NEWSLETTER

RUKUNGIRI ORPHAN PARTNERSHIP DECEMBER 2023

We, the Trustees, Alice & John, the staff and all the children at RMPS would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024. Thank you for all your support. May God bless you and your families and grant you His peace throughout Christmas and the coming New Year





OUR VISIT TO UGANDA OCTOBER 2023

7 people from the UK including two of the trustees, visited the school in October. It is the rainy season and it was often torrential. Everything stops when it rains! However, we managed to teach, cook (over 2500 doughnuts), did music and sports in the times there wasn't any rain. One of our party who is a football coach stayed for two months, coaching football teams from schools across the town and the District Team.
The children were preparing to take their exams to proceed to the next class and P7 were preparing for their PLE exams which will determine which secondary school they will attend - finance permitting. We will be writing over the coming weeks to those who sponsored children have now left the school to see if they are happy to sponsor a new child. The children send their love to you their sponsors and were frequently asking us if we knew you, so please be sure that they think of you. If you haven't received a letter from your child recently, please let us know. The children are now on their Christmas break so should be enjoying the holidays. The school closes down completely so the children who are boarders go home to their extended families.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for new trustees to join us to future proof the charity and bring fresh ideas. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us at rukungiriorphanpartnership397@gmail.com

CONTACT WITH THE CHILDREN

The children would like their sponsors to write to them and preferably send a photo. If you feel you can't write a letter, then perhaps send a postcard. The address is Rukungiri Modern Primary School, PO Box 116, Rukungiri, Uganda

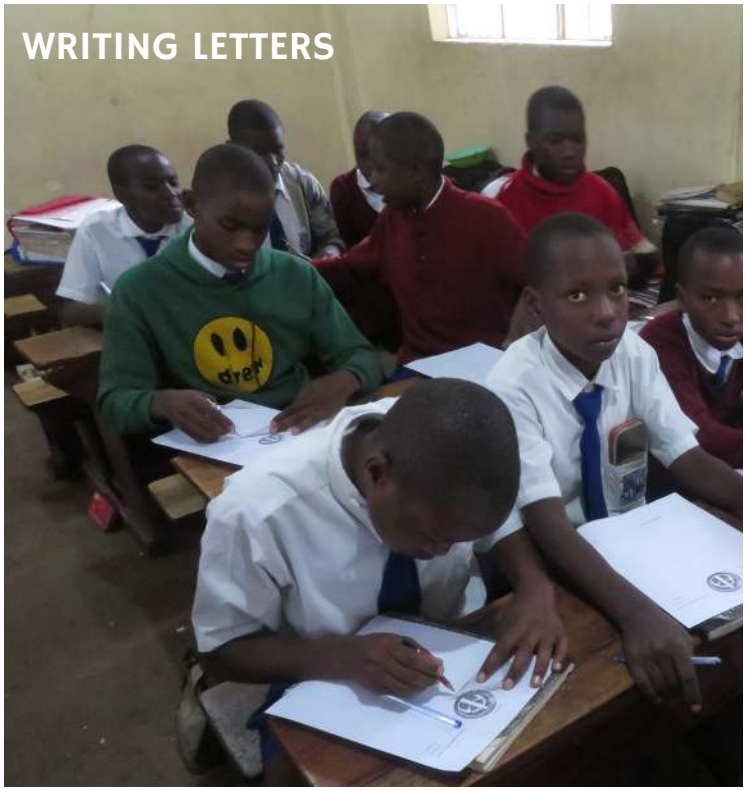
GIFTS TO CHILDREN

If you would like to make a gift to your sponsor child, you can do so by sending a donation to the charity bank account with the reference marked as your childs name. Notify us that you have done so and we will arrange for the bursar to take your child shopping.

SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The sponsorship waiting list is now standing at 48 which is significantly better than it was this time last year. Thank you for your response to our last newsletter. Some of you took on more children, put up your giving or publicised the charity and encouraged new sponsors. We thank you so much for responding to the need. Hopefully existing sponsors whose children were in P7 and have just left, will renew and reduce the waiting list even further. As part of the charity commission, we have goals and one of our goals is to reduce the sponsor list to zero! As we said in our last newsletter, the teachers, who work tirelessly for the children, have not had a salary increase for 6 years and are significantly lower paid than their state school counterparts, which coupled with price rises and inflation, have led to a number of them having to leave to support their families. If we can increase the amount of sponsors we have, we may be able to assist with an increase.



THANK YOU FROM THE TRUSTEES

SUE LETSON - CHAIR,
ROGER FARNWORTH - SECRETARY,
STEVE READ - GOVERNANCE, VICE CHAIR,
SUE READ - SPONSORSHIP & TREASURER
JUDY CAVE - VICE TREASURER



Coming soon

We are hoping to start a Facebook and Instagram page in the New Year for those of you who use Social Media. They will be official sites administered by members of the charity and we will launch it in the next few months. We will email you when it is set up so you are aware of the correct subscription details.
We will still continue to communicate by email.

Donations

Thank you to those of you who have given personal and church donations this year. The Toilet project is almost complete and the school are currently looking at further improvements. We will keep you posted.

