

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*

Ready for a New Year

It has been a very exciting term for us at Kapumpe. All schools in Zambia were instructed to delay their opening so when we finally opened the staff were raring to go.

At the end of January we did some staff training on phonics and maths, it was wonderful to hear them saying 'We want the pupils back now so we can put this into practice.' They had learnt new games and how to use resources in creative and varied ways to help the children enjoy learning and understand concepts more easily.

This year, we have our largest cohort with 163 pupils. Our pre-school, Grade 1 and 2 classes are full which is wonderful! Approximately a quarter of each class is occupied by local pupils, sponsored by their parents who want to send their children to Kapumpe. These spaces are full and we have pupils on the waiting list as well as a number who have already submitted their application for next year. Praise the Lord for His wisdom, provision and love, enabling Kapumpe to draw so many families to come to know Jesus Christ, His love for them and the difference He can make in our lives if we choose to accept Him and surrender to Him.

We are looking forward to continuing our year after a short 2 week holiday at the end of term.



First assembly of 2021 was for awards at the end of term



Grade 7 preparing their portion to grow vegetables



Gift and Elijah happy to have maize at break



Guardians were very pleased with pupil reports

Growing Up

Have you noticed how quickly children grow? We are always amazed at the start of a new year to see the children in their new Grade and looking as if they have grown over the holiday and are ready for the responsibility of the next class.

Now that we have had a full year with every grade, routines are well established and they clearly know what is expected of them and what their responsibilities are. It's been a real joy to see the Grade 1's helping the pre-schoolers to settle, just as the older children did with them last year.

We saw that many pupils wanted to help Grade 7 last year with their little 1m patch for vegetables so this year we have given G5, 6 and 7 a patch to grow their own crops to eat or sell.

Not only are these pupils growing physically but also academically, spiritually and in responsibility. We are seeing them become independent thinkers and creative designers each day, ready to face life's challenges.



Pre-school

Mr Chola was excited to have a full class at the beginning of this year although it was quite an adjustment. Children aged 4 and 5 who have never been in a school environment can easily be overwhelmed and a challenge to manage, especially when you are left alone with 25 of them! There were no tears from any new pupils this year and Mr Chola has done a wonderful job at helping them to feel safe and understand our four simple school rules. With the aid of some outside equipment and inside decoration the pre-schoolers have begun to learn letter sounds, numbers and basic English very quickly. They are a lively, confident class and we look forward to getting to know their personalities more throughout the year.



Playing parachute games and singing songs

Grade 1

After a year in pre-school, many of our Grade 1's began with great enthusiasm and confidence. This has been a great support to the pupils who have just begun school in Grade 1 this year. By the end of the term it is very difficult to tell who has only been with us twelve weeks. Miss Makondo has done a wonderful job teaching phonics and simple calculations with lots of repetition and opportunities for pupils to practice. We know that if we lay a strong foundation in these early grades, the pupils will be able to successfully build on this as they continue their education both at Kapumpe and beyond.



Practicing writing letters and numbers outside

Grade 2

Our new Grade 2's are super learners. They line up outside their class each morning after breakfast with their homework book out ready to show Ms Ngoma. You can sense the hunger for information and fresh learning in the room. As with most children their age they get very excited when they know the answer and some even find it hard to stay sitting. All the pupils take pride in their work and love showing it to other adults and having it photographed. Because they are now in a different building at the school they know that they are no longer the small pupils and they are very eager to share what they now know and can do.



Discovering how to use sounds to make words

Grade 3

This term Grade 3 have been learning about God's wonderful world and celebrations while building on the knowledge learned in Grades 1 and 2. The reading skills they acquired over the past couple of years are now being put to good use as the pupils are becoming independent readers. They are reading their own books as well as the writing that Miss Kangoma puts on the board. You can see how proud they feel when they have managed to read something by themselves. It is exciting to think what this class will be able to achieve by the end of this year.



Time for independent reading

Grade 4

At the beginning of the year Grade 4 had seemed to have forgotten how to behave and work at school. After moving some furniture in class and adding some posters to remind them what is expected of them, Mrs Mwape found that they have a lot of potential and can be very studious. Grade 4 have had lots of fun learning about games and keeping healthy this term. They are also very good at singing and work together well on activities including cleaning the classroom. The pupils are aware that this is their last year in lower primary and are working very hard to show that they will be ready to move on.



Performing a song in assembly



Grade 5

Mr Muleya has been very happy to have Grade 5 again. He enjoyed the topics he was teaching last year and was excited to deliver them with more confidence and creativity this year. There is a wide range of ability in Grade 5 but they are a very supportive class and they love to celebrate each other's achievements. The highlight of the term was the trip to Dawn Trust to learn about how to take care of the land God has given us and grow crops in natural ways. They learned how to encourage worms into the soil, benefits of different crops and how God has a purpose for everything He has created – even the things that people often consider waste.



Discovering worms on a trip to the Dawn Trust farming project



Visiting the water treatment works

Grade 6

It seemed like Grade 6 returned taller, knowing they were nearly the oldest pupils in the school. We had some spaces in this class, so we bought some Arise pupils who began their education at the local government school, to join this class. They soon settled and have begun to become more confident with English. Mr Mananasi has been doing a lot of teaching on the water cycle and the uses of water. The pupils were delighted to find they were going on a trip to the water treatment works in Ndola which they found fascinating.

Grade 7

It is a very big year for these pupils – their final year of primary school and at Kapumpe. They have been working hard from the beginning of term in both lessons and homework, aware that they have national exams in November. Mrs Mwiinga is wonderful with Grade 7, teaching them and often reminding them that they are capable of more and giving them further challenges. As she is expecting a baby later this year other members of staff have been helping teach Grade 7 which the pupils have really enjoyed. They have also been running the school stationery shop, before school begins and helping both pupils and staff around the school.



Learning about solutions with Mr Zulu the head teacher

Prayer Points

1. Thank God for all the staff and pupils at Kapumpe, who are all learning lots and able to hear about God every day.
2. Praise the Lord for all the provision of resources, finances and prayerful supporters enabling the school to continue and develop.
3. Pray for the pupils to continue to put their best effort in at school and find time and space to do homework in the afternoons.
4. Pray for the arrangements to become an exam center to be finalised so that Grade 7 can sit their exams at Kapumpe

School will re-open on 10th May 2021 for the beginning of Term 2.

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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