

## Fundraising

As we reported in our last newsletter our ability to fund raise has been very severely curtailed. As ever we are always open to ideas to try and raise additional funds, now more than ever.

To date we have now run 3 online quizzes which has generated some much needed income and we are grateful to those who managed to join us and for their donations. Our next one is planned for September so please do join us either again or for the first time. It's surprisingly good humoured and all in a great cause.

Whilst on this topic we must pay tribute to the girls at Torquay Girls grammar School for their



efforts to continue supporting us especially the Head Girl team superbly led by Bhumika Sinah (see picture below Bhumika with Catherine during her last visit to TGGs earlier this year before the lockdown!)

During the summer term they regularly hold a sponsored walk throughout the school and over recent years they have raised many '000s of pounds which has supported many additions to the Imprezza School including dormitories, classrooms and most recently a new water borehole which means the school is now self sufficient for clean, healthy water, which is most timely given the current Covid19 pandemic. This year it has not been possible to hold the sponsored walk in it's usual format but the Head Girl team not to be outdone have rallied as many girls as possible to run or walk their own sponsored event and encouraged them with video clips along the way. Whatever they manage to raise we will be grateful as ever.

Thank you girls.

## TGGs Update on Sponsored Walk 2020

A short video was produced by the girls showing their efforts in the virtual sponsored walk this year. Please take a look on facebook.

## News From Imprezza

Although schools are not reopening until January and our students are scattered around various communities, we are still looking after them.

These children are orphans who live near to the school and the oldest sister is in Year 1 at Imprezza Academy. Following the death of their grandmother the oldest girl has taken on the responsibility for her siblings. She wants to be a tailor when she finishes school. She is very keen and already helps Catherine. They all eat with



Catherine every night but sleep at their hut to make sure no one takes their home or its small piece of land. Catherine closely monitors their well being.

(N.B. Any photos we use are with the appropriate permissions)

We have 2 teachers on duty each week as contacts. We are still visiting our students weekly using motorbikes. This is far easier now we are in the dry season. We still give the students school work to do. We also make sure they have masks, sanitizer etc and that the girls have sanitary requirements met when needed.

Our project to make our own reusable sanitary pads moves closer. The girl making them has finished training and is now able to start to make them "commercially". Covid restrictions permitting we hope to make a start this week. Currently we are using Catherine's own manual sewing machine. We want of course to have 2 or 3 machines that are electric as we have our own solar power. Our aim is to make and sell as many as possible. Apart from supplying our own girls, working with Friends of Buburi we plan to supply other schoolgirls and to sell commercially as well. Any profit will help to fund the school and perhaps allow additional needy pupils to join the school.

Don't forget we currently have a waiting list of over 200 students wanting to join Imprezza.

### **More Accolades for Imprezza Academy.**

Congratulations Catherine and all at Imprezza Academy

### **Amazon Smile**

Good news! AmazonSmile is now available in the Amazon Shopping app on iPhones and Android phones. You can use the copy and assets below to share the news with your supporters.

AmazonSmile customers can now support Operation Imprezza in the Amazon shopping app on iPhones and Android phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device

Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'

Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app, update your app.



### **Fundraising Events in 2020**

Our next Zoom Pub Quiz is set for 17th SEPTEMBER. Please put this date in your diaries now. There is no charge to take part but donations are most welcome. You can do this by clicking on the link below should you take part. If there are more teams than there are available slots we will put you on a reserve list and you will get priority on our next online quiz.

For more details please visit our website, see our facebook page or reply to this email.

<http://www.operation-imprezza.org/events.html>

## **And lastly but most importantly.....**

We wish to offer a BIG thank you to those who continue to support us at this time, either with regular or one off donations. You are helping to protect over 300 students and keep the infrastructure in place for school when it reopens. Many schools in Kenya will not reopen as they have run out of money, can't pay staff bills etc,. So, once again, our sincere thanks to all our supporters helping us to be there for our students and staff

If you know anyone who would like to receive our newsletter please let us have their email addresses and we will add them to our mailing list. Thanks again.

### **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 -----

Did you know you can help raise money for Imprezza when you shop online? Or when you want to get rid of your car? To read more about these easy ways to support Imprezza, please visit <http://www.operation-imprezza.org/donate.html> and scroll down to 'Other ways to donate'

- Online: We have several ways to donate online, including Virgin Giving (<https://virginmoneygiving.com>) and PayPal. Visit our website at [www.operation-imprezza.org](http://www.operation-imprezza.org) and click on the 'donate' button for more information.

- Cash Donation: Make a cash donation to one of the Trustees or Operation Imprezza collection boxes around South Devon. Please do not send any cash in the post. If you know an establishment that would be willing to have a collection box on display, please get in touch.

- Standing Order: To set up a standing order please contact [info@operation-imprezza.org](mailto:info@operation-imprezza.org)

- Cheque: Send a cheque payable to Operation Imprezza to 14 Elm Grove, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8SA

- Legacy: If you would like to leave a gift in your will, please visit our website and click on 'donate' to read more about your options, or get in touch via email or post.

We are also open to any fundraising idea or event, please visit our website at [www.operation-imprezza.org](http://www.operation-imprezza.org) and click on the 'donate' button for more information, or contact [info@operation-imprezza.org](mailto:info@operation-imprezza.org).

Thank you!

Operation Imprezza is a UK charity which supports Imprezza Academy, a secondary school in Western Region, Kenya that provides education for children in poverty. Click our facebook link below to see the latest news and photos, or visit our website using the green link icon.

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