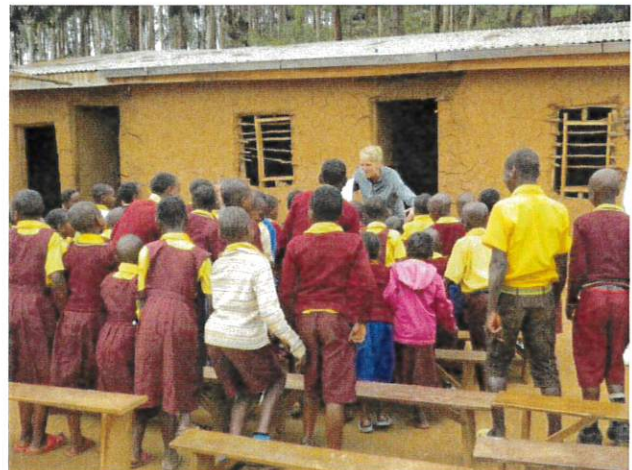
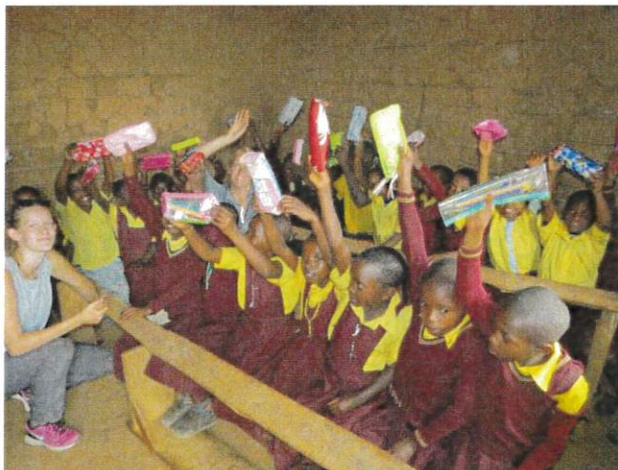


**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING
RUHIJA NEEDY CHILDREN'S NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL**

In August we were able to visit the school at the end of the second term. Everyone was in great spirits and the dancing was non-stop! We took 6 visitors and we all joined in to the point of exhaustion!



Special guests were Claire and Rosie Castle who have been supporting Omushana for many years through their work at Newnham School in London where Claire is a teacher and Rose a former pupil. They were able to deliver filled pencil cases from the Newnham children to our supported class (P3). Claire encouraged the children to enjoy books with some wonderful story telling that everyone loved.



Our Class Support is still making a great difference at the school and many of the parents came to thank us for our help.



Some other donors have also been active at the school and it was lovely to see the classrooms that were started with the help of Omushana being completed thanks to a donation from a German visitor called Gaby.



And we were able to donate the funds for a permanent water tank thanks to fantastic donations from H2O for Life in USA and Newnham School. We met (in the clouds!) with the Engineer from our other partner in the project, Bakiga Community Project to agree the details of the project and location for the water tank which will be constructed during October.

We also donated some pens, exercise books and a ball which was particularly welcome!



Also of great significance for all the pupils at the school – the Community Library came a step closer as Omushana was able to finalise the purchase of the building by the local Community Development Association who are our partners in this project. By the end of the year volunteers from the Association will have been able to refurbish, renovate and decorate the new library. This is such exciting news and will bring benefits to all children in the area. More news next time!



Thank you so much for your continued support

*Best wishes from everyone at
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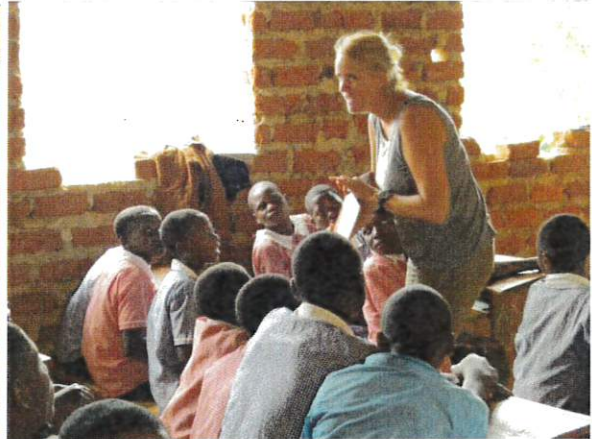
Dear Class Supporters,

There is a lot to report from Nyakeina School so this is a long newsletter!

The Class Support continues to help over 50 pupils in P5 and P6 classes. Thanks as always for your donations that subsidises fees by approximately £3 per term – enough to make a real difference to these families. Everyone is keen to extend this support to more pupils and families so if you know anyone who would like to join the programme please encourage them to contact us.

In August we spent a wonderful day at the school accompanied by two of Omushana's longest-standing supporters – Claire and Rosie Castle – who were out in Uganda during July and August, visiting many of the projects supported by Newnham Junior School in London where Claire is a teacher and Rosie is a former pupil. We were also joined by a Spanish family and pupils from the neighbouring government school Katembe (in red uniforms).

Claire and Rosie spent the day story telling and having fun with books. The children had so much fun!

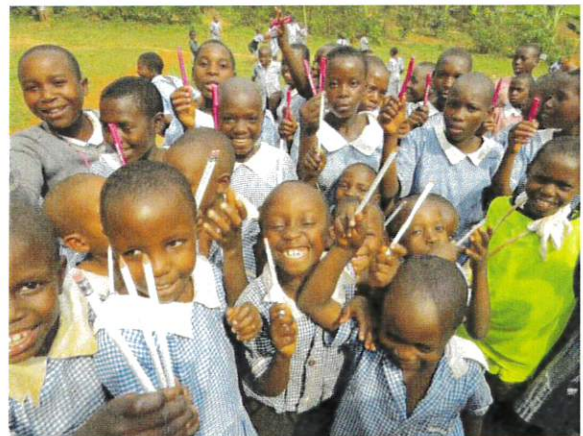


We all enjoyed lots of sports and, of course, dancing and singing.



While we were at the school we noticed that the tap on the water connection had broken and Kenty Richardson, one of our visitors, paid to have it replaced. The trip to town to buy a new tap also gave us an opportunity to fix the school's broken keyboard.

We were also able to donate another laptop (bringing the total at the school to four), balls, maths books, a team football kit, netball bibs and maths books.



On a more serious note, we learnt that the community, and all the local schools, experienced a significant problem last term. In April/May the district suffered a severe drought. This led to a failure of crops and food prices almost doubled. Tea plantations stopped growing so there was no work for tea pickers (the main income generating activity in the area). As a result most families found it impossible to pay full school fees last term and the schools could not pay teachers their full salaries. The 11 teachers at Nyakeina School are currently owed a total of around £350.

And yet the teachers all continue teaching despite not being paid!

We hope to raise extra funds to make a one-off donation to alleviate the impacts of the drought by covering the salary short-fall so that the school can start next term with a clear balance sheet and the teachers can be fully paid.

Any extra donations would be much appreciated.

On a happier note we were able to announce that in September, thanks to additional donations from our Nyakeina Supporters, Omushana would make a contribution of nearly £2000 for the construction of the final two classrooms which the community has been working towards for months by making bricks and bringing rocks for the foundation and floor.



As soon as the donation was confirmed, 96 parents worked over 9 hours in one day to dismantle the last of the mud classes and dig and lay foundations for the new permanent building! These photos show the progress made within 1 week of the donation being sent. They hope to complete the classes within 2 weeks so that children have classes at the start of next term!





The latest photo – taken a week after construction started!

Thank you for your continued wonderful support.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at:
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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
KYESHERO COMMUNITY SECONDARY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
& THE SENIOR 3 CLASS**

Everyone continues to work so hard at Kyeshero School and as usual we have lots of exciting news to report.

We visited the school in August with several Omushana supporters from UK and Spain. It was great to see the community are continuing to fundraise locally and there are some great new developments.

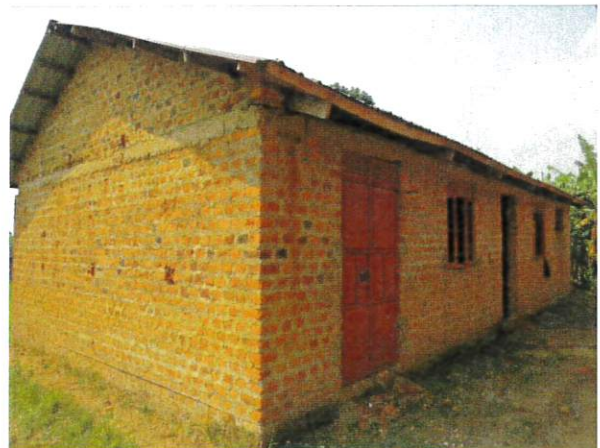
The supported class (S3) is doing well and the £4 subsidy on their fees continues to make a real difference. Everyone is hoping we can extend this support to other classes so if you know anyone that can also join the scheme please get them to contact us via the website or email (see below).



The visitors joined some lessons so that we could learn more about the education experience in Uganda!



The School Hall is now usable and we saw the S4 students doing their mock exams (equivalent of mock GCSEs). To register as an exam centre the school needs more desks and other items to complete the hall (as you can see in the photo – there is no floor yet!). It would be great if Omushana could help them achieve this goal as without it the students have to travel a long way to take exams which could affect their results.



We were able to take a donation of over £1000 raised by H2O for Life and Meole Brace School for the water tank and a further donation was given by one of our visitors – Kenty Richardson. Within days the project was underway and has now been completed in time for the rainy season. So the school now has access to clean water without walking far. And there is no more danger of typhoid infection which was such a risk in the local source they were using previously.



Other news:



- 13 more girls have received Omushana subsidized Afripads (sanitary products).
- Omushana donated more vocational equipment including saws for the carpentry classes.
- We also took donations of shoes and sports kits (thanks to the Richardson family, Kit Aid and Newnham School).



- Omushana is providing transport for school trips to our Community Library. Pupils have a chance fortnightly to reach the library for IT training and to read all the books. Each trip costs us £15 and the children appreciate it so much!

Our next major projects will be to expand our Class Support programme and to assist the school in completing their School Hall. We also hope to donate a water filter so that boiling water will not be necessary – this would save over £15 a week currently spent on firewood – and of course saves trees! The cost of one filter is only £60 so surely we can take them a filter by 2018?

Thank you once again for your continued support.

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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
MURUSHASHA COMMUNITY PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL**



In August, we took a group of 15 visitors to the school – by far the largest number of visitors to have ever been seen at Murushasha! Of course there was much celebrating with everyone joining in!



Special guests were Claire and Rosie Castle who have been supporting Omushana for many years through their fundraising at Newnham Junior School in London where Claire is a teacher and Rosie a former pupil. They really appreciated seeing how those funds have benefitted so many children. Pupils at Newnham School had sent shoes and filled pencil cases for the Murushasha pupils - Claire and Rosie were able to deliver these to the P5 class. The children appreciated these gifts so much and within a few days some of them had written letters of thanks along with a letter from the head boy on behalf of all the pupils – those letters and some gifts from the P5 class have been delivered to Newnham School.



It was fantastic to see the lovely new large blackboards in place in every classroom thanks to the donation made by the Unitarian Church in Shrewsbury. The school was also able to buy some stationary including receipt and accounting books which are helping them with their vital accountability and records.



Another exciting piece of news is that during our visit we were able to make the final payment on the land purchase which will allow the school to expand in future. After our initial deposit of 1 Million Shillings (around £230), the local community had raised a wonderful 1.1 Million Shillings (over £250) and Omushana contributed the final balance of 810,000 Shillings (£185). Huge thanks as always to Newnham School, Kathy James and Isa.

We were also able to announce that, with the help of H2O for Life in USA and Omushana's generous supporters (including, once again, Newnham School), we now have the funds to construct the much-needed water tank. We hope this will be completed by the height of the rainy season in October so that the tank can be filled.

The next challenge will be the construction of some permanent classrooms for which the parents are busy making bricks.



Everyone at the school sends you a big THANK YOU.



**Best wishes from everyone at
Murushasha School and Omushana, Sunshine for Children**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING
RUSHAGA COMMUNITY NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Omushana has been supporting Rushaga School for several years but this is the first newsletter for supporters who have selected this project to benefit from their donations.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

In the past we have helped the school by providing text books and reading books and school materials like exercise books, pens and pencils as well as desks and classroom roofs. We have also given the children clothes and toys which are much appreciated in this remote village.



In August we were able to visit the school at the end of the second term. Everyone was in great spirits. We saw the new classroom which had been roofed thanks to another visitor to the school and had some great discussions about the next priorities for the school. Another new classroom is needed by the start of next school year (in February 2018) to accommodate the new P6 class. The community has already laid the foundations. And the school is also in desperate need of new latrines. Text books are always needed and P5 asked us especially to send more story books for them as they love reading. Of course balls are also requested by the whole school!



Newly roofed classroom



One of the existing latrines

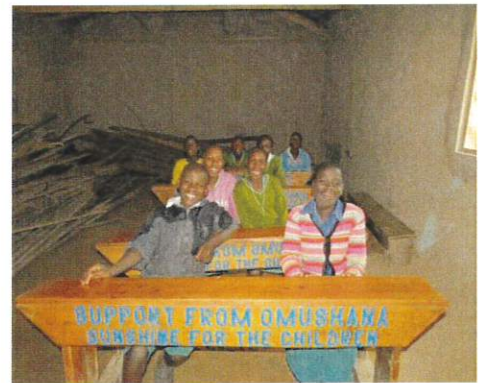


Pupils and staff enjoy sports

We learnt that Omushana's newly established "fee top up" scheme for primary school classes (P1-P5) has been very popular. This scheme sees Omushana paying the final 15,000 Shillings (approx. £3) of any child's school fees if the first 36,000 (approx. £7) have been paid within 1 month of term starting. The benefits of the scheme are that pupils receive a fee subsidy which makes the school affordable and the school is more likely to receive fees at the start of a term. This is working really well and over 40 of the children paid the required part of their fees promptly last term (a huge increase on previous terms). Another benefit is that more village pupils are attending school – registration was up around 30 pupils last term as parents can afford the fees now. Thanks to our regular supporters as well as Trinity School, Ford, who have sent donations which make this support possible.

It was lovely to spend time again in August with the top class in the school – P5. There are currently 9 pupils in this class, 8 of whom were present:

Alan who likes Maths and hopes to become a doctor
Levis who likes Science and hopes to become a nurse
Charity who likes English and hopes to become a lawyer
Juliet who likes games and hopes to become a nurse
Aniset who likes football and hopes to become a pilot
Arson who likes Maths and hopes to become an engineer
Nicolas who likes Maths and hopes to become a teacher
Stedia who likes English and hopes to become a teacher.



A visitor to the school recently paid for connection to electricity which has now reached Rushaga. This is great news for the school! To celebrate, Omushana donated them a laptop to help with school administration and to give pupils have the chance to learn basic IT skills.



Our next priorities at Rushaga Community Primary School, if funds allow, will be to continue the "Fee Top Up" programme, help complete the roof on the new classroom, provide latrines (in partnership with H2O for Life) and provide books.

Thank you so much for your continued support

*Best wishes from everyone at
Rushaga Community Nursery & Primary School and Omushana, Sunshine
for Children.*