

Dear Supporters

In our last newsletter we mentioned introducing 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!

We are pleased to say that following a live trial run on 24th November we will repeat this live video on TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER starting at 7.30 p.m. on You Tube.

This is your link below-

<https://youtu.be/KPGrvzDDRRg>



Please join us if you can and find out more about our charity and how we support the school in Western Kenya. During our trial we had people joining us from Italy and Colombia. There will also be a message from Catherine too.



Another 1st for Imprezza - Live online jewellery auction.

Our next fundraiser is fast approaching and will take place on Facebook this coming **Tuesday 1st December between 7.00 and 8.00p.m.** In order to take part either go on to your facebook page and search for Operation Imprezza or go straight to www.operation-imprezza.org and click on the link to our Facebook page. Or you can take a short cut by typing in <https://www.facebook.com/events/481626546149267/>

Under events you can sign on by clicking going. You will get notification later when you can join the live auction via facebook video which my daughter Sophie will be hosting.

The items for sale were made by Catherine and some students in Kenya and brought over in February 2020 when Catherine last visited. There are only about 15 or so items (necklaces, earrings and bracelets) with the one above the most high value

piece which will be auctioned last. The actual details of how to bid and how payment is to be made will be explained at the start of the live auction. We hope you will join us.

News of Catherine

Following her recent illness Catherine is doing well but still gets very tired so with everyone's encouragement she is going to take a few days break. Her daily work is usually full on, 24/7 and we are trying to encourage her to take a break every month for a couple

of days. Since returning from her illness she has been working full on for two months, hence the need for a rest.

News of the school

Life at the school continues with all the restrictions which come with Covid19, the latest being social distancing has now been extended to 3m which is challenging.

Our Year 4 (top end of the school/A level equivalent) students are back in school preparing for exams in March/April 2021 having been postponed from November 2020. Everyone is finding it difficult, teachers and students alike. The students are having to revise virtually all the first term of this year before moving on to the rest of the curriculum. We are so grateful every day for our electricity which allows them to study in the evenings without the danger of candles or oil lamps and, of course, the light is so much brighter to study by.

Our borehole as well is a real boon with no water shortages for drinking, cooking or the increased hygiene demands. To be able just to go to the pump instead of long, hot, dangerous trips to a river and then having to return and then boil or filter the water has proved to be so invaluable. It does make one wonder how they coped in the past. When we think back to the many hours were spent each day carrying water plus the physical effort of carrying this water all that distance everyone is just eternally grateful.

Christmas at Imprezza.

Our thoughts at school turn tentatively to Christmas and what it will be like. It will not be like other years that is for certain. Our next newsletter will give a more detailed update but as usual we will make sure that the day is different to normal. To that end if you are able to support us with our forthcoming fundraising so we can provide for all their needs then that could be the best Christmas gift of all.

A warm welcome to our latest trustee

Some of you might recognise our latest trustee from an earlier newsletter when we posted a photo of Bhumika meeting Catherine at Torquay Girls Grammar School back in February 2020.

Below we have included Bhumika's pen portrait and photo which appears on our website. We thank her for she has done already and for what she is about to contribute by joining us.

Bhumika Sinha is a year 13 student at Torquay Girls' Grammar School, which has a lovely friendship with Imprezza Academy. She first came into contact with Imprezza in year 7, when fundraising for the academy and was able to have a meeting with the inspirational Catherine as Head Girl in Year 12. The Head Girl Team and staff organise an annual sponsored walk for Imprezza and have a treasured relationship with them. She is very happy to join a fantastic group of people as a trustee for a cause that is very close to her heart. Her outside interests include playing the piano and participating in Tae-Kwon Do and she has enjoyed supporting the local community through the local charity shop and hospice as well.



Forthcoming fundraisers 2020

Christmas E cards

This year why not send your friends and family one of our downloadable Christmas images and make a small donation with the money you saved on cards and stamps?

It's important to note there are 2 distinct options. To send a card via Facebook/WhatsApp etc you need to go to the VirginMoneyGiving site. Just Google VirginMoneyGiving, and then search 'Operation Imprezza Christmas Cards'

To download the designs to make your own card/email, go our website (google 'Operation Imprezza') and click on the 'Events' tab to pull up the range of cards.

Or go direct to

<http://www.operation-imprezza.org/e-christmas-cards.html>



Our next online pub quiz will be held on Thursday 10th December. Please join us for this festive quiz.

To register for this and any future quiz please email us at info@operation-imprezza.org or call Chris on 07764 496819.

If you would like to receive this newsletter as a printable PDF, please reply to this email. Alternatively, 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'

Amazon Smile

GOOD NEWS 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

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

Thank you!