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Welcome to Let Them Shine

Welcome to our NEWSLETTER

We realise that not everybody uses Facebook or Instagram or looks at our website (letthemshine.org) and it is important to keep our sponsors and supporters updated. Hopefully this newsletter will fill any gap. This may mean you hear our news twice, but better twice than not at all!

UPDATES

Trustees

You may be aware that sadly Nicola Summersell passed away in mid-August. She had resigned as a trustee at the same time as Emma Wigglesworth and Thomas Summersell were appointed as new trustees at a special meeting. The Charity Commission have been updated. More information to follow about Emma and Tom soon.

London to Brighton Cycle Ride

For various reasons our London to Brighton ride has been postponed to spring 2022. We hope that all riders who had committed to riding in September will be raring to go next year. And there are spaces available.



The Lukani Children's Centre

The Centre continues to run smoothly day to day. We have 22 girls and 16 boys registered. This number of children isn't high enough to justify the number of teachers in post. We have two full time and one part time, and the monthly salary bill is the single biggest expense. The matter was discussed at the last board meeting in July and will be kept under review.

It's a cold time of year so the children are well wrapped up.





The children are enjoying their extra activities. They have a small vegetable garden, chickens and pigs. The children play an active role in the first two but the pigs are rather big and boisterous.

A short film of the children feeding the chickens will be posted on our website.



SPONSORSHIP

Our biggest challenge is finding more sponsors. They are vital to our day-to-day funding. It is completely understandable why a sponsor wishes to continue their support when their child moves to primary school but this is giving us a bit of a challenge. Our first sponsors from 2016 have had a 5 year relationship with their child and seen them progress from the Centre to primary school. Many are at or towards the top of their class.

We have about 30 sponsors and vast majority of their children are now at primary school.

Of the 38 children currently registered at the Centre, 12 will move to primary school in January and their spaces will be backfilled. So we have a growing problem of an increasing number of supported children, both at school and the Centre, but a stable number of sponsors.

All we would ask is that if you know of anyone who might be interested in sponsoring a child, please direct them to our website letthemshine.org where there is more information. Thank you.

YOUR MONEY

Just a reminder that all sponsorship income received is sent in full around the middle of the month. Just over half is spent on salaries with the remainder on food, water & electricity, primary school expenses (lunch, books, pens, uniforms etc.) We are running a tight ship and to repeat their phrase 'we share the bread'. All our administration, travel and other costs are met personally.

YOUR FEEDBACK

We never know whether you receive the right amount of information, too little or too much. Please feel free to let us know. You can email to info@letthemshine.org. In fact please get in touch with any feedback, thoughts or suggestions.

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