

Kapumpe Christian Primary School

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



Adding more pace to phonics sessions

Phonics Focus

This term we have been focusing on improving our phonics teaching at Kapumpe. We were privileged to have a volunteer from the UK come to help us for a month.



Team teaching phonics and using big books has helped our teachers develop their confidence

Ruth's Story

A year ago, I was thanking God for all the training I have received as a teacher and teacher trainer, especially training in coaching teachers in Phonics and maths. I asked God if there was anyone He wanted me to share what I have learnt with. It seemed a very narrow field of expertise for anyone to need. Then I read an advert from Kapumpe asking for exactly those things. God never rejects our offer of service.

Kapumpe has always taught Phonics but several new teachers with no experience of Phonics had joined the school. After discussion with the leadership, we have trained the new teachers and refreshed the training for existing staff. We have also simplified the systems



While Ruth was with us she delivered whole school CPD sessions, 1-2-1 support, lesson observations and gave insightful feedback which will help us improve our teaching at Kapumpe. We would like to thank her for sharing her expertise with us.

to make them easier to maintain as new staff come. The teachers have worked very hard with positivity and openness to the unfamiliar methods. We have seen great changes even within these few weeks. The children are now very enthusiastic about Phonics too. One Grade 6 boy even asked if he could have longer Phonics lessons because he was learning so much – not something you hear often in England!

Kapumpe is a wonderful place to visit, full of hope and the love of Jesus, facing daily challenges but always trusting in God's provision and grace. I am very grateful to God for allowing me to come and work here this month and to learn from Him in this place.

Could you be our next volunteer?

If you are an experienced teacher with a desire to share your knowledge with other professionals then we would love to hear from you! For more information visit our website or contact us by e-mail.



Modelling teaching phonics with the pupils has inspired our staff



Kapumpe pupils loving their phonics sessions and improving their English



Pre-school

Throughout term 2 it has been a joy to see the confidence of all our little pre-schoolers growing. They have become very familiar with all of the school routines and helpful at breakfast and break times. In class Ms Mukuma has been working hard to help them recognise the letters for their name and to be able to copy their name. The pupils are very proud when they are told to move their name up on the class reward chart and they can do it independently. Sometimes we are able to introduce some new resources and this term they have been enjoying some animal puzzles and the competitions they have for completing them.



Some preschoolers learning to count outside



Grade 1 have helped their new teacher settle in well

Grade 1

We loved having Miss Chongo teaching Grade 1, however in May she needed to leave Kapumpe as she was getting married and moving to another province. We have welcomed Miss Makondo to our teaching staff from Solwezi and she has been a great asset. In her short time with us Grade 1 have shown great improvement in their numeracy and handwriting. Miss Makondo has loved learning new teaching methods and is enjoying using many different resources with the children. Grade 1 have been learning about different types of houses this term and it's beautiful to see the pupils come alive in discussions.

Grade 2

Some of the academic work is very challenging for our Grade 2 pupils, especially those who receive very little support from home. Despite their struggles, all the pupils are keen to learn and try their best. One of the days when I visited a Grade 2 lesson Miss Ngoma was very pleased to tell me the children had been learning multiplication. Not only were they able to answer questions without counting on fingers but they were also about to spell the word multiplication. Grade 2 have also been learning how to take care of books and enjoy them ready for when our school library opens.



Grade 2 practice their reading at different times during the day



Grade 3 get very excited about having PE lessons

Grade 3

This class have also welcomed a new teacher this term due to Mrs Maliphonde leaving in May as her family were moving. Mr Muleya has become the new Grade 3 teacher and he brings a lot of energy to the school. He trained as a secondary school teacher initially but is very interested in helping the younger generation have a good academic foundation. In the few months he has been with us he's been amazed about how much he has learned himself as a teacher. The pupils love his lessons and we are thrilled to have him as a member of our staff team.

Grade 4

It has been wonderful to see this class developing this term. Their reading, writing, English speaking and maths have all noticeably improved. Two of the boys in the class who particularly find lessons difficult have been noticing improvements themselves and this has motivated them to continue coming to school. Miss Kangoma has also been working closely with some pupils and discovering new ways of encouraging them and supporting them. She has been delighted to see progress in pupils that she was previously struggling to help learn. Miss Kangoma has also become more confident in asking the leadership for advice in order to develop as a teacher.



Grade 4 have been learning about sources of light and how to make lights



Grade 5

Although there is lots of hard work in Grade 5 and many new concepts to learn, Mrs Mwinga delivers a very balanced week ensuring that the pupils have a break from the classroom when needed. This term they have been making papier-mâché models, creating posters and they also went on a trip to a local shop for their 'Business Brains' topic. The owner of the shop was an inspiration to the pupils as he grew up in Kaniki and supported himself through school and college. On some occasions the Grade 5's have also been working with the Grade 6 class and they have risen to the challenge of competing with older pupils both on the sports field and in the classroom.



Learning about business in real life

Grade 6

Without a doubt our Grade 6 pupils are developing many essential life skills as well as learning academically. This term they have been demonstrating their problem solving skills, creativity, leadership and application of knowledge. The variety of teaching methods and resources that our pupils are exposed to facilitate the development of many skills. Our topic based approach to teaching has inspired Mr Mananasi to think creatively with his lessons and require more from pupils than mere copying and repeating. Being the eldest pupils in the school they continue to set a great example for others and thrive on responsibility. This term Grade 6 have also been managing a small stationary shop at break times, a venture we will continue to run.



After learning electric circuit theory, pupils bought in resources to make a circuit and light a bulb

Careers Day

Following the success of last year's Careers Day, we decided to make this an annual event. Pupils come to school dressed in a costume representing the profession they would like to enter in the future. We also invite members of the community to come and share about the job they do and how attending school enables them to do their job. This year our visitors included: a nurse, a customs officer, a pastor and football coaches. The pupils all brought in a contribution for the special day at school and were able to buy forks for weeding as well as new bowls and spoons for breakfast time. Yipee!



Prayer Points

1. Thank God for the amazing progress we have seen in our pupils and staff in term 2. Pray for a continued hunger to learn.
2. Pray for our staff team, that we would be united and supportive as we work together to see pupils learning, growing and prepared for life.
3. Thank God for sending Ruth to help us with our phonics and pray for God to send other volunteers with expertise to help us develop.
4. Praise the Lord for all His provision, guidance and presence with us throughout term 2.

School will re-open on 9th September 2019 for the beginning of Term 3.

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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