



Bolera Palms School

Helping to Develop Young Minds

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Prize Giving
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Dear Friends

Firstly I want to wish you all very Merry Christmas, and wonderful New Year!

We ended our first term with a wonderful prize giving and each class showcased something that they have learnt, sang a song or performed a traditional dance! It has been a very busy term; jam packed with learning not only for the children but the teachers too. All our new teachers have settled in to the Bolera Palms School team fantastically, they have got to know their students and how to inspire each child.

Standard One, have been busy colouring, cutting and sticking everything and anything down. Standard Two, spent the term singing the colours of the rainbow, standard Three and Four focused heavily on their Chichewa. Standard Five have been learning about energy, sun, heat and electricity and standard Six are now mini mathematicians!

Ben Nowak has spent this term with us before he starts medical school in Germany; Ben was our first aider. It was his job to deal with all bumps, scrapes and yucky sores. He spent a lot of his time at Koche Clinic our local clinic, shadowing doctors, learning and helping.



A few words from Rebecca Davey about her experiences with us so far...

"Nothing can quite prepare you for the first time you stand in front of twenty-eight clever, hyperactive Standard Threes, all relishing the chance to push the new teacher just as far as they possibly can. At the start, our lessons were noisy, frustrating and sometimes teary...for me as well as them! Sixty two days down the line, things are much better. I feel I have relationship with the class now, and know them as individuals. Though there are highs and lows, we've definitely settled into a productive and enjoyable routine, and I can only hope I occupy as big a space in each of their hearts as they do in mine."



We were fortunate to be invited to **Karonga** to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the Cultural and Museum Centre Karonga, where we also got to see the opening of the **Living Legends** exhibition. The exhibition celebrated the lives of a few remarkable people, who fought for independence or were exiled for believing in democracy. We asked both Patuma and Agatha to join us, and this is what they thought...

“This term we had a long journey to Karonga with Rita and Taryn. It was a nice journey. We visited Karonga museum where we saw a big dinosaur (The *Malawisaurus*) and we heard the history of Malawi. Rita took us around the museum and explained all the exhibitions. We heard and saw how we turned from monkeys to humans, so funny! The most interesting thing was meeting our Living Legends including *Rose Chibambo*, who was the first woman in parliament and is now on the 200 Kwacha note. We are also not forgetting the human jaw that turned into stone after some years, so amazing. On the way back home, we went to *Malema Camp* to see where they found the lower jaw and other fossils. It was a wonderful trip and we learnt so much on it and saw some very beautiful places!”



Some news from all the teachers...



This term in Standard One we have learnt about colours, shapes, numbers 0-5 and we have also started the alphabet. It was a very hard term for me at first, since it was my first year teaching standard one but now I am enjoying the class. The child who has made the most improvement is Ikma Sami. Ikma was very weak in each learning area especially maths and writing. It was very doubtful if she can manage standard one but if you can see her work today it is very good. Well Done! Madam Agatha

The most improved all round in Standard Two has to be Daison! At the beginning of the term Daison struggled in both maths and English but now he has managed to work his way up to being one of the top performing children. He has tried really hard this term and it shows that hard work does pay off. Well done Daison keep up the hard work. Madam Emma





Standard Three, My pupil of the term is Hawa Ngomba, for consistently excellent behaviour and willingness to learn and participate in lessons. Hawa approaches activities in class with enthusiasm and concentration. She is always polite, punctual and kind to those around her, and is never without a smile, a fantastic term Hawa – Keep up the good work! Madam Rebecca

In Standard Four this term the kids have learnt about family. We have talked about members in the family and their responsibilities. We also talked about different occupations, this was so funny! The kids had to explain what they want to be when they finish school. One of the students said he really wanted to be a pilot, to fly an aeroplane to England to see his former teachers, Madam Rebecca, Isabel and Rhomi, so interesting. The most improved student in standard 4 is Memory Samuel; she has just joined the class this year. She was very shy and had poor English in both reading and writing but now she is improving and I have great hope that next term she will be a fluent reader. Madam Patuma



Standard Fives's top student of the term is Hussein Amosi, he joined us again late in the year and really struggled to catch up to his peers, but this year he has really shone academically this term. He is always super helpful in the classroom and out which is wonderful to see! You little star – keep it up! Madam Hanna



The Standard Six student of the term is Yamikani Milas. He came into standard 6 and hit the ground running. He is a star pupil, not only because of his excellent work but also his friendliness in the classrooms and with his classmates. Hi will do very well this year, well done Yamikani!! Sir Kenneth and Madam Rosie



A big thank you to everyone who has, supported, sponsored, donated and given to us over 2014, we could not have had the successful year we have had without you!

Lots love and gratitude to you all.

Rita, Taryn and the Bolera Palms School Team.



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