

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



1 UPDATES

Up to **80** children continue to attend English lessons and football training in **Burj Barajneh** and **Shatila Camps**.

The electricity in supply in Lebanon continues to be sparse. However we have installed some **LED** lighting in our main classroom- the lights charge whenever electricity is available allowing lessons to continue even during power cuts.



2 FUTURE ACADEMY

In **October**, co-founder **Chris** was invited to lead a panel of expert speakers at the annual Day of Action 2021 event organised by **Newcastle University**. The theme was **social justice** and the discussion focussed on how to create a fairer and more just society, both now and in the future. More than 4000 delegates from 56 countries attended the online event.

Also in October, Future Academy was the subject of a **6-page article** in the French football magazine, "**So Foot**". Journalist Alexis Exposito spent many hours with the team in Burj Barajneh. He returned with copies of the magazine; the children were delighted to see themselves in print



3 WE THANK YOU

Future Academy is delighted to have been awarded a grant by the Jephcott Charitable Trust to equip our library and after-school club. None of our students have access to any reading matter at home, so a fully equipped library will make such a difference to them. The after-school club will provide the children with a safe space to play, study and enjoy a range of art & crafts activities.

We have also received a grant from the Souter Charitable Trust. We plan to use this in 2 ways: to install LED lighting in the rest of the school and to fund the running costs of the after-school club for one year.

Thank you to all our donors - your generosity enables us to maintain our programme of activities



4 PRESENTS WITH A PURPOSE

Every gift you buy will make a difference to our children.



If you wish to help out, please press on the following link <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/186340>

We will send you a gift certificate for each present purchased

5 Six million steps

Jane, one of our trustees, has embarked upon a year-long challenge to raise funds for girls' education. We welcome both girls and boys to our classes but in practice only a few girls attend; they are usually siblings of existing male students. We believe that the creation of a dedicated girls' class with additional safeguarding measures will enable more girls to attend.

EDUCATION IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND YET TWO BILIONS OF FEMALE REFUGEES DO NOT COMPLETE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

TO REACH 6,000,000 STEPS IN A YEAR, JANE NEEDS TO WALK 7 MILES A DAY, EVERY DAY FOR A YEAR WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO 96 MARATHONS!

