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Dear Friends of CLinC,

All four schools that we support are now well into the first term of the academic year.

One of the schools that we support is **St Mark's Anglican Community School**.

You may remember that they were having serious problems with obtaining water last term and the school had been forced to close on ten days due to lack of water for drinking and cleaning the pit latrines.

We have some wonderful news!

In December last year, we heard that **THE CATRIONA HARGREAVES CHARITABLE TRUST** – (Registered charity number: 1064838) provides grants to help with combatting disease and poverty amongst families in the poorer areas of the world.

We immediately thought of the need for a secure water supply at St Mark's. An application form was completed with great care, requesting help with providing a borehole, pump, tank and stand.

We were delighted to hear in February that **£2,000** had been granted for this. St Mark's Church have agreed to fund 5% of the cost and are already organising events to raise this money.

The £2,000 has been sent to St Mark's School account and we eagerly await news that this project is underway.

Fr Joseph has agreed that the position of the tank stand will not interfere with the small play area that the children use. He will send photos and news of the project as it unfolds, along with receipts for all money spent. We will keep you informed as this exciting project takes place.

THANK YOU Catriona Hargreaves Charitable Trust.

News of the other schools supported By CLinC.

The new **Modern City Anglican Community School** is progressing well. The 2.5m perimeter wall and gates



protect the site, and a borehole and water tank provide water for toilets and cleaning. Once the water has been checked by the health authority, it will be available for

kitchen use and for children to drink.



With a kitchen, the school will be able to apply to the government for the provision of free school meals for the children.

They will also be able to offer water for sale to the local families at the price set by the government and save long walks to the nearest water station.

The toilet block is also in use, even if it also needs some finishing touches.



Along with their term 2 allowances, we hope to send the money to complete the ground floor classrooms, put glass in the windows, purchase extra desks and new curriculum textbooks. Hopefully this can all be done during the four-week school holiday.



The ground floor classrooms, although not quite finished, are already being used by grades 5,6&7. The younger children remain in the rented rooms for their lessons this term; we hope they will be able to move to the new classrooms for Term 2.

Glass is still need in the windows.



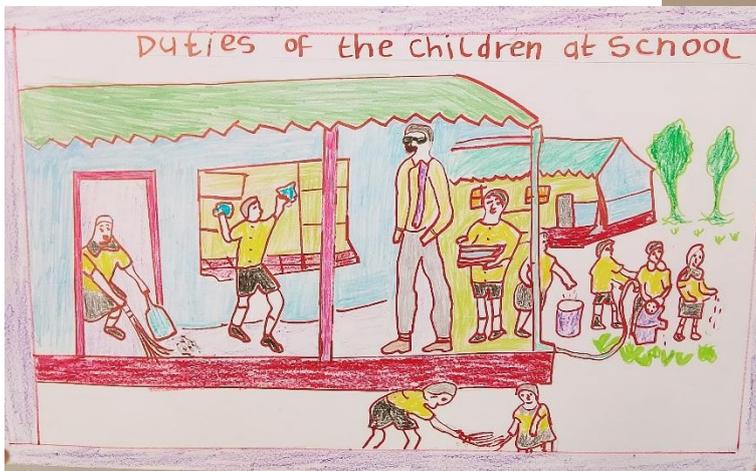
St Anne's Anglican Community School has replaced the broken pump. Water from their borehole is once again available for drinking, cleaning, preparing the weekly school meal and also for selling to the local community.



The money from sale of water is used for the purchase of chlorine and first aid materials, both of which help to keep the children in good health.



At **St Anne's**, with the help of teachers, the children have been making posters for their newly painted classroom walls. This was one of the challenges we sent them this term!



At **St Matthias Anglican Community School** the grade 6&7 pupils are now enjoying lessons in the newly acquired building on a piece of land nearby. Lessons for the older children are quieter and there is more room within the old church for the younger children to enjoy their lively lessons.



LOOKING AHEAD.....

Our next fundraising event is the **'Easter Coffee & Craft Morning'** on March 21st in Cromhall Village Hall between 10 am and 1pm.

Along with our usual offering of homemade cakes and sweet treats, there will be craft tables for you to browse. Crafts include wood turning, knitted and crocheted items, jam & marmalades, plant sale, and handmade sewn items.

On 18th April we will be holding a **'Coffee & Pre-Loved Sale Morning'**. Again, this event will be held at Cromhall Village Hall between 10am and 1pm, and along with the usual tea, coffee and homemade cakes, we will be selling pre-loved items. These will include clothing and shoes, home décor, accessories, books, and children's clothing and books and toys. Why not come along and bag yourself a bargain.

Ann & trustees of CLinC.

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