

Kapumpe Christian Primary School

Equipping pupils and staff with excellent education and discipleship for life-long learning.



*They will soar on wings like eagles.
Isaiah 40:31*



Above: The new team of Kapumpe teachers
Right: Mr Lunda, our new head helping Grade 5 with a science practical

Below: Mrs Duff from the UK modelling how to teach creative activities



Graduation 2022

Congratulations! to our wonderful Grade 7 class who sat their end of primary exams in November. Although they are still waiting for their results to come out they know that they will be able to progress to secondary school. Leading up to their special celebration they worked hard on two dance performances and a number of speeches to share with fellow pupils, parents and staff as their leaving gift. We were all so delighted to see the progress these young people have made over the past seven years. Their confidence and independence has increased dramatically and it has been a joy to see their personalities developing alongside their academic abilities .

A New Start

Term 3 has definitely felt like a new beginning for us at Kapumpe although it was the final term of the year. We had nearly a complete change of teachers, a new head teacher and were discussing the new opportunities we would have now that we are becoming a private school. All the teachers settled very quickly and have been eager to offer extra support to our Grade 7 class in the weeks leading up to their exams. Our pupils have been super in helping the teachers learn Kapumpe routines and continue lessons and activities so smoothly you would not know there had been some big changes.

We are looking forward to networking with more schools and introducing house teams to provide opportunities for competition. Trying new ideas to engage pupils is also part of our 2023 plan.



We Love Activity Week!

This term was our first Activity Week with a new staff team and it was a huge success. Both pupils and staff loved the opportunity to do more practical activities and develop skills that are rarely used at school. There was lots of fun had, constructing duplo schools (including the heads office and Doris, our school cleaner!) card making, puzzles, baking muffins, drama and clay modeling. A few weeks later we held a careers day where pupils dressed up to show the job they would like to do. Visitors came to share about their profession and inspire the pupils to work hard at school.



The Grade 7 class enjoyed celebrating with food, drinks and balloons



Pre-school

Mr Chola is one of two teachers who has remained with us and he has done a fantastic job with his pre-school class of showing the new teachers how Kapumpe operates. The children have been lining up beautifully, following the instructions of captains and staff, helping to take care of the school environment and singing confidently. The pre-schools have become diligent workers by completing their homework tasks and bringing their book each day to show Mr Chola their efforts. A number of the pupils have become confident in using some English outside of the classroom and they are now clearly ready to progress to the next class.



Outside lessons are possible every day in dry season

Grade 1

You might think we have stepped back in time when you walk into Grade 1 because the teacher who left us a few years ago to get married (Miss Chongo) has come back to join our staff team. She has returned to the Grade 1 class where she worked as a teaching assistant while she trained to get her teaching qualification. Mrs Kawele entered the classroom with confidence and excitement feeling like she had come home. The children have loved having her as she is often using objects and actions in her lessons and ensures that they pupils are joining in and having fun. Grade 1 particularly enjoyed learning about transport this term including a trip to town, where some of them had never been.



On a trip to town the pupils tried some different foods – chocolate cake and strawberries. Yum!

Grade 2

Our new teacher in Grade 2 is Mrs Ngosa. She has taught for many years at a school in town and we are delighted that she has now come to join us. She is a passionate and enthusiastic teacher and we have seen her making lessons very practical. During the topic of 'Carpenter's Workshop' she readily used plastic tools in lessons and allowed the children to do lots of role play. Her English is very good and she has been encouraging the pupils to use more English in order to help them expand their vocabulary and become more confident with the language. The pupils have made a lot of progress in this term and know they are well prepared for Grade 3 next year.



Enjoying competition time in PE

Grade 3

Miss Kangoma is our other teacher who has remained on staff which has been helpful to a number of teachers. Miss Kangoma has been able to help new staff understand our lesson planning and teaching methods. In Grade 3 she has been teaching her class about journey's – where we go, why and how we travel. As part of the topic, Grade 3 visited Tusha Farm where they were able to spot different signs of erosion, see some large ponds and make boats from sticks and leaves. Every one of the boats floated to their delight and the pupils all asked to come back another day to explore the area and learn more.



Testing our boats made from natural materials on the water

Grade 4

It has been a challenging term for the Grade 4 pupils as they had a new teacher for a half a term before she needed to leave. They then had another new teacher, Mrs Sichimwi who needed to get to know them and prepare them for upper juniors in just a few weeks. Everyone pulled together and the class had a wonderful end to the term with creative activities, more structured lessons and assessments which helped them to see how much they have improved at school. We know that Mrs Sichimwi is excited to share more of her skills in PE and Music next term.



Francis making a house from a box, using his imagination



Grade 5

It is easy to think that half of the class is missing when you walk into Grade 5 as the class only has 16 pupils. They have continued to grow and learn well together and Mr Sebente has also noticed his teaching skills have been developing. This term the class were learning about toys and making discoveries. One of their discoveries was to the Dag Hammarskjold memorial site where there was a plane crash in 1961. The children were engrossed in the story and the mystery of what happened. It was wonderful to hear them asking so many questions and also for them to realise that investigations were still ongoing because answers are not always easy to find.



Reading the boards explaining the Dag Hammarskjold memorial



Learning the steps of a traditional dance

Grade 6

There has been a bit of adjusting taking place in Grade 6 as they have changed from having a male teacher to a female teacher. This is Miss Nchepeshi's first teaching position. She had previously undertaken teaching practice with secondary school pupils but has been keen to learn how to teach primary pupils. She has a passion to see the pupils understand and is very much aware of the weaker learners in her class. The children have enjoyed her lessons, especially dance and social studies. This term they have been focusing on investigating and finding things out for themselves which is good preparation for Grade 7.

Grade 7

With one term left to go and it being the term of final exams, Grade 7 were a little unsure about their new teacher Mr Simuyala in September. He was amazingly dedicated, working late and asking many questions in order to understand the children's levels and how best to help them in the forthcoming exams. The class began to see that their teacher really cared for them and wanted to help them so they responded with co-operation and effort. After the exams the focus shifted to future careers and job opportunities. We took the Grade 7's to a farm near Luanshya to learn about making honey and fish farming. They were surprised how easy some of these things were once they had been explained. Hopefully we will see them as entrepreneurs in Kaniki!



Tasting the different honeys was the best part of the school trip

Prayer Points

1. Please pray that our staff team continues to gel together and for the new staff to easily adopt new teaching styles.
2. Praise the Lord for His presence and provision throughout 2022, please pray for us to continue to hear His voice as we navigate 2023.
3. Please pray for our leadership team as we expand to include a school administrator.
4. Thank God for the opportunity we have to share Jesus with our pupils, pray that we can continue to make Jesus the focus in all we do.

School will reopen on 9th January 2023 for term 3.

Thank you for reading our update on the work at Kapumpe. If you have any questions or would like to further support us in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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