

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*

Blessed Beginnings

What a wonderful term we have had! Having begun the year with a postponed opening, both staff and pupils, were passionate to return to school. As a school we have decided to focus on improving our writing this year, including creating a handwriting policy, encouraging creative writing and delivering staff training on how to teach writing. The teachers have already commented that they are beginning to see the value of good writing and how it is essential not only for school but for life.

It has also been a blessing to have the completed Arise hall available for school use. We have been able to use it for every assembly, music lessons, PE lessons, joint class lessons and we have appreciated the space and acoustics. The pupils always run to the hall with excitement which is a delight to see.



Cooking vegetable shawarma



Making houses from boxes



Modelling papier mache bowls



Competing in obstacle races



Showing the projects in assembly



3 of our finished baskets

Action Packed Activity Week

Activity week is always anticipated with joy by the pupils as it is a week like no other at school. The children are divided into mixed age groups across the school and have the opportunity to learn practical skills and make a variety of items. This term's activities included: cooking shawarma's, making box houses, basket weaving, papier mache bowls, obstacle relays, performance poetry and wood carving.

From Monday morning until the end of the week, the pupils and staff have an extraordinary amount of enthusiasm. They love working with different people and having a break from the text books. All the activities are designed to help the children learn things which are on the curriculum but are hard to understand from a book. Everyone has fun and it is a wonderful way to break up the two topics each grade studies in a term.

This week covered a variety of subjects and resulted in the pupils learning new vocabulary, planning and working methods and future business opportunities. Throughout the week the pupils developed their co-operation skills as they worked with children from other classes. This always leads to new friendships being formed and greater support between our older and younger grades.



Pre-school

We welcomed a number of new pupils into pre-school this year and Mr Chola once again did a fantastic job at settling them in to school life. From day one, he gave the children clear instructions in Bemba and English as most of them only understand Bemba but need to learn English. Within a short space of time, many of the pre-schoolers have been able to follow simple instructions in pure English. These 4 and 5 year olds have learned to sit and listen to the teacher, share the equipment when it is time to play and learn the phonic sounds s, a, t, p, i, n. The children have enjoyed learning about different people, sharing about their families and also FOOD! You can guess which topic was their favourite.



Role playing with dolls to help learn about people

Grade 1

Miss Makondo inherited a well-disciplined class from pre-school. Although the pupils were familiar with many of the school routines, the level of academic work in Grade 1 is significantly higher than pre-school. The children seemed to relish the opportunity to sit at desks and learn like the big children. Although there is a lot of learning through play and using resources, the children love to sit and write at their desks. What a joy that is for their teacher who has encouraged this interest by giving the pupils time at their desks each lesson, even if it is to practice writing a few letters or numbers. The pupils particularly enjoyed their topic 'All About Me' as they had mirrors all around the room and were able to draw themselves.



Anderson following instructions for how to sit when he had finished his work

Grade 2

For Mrs Manwene, this was her first term 1 with Kapumpe. Having been here for some months last year she was confident to welcome Grade 2 to a new class. The pupils have had a lot of fun learning about jobs people do, drawing many pictures and making items to take home. All the pupils have been eager to demonstrate their ability to read and write as well as answer simple maths questions. We have seen the confidence of this class develop significantly this term and their zeal for learning is helping them to make progress in both academic work and behaviour.



Learning how to play games in PE

Grade 3

The pupils in Grade 3 have loved their topics this term! They began the year with 'God's Wonderful World' and learned the story of creation from the Bible through books and pictures. Some of the vocabulary was already familiar to them so they have felt confident reading and writing independently. Their second topic was 'Time to Celebrate' which not only included learning about parties but also having parties in class! Grade 3 had music playing, balloons up and party food to help become fully immersed in the topic.



Enjoying snacks and dancing at a class party

Grade 4

At the beginning of the year Grade 4 felt like quite a jump for the pupils. They were given pens to write with and found that most of their lesson time is now at their desks. They have risen to the challenge and discovered a new sense of pride when they work hard and follow the teacher's instructions. Mrs Mwape has been developing her creative skills using a variety of instruments and resources in lessons as well as making good use of her display boards and wall space with diagrams and vocabulary to help the pupils.



Teaching the school about the Last Supper in assembly



Grade 5

The classroom was colourful and individual desks were carefully arranged to help pupils focus and work hard from day 1. Throughout the term Grade 5 have loved coming to school, getting many opportunities to read and learning songs and activities to help them remember their lessons. Term 1 was Mr Muleya's last term at Kapumpe. He commented that he has 'learnt a lot while he's been at Kapumpe and developed so much as a professional'. Although we were sad to say goodbye it has been a joy to have him on our staff and we know he will be a blessing to others in future.



All taking part in a music lesson in the Arise hall



Confident learners eager to take part in their lessons

Grade 6

'Life Giving Water' was the first topic for Grade 6. They loved learning about the water cycle in more detail and seeing it in action in the world around them. During this topic they also learned that Jesus gives the water of life to all who ask Him. Their second topic was 'Healthy Mind – Healthy Body' which led to many cross curricular lessons about the heart. The pupils found it very helpful to go outside and pretend to be chambers of the heart as well as various body parts and pass cups of water around to understand the flow of blood in the body.

Grade 7

These pupils were delighted to have finally reached Grade 7! Four of them have been chosen to be captains this year and all of them take on responsibilities at school as well as being role models for the other pupils. Despite there being more expected of them and more homework given to them, they remain enthusiastic to come to school and do their best in class. Before school and at break times they are often found studying at the benches and helping one another to understand challenging concepts. It was a wonderful experience for the children when we invited a carpenter into class to model woodworking and when we gave them a project of making a model house.



Joseph was delighted with his finished cardboard house

Prayer Points

1. Thank God for a wonderful, safe term 1 with all school needs met. Pray for wisdom in term 2 as costs rise but requirements stay the same.
2. Please pray for our pupils to continue to love coming to school to learn as it can be difficult to come to school and sit in class in the coming cold season.
3. Please pray for our staff to have confidence as they plan to develop children's writing skills this year.
4. Praise the Lord for His presence at school and pray for peace through the teacher recruitment process.

School was scheduled to open on 10th January 2022 but this has now been delayed by the government until 24th January 2022.

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.

E-mail: kapumpecps@gmail.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/kapumpechristianprimaryschool

Website: www.arisekapumpe.com

If you would like to make a donation to support our work, please visit our **website** and follow the link on the '**Get Involved**' page.