

Re-opening of public and private schools in Kenya

The Kenyan Ministry of Education announced on the 6th October 2020 the public that there would be a progressive re-opening of all schools on Monday 12th October.

All schools are to adhere strictly to a number of Covid19 protocols and guidelines which include mandatory wearing of face masks, monitoring of body temperature for all staff, learners and others accessing schools and the observance of high levels of hygiene.

It is worth noting that Imprezza Academy is not only following these rules and regulations but has also been fumigated, has access to electricity and clean running water. The school has also recently purchased temperature guns, water dispensers and sanitizers which have been placed strategically around the school. However a recent school inspection reported that the girls' toilets need to be replaced. This is likely to cost around £1100. If you would like to help with this please visit our website for links and information on the many ways you can donate.



At The School

Life continues at the school as outlined in our last newsletter with our students extremely glad to be back into something like normality. It won't be completely normal until all the boarders are back full time but it is a big step for them.

The school founder and principal Catherine Omanyo is still taking things steadily recovering from anaemia and exhaustion. She returned to Imprezza on 4th October after a week's rest at her mother's home which is a few miles away from the school which avoids the temptation to just pop in! She has been advised to work a little, rest then work a bit more. Having early nights with the phone turned off should help a lot.

There has definitely been a huge improvement and we want to see that this continues until she is back to full health. Those of you who know and have met Catherine will not be surprised when we say she does not make a good patient. In fact she's too impatient to be up and at 'em again! But this time we think she has realised the wisdom of taking one step at a time.

More impressions of Catherine and Imprezza by a TGGs student

“Since the first presentation Catherine gave at our school, I have been amazed by her kindness, generosity, and quiet tenacity.

Hearing her speak about her background and her journey to founding Imprezza opened my eyes to how her hard work has accomplished so much, and also how much more there is to be done for underprivileged children in Kenya.



The Imprezza Academy students' passion for learning shone through the videos we were shown, and I believe we should do as much as we can to give them the quality education experience they deserve.

I'm really grateful to have been able to meet Catherine again recently, along with other members of our Head Girl Team, to discuss how our school's annual sponsored run would be organised this year. It was really good to be able to discuss Imprezza's goals and help make a video encouraging our students to get involved with the walk and fundraising.

Operation Imprezza is an incredible charity and I am so glad that TGGs is helping to support it."

Thinking outside the box

As we continue in the UK to deal with a variety of restrictions around the pandemic we have to think ever more 'out of the box' for different fundraising ideas.

One suggestion has been to gather up items to sell at an online auction. We have a good Facebook following and this would seem a logical place to start. Is there anyone out there who would like to run this for us or know of someone who would do it? We already have some items which could be auctioned, and advice is available on how to set up and run Facebook auctions.

Another suggestion is online video talks on Imprezza and inviting different speakers to contribute followed by a Q and A session. Topics could include:

how the charity started, where we are now

conservation agriculture, food at the school, how things have changed over time

'a day in the Life of an Imprezza student'.

the role of women in Kenyan society and how that has changed over time. This would certainly be a topic close to Catherine's heart!

If you would like to volunteer your services or assistance with this or other ideas do please get in touch.

We also continue to have ideas for when we can all meet up again - a wine evening, a murder mystery and various other ideas are poised to be 'let loose' as soon as we can. It will be lovely to see all our supporters and their friends again 'in the flesh'.

We are conscious that sometimes you might like to contact us directly and speak with one of the trustees and Chris would be happy to hear from you . **You can contact him on 07764 496819 between 10.00am-4.00pm weekdays or on Tuesday evening between 6.00 and 9.00 p.m.**

Forthcoming fundraisers 2020

Our next online pub quizzes will be held on Thursday 12th November and 10th December. Please join us for one of these or better still join us for both! To register for the quizzes please email us at **info@operation-imprezza.org** or call **Chris on 07764 496819**. They are free to take part in but donations are welcome.

THANK YOU!

Our email archive (including this edition) is available to download at

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

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 see below or please visit

<http://www.operation-imprezza.org/donate.html> and scroll down to 'Other ways to donate'

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.