

Kapumpe Christian Primary School

Equipping pupils and staff with excellent education and discipleship for life-long learning.



*They will soar on wings like eagles.
Isaiah 40:31*



Pupils enjoy using books for reading and writing

and term 3 material. All the pupils have been eager to learn, meet with their friends and show they are making progress at school. Often there is a mini stampede at the end of the day when children race to collect star stickers and other rewards for their good behaviour or good work.

Having asked many pupils about what they would like to improve on now they are back at school, most have said their reading. Through the use of books in lessons at all ages, they are becoming aware that being able to read is central to learning and becoming independent. It's wonderful to hear the children so excited to read and develop their skills.



Break time food is a highlight of the school day

We Love Learning!

A common trait shared by the pupils and the staff here is the love of learning. When we cannot have something we love for some time we all feel the pain of separation and the joy of being reunited. During term 2 we have all felt the pain of not having our school learning. Many others around the world will be able to identify with the joy of returning to school with full classes rather than only the teachers in school. Although the teachers have been in school preparing lessons, classrooms and resources, school is just not the same when the pupils are not there. Following the closure of schools in June for nearly 3 months, we have embarked on a busy and focused 17 weeks of school to cover the remaining term 2



Learning how to perform traditional dance

Many of the pupils are struggling with their English after a long break from school however they are willing to try their best when we say to them, "Now can you tell me in English?" after they have given a response in Bemba.

Being back at school is exciting for the children as it is a place where they know they are safe and loved. It's also a clean and fun environment where every day holds a new discovery. The teachers are also delighted to have the pupils back as they can put into practice new deas they have been learning and see how their children progress and understand more readily. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has continued to support us over the last months, enabling us to learn and grow together.



Pre-school

This term we have been focusing on the topic 'Outside' in Pre-school. Pupils have been thinking about what they see, hear and feel outside and learning the Bemba and English names for these things. Mr Chola has changed the charts on the walls and the layout of the equipment to help the learning environment feel fresh and engaging. As well as the young children learning common nouns they have been learning many new songs and games which we can hear they love. Pre-school is a wonderful class to visit as the children are always having fun learning and are excited to tell you what they have been doing. Mr Chola has also been working hard to help the pupils learn the numbers 1-10 which they can now confidently recite.



Big, bold pictures on display for our 4 & 5 year olds

Grade 1

An exciting topic for teachers and pupils alike is 'Fabulous Food' which the Grade 1 class have recently been learning about. They have been counting food, looking at the colours of food, thinking about where it comes from and of course, which ones they like to eat. Miss Makondo has not only been focusing on the present, by asking her pupils to draw and label food but also to think about the future, 'What do you need to start a café?' 'Would you like to be chef... when you grow up?' 'How could you run a café business?' Often such questions are not considered here because of lack of opportunities but we want our children to know that anything is possible for them.



The café role play corner for this topic

Grade 2

'The Newsroom' has been our recent topic in Grade 2 and the pupils have really enjoyed thinking about what is going on in the world. We have been focusing on the local community of Kaniki but also thinking about other places at times. It is very hard for many of these 6-7 year olds to imagine other places as some of them have never been outside this area. Despite not having much first-hand knowledge of different places and sights, their memory is incredible! After teaching them new words, pictures, places, the pupils are avidly wanting to demonstrate what they have learned over the following days and weeks.



Ready to learn about road safety

Grade 3

The pupils in Grade 3 always love the topic 'Animals All Around' as it is one that many of them feel they already know something about. They know the names of some animals, where they live and what they eat and this helps the pupils to feel very confident. As the topic goes on, the pupils learn adjectives and new facts allowing them to talk and write more creatively. Grade 3 have been improving both their reading and writing speed and their behaviour is also showing signs of maturity. We are very pleased to see the progress they are making.



Helping pupils describe animals as well as name them

Grade 4

Mrs Mwape has been working hard in her classroom, changing display boards, questions on the walls and making sure there is easy access to the books. All this effort is to help the pupils become more independent and that is certainly what has been happening. Grade 4 have recently been studying the topic of 'Communication', now they have not only learnt new information but they have become more confident communicators themselves as well. Grade 4 have become a very studious class and enjoy asking lots of questions. It is wonderful to see how they have matured this term.



Using visuals to help the children understand in maths



Grade 5

This term some new pupils have been welcomed into Grade 5 and made to feel very much part of the class family. They have enjoyed learning about safety and demonstrated some of their knowledge when our nsaka roof caught fire. A neighbour was burning in their field and the wind carried the fire to Kapumpe. Mr Muleya and the Grade 5's were a big help in dousing the roof with water so that only a small section of the roof was in need of repair. As well as learning the academic subjects Grade 5 have been enjoying retelling Bible stories, taking care of their own vegetable patch and reading a variety of books together.



Creative and engaging display boards encouraging pupils to read and apply new ideas



3D display work bringing lessons to life

Grade 6

Mr Mananasi put a lot of effort into preparing his classroom for Grade 6 to return. He has also begun to understand that if he likes being in the classroom, and the environment is engaging and useful, then the pupils will also benefit from it. The room is well organised and pupils are becoming more organised as well. This term their topic has been 'Environment Agents' so they have been focusing on how to take care of the world around them and setting a good example at school.

Grade 7

Mrs Mwiinga was on maternity leave this term and we have been delighted to hear that she has welcomed a set of triplets to her family. Although she has been missed at school we have had a cover teacher for Grade 7 so that they have still been able to cover the curriculum. Their final exams will be in the middle of November and although they are nervous they are also looking forward to moving on to secondary school. We have been setting them extra homework and assessing them to see where they need more revision. The pupils know that they are supported by all the staff and continue to enjoy coming to school and learning every day.



Helping the pupils acquire a wide vocabulary

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord that we have been able to open and everyone has been passionate about attending school.
2. Please pray for our staff and pupils as this is the first year of Grade 7 exams held at Kapumpe. Pray for all the organisation to go smoothly.
3. Thank God for the provision of food and resources He has made available for us to continue to support and teach the children.
4. Pray for the teachers to have enthusiasm and inspiration as they continue through this long term.

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Thank you for reading our update on the work at Kapumpe. If you have any questions or would like to further support us in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Arise Orphan Project

Empowering orphans, vulnerable children and their guardians.



ARISE



Arise block walls completed.

GOD IS FAITHFUL

Term 2 has been very different to how we imagined it at the beginning of the year. We have not been able to operate Arise as we normally do, due to regulations regarding gatherings and the use of school buildings at this time. Praise the Lord that He has shown us ways we can continue to support our families and continue the work of Arise.

In all the activity that has taken place we can say that we have been aware of the faithfulness of God. As He has led us in the building project, guided us on visits and inspired us with ways to meet each other, He has also been faithful to provide all that has been needed. We certainly began building the Arise block in faith as we did not have all the money needed for it at the beginning of the year. As it is being built God is continuing to provide the funds needed not only for the completion of the building but also the furniture for inside. People have also helped raise money for resurfacing the field which has been badly damaged by the building work making it unsafe for outside games and activities. We would like to say a special thank you to Frances Pons, Paul Barton and Colin Voice for helping to fundraise for these projects.

During the next term we will see the doors fitted, electrics connected and the floors completed with tiles and terrazzo. It will

Arise block roof in place in the dry season

be an exciting couple of months seeing the Arise block looking like a finished building, ready for paint and furniture. By the end of 2021 we expect the Arise block to be ready for action.

God has also reminded us of His faithfulness in the way He has answered prayer in the lives of many of our families. We have seen many people recovering from illness where they felt hopeless and also families have had enough food to sustain them at home or God has provided us with enough food to help them. One of the main challenges in the dry season is water. A lot of families are not able to grow vegetables as they do not have a water source nearby. At Arise we have a water tank from a bore hole which never runs dry. There has not been a moment where we can say, 'Look what we have achieved with our skills, time and energy.' Everything we have been part of and witnessing in Arise is because of the faithfulness of God and we give Him all the glory.

A huge thank you all of you who have been encouraging us, supporting us and upholding us in your prayers over these past few months. We are very grateful and hope that you feel part of the work that is taking place here in Zambia. If you would like to keep up to date with news and pictures throughout the term, you can find and like our Facebook page.



Arise block plastered, ready for painting



Arise block ceilings in place



SATURDAY STUDY

Our older pupils have really enjoyed being able to come to Saturday Study where there is a safe, clean, quiet place to study. It also helps to have the text books and many friends to discuss questions with. Aside from some pupil grades going up we have begun to notice improved attendance at school. It is wonderful to hear the children eager to learn and improve academically. Sadly they still do not receive much support from their teachers but they are not giving up and are willing to persevere.



Excited to see more than half of our Grade 8-9 pupils coming to study

It is a precious time together as they know they are loved and see that education is valuable, whatever their level of academic ability. After something to eat and drink we have a time to share testimonies before we look at a passage from the Bible. Some weeks their testimony has been how much this study time has helped them to improve at school or how God has answered the prayers we prayed for them to understand a specific subject or be more kind to their friends. We hope to see all these young people growing in their faith, seeking God for direction each day and sharing about Jesus with others as they become more confident at school. We thank God for the opportunity we have to be part of these young lives.



*Some of our dedicated Grade 10-12's
Ellen, Felistus, Natasha, Queen, Grace, Chibuye*

GREAT GUARDIANS

Arise has been able to continue making visits to our families in the community. We have been meeting outside people's houses, listening to them share about the challenges they are facing and sharing God's word with them. Sometimes our guardians tell us that they have had no work so food and basic essentials like soap have been a challenge for them and they ask for our help feeling there is nothing they can do for their family. We were overjoyed this term to

hear from some guardians about the ways in which they were trying to overcome their challenges. One lady, Delfista, began by telling us of her house door which was completely eaten by termites, no longer attached to the doorframe. She then went on to share how she had paid into a scheme to receive subsidised seed and fertilizer last year but they never delivered. Her response to these situations was to begin working in any way she could and saving to provide food and safety for her family. We told her to bring to us what she had saved in a few months and we would top up the amount she needed.

On a visit in Kaniki Extension, a guardian called Alice began to tell us that food was a problem at home but followed that by saying she was so grateful the water pump in the community had been fixed

so she was now able to easily get water. In the past a few families in the community had a well with water and they charged others to come and draw water from their wells. We suggested that she could now make a little vegetable patch as she had space by her house. Alice then told us she had already started this because she could now get water for the vegetables every day. She took us behind the house and showed us the chibwabwa, rape, onions and Chinese lettuce she was growing. Due to the numerous village chickens running free and eating vegetables, she had found some netting to make a protective fence. Praise the Lord for the wonderful examples these ladies are setting for others.



Delfista was so proud that she had been able to save some money for her field



Alice showing us her protected vegetable patch



FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP



Guardians come to do planting, weeding, watering and harvesting every Friday morning

It has been wonderful to see the high number of guardians continue to come to Friday Farming and Discipleship. We have been able to double the area of land cultivated for vegetables and ensure that every Friday there has been something ready for harvesting. The guardians don't go home empty handed but they also tell us that they feel strengthened by the testimonies shared and the word from the Bible that is read to them. Learning about how to manage a small area of vegetables has inspired some guardians to plant their own at home which we are delighted about. This not only provides food for their family but also some money from the vegetables they are able to sell. We hope to see even more guardians attending in future.

TESTIMONY TIME

One of the prayer points in our last newsletter was that we would be able to raise the funds for a new vehicle as the old one was needing many repairs. We had been looking for a car to buy that would be sturdy and spacious enough for our work but noticed that the price was more than we expected. A special thank you to Gemma Mills for helping to fundraise for the new car. As people prayed so the money needed came in and the car was driven up from Lusaka and delivered to us with a full tank of fuel! We serve an amazing God who knows the end from the beginning of every event and need in our lives. We do not need to worry where provision will come from or when, we do not need to worry about how to fix the problems we face, we simply need to trust God. We will be keeping our eyes on Him and continue to give Him all the praise for what is happening in Arise.



Staff workers: Agnes and Lister ready to go on visits in the new Arise vehicle

Prayer Points

1. Please pray for the Arise block to be finished to a high standard and soon ready for us to paint and furnish so it is ready for 2022.
2. Pray for the guardians as they prepare their fields for planting maize for next year. Pray for the staff to have wisdom as they decide which families need support.
3. Thank God for all our pupils who have been studying hard this year. Pray for Grade 7,9 and 11 as they sit exams in November and December.
4. Pray for wisdom as we receive new applications for support in 2022.

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