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We have had a wonderfully successful first term; all of our new teachers have found their teaching feet and are settled in, as well as our students.

Our Standard Ones have settled into Bolera Palms nicely; learning shapes, colours, numbers, and the alphabet. The Standard Two have been very brave, going on lion hunts to help learn about preposition. Standard Three have learnt all about the water cycle showcasing their knowledge at our end of year prize giving! Standard fours have been getting to grips with Chichewa, singing and dancing with Patuma! Last but not least Standard Five have had a fun filled term, delving deep into Malawi's history.

Madam Shauntelle in Standard One

It has been a pleasure getting to know the Standard One's this term, and I can say it has not been easy. During this time I've come to find that all my children are very very bright and a clever class. There is not one moment that I'm not impressed by something they do! We have filled our walls with farms and zoos full of animals, counted, coloured in, sang and laughed this term, they are making great progress and so fast! It definitely has been difficult teaching Standard One, especially with their five minute attention spans! However, we have all settled down and know each other now, I am very lucky to have the chance to teach them – to be their first teacher! It has been an experience of ups and downs, everyone said it would be difficult, I can now agree! But I do see the potential and skill in each child, and some have really come a very long way! To name one, Twaile



Madam Taryn in Standard Two

Standard two have made great progress this term building on their skill and knowledge from standard One. We have had lots of fun learning numbers to 20, singing, reading and making a lot of mess painting art masterpieces! One student really shone this term, Shamimu has really settled in the Standard two and improved in all areas she has joined the top maths and reading groups and is always active in class. Keep up the great work Shamimu!



Madam Rhomi in Standard Three

Bolera Palms School has really taught me a lot – but, mainly how to feel comfortable in my new found role as a teacher. My standard three class have really improved over this first term as we've been mastering the times tables, plurals and much much more. Rahim Ndala is a pupil who has really stood out to me. His reading has become impeccable, he's now a whiz in maths and his written and spoken English is fantastic. I am very proud of Rahim and his impressive improvements!



Madam Patuma in Standard Four

This is my first year of teaching; I was at Machinga Teachers Training College. I am so proud of Bolera Palms School because it has good teaching materials which attract learners interest and give them confidence in learning. Well the most interesting thing is, that the school is in my own village and before I went to College I was the one who was preparing food for the children, and now I am teaching them! I like singing, dancing and playing traditional games with the children and I am the captain of the netball team. My children enjoy school and always try hard to speak English. I standard three the top student of this term is Fatima Bakali. Her work is always good and her writing is neat. She tries to speak English and her sentence construction is good. She is friendly and kind as she assists them when they struggle with their work.



Madam Libby in Standard Five

My first term at Bolera Palms School, has be overwhelming and very emotional. From the terror of facing a big class of children all staring up at me expecting me to teach them something, to now being very happy and comfortable writing their reports at the end of the term. They have all done so well and I am so proud – especially of their enthusiasm when I have half of my kids asking to read to me before school starts! I love my time here and I'm so glad I decided to spend a year coming to teach! I have chosen Vitumbiko as my student of the term because he always tries so hard in everything. He always comes to school with a big smile on his face ready to learn about anything and the work he produces is always excellent!



It was **an exciting day** in the first term, having received shoes from Seneca Falls Rotary, Greg and Heather Zellers. There were shoes for all and the kids were over the moon, their faces were full of happy smiles and pride as they continued their day with a wonderful new pair of shoes. **So a big thank you goes out for that!**



Bolera Palms School receives the most amazing help through donations of things such as; pencils, paper, stationary, classroom equipment and so much more. The medical supplies are a necessity to have in the school; vitamins, deworming, anti-biotics, anti-biotic creams, bilharzia tablets, and lots more are used to ensure we can look after our children in the best way possible.

The successful **feeding scheme** at the school ensures our children start the day with a healthy helping of porridge to get their brains ticking, a snack of peanut butter sandwiches, a piece of fresh fruit and a cup of juice during mid-morning keeps them working hard and focused. This isn't possible without the help of you!

Without all of these donations from our fantastic family and friends from all around the world, life at Bolera Palms School wouldn't run quite as smoothly as it does. **So we thank you all and appreciate every inch of support we receive from you all.**



A new term, and new faces to welcome - we have had the exciting experience of welcoming two teachers to our lively school. We welcome Sarah Hughes who has recently ventured from the UK to be here with us all. She will be taking over our enthusiastic Standard two class and we wish her the best of luck in settling into her new teaching role. Alexander Chakalamba has also joined our team of teachers and will be making huge improvements in helping standards three, four and five in Chichewa, social and environmental sciences, agriculture and so much more. It is a pleasure to have our new teachers on board and we look forward to continuing the year with them both.



With our new term having begun, there are lots of things for us all to be looking forward to. As our Standard one class take a big leap from learning their colours and shapes, all the way to learning their alphabet and adventure into reading their first books! Our Standard two work with their new teacher to learn all about the workings of our village and keeping our selves clean!! The standard three class has become a jungle as they learn all about the animals of the world and continue their hard work in some tricky maths concepts. Standard four are the artists of the school as they develop their skills in making new colours and painting 3-dimensional shapes, as well as new and indigenous technologies. Standard five are shooting off into deep space, meeting astronauts and aliens, looking at stars, planets and moons.



Everyone is busy at work and enjoying being back in the swing of school, we cannot wait to see the progress of all our bright pupils throughout this term. None of the work that we do here is possible without the help from all of you, so please, if you wish to help us in any way....contact Taryn via email on taryn@boleralpalms.com

