

# 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



Watching a video about London



Writing to our new pen friends

## World Traveling Letters

We were surprised and blessed to receive some hand written letters earlier this year when some visitors came. They brought letters that had been written by three classes in a school in London and each was addressed 'Dear Friend'. Our Grade 5, 6 and 7 pupils felt so special to be getting a letter that had come all the way from the UK and was especially for them.

The letters each explained a little about the person writing the letter then asked questions about Zambia and our school: *the colour of the uniform, what we eat, have we seen any wild animals...* you get the idea. We took some time to learn a little bit about London so our pupils could write back to them asking questions about their country as well as telling them about themselves. As any teacher knows, having a purpose for an activity produces much greater output. Our pupils did a fantastic job! The handwriting was beautiful, sentences were interesting and many of the letters were decorated with pictures and patterns. Hopefully the pupils who receive our letters will be just as excited and we look forward to sharing more with pupils in the UK.

## Our First School Trip to the New Airport

Just the same as any pupil around the world will agree, going on a school trip is the best day of school. You get to go out of the classroom and go on transport to somewhere you might never go again in your whole life! For the Kapumpe pupils school trips are even more thrilling as most of them have very limited opportunity to travel outside Kaniki and due to the expense and bad roads we have not taken many pupils on school trips. No one wanted to miss this – the opportunity of a lifetime.

Grade 7 were all at school early, their exams were finished and they knew that this was something they had been looking forward to all year. A final school trip before leaving primary school. They were all in good voice on the way there singing praise and worship songs with beautiful harmonies. The excitement was tangible.

Not only were the children allowed to enter the airport and experience a lift and escalator, they also passed through security, were allowed to stand airside as the planes arrived, walked through the sky bridge (the flexible walkway connecting passengers from the terminal to the plane) and had an educational tour of the meteorological centre.

It was wonderful to hear them asking so many questions and discovering a whole range of jobs they never knew existed. Now some of them want to be aircraft engineers, pilots and study meteorology. Praise the Lord for this wonderful trip.



## Pre-school

Now that term 3 has come to an end we are seeing that these pre-school pupils are now ready for some more in depth learning. They have learnt many basics, demonstrated independence and some are speaking very fluently in English. Miss Kangoma has enjoyed teaching them about animals and being on the road this term. Counting wheels on trucks and legs on animals is certainly a fun way to spend your time at school. Our hope is that they are continuing to practice their English, phonics and maths skills as they are playing at home this holiday so that they are full of confidence when they return to be our new Grade 1 class in 2026.



*Michael and Genesis showing us their clay animals*



*Learning how to wash our bodies and take care of them*

## Grade 1

Practical lessons are always more engaging and memorable – especially when you get to keep the toothbrush or soap. As much as possible we encourage our teachers to make their lessons interactive and pupil centered so it was wonderful to see Grade 1 learning about looking after their bodies in the hospital topic by actually getting a dish of water, soap and facecloth and experiencing how to wash well. Some of them only got splashed while their friend was having her feet washed but they were all having fun. Although not all the pupils can replicate what we do in lessons at school at their home, we at least give them ideas to think about, adapt and try.



*Pretending to be the teacher reading word cards to the class*

## Grade 2

This class have had an unusual term as their teacher, Miss Mpembwe was appointed to a government school soon after we started. Her sister... Miss Mpembwe was also a teacher and available to cover her class. This was wonderful as it meant the pupils were not without a teacher. The new Miss Mpembwe taught them the 'Carpenters Workshop' topic and really enjoyed teaching in a more creative and practical way. She applied for the Grade 2 teacher's job and was accepted. The class have been very supportive helping her to settle in and they have continued to be eager to read, write, count, play, sing and do anything to help them to learn each day.



*Sometimes we work at the tables and sometimes on the floor*

## Grade 3

What a wonderful class this is! They have won the 'Manor Ted Prize' for most excellent class a few weeks this term. Not only do they love thinking, participating and questioning but also supporting their friends and helping their teacher. The favourite topic in this room in term 3 has been 'My Life'. They have learnt the names for different relatives in their family (lots of people here are referred to as mother or father) and realized that even though they have only been alive a few years they have already done many things and grown a lot. Pupils were also inspired to think about their life in the future, what job they might like to work towards and where they might like to live.



*Yum! Who would like to try some cassava chips?*

## Grade 4

This class has certainly developed in confidence this term. Rather than being shy to answer and wary of what their peers might think they have been enthusiastic to try and realized that making mistakes is not a bad thing, it is just part of learning. The more able pupils in the class have enjoyed helping the weaker ones and everyone has been feeling like they have improved. Next year they will move to the next building and join the upper primary grades (something they are really looking forward to). Hopefully they will return to school hungry to learn and excited to see their friends learning and growing alongside them.



## Grade 5

Who wouldn't want to come to school when your topic is toys? Yes that's right, this class started the term playing with toys and making toys, I think some have continued even to the end of the year. As always, we use the topics to provide a context for the lesson in a six week period. The pupils loved writing and reading about toys and it's been wonderful to see even the more quiet pupils getting more involved in the lessons. This class have also matured by taking on responsibilities round the school, showing us they are ready to be in the penultimate year of primary school.



*Why look at shapes in class when there are so many on the playground?*

## Grade 6

At the start of this term you could have thought Grade 6 had forgotten school had started back as they turned up one day in their own clothes. Word soon spread around the school that they were doing the topic, 'Different Designs' and had all come in home clothes to look at the designs not only of the pictures and patterns on them but also the fastenings and stitches. This class' enthusiasm for discovery is magnetic, it makes you want to discover more with them. We are delighted that they will be our Grade 7, role model class next year.



*Annie, Bukata, Anne and Florence passionately taking up the duty of watering the flowers*

## Grade 7

Hooray! They made it to the end of the year and join the elite group of Kapumpe graduates. This class was our 5<sup>th</sup> class to complete Kapumpe school though looking at the register, this class began with lots of other pupils. Some have left and some joined along the way but as they now reach the end of this journey you would think they had been together from the beginning. I'm sure they will remain friends as they transition to secondary and continue to support one another in their Christian walk and as they embark on lots of self-study to further their understanding.



*Bringing the classroom outside in cold season to warm people up in the sun*

### Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for the inspiration He is giving to the teachers. Please pray for more creativity in 2026.
2. Please pray for the leadership team. We have a new school administrator beginning in January and we are currently looking for a new Head Teacher. Please pray for the person God wants in this position to apply and be ready to start very soon.
3. Thank God for sustaining us and blessing us in so many ways this year: finances, protection, resources and visitors.

School will open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 for term 1. Term will end on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

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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