

CATHERINE'S VISIT

From Monday 9th January to Thursday 26th January Catherine and her husband Daron spent most of their time in England visiting and meeting individuals, groups and whole organisations, some old friends as well as making new ones. Wherever she went she was made most welcome and shared her journey from a child to that of the founder of Imprezza Academy and most latterly becoming an elected Member of Parliament in Kenya.

Space is limited here in this latest newsletter so much of it will be taken up with photos and where possible a brief explanation of what and where things happened.

We start close to journey's end in the last week of her stay when she celebrated 20 Years of Imprezza Academy as guests at Torquay Girls Grammar School which was most appropriate as it was the sharing of Catherine's story back in 2003 when a former pupil at TGGs came back from a visit to the slums of Nairobi and the then Head Sue Roberts was asked if the school could help. And from there the rest as they say is history. But the story and the journey whilst 20 years old still has a way to go. The following photos show some of the people she met on her recent visit. Apologies if not all the photos represent all those she met and the support given.



Catherine and her husband cutting the celebration cake.



(Top left) Catherine with TGGs Headteacher Sarah Forster
 (Top right) Catherine speaking at the 20th anniversary at TGGs
 (Bottom left) Catherine meeting Mike Lock Head of Combe Pafford School
 (Bottom right) Catherine with Rosemary and Eileen at TGGs
 Eileen has visited Imprezza twice



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Following Catherine's recent visit when we reflected on past achievements, and there have been many in spite of the hardships and deprivations suffered we also began to look forward to the next twenty years and much still remains to be done.

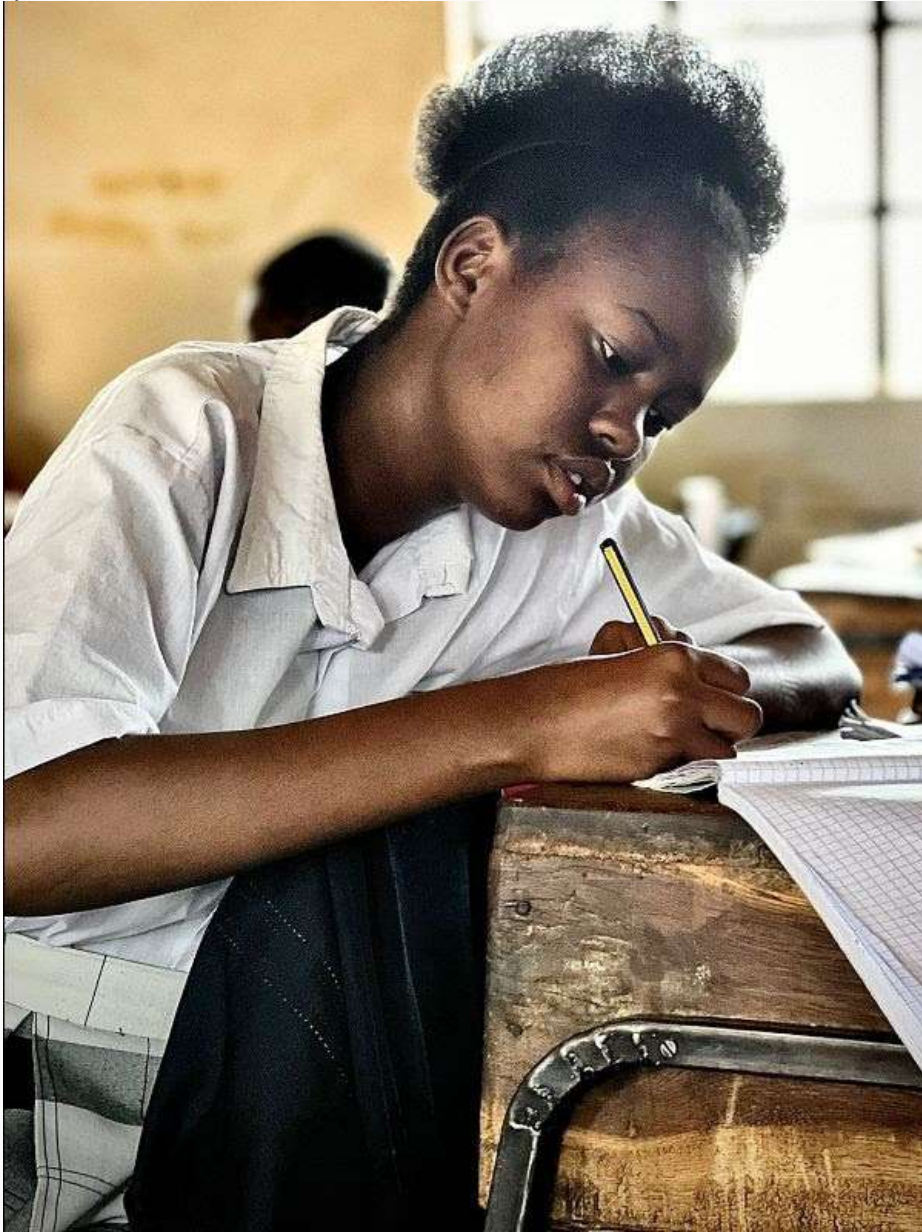
According to the education department the school will be required to take in additional students as from 2024. This will mean additional classrooms, dormitories and educational resources such as text books, computers, etc.,. This will mean we have to turn our attention to some extra serious fundraising especially over the next twelve months. We have a number of grant applications being considered as well as some fundraisers which you will see below. However we are appealing to our regular monthly subscribers to consider whether they might be able to increase their already generous donations by an additional few pounds. Unfortunately Kenya too has been hit hard with inflation. We have already been asked by Catherine if we can increase our weekly send by an additional £25 each week to help make ends meet. We will of course do our very best to do so but we can only do our bit if we can ask our supporters to help as well.

Catherine is looking to increase the agricultural profile so that more food can be produced in our own fields as well as the rearing of hens, rabbits and a few cows.



OTHER NEWS

You may remember in recent news that Catherine agreed to take some very needy Samburu students from another educational institution and additional resources were much needed especially clothing, bedding, etc.. Well we are delighted to say the girls have integrated well and already showing signs of doing well both emotionally and educationally thanks to their resilience and the help of other students and staff. All are to be commended



Next and sad to report our photocopier has at long last given up after 4 years solid work! A new one is greatly needed especially as the exams are upon us and a photocopier is an essential tool so any donations will be greatly

FUNDRAISERS

A CURRY QUIZ Night

In support of OPERATION IMPREZZA

WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH

TEIGNMOUTH SOCIAL CLUB
FROM 7PM

TICKETS £15 pp

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM TEIGNMOUTH SOCIAL CLUB,
THE WHISTLESTOP CAFE and ASHLEIGH POST OFFICE

Tickets can also be requested from Bob on 07944662889 or by emailing
info@operation-imprezza.org



**OPERATION
IMPREZZA CHARITY
BINGO**

NIGHT

TUESDAY
25TH APRIL

EYES DOWN
at 7.00 P.M.

£10 p.p. on entry

TEIGNMOUTH SOCIAL CLUB
1 DEN, TEIGNMOUTH
TQ14 8BG

**A RAFFLE ALSO
TO BE HELD**

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PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING OTHER FUNDRAISERS INCLUDING ANOTHER POPULAR MURDER MYSTERY AND PIG RACING(THE FLUFFY KIND, NOT REAL ONES!) IF ANYONE HAS ANY IDEAS PLEASE GET IN TOUCH info@operation-imprezza.org

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