

## Global Partnerships and Connecting Classrooms

We are delighted to be working in partnership with the British Council through their Connecting Classrooms programme, as part of the Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship initiative. This exciting global education programme supports schools in developing meaningful international links and helps young people grow into thoughtful, informed global citizens.

**Connecting Classrooms** is a worldwide programme that brings schools together to explore global issues, develop core life skills, and build lasting partnerships. Through collaboration with schools in other countries, pupils gain a deeper understanding of the world around them while developing skills such as communication, creativity, collaboration and critical thinking. The programme encourages children to think beyond their local community and understand their role in an increasingly interconnected global society.

As part of this work, our school is also supporting learning around the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. These global goals aim to create a fairer, healthier and more sustainable world for everyone. The British Council actively supports schools in engaging with these goals through education, helping pupils understand global challenges and explore positive solutions.

### **Zero Hunger Project – International School Link**

This year, we are focusing on SDG 2: Zero Hunger, which aims to end hunger, improve nutrition and promote sustainable food systems across the world. Through this project, pupils are encouraged to think about food, fairness, and how communities can support one another locally and globally. The British Council provides high-quality resources to help schools explore this important theme in an age-appropriate and meaningful way.

As part of the Connecting Classrooms programme, we are proudly linked with Magoma Primary School in South Africa. Magoma Primary School has just over 300 pupils and a dedicated staff team of 10 teachers. Through this partnership, our pupils are learning first-hand about life and education in another part of the world, while also sharing their own experiences.

Over the half-term break, children at Aston Rowant have been enthusiastically creating letters, drawings and photographs to send to their partner school. These messages are being shared through our British Council school link and help to build friendships, understanding and a sense of global connection.

This partnership allows our pupils to:

- Learn about global issues in a real and meaningful context
- Develop empathy, respect and cultural awareness
- Build communication skills by connecting with children overseas
- Understand how they can play a positive role in creating a fairer world

We are proud to be part of such a valuable international programme and look forward to continuing our work with the British Council and our partner school as our global learning journey continues.