



Bolera Palms School

July - October

Last year...



In Standard one - all teaching came together, reading, writing and mathematics, but trying to get any of them to close books, stop talking or put down counters was a hard task. They have all come along so beautifully and very ready for Standard 2. Our Standard 2's completed the term with all things to do with dinosaurs, they made fossil teeth necklaces, sang songs and put together a fantastic dino fact file. Standard 3's and 4's held our first ever spelling bee competition with all the words they learnt throughout the year.



We had a great Prize Giving to close the year, with a very good turnout of family and friends all celebrating their child's successful year at school. Throughout the year we shared many smiles and tears, giggles and laughs with our four very special volunteers, Sarah, Isabel, Clayre and Bryony – Thank you all so much for your hard work this year, it wouldn't have been possible without you!



We also have some very exciting news and development for the school... in the last term we managed to register the school with the Government as a grant aided school, which means we benefit from the government support though will still be able to make the decisions. The only stipulation they had was that we continue developing the school to Standard 8. So we have quickly converted the feeding hut into a classroom so we can keep our standard 5's!



Due to the fact that we are now a government aided school we have now have to expand our school year by year up to standard 8 level. After this the children will have to go to private school to complete their secondary education. We approached SRK a company who are in Malawi building a rail line and asked them for funding. After a visit to our school they have happily agreed to sponsor our first phase to build our next classroom. We would like to extend our deep gratitude to SRK for all their help. Construction of the classrooms will begin in the next two weeks.



We are very happy to announce that Patuma Kaloti who is from Bolera Village has completed her teacher training and is now employed as our Standard 4 teacher. We are very proud to have her as a member of staff, and wish her a long happy stay with us. Agatha Daniels is now completing her final year of practical teaching in a government school, and if all goes well will be joining our team next year.

We had a busy week completing over 40 assessments for the new intake of Standard Ones, we now have the finalised 30 children to start in September for the New Year!



We would like to welcome our three new volunteers from project trust, Shauntelle Islam in Standard 1, Rhomi Malcolm in Standard 3 and Liberty Blythe in Standard 5. We wish them a happy and successful year at Bolera Palms School.



We are always so happy to see our past volunteers that have all obviously left a piece of their heart in Malawi. They keep coming back! Sev Kibby, did a sterling job with our renegade ex-standard 5's, and taught them the value of education. Rebecca Hutchison came back with her mom and spent a happy two weeks at the school doing crafty Easter things with the children. Kirsty Engel spent a couple of weeks helping out with whatever was needed at school. Gina Waygood has spent the last three weeks with us setting up classrooms, schemes of work and helping our new volunteers settling in to their teaching experience. She had brought with her bags and bags of teaching resources, which we as teachers have found invaluable! Thank you for all your support though the years!



Sponsoring a Child is a new initiative that our volunteer teachers had great success with this year and thank you to all those that have sponsored. Now I open it up to you to, for all those that want to help, please sponsor a child for a year! It will only cost £35 \$50 or € 40, this will cover all the child school uniform, stationary and equipment, the two meals a day (breakfast and mid-morning snack), Basic health (vitamins, deworming, Bilharzia, and first aid supplies).



Lots of Love from all of us at Bolera Palms School