

RUKUNGIRI ORPHAN PARTNERSHIP

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GOOD RESULTS IN THIS YEAR'S PRIMARY LEAVING EXAMS

The PLE (Primary Leaving Exam) celebration was held on 8th February. Five children, Aineyboona Celestine, Ariho Darlen, Ashaba Collins, Ayesigye Ritah and Byamukama Hannington had an aggregate of 4, which is the best achievement a child can reach for this exam. Out of the class of 70 children, 66 reached Division 1 and 4 children

reached Division 2. The day started off with the entire primary school marching around the town (photo 8585, 8571,8570). A tour of the school by invited guests was followed by an assembly in the main hall with speeches from the class teacher (Teacher George) Director of Studies (Teacher Ezera), Headteacher Geoffrey, the

parents representative, the Education Officer from the local council, Director John and the guest of honour (Sue Read). They were long!!

The children who received top marks were presented with mattresses to take to their new secondary schools. The day was rounded off with a traditional buffet lunch.

Once again Sue Read and her team made over 2500 rolls with the P6 class. It was hard work but enjoyed by all the children. It fed the whole school and Gables Vocational Centre and they also took a sack to the children at the local deaf school, which was a humbling experience. They always say 'Never again!' but they have been doing it for the last 9 years and don't feel able to stop!



Fundraising 2017

We are hoping to help Alice and John purchase a house and piece of land which lies at the back of the school buildings. Up to now this has been rented but the owner wants to sell it. Geoffrey and his family plus another teacher from the school have been living here for some time and it is ideally placed for someone to always be close at hand in case of problems out of school hours.

Part of the land could also provide space for more latrines which are desperately needed.

Financial Report

January to December 2016

Incoming;-

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| Sponsorship | £78,544 |
| Donations | £20,942 |
| Gift Aid | £17,475 |
| Fund raising | £1,072 |
| Total | £118,033 |

Outgoing;-

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| Sent to Rukungiri | £99,500 |
| Chime bars for the band | £124 |
| Charity administration | £538 |
| Bank charges | £192 |
| Total | £100,354 |



BELATED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The Christmas Party was held over until February so that all of the children who are sponsored could be there. It was a big celebration at Rondavels Guesthouse.

The UK team who were there at the time, provided balloons, face painting for the girls and tattoo stickers for the boys. It was quite an experience for the three novice face painters to see so many children in front of them (definitely not queuing!). They had to appoint one of their team to be a bouncer!

The children had a great feast prepared by the staff at Rondavels and served by the teachers (see photo) and we all enjoyed singing and dancing.

The children were presented with their Christmas gifts i.e. blankets for the younger children and pairs of sheets for the older ones (see photo). Everyone had a great time, even though they were totally exhausted afterwards. The children went back to school singing!

Please let us know if you change your postal or email address then we can send your children's sponsorship letters to the right place!