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Dear Friends of CLinC,

All four community schools that we support, have successfully completed term 1 and returned to school on Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> to begin term 2. The children will all be excited to be back and eager to learn! Their ages are 3-13 years. We wish them well.

### Modern City Anglican Community School.

The building of the new school is progressing well. This was a class photo taken last term.



We sent the term 2 allowances to Modern City School at the beginning of the school holiday as this included money towards the completion of the ground floor classrooms, putting glass in the windows, purchasing extra desks and new curriculum textbooks.

During the Easter holiday, all of the walls were painted and ground surfaces made safe for the children.



The stairs to the upper floor are already in place in the hopes that we can help them build the top floor!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to this project.  
Your money has been well spent!

There are 7 teachers, 2 caregivers and a guard employed, all receiving a basic pay from CLinC.

387 pupils were enrolled in term 1.

Parental contributions came to K21,540 (£860), an average of just over £2 per child. Some families are unable to contribute, but the children are still given places.

Education is the only way out of poverty!

Due to lack of space at the new school, with only 4 classrooms completed, the younger children are still having lessons in the old buildings, which thankfully have not yet been sold. This is costing money for rent but does ensure that all pupils are attending school in both mornings and afternoons and are receiving a good education. As soon as funds allow, the top floor will be built and the school reunited! Phase 2 of the build is estimated at a cost of around £15,000. We currently have around £4,000 towards it. Donations to help with this are always welcome!

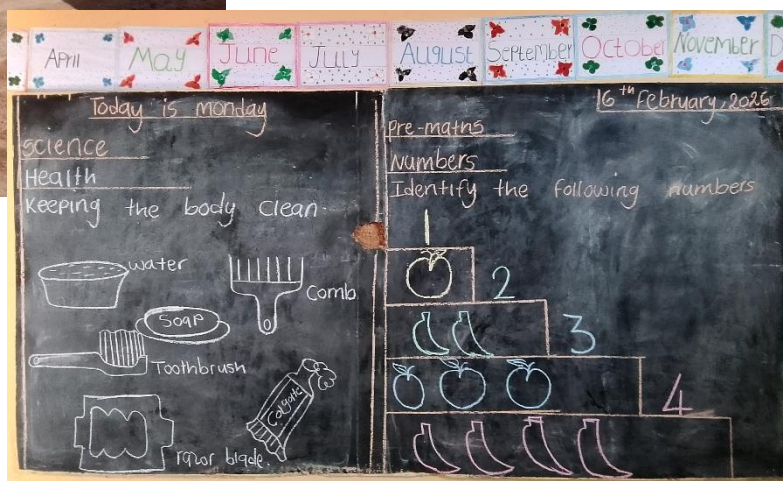
### St Anne's Anglican Community School.

A total of 248 children attended St Anne's in term 1. The five teachers, one carer and a guard all received a basic pay from CLinC and this was topped up from the parental contributions. The average parental contribution here was again just over £2 per child.

In addition, all children receive a weekly hot nutritious meal. In term 2 we are considering increasing this to two meals a week.



Some classroom walls have been re-painted and children's posters put up. However, blackboards are the main teaching method, as purchasing copies of the new curriculum books for all children is not financially possible.



### **School fundraising-**

Parents are planning to fundraise towards the repair and purchase of new desks. Sale of water from the borehole raised K1,500 (£60) which helped with running costs of the school.

The church is talking of building a new toilet block but this may take some time with financial help coming from St Anne's Church.

### **St Matthias Anglican Community School**



In the last twelve months, St Matthias school has made significant improvements, including adding the baby classroom and purchasing nearby land with a classroom for the grade 7 pupils. The plan is to create a second classroom from a building already on the site.

210 pupils were enrolled in term 1. Parental contributions totalled K6,230, just over £1 per child. This is a much poorer compound.

6 teachers and 2 helpers are employed and receive basic pay from CLinC.

Over the years, many connections with the local community have been created. In term 1 children attended the local Library, enjoyed computer lessons, and visited the National Lusaka Museum.

Daily meals are provided for all children and teachers by 'Convoy of Hope', improving attendance and health.



## St Mark's Anglican Community School.

There are 5 teachers and 2 carers at St Mark's with a total of 266 pupils. The area around the school is slightly better off and the average parental contribution here was just over £3 per child. Basic pay for all teachers and carers was sent last term together with funds to provide a weekly, hot, nutritious meal for all children. If funds allow, we would like to increase this to two meals a week!

A new **photocopier** is required, and we are pleased to hear that two fundraising events have been held for this, raising K2,700 (£108). We plan to send funds towards the purchase of this.

A grant to drill a **borehole** was sent to the school account but it appears that the water table is currently too high. The plan is to drill in August. The money will remain in the account until needed!

### ClinC Fundraising

I am delighted to say that the 'Friends of CLinC' list grows longer each year. Thank you to all of you for your continued support and interest.

On 18<sup>th</sup> April we held a '**Coffee & Pre-Loved Sale**' in Cromhall Village Hall.

This included the usual tea, coffee and homemade cakes, plus a large array of



clothing, shoes, home décor, accessories, books, books and toys. This raised just under £600.

THANK YOU to all who donated items and to those who came and bought. We are hoping to hold another similar event in Charfield Village Hall in June.

## Future plans

On **Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> 10-3** we will be at **Almondsbury Horseshow** with a table of jams, marmalade and small craft items.

On **Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm** we are holding an event in Rangeworthy Village Hall. 'FIT FOR A QUEEN' Come to see a live demonstration of Anne Boleyn being dressed in her finery. £15 per ticket. Light refreshments.

We are also hoping to hold another '**Pre-Loved**' Sale on **Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> 12-2** in Charfield Village Hall.

In the meantime, we continue to sell our patchwork bags and other items in **Crafters**, Wotton-under-Edge. This is a shop well worth visiting! **Thanks to Sally at Crafters for allowing us to do this.**



**Jams, marmalade and chutneys** are also available from Burlton House drive, weather permitting!

Ann & trustees of CLinC.

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