

Newsletter
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Dear Friends of CLinC ,

On December 19th many villagers enjoyed an evening in Cromhall Village Hall, singing carols around the Christmas tree. Many thanks to the children of St Andrew's Primary School for making the lovely decorations. During the evening the final tickets were sold for our Christmas Raffle and the winning tickets were drawn. This raised just over £1,000 for the work of CLinC. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

January is the month to buy Seville oranges and we are making marmalade. Many jars have already been sold.

Jams, marmalades and chutneys are always available outside Burlton House ...
(weather permitting!!)

We now have a CLinC Facebook page where you can keep up to date with what is happening.



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583497020830>

All four schools sent their end of term reports in December with news of the term's activities and plans for next year.

St Matthias School, with just a little help from CLinC, has bought a piece of land a short distance from St Matthias church. There is an existing building on the site that will be modified to enable the older children in grade 6 and 7 to have some of their



lessons there.

Concentration will be easier for teachers and pupils as all classes have, until now, been taught together within the church building or in the church grounds.

At **St Anne's School**, we have sent funds to purchase a new pump for the borehole as the one purchased in 2017 could no longer be repaired.

St Mark's School will be requesting help next term with the purchase of a new printer/photocopier. All exam papers and other printing is currently having to be paid for.

We continue to provide a basic pay for teachers at all four schools & feeding once a week at St Mark's and St Anne's. We also continue to fund the training of teachers. John at St Mark's is in his final year and we have just sent funds for William at St Anne's to begin a three-year course. These are both distance learning courses and John and William will continue to teach throughout their training. In addition, we have suggested they meet with the teachers at their school each month and pass on some of the knowledge they have gained.

Early in January, the **grade 7 results** were received, and all four schools gained a high percentage of passes. Some children from each school were immediately given places in the local secondary schools. However, there is a great shortage of secondary places and many children had to wait until school started to find where they would go. We wish them all a very successful **Year 1**, as the first year in secondary school is now called.

Modern City School

This term, they remain in the rented accommodation. The new school being built for Modern City is progressing and will be ready for use in term 2 this year.



This is the toilet block with the roof going on. As you can see, it is the rainy season in Zambia, but the builders continue to work hard.

15 weeks from the start of the build, the outside and inside are all plastered, window and door grills are in position, electrical wiring is complete and the peripheral wall, 2.5m tall to ensure the school is secure, is being built! We are amazed at the speed of the build!



Looking ahead

On Saturday March 21st we will be holding our **'Easter Coffee Morning with crafts'** in Cromhall Village Hall. At this meeting there will be copies of the **Annual Report for 2025** for everyone to see our activities and spending throughout the year. I will email copies to 'Friends of CLinC' as many of you live too far away to attend. Please come back to us with any questions or comments. We love to hear from you.

Ann & trustees of CLinC.

THANK YOU AGAIN – Without you we could not do it!