

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*

Graduation 2021

Congratulations! To all those involved in helping the class of 2021 complete their primary education. Staff, parents and supporters have all played a part in enabling the pupils to achieve this certificate and we want to express our heartfelt thanks. The penultimate day of term was our graduation day; a day full of excitement and celebration.

As the new Arise building behind the school was nearly finished we asked if we could use their wonderful hall space – it was perfect for the ceremony with parents, pupils and staff who also dressed in gowns for the occasion.

The Grade 7 class performed a dance, a poem and shared speeches of what they had learned during their time at Kapumpe. It was wonderful to see how they had grown and matured. They were each presented with a Bible and encouraged to continue reading and studying both independently and in groups as they progress to secondary school. Our hope and prayer is that all the pupils will be able to complete their secondary education full of confidence and determination to use their skills and talents to serve their community, bless others and glorify God.

We look forward to seeing these pupils continue to grow.



Graduation day finally came for the Grade 7 class



The new Arise hall specially opened for our graduation



Honest from Grade 2 proudly reading his book to Simon

Great Progress

What a wonderful term we have had and praise the Lord we were able to keep going for the 17 weeks.

It was quite strange to continue straight from term 2 to 3 however we managed well by being organised and continuing to support one another.

As a result of the children's enthusiasm and the teachers dedication we saw great progress by the end of term 3. The teachers have been working hard on developing their teaching in maths in order to promote mathematical thinking from the pupils and to ensure basic maths knowledge is understood not merely repeated. We have seen the pupils excited to learn times tables and giving more developed answers in maths lessons.

Reading is central to learning and as such, always a focus for us at Kapumpe. This term the children have become more confident with class reading systems so that they are using every opportunity they have to practice reading. Many pupils now love to read out loud to their peers and to other adults when there is the opportunity.

We were all delighted to have a visitor from the UK for a few weeks who was able to hear every child in the school read and bring some new uniform for us ready for 2022 .



Pre-school

Mr Chola began this term with a huge farm and zoo area set up in class as their first topic was 'Animals'. The pupils have enjoyed playing with them, learning the names of them, listening to stories about them and singing songs about them. It is wonderful to see them so energized for school each morning; they line up in two smart rows outside the door desperate to go inside and see what the teacher is going to teach them. All the pre-schoolers struggle with speaking English, however their understanding of English has definitely improved. We hope that they remain just as enthusiastic to come to school and learn next year as the lessons begin to get more challenging.



Time for some P.E. learning about jumping and running

Grade 1

With a full class of 25 pupils, doing activities can be a little chaotic in Grade 1 at times. However Miss Makondo has done a great job of managing the pupils, teaching them patience and helping them to listen and follow instructions. At the beginning of the topic on transport there were not only toy cars, trucks and trains to play with but also some toys big enough to ride on! You can imagine the squeals of delight as the prospect of playing with these items dawned in the children's minds. Miss Makondo has greatly improved her teaching skills while at Kapumpe so these items were not merely in the class for play but as teaching aids such as counting wheels and identifying colours to name a few.



We made our own masks and took them home to play with

Grade 2

There has been a lot of change for Grade 2 this term. Their teacher, Ms Ngoma was offered a job teaching at a government school so she moved on from Kapumpe with our blessing. We appointed a new teacher, Mrs Manwene for this class. She is quite new to teaching but clearly has an aptitude for it and the pupils respond well to her. Mrs Manwene has been working hard to improve her own teaching skills and learn how Kapumpe operates. Although the teaching of phonics is new to her, the pupils are confident with their phonics routine and have been able to help their teacher as she teaches them new sounds.



Using multilink and counters to help pupils understand adding and subtracting

Grade 3

Miss Kangoma has worked really hard with the Grade 3 class this term. It has been a challenge at times as there are a number of lively characters in this class but when they are able to use resources, see pictures in books and go outside they soon listen. One of the topics Grade 3 have been learning about this term was 'Journeys' where the pupils think about going to different places and share about times they have travelled on buses. For a class that loves to talk... imagining adventures has been a lot of fun.



Learning about the layers in soil

Grade 4

Throughout this term, Grade 4 have become more like a family. They have been supporting each other both in lessons and during other activities at school. Academically they have been more focused and the presentation of work in their books is evidence of this. It's a real joy to see them so proud of their work and also eager to show they have done so much work that their book is now full! Grade 4 have also improved their English this term. Many of the pupils speak fluently in English and even help to translate for the younger pupils.



Feeling ready to move to upper primary next year



Grade 5

Mr Muleya is a very energetic teacher and this makes his lessons very exciting for the pupils. It has been wonderful to see lots of games and competition motivating the pupils to focus and take part in lessons. Grade 5 have also delighted the school in assemblies this term with their acting skills as well as singing the national anthem and Christmas carols as if we are listening to a professional choir! It has been a big jump for some pupils, transitioning from lower to upper primary this year but all of them have become more focused in class and determined to improve. They are definitely ready to be in Grade 6 next year.



All the class acting a Bible story for a school assembly



Having a break from the classroom with a game of dodgeball

Grade 6

This term one of the topics was called 'Let's Investigate' so Grade 6 have had a science focus thinking about why and how things happen such as candles melting, plants getting food and sending messages. They have also been learning about the needs of livestock and ways to manage cows, pigs and goats as keeping animals is common for many families in Zambia. Although the pupils have been working hard in the classroom, Mr Mananasi has been giving them time to play games, sing songs and ensure that they are enjoying learning.

Grade 7

It has been a very different term for Grade 7. Mrs Mwiinga was able to return from her maternity leave but it was not lessons as normal – time to get ready for exams! The lessons were a mixture of revision, exam practice and technique and study sessions. This was where the pupils learnt how to do independent study, something they will have to be doing a lot more of in secondary school. As it was our first year of having exams at Kapumpe there were lots of firsts including a mock exam week; the pupils were very excited to see their results. We know that all the pupils have improved this year and hope they remember many things they have learned from their time here.



Learning how to bake and decorate cakes as an end of year treat

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for His continued protection as the heavy rains and storms have started. Pray for the pupils as they will be walking to school in the rain this term.
2. Please pray for our staff as they get to know their new class and focus on developing the children's writing skills this year.
3. Please pray for the pupils at home that they would find the time and space to do homework and that their parents would encourage this.
4. Thank God for His faithfulness and guidance. Pray for the leadership team as they navigate a new year.

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.

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