



Hello to all our Bolera Palms School friends!



Firstly a big thank you needs to go out to our four superstars, **Shauntelle, Sarah, Rhomi and Libby**, our volunteer teachers from last year. You did a fantastic job over the year and the kids really wouldn't be where they are today without you and all your efforts! Standard Two know all their sight words and are flying through the maths. Standard Three are brilliant little readers and are speeding through the reading scheme. Standard Four are excelling in English – every aspect of it! Standard Five are fantastic

mathematicians and Chichewa speakers, and Standard Six are unstoppable –they have moved on to higher English and Chichewa work! **Thank you!**

We had a fun filled June and July with many of our past volunteers who came back to visit us with their friends in tow. There were 14 of them staying in the volunteer cottage at one time and what fun it was! A big thank you to all of you, for all the donations school supplies and first aid goodies that restocked the school. It was great to see you all again, and catching up on all of your news! The kids really loved seeing you too – they still talk about it today!



2014– 2015 looks to be a great academic year with a lot of great achievements from all areas. We had a great start with the new Standard One intake where Rita, Taryn, Patuma and Agatha spend 4 hot days interviewing over 70 new applicants for the very limited spaces available. We eventually settled on 32 boys and girls who showed great potential and are living up 2014 to it today!



Standard One





It is now six weeks in and everyone has settled down into their teaching and learning routines. We have a long list of welcomes to do... Agatha Daniels our second "home grown" qualified teacher has returned from teacher training college to take our Standard One Class. We have four volunteers from Project Trust, Emma Leering in Standard Two, Rebecca Davey in Standard Three, Hanna Bodley in Standard Five. Rosie Reid is our art teacher and teaching Standard Six with Kenneth Zuze who brings a welcome male presence particularly for our older boys. We also have Eric Nsuka who will be applying for Teacher Training College in September 2015 and wants to do a practical year with us as an assistant teacher in standard 1 and 2.



Patuma Kaloti has settled into her second year with us in Standard Four and has really gained confidence and has become a great teacher and role model for our young ladies. A big congratulations goes to Mercy Kalipindi who has been accepted in to Dedza Teacher Training College are completing a year with us as the Standard One teaching assistant. She started in September and will be returning to us for a permanent post in two years time.



We were very busy in the school holidays fixing and making sure that the standard five and six classrooms are ready for the new school year. They look beautiful, big, airy and colourful! This would not be possible without donations raised by Trijnet and Juriaan van Haaren and the Children at the Corlaer School in the Netherlands – Thank You! Also a big thank you to everyone contributed to the school over the last year – very small bit helps!

Our new water tank is now finished thanks to the Rotary Zeewolde in the Netherlands; it has become very necessary with us reaching capacity with 180 children. It has also allowed us to start on our next project – more school toilets for both boys and girls. The new toilet block will be joined onto the existing ablution block, and plans are to start in the New Year.

A Creative writing story by Nancy Morris Standard Six

Once upon a time, in a palace live a princess called Sleeping Beauty. She hoped that she can go to space. One day she went up a hill and she saw a witch then suddenly the witch said “Do you want to go to space” she asked yes she said, then come in , here is a broom enjoy. The broom started to fly up up up in the big bluish thing soon it was dark she realised she was in the space she saw Neil Armstrong also went to land on the moon. She saw her best friend Merida with Neil enjoying so she joined them, she had a big adventure she came back on a rocket Princess Nancy was the rocket driver. That was that. The End

We were joined by George Watson’s College last week and had a lot of fun planting trees, reading and supporting in classes. They also brought a very big suitcase full of teaching resources. We are all so incredibly grateful, and hope to see you again next year!

Thank you for everyone’s continued support! We couldn’t do what we do without you! Our school is making a definite impact on the community and most importantly to the children, who are getting a much needed boost in their lives. The Malawi Education System leaves much to be desired and without a good basic grounding these children don’t stand a chance of ever becoming stable, professional and successful contributing citizens to the Malawian economy. Please support is, so that we can give them that much needed “hand up”!

Much love and gratitude to you all

Take care,

Rita, Taryn and the Bolera Palms School Team



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