

Music Around The Clock

A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time and support to the first 24 Hour Music Marathon which was held recently at TQ10 – Torquay United Football Ground. Many talented acts performed into the early hours of Saturday morning, keeping everyone entertained. The acts were wide-ranging, including local primary and secondary schools, groups and solo artists playing a varied genre of music. A surreal moment waking up to a solo trumpet player on Saturday morning, moving on to Blue grass and ending with a full on concert band as a finale. Hosted throughout the 24 hours by the unstoppable Ian Stevenson, whose energy kept everything running smoothly. A great event.

Lesley Smith

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.

Car Wash

A recent Saturday morning saw 1st Lustleigh Scouts take part in a fundraising car wash. The money raised was to be split between the scouts and Imprezza.

Over £280 was donated to Imprezza which will be used to support a student who has been receiving medical attention for Meningitis.

Group Scout Leader, Pete Harvey thanked the generous support of the Lustleigh residents who brought their vehicles to be cleaned.

Well done to the Scouts for all their hard work.



Stokeinteignhead Primary and TGGS, who performed at the Music Marathon



1st Lustleigh Scouts hard at work

Connecting Classrooms

Three teachers recently took part in the return visit to Kenya for the Connecting Classrooms project – now in it's second year. We will have reports on the visit in the next newsletter. One of the team published a blog while there –

www.itslearning.com/manor/Kenya/blog/

How You Can Help

- **Donate online** at www.operation-imprezza.org
- **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 lesley@operation-imprezza.org for details
- **Send a cheque** payable to Operation Imprezza to 14 Elm Grove, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8SA.

Thank You



Student Stories

Elizabeth Taaka

I have collated a collection of students' stories from the school which will feature in newsletters. They are typed as they are written.



Elizabeth Taaka

I am Elizabeth Taaka aged 16 years. I always go to school at Imprezza Academy Busia. I am in Form two. Right now I stay at the bungalow, but my real home is Busia. I live in a family of four. My grandmother, my two elder brothers and I.

I can still recall my mother's death. It was in the year 2000 when my mother left me. I was just 3 years old and can not say the cause of her death. I was brought up by my grandmother. I had to face some challenges though I was still very young. No one was to provide for me with basic needs since my father was also admitted in Busia District Hospital for more than 5 years.

I was not so long when my dad died in the year 2003, the month of April. by then I was not yet taken to school. I was very sad and ashamed because I knew most of my little friends would laugh at me because I lacked both my parents. I the year 2003 I started experiencing more challenges than ever before. I felt like dying and following my beloved parents who were caring.

I felt lonely, disturbed and discouraged wherever I lived. It was a hard time when I was taken to nursery school, and that was in the year 2003, the month of May. My grandmother kept on encouraging and advising me because she know that I was the youngest. I had not to give up because after all I could not awake my parents up. I had nobody to pay for my school fees in primary school, but thank God that neighbours and relatives co-ordinated and managed to pay for my school fees.

I sat for my K.C.P.E. exams in the year 2012, where I passed well, but not that well with a B+. the more the went the more challenges I faced. It came then the hardest time when I completed my primary school. I had to think where my secondary fee would come from. I really congratulate Madam Director Catherine Omanyoo, she called my uncle and told him to bring any 3 orphans. I really thank God because I was amongst them.

Dormitory and Shoes!

Over an 18month period South Dartmoor Academy raised an astonishing £10,000 to build a dormitory at Imprezza. Events ranging from; an auction of promises, dance workshops, leavers ball party, book sales, knitting sales and many others, took place to raise the money.

Mustafa Shaika, a member of staff at South Dartmoor Academy said that in his 30 years of teaching he has never experienced something so wonderful. *'Everyone is still buzzing from the experience and the momentum has carried on.'*

Mustafa, along with another member of staff, Abi Cowell, Brian Hodge, Director, and 17 students recently visited Imprezza to help finish painting the dormitory and attend the official opening. An emotional visit, seeing the results of the hard work and the impact on the Imprezza community. A further trip is being planned to Imprezza in 2015.

A presentation was recently held at South Dartmoor to thank the school for their support.

In previous newsletters we have spoken of the serious issue with 'Jiggers,' and the impact on health if not treated. Wearing shoes can also help prevent problems arising, but shoes are an expense most in the community are unable to afford. South Dartmoor organised a shoe collection, which proved to be a huge success.

The dormitory, shoes and knowing that people in the UK care about them has such a positive impact on the students at Imprezza.

Thank you to South Dartmoor Academy.



Top - Results of recent shoe collection.

Middle left - Dormitory in foreground.- Right -Inside dormitory

Left to right - Opening ceremony in Imprezza and presentation in UK