

Educaid Africa

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The work of EducAid Africa continues; although this year we do not have the pleasure of a trip to Kenya to visit our sponsored pupils, schools, hospital and the craft workshops. As Trustees, our visit to Kenya is always a very special experience. The Trustees meet every three months to discuss fund raising, the allocation of new sponsored pupils and many associated projects.

The Trustees of EducAid Africa are:-

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We hope this Newsletter will give you a flavour of some of the fund raising taking place.

Solihull schools continue to support EducAid. Donations have been received from Streetsbrook Infants, Coppice Junior, Greswold Primary, Lyndon, Langley and Tudor Grange Secondary Schools. Knowle URC and St Margaret's Churches have continued to support EducAid along with Solihull Beavers and Solihull Men's Coffee Club. Together with money from individuals, total donations of £23 000 have been received this year, money which

will gratefully be accepted by pupils and schools in Kenya. One particularly generous donation of £8000 was received from Soft Cat, an IT company which has chosen to support EducAid Africa as its charity. As Trustees we would like to thank all our sponsors for their generous donations.



Ian Carnell receives a cheque from Streetsbrook School

Special Relief Fund

The Special Relief Fund raised £940. Many thanks to those who sent extra donations as a result of our Christmas Appeal. Some of this money has been put into use to help some of our pupils' families.

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Inner Wheel of Stratford upon Avon

Last year when we visited Malau School we gave them a few footballs. I wish we could have captured on a photograph the look of delight on their faces. Four balls amongst the number of children was a drop in the ocean. The ladies of the Stratford Inner Wheel have decided this year to support EducAid Africa as their Overseas charity and are raising money for sports equipment for the school. They have so far raised £200 by holding a Hunger Lunch for members.

Sponsor Climbs Kilimanjaro

Dinesh Phakkey, a new sponsor, has set himself quite a challenge - he is climbing Kilimanjaro. He aims to raise £5000 for EducAid Africa. You too can donate at www.justgiving.com/dinesh-phakkey-and-family



Dinesh and friends training for the climb of Kilimanjaro

Bag Packing at Sainsbury's

On Saturday 24th May a team of 28 Year 7 pupils from Langley Secondary School took part in a bag pack to raise funds for EducAid Africa. It was organised by Mrs Davey, a teacher at the school, who has spent a great deal of her own time organising events at the school with the pupils in order to raise money to sponsor pupils in Kenya. They were supported by several teachers, parents and two of our Trustees. We organised special T shirts which the pupils paid for and wore on the day. They looked the part!!

It was a most successful and fun-filled four hours. Many bags were packed and the total collected was a staggering £677!! Several of the shoppers commented on the politeness and helpfulness of the pupils. Many conversations took place where pupils chatted about the charity and leaflets were given to interested people.



Langley pupils bag packing

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Nathaniel Graduates

Some of our sponsored pupils who achieve good grades go on to university. Nathaniel achieved those required grades and has now graduated with a degree in Community Education. This was a very proud day for Nathaniel, his sponsors and the Trustees of EducAid Africa,



Joyce Mwambara

On our last visit to Malau school we met Joyce working in the school. She was a sponsored pupil who desperately wanted to become a qualified teacher. EducAid Africa has made her dream come true and she has just embarked on a two year diploma in education.

Rotary Club of Stratford upon Avon

Malau Primary School has always been special to us. We have seen it develop from one nursery class to a thriving primary school for several hundred pupils. It has been a real community project with the women making the bricks and the men building. Over the last few years, through generous sponsorship, we have been able to help the school by providing books and some equipment. Last year Soft Cat donated funds to build a security fence around the school. The next big project is to put electricity into the school. The Rotary Club of Stratford upon Avon has donated £1000 from its Overseas budget to enable this project to be started.



Thank you for giving me hope where there was no hope.