

NEWSLETTER No 5

Nursery News

Great progress has been made on the nursery building.



The Nursery is now complete and is visible from most areas of the town. The children have more room, but there still seems to be a lot of them surrounding you if you happen to be in the yard at break time! John would like to build a

storage tank for rain water beneath the Nursery school yard and hopes to put gutters on the building, to collect the rainwater, while the work party from Mission direct are at Rukungiri during the summer.

The Counsellor

Pamela, the counsellor, has been funded for a year by St John's Church Welling in Kent. The group from Welling decorated her room while they were there and furnished it with a settee and easy chair, a table and a desk. It is now a room very different from any other room in the



school. It is comfortable and relaxing, a very pleasant place for children to come with their problems.

MEDICAL CENTRE

The top floor of the building on the left, behind these pupils who are doing their Saturday morning washing, is the Bluewater Medical Centre.

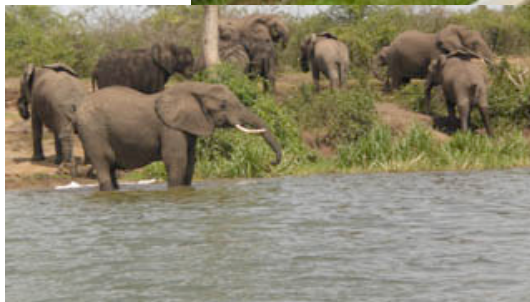
In future, when there is an epidemic, such as the measles epidemic that ran through the



school a year ago, they will be able to isolate sick and infectious children. Thanks to the Bluewater company for helping to furnish this room.

The School Bus

When the bus is available on a Saturday the day starts very early, as the children get on the coach at 5-30 am. They sometimes go to the Queen Elizabeth National Park and aim to get there in time to see the animals as they start their day. When the animals are having their siesta the children have a treat, a meal of fish and chips. Then they have a boat trip on the Kazinga Channel which flows between lake Edward and Lake George. This is an excellent way to see the wild life as it comes to drink and bathe.



Stop Press

Stacking chairs have not yet been purchased for the assembly/exam hall but should soon be bought within Uganda.

Primary Leaving Exam results for November 2009 were excellent. 82 children took the exam. 77 had a grade one pass. 5 had a grade two pass. Two boys, Nelson and Frederice, had the best possible pass in grade one.

University entrants. 6 pupils who graduated from Rukungiri Modern and then went on to be sponsored through secondary school have done so well in their A level results that the government will sponsor them through University.

Inflation rates have been very high over the last year. Food prices have risen by about 22 percent and feeding so many children has become a problem. John and Alice have taken out a mortgage on some virgin land near Fort Portal in order to grow food for the school. It is far from the school but fertile and reasonably priced. Having the school lorry makes bringing the harvested food to the school easier.

Our Fundraising Project for 2010 is to help Alice and John to have a **bore hole** installed in the school compound. They are connected to the town water supply but it often fails in the dry season and then all water has to be collected from a spring and carried up the hill. Rain water tanks have helped but a bore hole would be better.

Financial Report for January-December 2009

Incoming

Sponsorship	£51,406
Donations	£29,853
Gift Aid	£14,220
Fundraising	£2,065
Total	£97,544

Outgoing

Sent to Rukungiri	£85,700
Charity administration	£651
Total	£86,351

In charity account £11,193