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## Dear Supporters,

As always we have lots of news from Imprezza Academy and the UK! There have been fundraising events that we would like to share with you and news of up and coming activities.

Life is never dull in Kenya and the past few months have thrown us challenges due to the ongoing drought that we are keen to help ease as much as possible. In addition, the Kenyan General Election is in August and the government have changed the dates of all school exams making them earlier than usual, in June.

### A Letter From Kenya

Here are the words of Imprezza Academy Principal, Kevin Okhito. He tells us how he finds life at the school. The 8-4-4 education system that he refers to is 8 years of Primary education, 4 years of Secondary education and 4 years of University education. (Minor corrections have been made to the text to ensure the UK reader can clearly follow Kevin's letter)



Teachers at Imprezza Academy, Kevin is second from left

"Well, it is now 9 years since I joined Imprezza academy. First of all the students we teach are normal. They come from poor backgrounds, most are orphaned but once they are here, we make sure they are equal. The community around is very supportive too. The school offers 8-4-4 system of education of which we enjoy to go through. The syllabus is very large. It is very extended too. Some classes have a bigger number of students and others few.

My experience in 9 years working here is that I have learnt to give. There are many situations that happen that with time I got involved in helping more. As a teacher staying at the school compound, I see children fall sick. The directors (Catherine) get up to rush with me to the hospital anytime there is need. What stuns me is how hungry the children want to read (how keen the children are to learn). They come to the staff room with lots of questions. We try our best to help. They are always around us even during weekends asking for more exercises (homework) to do. Even those in day school programme. With the help of operation Imprezza in the UK, we have attained a lot. This school didn't have much, but every year there is a new thing that comes up. The diet is good. I don't think there is a school around here that feeds it's pupils and staff well like Imprezza academy. I personally will work for Imprezza even for more years because I am a beneficiary of the scholarship programme. Many who could not afford high school education have gone through because of this phenomenal school. We must keep helping in any way. This is a school that is unique from others because of special times we give to students. It is my pleasure to work with Imprezza academy."

*Principal: Kevin OKHITO.*

### Are you a Sportsman or Sportswoman?

This group of gentlemen, who are all members of Stover Golf Club in Newton Abbot, enjoy a round of golf together a couple of times a week. When they heard about Operation Imprezza they decided to hold a monthly Rosebowl tournament between themselves and raise money for the school as well as enjoying



their regular eighteen holes game. Each month the players contribute and the winner at the end of the morning takes home the Rosebowl until the next competition. We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to the golfers and wonder if any of our other Newsletter readers would like to consider doing the same thing.

### **Pig Racing at Higher Humber Farm - 7pm Friday 12th May 2017**

Never have I seen so many people get so excited about small battery operated toy pigs, but Adie Byngs Road Show came to Bishopsteignton on May 12th and we were all swept away by the sheer enthusiasm for this racing extravaganza! Pigs with names such as Hamlet, Globe Trotter, Apple Sauce, Big Bad Wolf and Pigs Might Fly were the centre of all the attention.



### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **South Devon Railway Steam Train Trip - Saturday 22nd July**

Join us on a steam train on South Devon Railway, departing Buckfastleigh at 7.00pm (boarding from 6.45pm) and departing on the return journey at 9.30pm. There will be a band and buffet/bar. Spaces are of course limited so please book in advance to make sure you don't miss out. Tickets are £20 per person and are available from The Whistlestop Cafe, Teignmouth Train station and Ashleigh Way Post Office, Teignmouth or you can now book online (+£1.71 booking fee) at [imprezzasteamtrain.eventbrite.co.uk](http://imprezzasteamtrain.eventbrite.co.uk) or please email us [info@operation-imprezza.org](mailto:info@operation-imprezza.org) or phone Chris on 01626 777419.

#### **Torbay Half Marathon - Sunday 25th June**

Several noble athletes are taking part in the Torbay Half Marathon and raising money for Imprezza. If you would like to sponsor them one of the runners has set up a charity fundraising page at

[uk.virginmoneygiving.com/runningforoperationimprezza](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/runningforoperationimprezza).

If you would like to take part yourself, or know someone that does, please email Alison at [alison@operation-imprezza.org](mailto:alison@operation-imprezza.org)



**Our Mission is to enable students, both boys and girls, who would not otherwise have any access to secondary education to succeed.**

### **----- How You Can Help -----**

Please visit our website at [www.operation-imprezza.org](http://www.operation-imprezza.org) and click on the 'donate' button for more information on the huge variety of ways you can help raise money for Imprezza, or contact Chris at [info@operation-imprezza.org](mailto:info@operation-imprezza.org)

**Thank You!**