

# Kapumpe Christian Primary School



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

## **A New Year**

January is the beginning of the school year here in Zambia so Kapumpe has just come to the end of term 1. It has been a delight to see that the children have remembered many things from last year and continue to love coming to school.

All our pupils begin the day at 7:30am with porridge and a time to play with their friends. It is wonderful that children from various backgrounds have a place where they can meet and learn together.

Our days begin with a time of singing in class followed by phonics lessons. All the pupils enjoy learning new sounds and showing different teachers that they can read and write new words.

Now that we have reached the end of term 1, daily routines are running smoothly although in Zambia it is always good to remain flexible. There are often circumstances that arise, or changes in the weather that cause the plan for the day to be adjusted.



*Grade 4 having fun in their English lessons*

## **Assemblies**

Every Monday we have an assembly to start the week. Each assembly begins with a prayer and the National Anthem. Monday assemblies include a Bible story (Term 1 has been the life of Moses), usually requiring actors and a memory verse. Often the pupils will request to be an actor in advance of the assembly. Friday assemblies are a celebration of the week. One class shares something they have been learning about and certificates are presented for excellence and progress in work, behavior and attitude.



*Grade 3 performed the Easter Story in Assembly*

## **A Time of Change**

This year we have welcomed some new pupils as well as new staff. Kapumpe began 2017 with a new head teacher, Mr Zulu. He is an experienced Zambian head teacher who is passionate about seeing both pupils and staff alike soar high and achieve their potential.

Our pre-school and Grade 2 teachers have been the voice of experience for new members of staff and the pupils have appreciated some familiar faces. Miss Chongo was the classroom assistant for Grade 1 in 2016, she is now our Grade 1 teacher.

Mrs Mwinga is a newly qualified teacher who is taking Grade 3 however she will go on maternity leave in term 2. Mr Mulenga was the Grade 4 teacher for the first half of term 1 although he is no longer at Kapumpe. We are looking forward to some new teachers joining us in term 2.



## Pre-school

Term 1 is always an exciting but scary time for Pre-school children. For many of them it is their first experience of leaning in a room with a teacher. The teaching is play based which soon helps the pupils to feel at ease and realise that learning is fun.

All the pre-school children have developed amazing levels of confidence and they are becoming experts at counting.



*Pre-school practicing their numbers with stones*

## Grade 1

It has been an exciting term for both teacher and pupils in Grade 1. Miss Chongo learned a lot from Rosie (from the UK) who was teaching here last year and has now had the opportunity to put her knowledge in to practice.

The children in Grade 1 love to do art and play with the Lego and cars. They are becoming very adventurous, experimenting with different resources to see what will happen when they change something.



*Grade 1 doing marble art*

## Grade 2

Term 1 has been an exciting start to the year for Grade 2. As part of their 'On the Farm' topic they had a school trip to Baluba Valley Farm. They learnt about looking after and milking cows as well as how bananas are grown and harvested.

Moving to Grade 2 has been a challenge for some of the pupils as there are lessons most of the day and little time for play. However, Miss Kangoma is doing a wonderful job at making lessons fun and encouraging the children.



*Grade 2 at Baluba Valley Farm*

## Grade 3

Pupils in Grade 3 began 2017 realising that they are some of the oldest pupils in the school. We have really noticed how much more mature they are compared to last year. They have become good examples to others and have been very helpful to our new teacher.

This term they have enjoyed learning about God's wonderful world and different celebrations. Some of their poster work is displayed around the school reminding others to use the bin for rubbish.



*Grade 3 at the end of term 1*

## Grade 4

Despite the pupils having different teachers this term they have continued to make great progress. They have enjoyed the variety of different teachers and the responsibility of managing their classroom.

They continue to be great role models for the rest of the school and it is lovely to see how they bring what they have learnt in the lessons to their thinking and actions in everyday life. They have enjoyed making games and learning more about the body this term.



*Grade 4 making up games in PE*



*Ellie with Grade 4*

### **Farewell Miss Cross**

At the end of Term 1 the pupils and staff said goodbye to Miss Cross who had been working at Kapumpe for the previous two years. In 2016 Ellie was the head teacher of Kapumpe and there was much work that she did behind the scenes to enable the school to be the success it is today. Pupils all wrote a personal message in a big card and sang a special goodbye song in assembly. Ellie will be missed by the pupils and staff but will look back on the time they shared with fond memories. We are very grateful that God bought Ellie to Kapumpe; she has been a blessing to so many.

### **Looking ahead to Term 2**

The coming term will be a very different term as the weather is getting colder in Zambia which can make getting up and coming to school a challenge for the pupils. There will be more school trips taking place, Mrs Mwinga will go on maternity leave, and we hope to begin building our third classroom block so that it will be ready for a Grade 5 class in January 2018.



*Cooking in Activity Week*



*January 2017 Staff*



*Drawing in Activity Week*

### **Prayer Points**

1. Praise God for His protection and provision in Term1 – God has answered prayer when we have prayed for healing and met all our needs.
2. Thank God that the support from parents and guardians. Most of them came to meet the teacher at the end of term and were impressed with their child's progress.
3. For the changes in staff to go smoothly; for the new staff to be open to new ideas and for the pupils to soon feel settled with them.
4. Wisdom with the decisions to be made for the building of classroom block 3 ready for January 2018.

School will re-open on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 for Term 2. The Arise Orphan Project continues to run all year round.

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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