

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*



Pupils enjoy using books for reading and writing

and term 3 material. All the pupils have been eager to learn, meet with their friends and show they are making progress at school. Often there is a mini stampede at the end of the day when children race to collect star stickers and other rewards for their good behaviour or good work.

Having asked many pupils about what they would like to improve on now they are back at school, most have said their reading. Through the use of books in lessons at all ages, they are becoming aware that being able to read is central to learning and becoming independent. It's wonderful to hear the children so excited to read and develop their skills.

We Love Learning!

A common trait shared by the pupils and the staff here is the love of learning. When we cannot have something we love for some time we all feel the pain of separation and the joy of being reunited. During term 2 we have all felt the pain of not having our school learning. Many others around the world will be able to identify with the joy of returning to school with full classes rather than only the teachers in school. Although the teachers have been in school preparing lessons, classrooms and resources, school is just not the same when the pupils are not there. Following the closure of schools in June for nearly 3 months, we have embarked on a busy and focused 17 weeks of school to cover the remaining term 2



Learning how to perform traditional dance

Many of the pupils are struggling with their English after a long break from school however they are willing to try their best when we say to them, "Now can you tell me in English?" after they have given a response in Bemba.

Being back at school is exciting for the children as it is a place where they know they are safe and loved. It's also a clean and fun environment where every day holds a new discovery. The teachers are also delighted to have the pupils back as they can put into practice new deas they have been learning and see how their children progress and understand more readily. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has continued to support us over the last months, enabling us to learn and grow together.

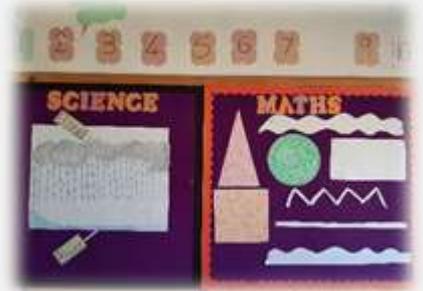


Break time food is a highlight of the school day



Pre-school

This term we have been focusing on the topic 'Outside' in Pre-school. Pupils have been thinking about what they see, hear and feel outside and learning the Bemba and English names for these things. Mr Chola has changed the charts on the walls and the layout of the equipment to help the learning environment feel fresh and engaging. As well as the young children learning common nouns they have been learning many news songs and games which we can hear they love. Pre-school is a wonderful class to visit as the children are always having fun learning and are excited to tell you what they have been doing. Mr Chola has also been working hard to help the pupils learn the numbers 1-10 which they can now confidently recite.



Big, bold pictures on display for our 4 & 5 year olds

Grade 1

An exciting topic for teachers and pupils alike is 'Fabulous Food' which the Grade 1 class have recently been learning about. They have been counting food, looking at the colours of food, thinking about where it comes from and of course, which ones they like to eat. Miss Makondo has not only been focusing on the present, by asking her pupils to draw and label food but also to think about the future, 'What do you need to start a café?' 'Would you like to be chef... when you grow up?' 'How could you run a café business?' Often such questions are not considered here because of lack of opportunities but we want our children to know that anything is possible for them.



The café role play corner for this topic

Grade 2

'The Newsroom' has been our recent topic in Grade 2 and the pupils have really enjoyed thinking about what is going on in the world. We have been focusing on the local community of Kaniki but also thinking about other places at times. It is very hard for many of these 6-7 year olds to imagine other places as some of them have never been outside this area. Despite not having much first-hand knowledge of different places and sights, their memory is incredible! After teaching them new words, pictures, places, the pupils are avidly wanting to demonstrate what they have learned over the following days and weeks.



Ready to learn about road safety

Grade 3

The pupils in Grade 3 always love the topic 'Animals All Around' as it is one that many of them feel they already know something about. They know the names of some animals, where they live and what they eat and this helps the pupils to feel very confident. As the topic goes on, the pupils learn adjectives and new facts allowing them to talk and write more creatively. Grade 3 have been improving both their reading and writing speed and their behaviour is also showing signs of maturity. We are very pleased to see the progress they are making.



Helping pupils describe animals as well as name them

Grade 4

Mrs Mwape has been working hard in her classroom, changing display boards, questions on the walls and making sure there is easy access to the books. All this effort is to help the pupils become more independent and that is certainly what has been happening. Grade 4 have recently been studying the topic of 'Communication', now they have not only learnt new information but they have become more confident communicators themselves as well. Grade 4 have become a very studious class and enjoy asking lots of questions. It is wonderful to see how they have matured this term.



Using visuals to help the children understand in maths

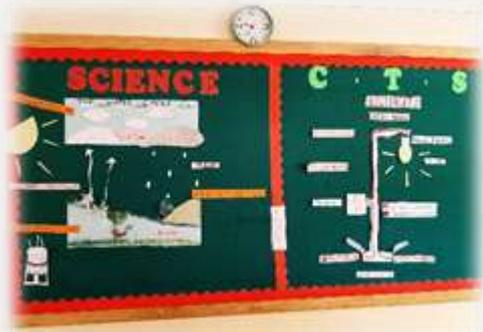


Grade 5

This term some new pupils have been welcomed into Grade 5 and made to feel very much part of the class family. They have enjoyed learning about safety and demonstrated some of their knowledge when our nsaka roof caught fire. A neighbour was burning in their field and the wind carried the fire to Kapumpe. Mr Muleya and the Grade 5's were a big help in dousing the roof with water so that only a small section of the roof was in need of repair. As well as learning the academic subjects Grade 5 have been enjoying retelling Bible stories, taking care of their own vegetable patch and reading a variety of books together.



Creative and engaging display boards encouraging pupils to read and apply new ideas



3D display work bringing lessons to life

Grade 6

Mr Mananasi put a lot of effort into preparing his classroom for Grade 6 to return. He has also begun to understand that if he likes being in the classroom, and the environment is engaging and useful, then the pupils will also benefit from it. The room is well organised and pupils are becoming more organised as well. This term their topic has been 'Environment Agents' so they have been focusing on how to take care of the world around them and setting a good example at school.

Grade 7

Mrs Mwiinga was on maternity leave this term and we have been delighted to hear that she has welcomed a set of triplets to her family. Although she has been missed at school we have had a cover teacher for Grade 7 so that they have still been able to cover the curriculum. Their final exams will be in the middle of November and although they are nervous they are also looking forward to moving on to secondary school. We have been setting them extra homework and assessing them to see where they need more revision. The pupils know that they are supported by all the staff and continue to enjoy coming to school and learning every day.



Helping the pupils acquire a wide vocabulary

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord that we have been able to open and everyone has been passionate about attending school.
2. Please pray for our staff and pupils as this is the first year of Grade 7 exams held at Kapumpe. Pray for all the organisation to go smoothly.
3. Thank God for the provision of food and resources He has made available for us to continue to support and teach the children.
4. Pray for the teachers to have enthusiasm and inspiration as they continue through this long term.

School will remain open and begin term 3 on 27th September 2021 according to the government directive.

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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