News from Kenya and Home

March 2014 - UPDATE

peration Imprez

Building Updates

The recent completion of the boys' dormitory has meant that the boys who were staying at the bungalow can now stay on the school site. The dormitory will need to be securely fenced which will be completed as soon as funds allow.



Inside the Boys' Dormitory

Past Student Stories Daniel Maina

Daniel is a former student of Imprezza. His career path took him to train as a disk jockey. He now travels as part of the president's entourage and works at official functions.



Daniel Maina

How You Can Help

- Donate online at <u>www.operation-imprezza.org</u>
- Donate via Believe at https://believein.org.uk/operation-imprezza/
- Make a cash donation to one of the Trustees or Operation Imprezza collection boxes around South Devon, (if you know an establishment that would be willing to have a box on display, please get in touch)
- Set up a standing order contact our treasurer Lesley Smith <u>lesley@operation-imprezza.org</u> for details
- Send a cheque payable to Operation Imprezza to 14 Elm Grove, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8SA.

Thank You

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

Phibian Wandera

Phibian has been, and still is supported through her primary education at Mutafwa primary school and is due to begin at Imprezza in 2016.

She is doing very well at school and her results last year were 345/500. She is the class monitor at school and is very polite.

Regular donations can enable many children to receive an education they may not otherwise obtain, leading to a future filled with hope. The smallest amount regularly given can make a significant impact on children's' lives.



Phibian Wandera

Exam Celebrations!

Catherine writes – 'We are dancing our heads off.' We are thrilled with the results, no student has failed and some have qualified for university. 'Remember Operation Imprezza takes orphans, the neglected, the street boys and homeless, the burden in their head is already an excuse to fail, but nurturing them to finally come to this is more than satisfying to us.' Everyone here are thrilled for them all.



Some of Form 4 National Exam Students, taken during a recent trustee visit.

Connecting Classrooms

During February an exchange visit took place via Connecting Classrooms. Bob Cross organises the visits.

This is the 2nd year of this project involving Imprezza Academy, Nang'oma Secondary School, Lung'a Primary School working alongside three schools in the UK. They include Torquay Girls Grammar School, Stokeinteignhead Primary School and Manor Primary School in Ivybridge.

Each year three teachers from the UK travel to Kenya and three teachers from the Kenyan schools come over to the UK.

The first year of the project involved staff and students engaging in a collaborative project looking at soil. This year they will be involved in preparing different soils in different locations around each of the school sites, preparing the ground for the growing of Butternut Squash seeds which have been kindly donated by Fermoys of Ipplepen.

It is hoped that the project might be extended for a third year in 2014/15 to look at using solar power, water pumps and irrigation. An application to the British Council is pending!!

Bob Cross



Kevin (Imprezza Academy), Harry (Nang'oma Secondary School) and JohnMark (Lung'a Primary School) on a visit to Postbridge, Dartmoor (February 2014) It was a very cold day (-4 degrees with the wind chill factor!!!) In Kenya it is sometimes considered cold when it is 26 degrees!!

However they kept smiling all the way!

Music Around The Clock

We are very excited to be involved with Torquay Utd in organising a 24 hour music marathon called Music Around The Clock from noon on Friday 25th April to noon on Saturday 26th April.

A variety of musical acts have been persuaded to lend their talents to the Fundraiser which will take place at Torquay Utd's conference suite known as TQ10.

We have school musicians and school bands, JJs music school from Newton Abbot, individuals, rock bands, folk bands and brass bands playing for us and we are very grateful to them all for donating their time.

The public can attend at any time throughout the event and tickets cost £5, or £1 for under 12s. We are very lucky to have the support of the Newton Abbot based JJs Music School and also Coombeshead College, Teign School. On Friday evening some great local bands are show casing including Limited Company, Fourth Base, The Tourists, Rag Dolls and Last One Out. On Saturday morning we have a new Folk Band formation The Bovey River Band and Newton Abbot Concert band Spectrum. It promises to be a sparkling event and will be of interest to many music lovers and also an opportunity for anyone thinking of staging an event this year to view the bands performing. Tickets can be purchased at..cont

....Torquay United Football Club and The Whistestop Café on Teignmouth Station.

Melissa Middleton, who runs the café has been a long term supporter of Imprezza. One of her many fundraising projects is a 'Biker Night' held at the café on Tuesday evenings where the proceeds go to various the charities she supports. (One being Imprezza) She has also begun to sell a line of t-shirts and sweatshirts, with £1 for every shirt sold going to Imprezza.





Fundraising

An amazing achievement to Lizzie Revell who took part in the Bath Half Marathon. She competed the course in 2 hours 3 mins 50 secs and raised a fantastic £200.

Thank you Lizzie, well done!

L – Lizzie Revell at the start of the Bath Half Marathon



Back by popular demand 'probably the best car wash in Devon' returns to The Cleave car park on Saturday 12^{th} March between 9am and 12pm approx.

Our thanks go to Ben and John Whitton at The Cleave for letting us use their car park. There will be bacon rolls, hot drinks and cakes available to purchase while you are waiting for your car to be washed with profits going towards a Kenyan Orphanage – supported by the Devon based charity Operation Imprezza.

Please come along and meet the Troop and the representative from Operation Imprezza, give them your support as well as helping to raise funds for this worthy cause.

Peter Harvey [Group Scout Leader 1st Lustleigh Scouts]

lustleighscouts@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01647 277169