

Charity Award

MBSCT had some exciting news in April when one of our trustees, Jennifer Cooke, was short listed for YOU/Clarins Most Dynamisante Woman of the Year Award. This award celebrates the charitable work of women who help ill or underprivileged children either in the UK or further afield. Out of hundreds of applicants Jenny was short listed to the final six and interviews took place in London. Unfortunately Jenny didn't win the award but she was highly commended for her efforts, not only in improving facilities for the community and providing educational support, but also for her work with UK school children. MBSCT was delighted to also receive a cheque for £1,000 from the Managing Director of Clarins in recognition for our work in Zambia and a short paragraph about our work appeared in the Daily Mail's YOU magazine in June.

Martin Johnson Visits Mugurameno



Martin Johnson - Rugby World February 2006

We were delighted to have Martin Johnson visiting Mugurameno in October 2005. He really enjoyed his visit and spent time with the children teaching them a few rugby skills!

"It was the first time they had seen a rugby ball and they loved it. Although it wasn't so much rugby it was playing with a ball. They were great kids and we finished off playing football with them. You could see that they were naturals."

Finally, we would say a huge thank you to Ralph Doyle and Adventis for printing our newsletter for us again this year as part of their regular contribution to MBSCT.

Future Plans

Over the next two years we would like to provide the Community School with a new school building, equipped with a solar panel, so it can also be used in the evening to hold community night courses. The Basic School is in need of a truck so they can transport children to other schools and for medical emergencies. We hope to be able to provide this before the end of 2006.

We would also like to provide further t-shirts, caps and book bags for the Basic and Community School and much needed warm fleeces for the cold winter nights. One double classroom block for Mugurameno Basic School, which will house the new school library, is also a future aim for 2007. We are hopeful of buying a brick machine, which will facilitate these building works and provide bricks for other community projects.

Fundraising Event 2007

We are planning to hold a fundraising event in London in the latter half of 2007, which we hope many of you will be able to attend. As part of the entertainment we would like to hold an auction, if anyone has anything they would like to donate for this please let us know. Furthermore if anyone knows of any companies that could help us out with printing tickets/flyers or has any contacts in the press or music/TV industry we are all ears. There is plenty to do organising an event like this so if anyone out there has a few spare hours on their hands please don't be shy in coming forward!

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If you would like to make a donation please send a cheque payable to: Mugurameno Basic School Charitable Trust and send to: 69, Lowther Road, Barnes, London, SW13 9NP



Welcome to our annual newsletter. MBSCT has had an extremely busy year with school fundraising events, building works and arranging trips for UK school children so we've hardly had a chance to dwell on how much we have achieved. This newsletter is therefore a great opportunity for us to sum it all up!

Fundraising

Central to MBSCT is educating UK school children about the work we do out in Zambia. Many more schools have signed up to help us this year and have enjoyed learning more about our charity and how their money is spent. We would like to say a big thank you to the following schools and organisations for their fundraising efforts this year.

Farlingaye High School, Woodbridge, Suffolk and St George's School, Ascot raised money through a non-school uniform day. In July 2006, following the success of last years sponsored walk, the Hurlingham School in Putney raised over £5,500 by taking part in a sponsored circuit training session. Finally on a hot July day children from Walton Primary School had an ice cream and lolly sale. They made marshmallow kebabs dipped in chocolate and made £70!

We had a big surprise in December 2005 when the Trapnell Zambia Charity Support Fund donated £11,000 to MBSCT and a similar amount to Conservation Lower Zambezi in memory of the late Colin Trapnell. Richard Howeson, chairman of Eurotalk (www.eurotalk.com) kindly donated sales of his Talk Now! Language CDROMS to MBSCT, raising over £300.

After transporting the school's new playground equipment to Mugurameno, Kuba Crafts in Livingstone also donated a bench and the science department of St George's Ascot kindly donated a set of old science books.

And finally a big thank you to 47 Degrees, winter sports and outdoor retailers, who have recently donated over 50 pairs of shoes and Phil and Susie Splitter founders of Welcome to Music in Australia for donating a set of music books and CD's.

Thank you for all the individual donations we have received this year. None of our work at Mugurameno would be possible without your continued support.



Building Work at Mugurameno Basic School



Walls for the new kitchen



The finished result



Refurbishment of headteacher's house

The builders have been working very hard at Mugurameno this year and we are delighted to report that work finished on site in June. Due to the location of the village and its distance from Lusaka, five hours by road, transportation of materials has been tricky and subsequently more expensive than expected. However, the hard work paid off and the school community is now delighted with its new kitchen, staff shower/toilet unit and refurbished head teacher's house.

Mugurameno Community School



Community School Classroom

Members of the community built Mugurameno Community School in September 2005 as they recognised the need for nursery education for children aged 3-6. During our first visit to the nursery we were made very welcome by Ernest, their teacher, who let us watch his lessons and listen to the children sing. The energy and enthusiasm shown by Ernest and the children blew us away. With very few resources Ernest manages to teach basic literacy and maths to the children to prepare them for their first year at the Basic School. Subsequently we have developed a very strong relationship with Ernest and have worked with him to provide the

children with school uniforms, reading books and stationery.

Ernest now has a further 80 children wanting to attend school and the community is keen to build a bigger classroom. The village elders and headmen met with us during our last visit and gave us the piece of land round the existing school. It is our wish to build a big community building to not only house the school during the day, but to provide an area for community groups in the evening. The existing building will stay and the community is keen to make this into a museum and small gift shop for tourists.



New Uniforms!



Inside the Community School Classroom

World Challenge



We were delighted to be approached by World Challenge at the beginning of the year who were interested in sending a team of 15-18 year olds to Mugurameno. Team Challenge expedition is an exhilarating and demanding 4 week expedition which is preceded by 15-20 month team building and skills development programme. The trip, which involves each student raising £3000, includes treks and cultural adventures and helps improve confidence and self esteem.

Students from the Corsham School in Wiltshire led by Alastair McLeod, Janet Grant and Andy Griffiths spent 5 days at Mugurameno camping behind the school block, cooking for themselves and sharing

the water pump and drop toilets with the community! Their project brief was to install playground equipment, bought by the charity, at both the Basic and Community School and to paint murals on one of the classrooms.

We were astonished when we visited them on their last day to see their creative handiwork. Their beautiful murals had totally transformed the school. Football and netball posts, climbing frame, seesaw and swings were successfully cemented into the ground behind the Basic School and the Community School was given a slide to occupy the children during playtime. Everyone was thrilled with their new equipment and the headmaster, Alan Bwalya, informed us that they were the first school in the district to have such equipment.

The students then went on to spend a night at Conservation Lower Zambezi to learn about environmental issues and to enjoy proper showers and bunk beds!

MBSCT would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and teachers for all their hard work on this project and to Anna, Adrian and Ernest at CLZ for organising a fantastic afternoon. We look forward to hosting a similar project next year.



Murals and the new playground equipment