

## Visit to Kibubula Primary School October 2017

I was very fortunate to be able to visit our link school in October with five former students from Testbourne Community School. Kibubula is situated above the town of Busunji and is about 28 kilometres from Mityana. The journey from Mityana is always a challenge as the roads are not tarmacked and the rain washed away the surface, leaving large ruts and holes.

The staff and children gave us a very warm welcome and were very grateful for the gifts of footballs and lunch! This was made possible from the money raised at Harvest Breakfast and our festival.

We were given a tour of the school and the garden before we spent time in the classrooms. The Testbourne students were really impressed to see the teacher's accommodation which they helped to fund raise for, especially as they had to go past the fallen down old house on the way!

I used puppets to involve the younger children in telling the story of "The Enormous Turnip". On the second day, the Testbourne students told the story of "The Little Red Hen" and had fun making chickens with movable beaks whilst the adults made bean bags with the older children. We then took the children outside for some throwing and catching games and left the bean bags as a resource.

The numbers of children attending school has increased and more children were in uniform and had shoes. Most did not have any lunch however. The teachers used groupings of tables in many of the classrooms and children were more vocal and able to share their opinions. The site was tidier and more organised too.

The architect called Fred that works on projects with us in Uganda visited the school and pointed out all the work that was needed to the buildings. It was a sobering tour and made me realise the extent of the challenges. The termites need to be treated urgently and Fred has agreed to get the pesticide and to carry out the work. It will cost approximately £100. So much of what is needed isn't particularly costly but altogether the cost of repair and maintenance is considerable. I am planning to talk to the school Council to see what we can do before the next visit in February 2018.

George, the Head Teacher, and all his staff have asked me to give you and your families their best wishes and thanks for all the support. They are very grateful for our love and friendship.

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