

## To All Parents

Friday 10 January 2020

**Dear Parents** 

## **Book Collection for Kapumpe**

Back in May I wrote the following:

Who has read a book recently? Who has read a book to their child recently? Who has been read to recently? I hope that, to at least one of those questions, the answer is 'I have!' Next question — who or what is Kapumpe? We have added to our Manor family since we took on Kapumpe as our international charity and so a little explanation is needed. Kapumpe is a Primary School in Zambia. Kapumpe uses a UK based curriculum incorporating Zambian culture, history, art, and geography. A strong emphasis in the early years is placed on work through play and developing independent thinking. The children are taught in English and are encouraged to express themselves freely. Kapumpe is a Bemba word which means 'Eagles'. Their aim is for all the children to rise up from the poverty that entangles their lives and gain a fresh new perspective on life and the belief that they too can soar like an eagle. What a wonderful image!

## **Update**

I am thrilled to let you let you all know that, not only did you donate an amazing collection of books but that THEY HAVE ARRIVED! NPAC (National Police Aid Convoy) were our knights in shining armour. In August I sorted through all the donations with my daughter, Amy – any that were not suitable for Kapumpe were delivered to the Abingdon branch of Helen & Douglas House. I then packed them up into boxes and loaded them into my Mini which groaned under the weight! I set off for Mansfield (Nottinghamshire) to deliver our 'haul' to NPAC's warehouse. Our books were loaded onto a ship in October, arrived in Beira (Mozambique) in November, another 2 weeks and they were in Lusaka (Zambia) before being taken by bus to Ndola where Naomi Voice (Arise-Kapumpe Director) collected them. This is what she wrote:

Thank you so much for all the amazing books. It really was like Christmas for me the other day opening all the boxes. I haven't unloaded all the books yet but have just taken a peak at what is there. Reading books, books to support teachers, activity books, text books. What a tremendous blessing. I couldn't help reading a few. We are so grateful for all you have done to help with getting these books here to stock our library.

A heartwarming thank you from Kapumpe and one from me too – you're all amazing!

Yours sincerely

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My Mini loaded



NPAC warehouse in Mansfield



Naomi collects books from Ndola



Books outside Kapumpe library