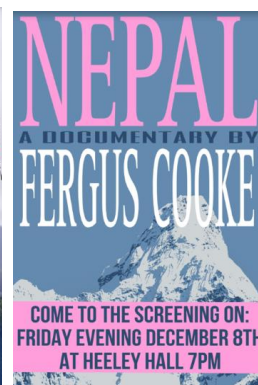




We have had such a busy year at Birkdale already, it's non-stop! The new Nepal team have certainly not been quiet in all this, holding a fantastic bake sale which raised £330 for RNV Nepal and there are more events to come. We held a Birkdale Lecture, set up by Mrs Frost and hosted Deon Barrett, with money raised being split between Africa's Gift and RNV Nepal. There are also several sponsored events to come, but the big one we've been waiting for is Fergus Cooke's Nepal Documentary, being premiered on the **8th December**, in the Heeley Hall.

Fergus was one of last year's Nepal team, a budding filmmaker, he has produced what is expected to be an inspirational documentary. <https://youtu.be/kFDp8EfmlO8?feature=shared>

All proceeds from the event will be going to support RNV Nepal projects. It will be a captivating reminder of how phenomenal the Nepal trip is, but also a reminder of how these experiences inform our lives. It's what we do well at Birkdale, **I hope to see you there.**



<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/48916>

There is a fantastic team of students ready to go out to Nepal this coming Easter, eager to continue the longstanding relationship and develop new connections. Arjun, the Headmaster of the Peace Garden School, is ready to welcome us again, with much of the coordination now being handed on to his son Ashim. Ashim is a keen footballer and there are plans afoot to have a rematch of last year's **Birkdale V's Peace Garden international friendly**, which we lost by quite a few goals. We will also be coordinating again with Bikash and Jyoti, brother and sister whom many will know of from past trips, and have strong connections with RNV Nepal (read the attached RNV Nepal flyer for extra details). They will be guiding us around many of Kathmandu's amazing sites and we will hopefully coordinate some work with them in the leprosy colony.

Continuing the connection, we will be working with Arjun, Ashim, Bikash, Jyoti and many more Nepalese friends to carry on the health checks and routine support, assessing for reading glasses and dental treatments. We will make sure that we visit and offer support to many other friends, visiting the Noble School and Annandit Charity Centre to name a few. Please read the RNV Nepal flyer for details or visit the website to see the good work being done <https://rnvnepal.co.uk/>

We are teaming up again with Mr Hollings at the Prep School, to write some fantastic pen pal letters. In such a fast moving technological world, it is wonderful to see how engrossed in letter writing students can become. Sharing these letters in Nepal



is so heart-warming, the personal touch given by the Prep School pupils means the world and builds those interconnections.

Did you go to Nepal? We are very keen to ensure that we have the contact details for as many people as possible who have been to Nepal so they can be kept informed of future reunion events, information and updates. If you, or anyone you know, took part in the trips, please forward your details to jhollings@birkdaleschool.org.uk where we can make sure we have an up to date contact list. Many thanks in advance.

Future connections and keeping the longstanding relationships strong is very important to our Birkdale community. It is how we are able to then support RNV Nepal and see through projects like the new roof for the Noble School, see the pictures below. Tangible projects like a new school roof are at the heart of what we want to support, creating a safe environment for children to learn.



We need your support. There are many projects that we need to help RNV Nepal fund. Annual projects like new reading glasses for students, but also more major infrastructural projects like the new roof on the Noble School. This year the Peace Garden School is planning to replace the temporary classrooms that were put up after the 2015 earthquake, with a new earthquake resistant school building. This is going to be a significant project and RNV Nepal are supporting the Peace Garden School in this endeavour.

If you feel like you are able to support RNV Nepal then please follow the link to a GoFundMe page, where you can donate: <https://gofund.me/6a41843f>

If you wish to find out more about RNV Nepal (UK Charity 1197238), please visit the website <https://rnvnepal.co.uk/> where you can find out about the projects.

For further information about Nepal please do get in touch.

Warmest regards to all,

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