banana or apple instead.

Possible Activities

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| Assembly | – <i>Cow Powerpoint or Milk & Veg Assembly</i> |
| Literacy | – <i>PSHE Helping Berna or TV Advert</i> |
| Break time | – <i>DT African Snack</i> |
| Numeracy | – <i>Geography Lunch Activity or PSHE Tough Choice</i> |
| Lunch | – <i>PE all games</i> |
| Lesson 1 | – <i>DT Tip-Tap or Science Bag Gardens/Bean Sprouts</i> |
| Lesson 2 | – <i>Art Cow Herder game or Geog Africa Quiz</i> |