

Educaid Africa

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Chairman's Report

Greetings to all our EducAid Supporters,
May I begin by thanking you all for the tremendous support that you have given and are continuing to give EducAid Africa. Generous donations are continuing to come in from individuals, families, organisations and schools and these are all being put to very good use supporting our sponsored pupils and schools. We have been thrilled that some families have remembered our pupils when celebrating their special birthdays and anniversaries and asked for donations rather than presents. Several schools have included the charity in their fund raising activities including Lyndon School who raised a record £2641 all in one morning! We have been pleased to have visited a variety of organisations and given illustrated talks to them about our work in Kenya and these organisations have ranged from Beaver Scouts aged 6 and 7 to the University of the Third Age with members of a more mature age. All have been impressed when hearing the great difference that their giving makes in the lives of so many children and young people that EducAid helps. One pupil wrote:

A lot of joy and blessing has been brought by you to my family and my life. Thank you for making my dream come to reality when you allowed me to go to secondary school to be educated and to be somebody in the society.

Thank you too for making so many pupils' dreams come to reality. Your support really does make a difference.

Ian Carnell
Chairman of the Trustees

Record Donations

The last financial year has been a record year for donations to EducAid Africa. £44364.92 has been donated by Solihull Schools, individual sponsors, local churches, the Beavers, organisations and industry. This has enabled us to take on additional pupils and support Malau Primary School which is a developing school in the area.



Building programme at Malau School.

Malau School started as a nursery school and the villagers have expanded the school to include primary. The extension of the school is a real community project, the women in the village make the bricks and the men build. We have helped by providing funds to construct the roof. They still need to build additional classrooms to provide for all the age groups. As Trustees of EducAid Africa we are really keen to support this school.

Solihull Schools Support EducAid Africa

The Trustees of EducAid would like to say a very big thank you to three Solihull Schools who have between them raised the grand sum of £4209.00.

Oak Cottage School held a collection at the end of their Christmas Performances and were able to present the Trustees Ian Carnell and Linda Maxfield with a cheque for £531.34



Head boy Yousuf Ali and Head Girl Kajol Vitta presenting the cheque to Ian

The money will go towards providing much needed books for schools that we support in Kenya

Thank you to all Oak Cottage pupils

Dorridge Nursery and Infant School raised £1036.00 during 2011. We have decided to use this money to provide books for Malau Primary School. Stickers provided by the school have been sent out to our link in Kenya, Mr Stephen Arome, who will purchase appropriate books on our behalf. These stickers bearing the school badge and the words "Donated by Dorridge Nursery and Infant school England 2012" will be stuck in each book purchased.

Thank you Dorridge Nursery and Infant school

Every year Lyndon School holds a Year 7 fund raising day. This is done as part of the Learning to Learn classes where the pupils learn to show entrepreneurial skills and the ability to work independently. Again this year EducAid Africa was their chosen charity. They were given the task of raising £1300. The Year 7 pupils worked very hard and raised £2914.59. As a result of this fantastic effort the school is now sponsoring two more secondary pupils bringing their total to four.

Thank you Year 7 pupils at Lyndon School



Year 7 pupils accept a cheque from a local business

Fund raising can be fun as Lyndon
Year 7 pupils demonstrate



In addition to our supportive schools the Trustees would like to say a very big thank you to the staff of Soft Cat a software company who raised the grand total of £5000. This money has been used to support the work we are doing at Malau School, purchase a lap top for a further education student we are sponsoring and providing the opportunity for a pupil to go to school.

*Thank you to the staff of Soft
Cat*

Relief Fund

The Relief Fund, set up at Christmas to support families of sponsored pupils, is still very much needed. We received an email from Stephen Arome, our man in Mombasa, who reported that he is delighted to have the Relief Fund to help with the plight of some of the families of our sponsored pupils and has recently distributed basic food to various needy families. The Fund still remains healthy but the Trustees feel that we should consider topping up the fund as it is obviously greatly needed.

Bernard Nyale, our champion student



New Pupils

Reports and letters have been arriving for our new pupils in their first year. One pupil wrote in his letter
" I thought I might be harassed but the boys became very friendly. I find the subjects at secondary school so interesting. I have passed them very well"
This pupil came 3rd out of 51 pupils with an average grade of A-. A great start to a new school and all possible because of money raised by Greswold School.

Reports from Older Pupils

Another first year pupil wrote
" Since I started St Georges I was as happy as a lark. I joined Tae Kwando club because it beckoned me. I love my teachers most because they treat us fairly. Education is the key to life".

Congratulations to Bernard Nyali in his third year who is sponsored by Coppice Junior School who writes to say,
"I was entered by my school in a Physics Championship held at St John's School and I won it. I was awarded a certificate and learning materials. I also entered a Science Congress Competition. Many schools took part. I had to give a presentation of my vision for science and technology in 2030 and I was awarded third prize."

A marvellous achievement! I think we would all like to hear what he said in his presentation.