

Kapumpe Christian Primary School

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



Building Block 3

Hooray! We have begun to build block 3. Thank you to everyone who has supported us with prayers and finances in order to begin construction of this block.

Although it has been a long time in the planning stages, we have continued to trust God and believe it is going to be completed at His appointed time. The project is due to take approximately 3 months so before the end of the year we hope Grade 5 pupils can move into their new room and pre-school can have their classroom back.

The building company have made a small base on site in order to remain through the night and begin early the following morning. They have been working through the weekends and not a day goes by where the building doesn't develop in some way.

Pupils and guardians alike were very excited to see work commence and know the school is expanding. All the local community are aware that block 3 has begun and there seems to be an increase in the faith that Kapumpe Christian Primary School is here to stay and help the community.

Before the school closed for the holiday, pupils had a special assembly from the builders. They learned about the materials, tools and even the different skills that are involved in constructing a building. Pupils have become aware of jobs they never knew existed.

As the project continues, it is also providing inspiration for lessons. Pupils are writing, drawing and doing maths work related to building.



Digging the trenches ready to lay the foundations



Filling in the foundations to level the building



Slab complete ready for the walls to go up



Pupils were very interested when the builders came to share at assembly

Planning for the Future

The new block will consist of five rooms. Three of these will be classrooms in order for us to have Grades 5, 6 and 7. Primary school finishes at Grade 7 so that will be the top Grade at Kapumpe. 2020 will be our first year as a complete primary school with all grades.

One of the rooms will be the school library – an essential room if we would like the children to understand and be prepared for a world beyond their local community. We have already received some donations of second hand books however the majority of our shelves will still be empty. If you would be interested in supporting us by donating any new or second hand books, either fact or fiction we would love to hear from you.

Our final room will be our staff room. At present, the rooms we have are classrooms, a kitchen and an office. Resources are spread throughout the school and the headteacher is often disturbed by people needed to collect things from the office. We hope that by providing a well resourced room conducive to planning and preparation, our staff will be able to enjoy lesson planning and feel supported by the resources and

fellow staff around them.

We are aware that we are still laying the foundations for the future of Kapumpe Christian Primary School and want to ensure it is not only the physical buildings that are solid but also the Christian Education we are delivering. Our hope is that staff here will continue to be encouraged and challenged to develop their teaching skills and their faith.



Pre-school

It has been a joy to see our preschoolers grow this year, both in terms of ability and number. During the last term we have had 5 new pupils join this class. This has given more scope for group activities as well as opportunity to develop social skills. Miss Josephine, who is our pre-school teacher and deputy head, continues to structure classwork and activities in a way that allow her time to spend with each child as they work independently. As a result of this, the pupils' awareness of phonics and number is very good. Parents have also been surprised at the rate at which their children are progressing. Keep up the good work pre-school!



Pre-school receiving 1-to-1 support



Role play: At the Hairdressers

Grade 1

This remains a fun class to be in... even for adults! Although there is more structure to lessons and greater expectation on pupils, learning through play remains central. Miss Chongo has a wide range of games and activities that feature in her lessons. Much of the time the children are learning without realising – they think they are just playing a game. Role play areas are a feature of the classroom the pupils love; not only are the children doing activities they have never done before, they are also developing their speaking and listening skills. We are excited to see what the new role play area will be for term 3.

Grade 2

The move to Grade 2 has been a big change for the pupils and it has taken them a long time to adjust. There is less play based learning and more is expected of them in terms of written work. This was a challenge in term 1 and Miss Ngoma worked hard to vary her teaching styles and ensure each child was making progress. Term 2 has been like a new chapter for these pupils, they are eager to learn new concepts and bursting to show their peers and teacher what they have learned. Aside from this, pupils' attendance in Grade 2 has improved this term which we are delighted about.



Enjoying drawing what they would like our new building to look like



Reading a Bible story and thinking about how God wants us to live

Grade 3

Mrs Mwinga has continued to stretch the pupils in Grade 3 this term. Their topics have facilitated a lot of new learning and prompted many questions. The first topic was 'Space' where they made and painted models of their own rocket. The second topic was 'Animals' and they focused a lot on habitats and discovered many things for the first time. All the pupils in Grade 3 continue to love school and Mrs Mwinga has enjoyed getting to know her class and seeing them grow as individuals. She has also seen the benefits of a holistic approach to learning.

Grade 4

Now that we are at the end of the second term, many of our Grade 4's are seemingly like Grade 5's. They are maturing into responsible and conscious pupils who hunger for knowledge. They see one class older than them and achieving the next level seems to be their aim. All the pupils have loved having Miss Kangoma again and showing her how much progress they have made in both their work and behavior. We have seen standards in this class rise and a love of reading being fostered. It is a delight not only to see these pupils with books but hearing them read and answer questions, showing that they have understood the text.



Grade 4 love reading and making discoveries with books



On a trip to a local business to help with studying entrepreneurship

Grade 5

This term has been quite demanding for Grade 5. Whereas in the past much of the learning was revisited, every lesson holds new concepts for them now. There is a change in the curriculum from Grade 5 up, resulting in prior areas of learning becoming numerous individual subjects. Pupils have needed to take home their books each night to read through their notes and sometimes complete activities for homework. Despite this big jump, Mrs Maliphonde has ensured that learning remains fun and interactive. The pupils love sharing what they have been learning and feeling very grown up. They have continued to be good role models to the rest of the school with their attendance, attitude to learning and playing an active role in taking care of the surroundings.

Learners make the best Teachers

Although it was the school holidays, the teachers were called back for class. At Kapumpe we believe in supporting our staff with their continuing professional development and where possible, supporting other local teachers too. We had the opportunity to have a team from FCE (Foundations for Cross-Cultural Education) a university in Luanshya to come and run a 3 day workshop for our staff. We invited representatives from local community schools and together learned how to integrate Biblical principles into our lessons. Teachers were reminded that children are not born with a mindset about life but that it is something that is formed as they learn and grow. It is therefore an essential job we have, not merely educating pupils but preparing them for life.



Lesson planning with colleagues from the community



Teachers from 5 different schools learning together



Interactive sessions inspired and challenged teachers

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord that the building of block 3 has begun. Pray for safety and no hold ups during its completion.
2. Continue to pray for the pupils as they begin term 3, that they will come to know Jesus as their personal savior, continue to love school and see the progress they are making.
3. Thank God for the opportunity of a staff workshop in the holidays; pray that the staff remember and have the wisdom to put into action what they learned.
4. Pray for new teachers to apply for next year and wisdom for the leadership team as they appoint new staff.

School will re-open on 10th September 2018 for the beginning of Term 3. The Arise Orphan Project continues to run all year round.

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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