

Dear Supporter

As we approach Christmas there is much good news to report beginning with the hard work of the staff at Imprezza and the students, many of whom have just completed their exams. The results are expected early in the New Year. For those new to our newsletter any reference to Catherine refers to Catherine Omanyo, our Founder and Director of Imprezza Academy.



SOLAR and WATER

Catherine is extremely pleased with the solar plant and the amount of electricity being supplied to the whole school site. When funds permit we hope to set up an IT suite as well as provide fridges and freezers. The school is now fully lit including security lighting. To quote Catherine "..every corner is lit up."

The fresh, clean and plentiful supply of water from the recently sunk borehole is bringing great benefits to the school and surrounding local area. We must give particular thanks to wellBoring (www.wellboring.org) who provided invaluable advice and practical assistance with the whole project from start to finish. Please do take a look at their work by visiting their web site (see above)



ANASTASIA -UPDATE

Anastasia is now back at the school and making progress albeit slow. No doubt being back in familiar surroundings among friends, teachers and a supportive environment can only aid her recovery. She will need to return to Nairobi in January for further treatment and therapy. In the meantime we hope she has a restful and happy Christmas along with all her fellow students and staff.

WEDDING BELLS!

We are pleased to announce that one of the teachers at Imprezza has announced her marriage. We wish Maureen Achieng and her future husband all the happiness in the world. Perhaps she will send us a photo of the happy occasion when it happens.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

This time to Catherine on her recent award at a ceremony in Dubai, UAE in November 2019 where she received recognition for her work in regards to 'Women Leadership and Economic Empowerment: Beyond Rhetoric and Aspirations'. This is fantastic news and such a well deserved accolade not only for Catherine but for the whole of Imprezza. She is such an inspirational person



and a strong role model not only for her female students but all students across the school and beyond.

.....AND FINALLY AN UNUSUAL APPEAL

This appeal is not for funds but rather expertise! If anyone knows of someone willing to join us and help promote our work and is savvy with Social Media.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2019 / 2020

- Christmas draw - Thursday 19th December at the Whistlestop Cafe, Teignmouth station. Do come along if you can. Last event of 2019!!
- Valentine's ball - Saturday 15th February at Teignmouth Golf Club

- Murder mystery - Thursday 12th March in Budleigh Salterton
- A different murder mystery - Friday 20th March in Tradewinds, Teignmouth

Other events yet to be finalised include making your own gin, a wine night and another favourite, a quiz night with a difference (!?)

If anyone has other ideas for events or other venues please do let us know.

All that remains now is to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous, healthy and peaceful new year. A big thank you for all your support. Do let us know if others would like to help in any way or would like to be included in our newsletter circulation.

For more details please visit our website, see our Facebook page or reply to this email.
www.operation-imprezza.org/events.html

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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 -----

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- 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.

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