



**DERBY GRAMMAR
SCHOOL**

TANZANIA 2013

Derby Grammar School in Partnership with
Gedeli School, Mwanza

For the first time, in July 2013, a group of DGS students visited our partner school in Tanzania. This visit was a fantastic success, and we are pleased to share with you information about what the project involved, where the money raised was spent and what we hope to do in the future.

TOTAL PROJECT MONEY USED THIS YEAR: £6,879.80!!!

This is an amazing achievement in our first year. Thank you to all who contributed in any way.

HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT...

SPORTS EQUIPMENT (APPROX. £600)

Our sports equipment was purchased in the UK and shipped over to Tanzania in April 2013. Forever Angels Baby Home, who send out a container every couple of years, allowed us some room in this year's container.

We would not have been able to provide this much-needed equipment without their help.

The sports equipment, which included netball rings, cones, hula hoops, sports kits, footballs, cricket sets and a large 'parachute' was desperately needed by the School, and they were thrilled to receive it.

Handing over tracksuits to the 3 sports teachers.



David in his new tracksuit.



The team with the sports equipment before it left.

The equipment in use!



Handing over the sports equipment



SCHOOL BOOKS (£600)

The school had no text books before our visit. We were able to purchase 200 books, which although a drop in the ocean, is a start. We hope to continue to purchase books annually to build up their supplies.

Left: Handing over the textbooks.



TEACHING EQUIPMENT (APPROX. £90)

We spent time each afternoon teaching some basic mathematics and English. The children were unused to having individual whiteboards and working with cubes!

We taught them how to play dominoes and 'Snap'!

Below and right: Members of the team teaching pupils from Gedeli School.



PAINTING/CARPENTRY

The majority of the project money this year went on paint and carpentry. The group painted the inside of 5 classrooms, one staff room and the Head teacher's office. Painting on the outside of the classrooms began on the day we left. Carpenters were employed to make desks and chairs for the teachers, desks for the children and bookcases/shelving. These were going to have doors and locks in order for the books and equipment we gave them to be kept safe. We also paid for 3 metal security doors to be fitted to rooms that would house equipment.





Work in progress: Desks and benches being made. Below: The Staff Room, before and after: spot the decrepit set of shelves on the left—this was on the day we arrived, and on the right: the shelves that had been made and would be fitted with doors and locks.



FACTS ABOUT GEDELI SCHOOL (BEFORE OUR VISIT):

- * It has 1357 pupils aged 7 to 13 years in 5 classrooms
- * There are over 100 children taught in a classroom
- * There is no running water or electricity at the school
- * They teach sports but have no sports equipment; they teach ICT but have no computers; they have no text books
- * They have 5 drop toilets that they share with another school
- * Some of their pupils are from Hisani Orphanage, which is one of the orphanages funded by Kids Aid Tanzania (this is where we got our link to Gedeli School from)

WE HAVE MADE A SMALL DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR TO THE LIVES OF THE CHILDREN AND STAFF AT GEDELI SCHOOL AND HOPE TO CONTINUE TO HELP THEM IN FUTURE

OTHER DONATIONS WE MADE THIS YEAR:

Forever Angels Baby Home: £250

Hisani Orphanage: £536

Bethany Orphanage: £40

Kuleana Street Children's Centre: a donation of sports equipment and clothes



Above: Forever Angels Baby Home
Right: Hisani Orphanage

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE 2013 PROJECT

Bag2School	£435.00
Phoenix Cards	£165.65
Parent donation	£1,000.00
Parent donation	£182.70
Cathedral Collection	£217.00
Bring and Buy 2012	£830.56
Bring and Buy 2013	£1619.54
Rent A Car Donation	£500.00
Private donations	£228.12
Rotary Club, Ashbourne	£250.00
Rotary Club, Derby	£100.00
GramArt	£390.53
Derby & Derbyshire Rail Forum	£250.00
The First Group	£250.00
Porterbrook Leasing	£250.00
Parent donation	£500.00
Parent donation	£100.00

THE 2013 GROUP

Caitlin Barke, Ashley Blood, Matthew Brown, Glenn Charles, Michael Dolman, Rowan Elston, Alasdair Fletcher, Shaene Gnanarajah, Craig Ilott, James McDermott, Robert Smith, Nathan Standley, Esther Taylor, Robert Thomas, Benjamin Wileman, Tim and April Sly, Paul and Janet Taylor

Each group member worked hard to raise the £2500 they needed to fund their travel, accommodation and food costs for the 3 week visit.

The parents of the group were instrumental in helping to not only fund their son/daughter on the trip, but also to help raise project funds. Thank you.

Special thanks should also go to: Kayte Genders (Bag2School and Phoenix Cards); Elaine Sellors (GramArt); PMUK (for donating our fantastic t-shirts and hoodies), EW Fletchers Ltd (for donating paint-brushes and rollers), and our drivers to and from Heathrow—Vicky Jordan, Richard Smith and Liz Jackson.

Finally, a huge thank you to donors: individual, Rotary and corporate. ***We could not have done this without your help.***

GEDELI SCHOOL, MWANZA—PROJECT 2014 AND BEYOND

Far from being a 'one-off' this is the beginning of a link between Derby Grammar School and Gedeli School. In 2014 there are already 18 signed up to go. Having spoken to the head teacher, Samwel Aron, of Gedeli School at the end of our visit, he highlighted the following as desirable over the next 10 years:

The provision of water	<i>3,000,000 Tanzanian Shillings (approx. £1200)</i>
The provision of electricity	<i>2,500,000 TSh (approx. £1000)</i>
Classrooms (15 needed to reduce class sizes from 215 children per classroom to about 50)	<i>13,000,000 TSh each (approx. £5200 each)</i>
Toilets (the building of a new block with 24 pits)	<i>40,000,000 TSh (approx. £16,000)</i>
The ground to be 'made good' for sports	<i>5,000,000 TSh (approx. £2000)</i>
Fence (once new classrooms/toilets have been built)	<i>60,000,000 TSh (approx. £24,000)</i>

He also had a wish list of: a website; a first aid kit; computers.

We plan to continue to work with Gedeli School to achieve as much of this as possible.

THE FUNDRAISING CONTINUES...

If you are interested in becoming part of the fund-raising effort for 2014, please contact april.sly@derbygrammar.co.uk. Keep up with the latest news and read the students' first-hand accounts of their experience at dgstanzania.wordpress.com.