

### Happenings at St Matia Mulumba

Education Week was again held this year, this time at Parish, not Diocesan, level. During this time the children took part in essay writing, reading, dancing and singing competitions and this year St Matia Mulumba lifted the trophy.



During July a special Missionary Childhood Day was held when all schools in the Kyansi Parish, irrespective of religion, came together to hear about the benefits of giving what they can to help the needy.



The children gave to missions as well as enjoying a time of dancing, singing and eating.



Towards the end of the school term the children made an end of term school visit to the Hot Springs in Western Uganda.

The schools have always had a tradition of promoting music using traditional musical instruments, but during this past year the children have begun learning how to play western style instruments.



It's clear from the photos that this is giving a great deal of pleasure.



Gonzaga and Margaret, our administrators in Uganda, held a session with our sponsored children covering discipline, the importance of cleanliness, working for good academic progress and involving themselves in extra-curricular activities, as well as how to discuss with their parents about their personal requirements.



This has resulted in much improvement and, towards the end of the school term, a session was held with their parents where these issues were also discussed. Parents were encouraged to attend school open days and to discuss the importance of school with their children, as well as being helped with how to start projects, so that they can raise some funds to help pay for the children's school needs. It's planned to hold such sessions at St Kizito in the near future as well as rolling them out to the whole school community.

The new Bishop of Masaka was recently installed and during the entertainment which took place after the service, children from St Matia Mulumba sang a specially written song, which they have also recorded.



## Partnering with Workaid

Andy Hunt, one of our Trustees, has been liaising with Workaid, a UK charity which provides refurbished tools to several countries in East Africa. We heard recently that they have agreed to send tools in the next container being sent to Uganda, which will be used in both our primary schools.



This is expected to be sent in November with delivery in February or March next year.



St Kizito already provides some tuition in Carpentry and Tailoring in their Vocational Studies workshop.

A new Vocational Studies block is planned for St Matia Mulumba and help with funding for this is being sought at present. Workaid plans to send five sewing machines, one pack of tailoring accessories, one large and three small carpentry kits, as well as two masonry kits. In support of this our team in Uganda has also engaged with the Directorate of Industrial Training to seek their support in formalising the Vocational Studies Curriculum and certifying our teachers to deliver this.



## News in Brief



A very successful concert, given by Stewartby Operatic Society in aid of our work, was held on 18th September. Father Boniface was present, cheese and wine was served and a total of £845.39 was raised.



Gonzaga and Margaret, our Ugandan administrators now have an office in which to work.



Recently a very large personal donation was given to EVC, which will enable us to build the much-needed boys' dormitory at St Matia Mulumba. We are extremely grateful for such wonderful provision.

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