

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



## DEAR SUPPORTERS, END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2024

TERM THREE HAS JUST FINISHED AND STAFF AND CHILDREN ARE NOW ENJOYING A WELL-EARNED BREAK AFTER A BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR. **20 STUDENTS** FROM NABUGABO PRIMARY SCHOOL SAT THEIR **PRIMARY LEAVING EXAMS** AT THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER WITH EXAMS IN ENGLISH, MATHS, SCIENCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE PRIMARY STUDENTS PASS THESE EXAMS SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY AT SECONDARY SCHOOL. TO DATE WE HAVE HAD 100% PASS RATE OVER THE LAST 4 YEARS AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE EXCELLENT TEACHING AND SUPPORT, THIS COHORT OF STUDENTS WILL BE NO EXCEPTION. WELL DONE PRIMARY 7 FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT.

IT IS NOT JUST THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD – OUR STAFF ARE EQUALLY DEDICATED TO THEIR OWN EDUCATIONAL GROWTH. AT HUGE (HELPING UGANDA EDUCATE), WE ARE COMMITTED TO INVESTING IN THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TEAM TO ENSURE THE BEST OUTCOMES FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. CURRENTLY THREE FEMALE STAFF MEMBERS, JOAN, ANNET AND MAUREN ARE IN THEIR SECOND YEAR OF THEIR DIPLOMA OF EDUCATION WHICH TAKES PLACE IN KAMPALA DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, SO IT REQUIRES COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!

## INDEPENDANCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

ON THE 9TH OCTOBER, NINE TEACHERS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND 10 STUDENTS RAN THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HALF MARATHON FROM MASAKA TOWN TO NABUGABO. IT WAS A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF TEAMWORK, UNITY AND DETERMINATION ESPECIALLY AS THE FIRST 10K WAS UPHILL! FINISHING ON THE SHORES OF LAKE NABUGABO, ALL THE RUNNERS INCLUDING A STRONG REPRESENTATION FROM THE MASAKA POLICE FORCE, WERE MET WITH JUBILANT APPLAUSE AND CELEBRATIONS, WITH EVERYONE ENJOYING THE SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH **PRIDE, PURPOSE AND COMMUNITY**.

## DEVELOPING ME – VALUES, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY

THIS TERM WE HOSTED A FUN BUT IMPORTANT WORKSHOP FOR OUR PRIMARY 7 STUDENTS ON THE THEME **KNOWING YOURSELF: PERSONAL VALUES AND RIGHTS**. THE SESSION ENCOURAGED THE STUDENTS TO EXPLORE THEIR UNIQUE QUALITIES, IDENTIFY THEIR CORE VALUES AND UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS AS INDIVIDUALS. THROUGH DISCUSSION AND INTERACTIVE GAMES, THEY REFLECTED ON WHAT INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY MEANS AND HOW THEIR CHOICES CAN POSITIVELY IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITIES. THE WORKSHOP ALSO EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPECTING OTHERS' RIGHTS, FOSTERING THEIR OWN PERSONAL VALUES AND BEING PREPARED TO STAND UP FOR WHAT FEELS RIGHT AND FAIR.



## WHAT HAPPENED IN TERM 3:

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- SPORTING SUCCESS
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## SPORTING SUCCESS

THIS TERM HAS BEEN AN EXCITING ONE FOR SPORTS AT OUR SCHOOL, WITH FIVE FANTASTIC FOOTBALL MATCHES KEEPING BOTH OUR MALE AND FEMALE STUDENTS ENERGISED AND MOTIVATED!

WE KICKED OFF ON 27TH SEPTEMBER WITH AN AWAY GAME AT FUTURE FOR UGANDA PRIMARY SCHOOL, FOLLOWED BY HOSTING FAHAD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON 1ST OCTOBER. LATER IN THE TERM, WE TRAVELLED TO EL CAMBIA ON 25TH OCTOBER AND PLAYED AT ST. JOHN BOSCO BUKUNDA ON 9TH NOVEMBER. TO WRAP UP, WE HOSTED A THRILLING HOME MATCH AGAINST SSENYANGE LEARNING CENTER.

IN TOTAL, WE PLAYED THREE AWAY GAMES AND TWO HOME GAMES, SHOWCASING THE TALENT AND TEAMWORK OF OUR STUDENTS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PLAYERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION, AND THANK YOU TO OUR OPPONENTS FOR THE GREAT MATCHES!

THE TERM ENDED ON A HIGH NOTE WITH OUR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY, WHERE STUDENTS COMPETED IN A RANGE OF FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS. A HUGE WELL DONE TO ZEBRA AND ELEPHANT HOUSES, WHO EMERGED AS THE OVERALL CHAMPIONS OF THE DAY!

OVERALL IT IS CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM GIRAFFE, THE WINNERS OF THE 2024 HOUSE CUP! POINTS WERE EARNED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN ACADEMICS, SPORTS, AND DEMONSTRATING SCHOOL VALUES, MAKING FOR AN EXCITING AND CLOSELY CONTESTED COMPETITION. WELL DONE TO TEAM GIRAFFE AND TO ALL THE OTHER TEAMS FOR A FANTASTIC EFFORT!



## WIDER UGANDAN NEWS

A FEW MONTHS AGO I WROTE AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE STIGMATISATION OF DISABILITIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA AND RECENTLY THIS TOPIC HAS BECOME VERY REAL TO US IN NABUGABO. I THOUGHT I WOULD SHARE A QUICK SUMMARY OF THE ARTICLE HERE.

IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FACE SIGNIFICANT STIGMA DRIVEN BY CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS MISCONCEPTIONS, OFTEN SEEN AS CURSES, PUNISHMENTS, OR SIGNS OF MISFORTUNE. THESE BELIEFS LEAD TO WIDESPREAD DISCRIMINATION, SOCIAL EXCLUSION, AND ECONOMIC HARDSHIP. CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ARE FREQUENTLY HIDDEN FROM SOCIETY, WITH FEWER THAN 10% ENROLLED IN PRIMARY SCHOOL, LIMITING THEIR EDUCATION AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES. MANY ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES FACE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT DUE TO MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THEIR ABILITIES, PUSHING THEM INTO POVERTY. FAMILIES WITH MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISABILITIES OFTEN RECEIVE NO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR SUPPORT. AS A RESULT, MANY PARENTS IN RURAL AREAS CANNOT AFFORD ESSENTIAL MEDICAL CARE, LEAVING CHILDREN TO ENDURE SHOCKING AND OFTEN INVISIBLE CONDITIONS WITHOUT ANY PROSPECT OF HELP. WOMEN AND CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO ABUSE, OFTEN WITH LITTLE LEGAL RECOURSE DUE TO SOCIETAL BIASES. ADDRESSING THIS REQUIRES CHALLENGING HARMFUL ATTITUDES, RAISING AWARENESS, AND PROMOTING INCLUSIVE POLICIES THAT ENSURE ACCESS TO EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, EMPLOYMENT, AND LEGAL PROTECTIONS.

IF YOU ARE AT ALL INTERESTED IN READING THE FULL ARTICLE, HERE IS THE LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.LINKEDIN.COM/PULSE/STIGMATISATION-DISABILITIES-SUB-SAHARAN-AFRICA-AMY-BATTEN-OGJOF/?TRACKINGID=%2BJHKT%2FNGJMRMVD9XXFACAG%3D%3D](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/stigmatisation-disabilities-sub-saharan-afrika-amy-batten-ogjof/?trackingid=%2BJHKT%2FNGJMRMVD9XXFACAG%3D%3D)

## FUNDRAISING THANKS:

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED DURING THE YEAR EITHER THROUGH A FUNDRAISING EVENT OR AS A DONATION – WE ARE A SMALL CHARITY WITH A HUGE VISION AND FUND RAISING IS OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE. SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED.

IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT:

HUGE THANKS TO **SIMON BATTEN** FOR HOSTING SUCH A WONDERFUL WINE TASTING EVENT IN SEPTEMBER. HE PREPARED EVERYTHING WITH GREAT ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND WITH THE CAREFULLY SELECTED WINES, EVERYONE LEARNT A LOT AND ENJOYED A GOOD SENSE OF COMPETITION, MAKING IT A VERY MEMORABLE EVENING!

**NICK BLAND** OF NICHOLAS JAMES HAIR SALON IN GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, AND HIS **AMAZING TEAM** WHO DID ANOTHER HAIRCUT DAY FOR HUGE. WE HAVE BEEN BOWLED OVER BY THEIR INCREDIBLE KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY. A SALON COMMITTED TO GIVING BACK, SO PLEASE IN FUTURE IF YOU NEED A HAIRCUT GO VISIT NICHOLAS JAMES (02039153922).



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK **ESG ROBINSON CHARITABLE TRUST** WHO HAVE GIVEN A GRANT FOR THE REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE ROUND HOUSE, A CIRCULAR SPACE AT THE HEART OF THE SCHOOL, THAT ACCOMMODATES EVERYONE FOR ASSEMBLIES, STAFF MEETINGS, AND PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS. BUILT IN 2012, IT IS IN URGENT NEED OF REPAIR AND RE-THATCHING.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK **ENGLEFIELD PRIMARY** SCHOOL FOR ALLOWING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE SCHOOL AND TALK TO THE CHILDREN AND PARENTS ABOUT **NABUGABO** AND RAISE THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING UNIFORM AND TRAINERS. IN THIS REGARD WE ALSO THANK **ST ANDREWS, BERKSHIRE, ORATORY PREP SCHOOL, HEADINGTON AND RYE PREP AND SENIOR SCHOOL, AND CRANFORD SCHOOL** FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

WE ARE ALSO EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED **THE HUGE FUNDRAISING EVENT** IN LONDON ON THE 14 TH OF NOVEMBER. WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE AWAY SOME LOVELY PRIZES, BUT THE REAL PRIZE WINNERS WERE THE STUDENTS IN NABUGABO, WITH THE RAISING OF IMPORTANT FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL. BIG THANKS TO **JLL** FOR ALLOWING US TO HOST THE EVENT AT THEIR OFFICES AND THANKS TO **RICHARD FOLLETT AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM PANGBOURNE COLLEGE, EMMA BARKER, CHARLOTTE BISHOP AND ANDREW FROST** FOR ALL THEIR HELP ON THE NIGHT.



WITH GROWING NUMBERS AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AND THE IMPACT OF RISING COSTS, THERE IS AN ONGOING NEED FOR FUTURE FUNDING. ALL DONATIONS, LARGE AND SMALL, ARE ALWAYS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED -

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OR SCAN THE UNIQUE QR CODE ABOVE.

## THE HUGE PARTNERSHIP

THE HUGE PARTNERSHIP IS UK REGISTERED CHARITY WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN IN UGANDA. IT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE SUPPORT TO THE NABUGABO COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE, A PRIVATE NGO SET UP ORIGINALLY BY DAVID AND JUDY BATTEN SOLELY TO PROVIDE FREE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN, WHO WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL. NOW IN ITS 13 TH YEAR, NCLC PROVIDES UMBRELLA SUPPORT TO THE NABUGABO COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE SECONDARY EDUCATION FUND AND ONGOING INITIATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY RELATING TO EDUCATION, WELFARE, RECYCLING, AND FEMALE EMPOWERMENT.

THE GOVERNING PRINCIPLE OF HUGE IS TO PROVIDE CHILDREN, MOST AT NEED, WITH A CARING EDUCATION, A CONFIDENCE IN THEIR OWN ABILITIES AND GENUINE BELIEF AND AMBITION THAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF THEIR LIVES AND THOSE OF THE COMMUNITY.

IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC QUERY OR WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO ONE OF THE TRUSTEES, PLEASE EMAIL MEL BRANDON AT [MELANIE.BRANDON@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:MELANIE.BRANDON@ICLOUD.COM).

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