



David School Messenger

The David School

Education Changes Lives

Happy Christmas

To all our supporters,
from the pupils, staff, families and community at The David School.

David has recently returned from a 3 week visit to the school, where he was joined for some of the time by Catherine Thomas, Michael Houlden and Marcus Horrell.

The Pupils Excel Again at their Exams



50 children were entered for, and passed, their NPSE exams, which are taken at the end of their primary education. This is more than in any previous years, and is an indication of the school's success. These children can now move into the secondary part of the school.



To celebrate their achievements, the children were taken on a trip to the beach, which they really enjoyed!

The teachers have also been rewarded for their efforts by being awarded a 17% pay rise, which is a little over the rate of inflation.



New Medical Room

A medical room funded by the Rotary Club of Edinburgh has been set up. It contains a bed, fridge, fan, desk, chair and storage, and medical supplies have also been provided. Dr David from the clinic at Waterloo, or his paramedic, Rosaline, will now visit the school twice a week to do a surgery, seeing any pupil or teacher who is unwell. This will mean that no-one needs to come and take them to the clinic, although they will be transferred there if need be. Many thanks to the Edinburgh Rotarians for all their help with this.



New Borehole

A new borehole has been sunk. This will provide the water for the new toilet block which is planned to provide better sanitation for the school.



Electrics Repaired

When David, Michael and Catherine arrived at the school, the electrical system wasn't working properly due to it needing a new inverter. Marcus Horrell very kindly flew out with one, and the problem was quickly fixed. It is hoped to get the broken one repaired so it can act as a back-up.

More Tiling

Another floor at the school was also tiled during the visit.

Pupils Receive a Christmas Hand-out



The pupils all received a bag of supplies, which included pens, pencils, uniform, shoes, soap and toothpaste. The pictures show some of the items given out, and Catherine, Michael and Alfred distributing them.



Adult Education



The David School Adult Education (TDSA) is very active. There are 20 men and women enrolled at present, learning basic life skills, hygiene, numeracy, literacy, community studies and income generation for sustainability. The picture on the right shows one of the men trying to spot the first letter of his name for the first time.



A group of women in the community are now farming some of the land, and growing food. One of their crops is garden eggs (which the rest of us know as tomatoes!!)

Everyone at the school send their best wishes for a Happy New Year,
and a very big THANK YOU for your continuing support.
Everything you do is greatly appreciated!