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Together around the One World!



SCHOOL-JOURNEYS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES



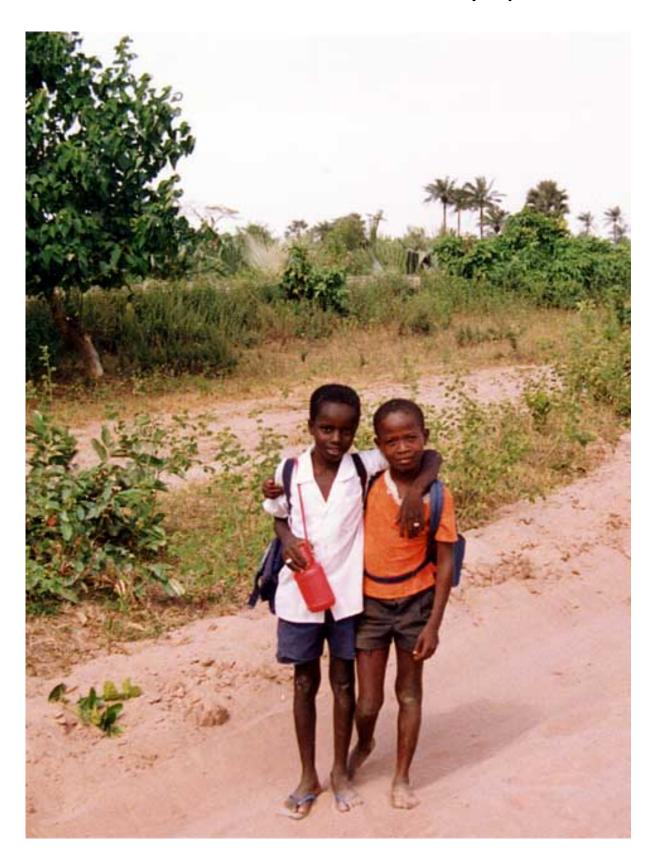
Would you like to know how children in other countries get to school? Or what kind of transport they use to move around in their city or town? Take a look at the following pictures!



These girls in Gambia, West Africa are on their way to school. They wear a school uniform. Do you wear one in your country too?

Instead of a school bag they use colourful fabric. They wrap their schoolbooks and exercise-books in it. One girl proudly shows her plastic bag.

Imagine how the girls in your class would look like in those blue school dresses. The boys would wear dark-blue trousers and a white shirt.



Those two boys are from Gambia too. They're on their long journey to get back home to their village. The street is very dusty, so it's good to have something to drink with you.



These are two schoolgirls in South Africa. Nothing unusual you might think However, only 10 years ago this scene would have been almost impossible to see. Black and white children went to different schools. They were not even allowed to play with each other! Luckily the situation has changed now.



These young women in Sudan, another country in Africa, attend a girls' school.

Normally women there wear colourful six metre long scarves, which they wrap very elegantly around their bodies and heads. At school they change these for clothing in just one light colour.

Can you imagine, that this picture was taken in winter, when it is about 30°C?



This girl is from Africa too. Together with her mum and her aunt she lives in the Sinai desert in Egypt. She will probably never go to school at all, as she needs to help to look after the goats.

She rarely ever meets other children to play with.



This is a school class in the city of Beijing, China. They're making a trip to a very famous place called Tiananmen Square.

If you have a closer look you'll recognise, that here the teachers and not the pupils, wear something like a uniform: a dark blue suit and a white shirt.



These are children from a kindergarten in Beijing. They all wear blue shorts and a light shirt.

They will soon be giving a little performance. They will sing some songs and say some poems that they've learned by heart.

In kindergarten they don't only learn poems, but also how to eat with chopsticks.



Did you recognise that this hut is a school? It is on the island of Bali in Asia. People there usually live in this kind of open house so they can deal with the very hot but humid air.

At the moment the children are having a break. During lessons they sit crosslegged on the wooden floor. If the teacher asks them a question they answer all together in chorus. The louder they answer the more the teacher praises them.

So it doesn't really sound like a choir but more like a shout. Have you ever heard of something like this?

The children often learn by heart as they don't have enough money to buy schoolbooks.



Here you see pupils with their teacher from a school in Nepal. Nepal is a country high up in the mountains of the Himalayas.

Did you see that there are no girls on the picture? Often they can't go to school, as they have to help their mothers at home, or work very hard weaving cloth.

On the next pictures you can see means of transport from other countries.



OK we have biplane buses in Europe. But with no glass in the window and on rails? This tram travels through Hong Kong in China. Did you see the black footprint? Do you think they know that they're supposed to collect green ones?



Of course, many people in Europe use bikes, too. But have you ever seen a street without any cars but bikes only!

In China, where this picture was taken, cyclists get a whole side of the street for themselves. They don't need to squeeze themselves in a small bike lane at the edge of the street.



In China many people can't afford a car. So it is absolutely normal to transport most things with a bike. Many people have a bike-trailer.

This one here is not hung on the back of the bike but put on the side. The third wheel gives extra stability, so you can transport even very heavy things on it.

Don't you think it would be a squeeze getting a lift to school or kindergarten in this trailer?



Here four people are driving on a moped through Kambodsha, a city in Vietnam. A whole family, together on one moped, can you imagine?

That must be very dangerous, don't you think so!



These taxi like carriages you find on Indonesian islands. They call them "Bendi". Bendis have very hard benches and wooden wheels without any springs.

Although it is rather uncomfortable, it is also fun riding them, when the horse trots along with its head-dress. And of course it is eco-friendly!



Not with horse but with human power most rickshaws are run in Asian countries. In Vietnam, they call them cyclos. Sometimes older pupils use them to get to school or when they go shopping.

For the driver it must be very exhausting to transport three women at once!



In some parts of Vietnam they grow rice in big flooded fields. Here you can only go by boat!

As the water is only a few centimetres deep, the boats have to be flat and light.



Great, you've made it all the way down to the last picture! So we owe you a big bag of lemonade.

Lemonade in bags? Of course! This boy from Vietnam holds a "can of coke" in his hand, you could say.

He couldn't afford a real can.

So he buys a bag with a yummy colourful mixture of fruit, water, and lots of sugar.

Do you have any questions about the pictures?

Or have you ever seen any exotic means of transport?

Maybe while you were on vacations?

Why don't you write us an email about it or send us a picture of it?

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