

FRIENDS OF MIKOROSHONI PRIMARY SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1085334

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-03-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS ATTENDING MIKOROSHONI PRIMARY SCHOOL SHANZU VILLAGE MOMBASA KENYA BY THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT FACILITIES AND AMENITIES WHICH WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE PROVIDED AND TO SUPPORT SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHOOL AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE

Activities: To advance the education of the pupils attending Mikoroshoni Primary School Shanzu Village Mombasa Kenya by the provision of equipment facilities and amenities which would not otherwise be provided and to support such charitable purposes in connection with the school as the trustees shall from time to time determine.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SHANZU VILLAGE BAMBURI MOMBASA KENYA
- Kenya
- Manchester City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£35,585	£43,570	-	-
2024-03-31	£28,242	£38,494	-	-
2023-03-31	£28,567	£40,338	-	-
2022-03-31	£26,619	£35,227	-	-
2021-03-31	£37,716	£20,112	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
EVELYN ANN LYALL	Chair	
DENNIS MWAKULUA		2016-04-06
JOHN EDWARD BROOKER		
JOHN LYALL		
Lee Wolf		2016-01-13
Peter Anthony Allonby		2023-07-22

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Balance as at 1st April 2024

Current Account £682,56
Skipton BS £2,484,46

United Trust Dep Acct, Int £19,466,27

£22,633,29

This balance sheet shows a true representation of the income & expenditure of Friends of Mikoroshoni Primary School. A tough year in which several changes in educational policy by the Kenya Education Department has had a negative impact on the charities finances as they try to adhere to them. Various unexpected costs necessary due to building alterations deemed necessary to uphold the registration of the school. The need to continue with the feeding programme for the children was seen as absolutely necessary for the welfare of the children, however increases to the cost of the feed is in fact draining the charities ability to provide a long term sustainable funding. Alternatives are being sought but currently the long term future of the charity is under threat.

Report prepared by outgoing Treasurer & trustee of MPS. 1st May 2025



Income
Donations 19309,43
Charity Platforms 1571,56
Grants / Trust Funds etc 0
Bank Interest / Compensation 11660,21
Feeding Programme 8970
HMRC 4348,13

Expenses

Transfers to Kenya 43300
(wages, school expenses, feeding prog, secondary sponsorship)
Bank charges 50
Expenses 220,68
(admin: postage, stationary, text books)

United Trust Dep Acct, Int -£10,277,69

£35,581,64

43570,68

Balance as at **31/03/2025**

Current Account £646,72
United Trust Dep Acct (Fxd Rate) £14,001,03
Skipton BS

Account closed & transferred into Skipton

Finance year end £58,214,93

Balances

14647,75
£ 58,218,43

Notes:
Administration costs = 0,62 as a %age of income for 23/24
Bank charges = 0,14 as a %age of income for 23/24
Donations received = 54,27 as a %age of income for 23/24
Income from Charity Platforms = 4,42 as a %age of income for 23/24
Income from Grants / Trusts 0,00 as a %age of income for 23/24
Bank Interest 32,77 as a %age of income for 23/24
Feeding Programme Specific 25,21 as a %age of income for 23/24
HMRC Gift Aid 12,22 as a %age of income for 23/24
Transfer to Kenya = 0,03 as a %age of income for 21/22

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Balance as at 1st April 2023

Current Account	123.21
Skipton BS	13699.92
Shawbrook Dep Acct, Int	10439.9
United Trust Dep Acct, Int	8631.5
	<u>32894.53</u>

Income		Expenses	
Donations	17070	Transfers to Kenya	38350
Charity Platforms	2237.24	(wages; school expenses; feeding prog; secondary sponsorship)	
Grants / Trust Funds etc	1307		
Bank Interest / Compensation	204.54		
Feeding Programme	3704.53	Bank charges	50
HMRC	3341.51	Expenses	94.66
Shawbrook Dep Acct, Int	42.83	(admin; postage; stationary; text books)	
United Trust Dep Acct, Int	334.77		
	<u>28242.42</u>		<u>38494.66</u>

Balance as at **31/03/2024**

Current Account	£691.56	
United Trust Dep Acct (Fxd Rate)	£2,484.46	
Skipton BS	£0.00	
Shawbrook Dep Acct	£19,466.27	
United Trust Dep Acct		
	<u>22642.29</u>	Closed account Aug 2023
	<u>£ 61,136.95</u>	

Finance year end £61,136.95

Balances

Note:

Administration costs =	0.34	as a %age of income for 23/24
Bank charges =	0.18	as a %age of income for 23/24
Donations received =	60.44	as a %age of income for 23/24
Income from Charity Platforms =	7.92	as a %age of income for 23/24
Income from Grants / Trusts	4.63	as a %age of income for 23/24
Bank Interest	0.72	as a %age of income for 23/24
Feeding Programme Specific	13.12	as a %age of income for 23/24
HMRC Gift Aid	11.83	as a %age of income for 23/24
Transfer to Kenya =	0.04	as a %age of income for 21/22

08/05/2024

Year started well with volunteers girl guides from UK arriving and help painting of the play area, they also managed to provide funds for the makuti roof covering which could provide any area for the children to sit during the administration of the national exams as well as be used for many other functions. Their voluntary assistance is much appreciated.

The school had to replace the old water tank, which had collapsed during the year.

End of term exams took place between 13th & 17th April.

School reopened on 8th May & by 10th May all pupils had returned. In total at this stage the school has 176 pupils. All teaching staff returned.

Further repairs were made in the school to the damaged toilet furniture, and also some of the wiring around the school.

In July an assessment project for grade 4 & 5 was undertaken which covered a variety of activities.

Children continue to receive flour, juice & biscuits from very kind sponsors in the UK.

Mid term & end of term assessments were carried out in October. As well as national assessments for grade 3,4 & 5. The school closed 1 week earlier in October to allow for preparation of KPCE & KPSEA assessments.

Trustees Evelyn & John visited the school in October and witnessed the distribution of flour and other gifts of pencils & rubbers etc. They returned to the school in February 2024 and made various observations about the operation in the school which will be addressed at a later date.

The financial aspect of the school is causing some concern, overall assets at the end of the financial year were £22640 compared to £32890 the previous year. Whilst we are currently continuing with the feeding of the children (one meal per day) the cost of this is approximately £8500 per year and there is no longer a sponsor for this (as in previous years) this is therefore draining the assets of the charity. Whilst income received from sponsor donations and other sources some of the costs at the school have increased, including the NSSF payments imposed (which are mandatory), the charity has been forced to relinquish part of its' investment assets, resulting in less income for the future. The trustees are striving to find solutions to this problem, but if current funding & expenditure remains then the school will extinguish funds by approximately 2026 /2027! Some tough decisions will have to be made and are under discussion at present.



K.Trinnaman – Trustee & Treasurer, Friends of MPS. (08/5/24)

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Balance as at 1st April 2022

Current Account	19806.92
Shawbrook Dep Acct, Int	16343.47
United Trust Dep Acct, Int	8515.59
Skipton BS	0
	<u>44665.98</u>

<u>Income</u>	
Donations	15111.45
Charity Platforms	2624.95
Grants / Trust Funds etc	3625
Bank Interest / Compensation	0
Feeding Programme	3673.88
HMRC	3265.66
Shawbrook Dep Acct, Int	96.43
United Trust Dep Acct, Int	115.91
Skipton BS Interest	53.92
	<u>28567.2</u>

Expenses

Transfers to Kenya	40000
(wages; school expenses; feeding prog; secondary sponsorship)	
Bank charges	50
Expenses	288.65
(admin: postage; stationary; text books)	
	<u>40338.65</u>

Balance as at **31/03/2021** **Year End**

Current Account	123.21
Skipton BS	13699.92
Shawbrook Dep Acct	10439.9
United Trust Dep Acct	8631.5
	<u>£19,071.40</u>


£73,233.18

Balances

32894.53
£ 73,233.18

Note:

Administration costs =	1.01	as a %age of income for 21/22
Bank charges =	0.18	as a %age of income for 21/22
Donations received =	53.09	as a %age of income for 21/22
Income from Charity Platforms =	9.19	as a %age of income for 21/22
Income from Grants / Trusts	12.69	as a %age of income for 21/22
Bank Interest	0.00	as a %age of income for 21/22
Feeding Programme Specific	12.86	as a %age of income for 21/22
HMRC Gift Aid	11.43	as a %age of income for 21/22
Transfer to Kenya =	0.04	as a %age of income for 21/22


Trustee + Treasurer
26/5/22

Friends of Mikoroshoni Primary School – Annual Report 2022/23

A reasonable year for all at MPS with all working hard. For the past couple of years the school year in Kenya has been condensed into 4 terms with shorter holidays, instead of the usual 3 terms. This is so that the pupils can make up for the lost 2 terms in 2020 because of Covid.

As with everything around the world, costs especially of food are rising rapidly. However it is still seen as essential for all the children at Mikoroshoni to receive their free meal each day. The families living in poverty in Kenya are finding it harder and harder to be able to buy food for even one meal a day. There has been serious drought problems in parts of Kenya and many of the crops have failed.

Difficulties are experienced in trying to recruit teachers (2 teachers have left in the past 12 months, for better paid posts in Government schools). A new Deputy Headteacher was appointed from within the existing staff.

MPS has been in existence for 26 years and the 'new building' was constructed in 2005, However, buildings in Kenya deteriorate much quicker than in the UK which is caused by the very hot, dry and humid conditions. Over the past 12 months we have had several maintenance issues which have been expensive but necessary to repair.

MPS started the new year (2023) with 272 children in school, with 25 new children in the nursery class all selected from the very poorest families in the community. Trustees visits to the school have continued, with visits in April, November and March.

The charity is extremely grateful to the support given by our sponsors, without this support the charity would not survive. We have average yearly running costs of £40,000 plus and the strain on finances is increasing. Support from our 'partner' sponsors such as Euxton CofE Primary School is invaluable as these links are providing better understanding of different cultures throughout both schools. MPS are also grateful of the support received from various Rotary clubs in the UK, and especially appreciative of the support individual sponsors give throughout the year.

MPS are continually looking at ways in which whatever assets we have are maximised, this year we have opened a charity account (easy access) with Skipton BS which attracts a reasonable amount of interest & is producing a source of extra income to the tune of £100 / £200 extra yearly. The charity's year end figures shows an asset balance of just under £33k, which is a decrease on previous years and reflects the increased costs we are having to cover. The longer standing holding accounts, whilst paying a reasonable interest rate had to be drawn down by £6000 to cover increasing costs.

MPS is continually looking at ways to reduce costs and attract more sponsors and will continue to do so.



K.Trinnaman – Trustee & Treasurer, Friends of MPS. (26/5/23)

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Annual Report for Mikoroshoni Primary School April 2021 – March 2022

This has proved yet another testing year for MPS with the Covid-19 pandemic still having great effect especially in Kenya and more locally around the school.

One of our trustees was due to visit in late March 2021 but due to the travel restrictions in place at the time this visit had to be put on hold & will be rescheduled in due course.

Following the disruption of the previous year there was a restructuring of the school year which meant some classes were held back & repeated the previous terms learning with the aim of starting a new school year in July 2021, grade 1 to 8, for that school year group the KCPE exams will take place in March 2022. Following this a new academic year will start in April 2022 when we will be working towards the Kenyan Government aim of running 6 primary classes and a new curriculum at the beginning of January 2023. Some of the pre-primary did not return to school after the resumption therefore we had 15 children in this category, all of whom had to have a Unique Personal Information (UPI) issued on production of their birth certificate and entered in the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS). With the staffing situation at the school MPS can accommodate up to 20 children in the PP class. Throughout the school year MPS had approximately 280 children in attendance.

At the end of March 2022 MPS is employing 11 teaching staff, including our head teacher, 2 caretaking staff and 2 cooks (on temporary basis).

In March the Standard 8 exams took place in the state school of Majaoni (due to the smaller class size at MPS), MPS cooks prepared food for the children who ate it in the break between morning & afternoon exams. The new academic school year will start on 25/4/22 when the school will have 7 months to teach a full year's curriculum so that by January 2023 MPS will be ready to undertake the new curriculum as guided by the Kenya Education Department reducing down to 6 grade classes plus the PPI class. New grade 6 text books were purchased and delivered in readiness for the new year.

There are various repairs required to the structure of the school these include rebuilding of the water tank structure; repairs to concrete posts on the perimeter wall; the cooking area requires some shelter for the cooks to get some respite from the heat; the toilet areas for the boys and girls have cracked or missing sinks & urinals that must be repaired; general painting and sprucing up required; children's chairs with missing or cracked backs that need repair. All these matters were discussed at a zoom meeting in February and an action plan agreed upon.

The weather in Kenya around January through to March was bad and a long drought was experienced, this in turn brought great hunger to many families. MPS continues with the feeding programme which gives some relief to the children attending.

As mentioned in our last annual report a school in Chorley (Euxton CofE Primary School) made contact and wish to 'partner' MPS, this was furthered greatly by 2 of our trustees visiting Euxton and giving presentations to all classes (separately) giving the history & background to the school. This was really well received and the 2 schools have been working closer together, with various fundraising activities done by Euxton and also various exchanges of information by children from both schools.

Due to the lack of trustee visits a zoom meeting was set up between the trustees and the Head Teacher and his manager, this took place in August and proved a very fruitful exchange of information. The Covid situation was explored & it was revealed how difficult it is in Kenya for people to get vaccinations, it also transpired how many (including our teachers) are fearful of taking the vaccination. We were able to explore works that may be required at the school building, and also discuss many topics that usually get covered when any of our trustees visit.

It was agreed that zoom meetings were a very good vehicle to talk about ongoing & upcoming issues the school has to face and further meetings of this sort would follow.

Our Head Teacher (Joshua) had the honour of being awarded a Paul Harris Fellow Award by Rotary Club of Middleton. Due to the travel restrictions the award was presented via a zoom meeting and Joshua was humbled and much honoured by the award. The actual certificate and badge was eventually taken out in person in December when 2 of our trustees were able to visit.

Due to Virgin Money Giving announcing their withdrawal from charity platforms and new platform was registered with, MPS are now utilising the services of Just Giving – the switch to this service went relatively smoothly.

As far as the balance sheet is concerned there was a reduction in income received from donations, MPS also spent more in Kenya in an effort to overcome the effect that Covid had the previous year. As a result the charity ended the year with approximately 17% less in terms of tangible assets. The charity has continued to keep administration costs down below 1% so sponsors are comforted by the fact that 99% of money received is spent solely on the schooling and upkeep of the building in Shanzu. Whilst we monitor closely the spend on the school there is very little more we can cut back on and the Trustees remain eternally grateful to the supporters who continue to donate to our cause.

The trustees for MPS would like also to express their thanks to all the staff and support workers who continue to work hard, in what has been a difficult year, their efforts are much appreciated and bring hope for the future of all the children that attend the school.

Report compiled by K Trinnaman, Trustee & Treasurer of Mikoroshoni Primary School. 08/02/2022.

Balance as at 1st April 2021

Current Account 28592.05
 Shawbrook Dep Acct, Int 16247.61
 United Trust Dep Acct, Int 8434.61

53274.27

Income
 Donations 14314.57
 Charity Platforms 3692.59
 Grants / Trust Funds etc 505
 Bank Interest / Compensation 0
 Feeding Programme 3470.19
 HMRC 4459.46
 Shawbrook Dep Acct, Int 95.86
 United Trust Dep Acct, Int 80.98

26618.65

Expenses
 Transfers to Kenya 35000
 (wages; school expenses; feeding prog; secondary sponsorship)
 Bank charges 40
 Expenses 186.94
 (admin: postage; stationary; text books)

35226.94

Balance as at **31/03/2022**

Current Account

19806.92

Shawbrook Dep Acct
 United Trust Dep Acct

16343.47
 8515.59

£79,892.92

Balances

44665.98
£ 79,892.92

Note:

Administration costs = 0.70 as a %age of income for 21/22
 Bank charges = 0.15 as a %age of income for 21/22
 Donations received = 53.78 as a %age of income for 21/22
 Income from Charity Platforms = 13.87 as a %age of income for 21/22
 Income from Grants / Trusts 1.90 as a %age of income for 21/22
 Bank Interest 0.00 as a %age of income for 21/22
 Feeding Programme Specific 13.04 as a %age of income for 21/22
 HMRC Gift Aid 16.75 as a %age of income for 21/22
 Transfer to Kenya = 131.49 as a %age of income for 21/22

22/4/22

Accounts examined

are on accurate account
 expenditure + receipts for the

TREASURER TIPS

FRIENDS OF MIKOROSHONI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Balance as at 1st April 2020

Current Account	0
Reserve Account	11286.75
Shawbrook Dep Acct, Int	16070.92
United Trust Dep Acct, Int	<u>8312.65</u>
	<u>35670.32</u>

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Donations	15814.3		
Charity Platforms	5105.26	Transfers to Kenya	20000
Grants / Trust Funds etc	5602	(wages; school expenses; feeding prog; secondary sponsorship)	
Bank Interest / Compensation	1754.68		
Feeding Programme	4485.4	Bank charges	49.5
HMRC	4655.87	Expenses	62.71
Shawbrook Dep Acct, Int	176.69	(admin: postage; stationary; text books)	
United Trust Dep Acct, Int	121.96		
	<u>37716.16</u>		<u>20112.21</u>

Balance as at **(Current - 31/3/21)**

Current Account 28592.05 (Now with Co-op)

Shawbrook Dep Acct 16247.61
 United Trust Dep Acct 8434.61

53274.27
£ 73,386.48
 Balances

Finance year end

£73,386.48

Note:

Administration costs =	0.17	as a %age of income for 20/21
Bank charges =	0.13	as a %age of income for 20/21
Donations received =	41.93	as a %age of income for 20/21
Income from Charity Platforms =	13.54	as a %age of income for 20/21
Income from Grants / Trusts	14.85	as a %age of income for 20/21
Bank Interest	4.65	as a %age of income for 20/21
Feeding Programme Specific	11.89	as a %age of income for 20/21
HMRC Gift Aid	12.34	as a %age of income for 20/21
Transfer to Kenya =	53.03	as a %age of income for 20/21

Annual Report for Mikoroshoni Primary School April 2020 – March 2021

Towards the end of MPS financial year 2019/20 the Covid-19 pandemic hit the world, Kenya followed the world with lock down procedures and announce in March that all schools were to close with immediate effect. MPS have had to take certain measures to ensure security of the school is maintained whilst this is in place, and have also put in place a financial policy which allows for a retention payment for teachers during this period. These are unprecedented & very uncertain times, however MPS trustees are doing all possible to protect the finances, security & longevity of the school in readiness for when the school is to re-open.

We have attempted to maintain links with our teaching staff throughout the pandemic and since April have been paying staff a 'retention' wage which is a significant reduction from their normal wage, this has been done in an effort to protect the income, through donations, which we have been receiving. The trustees also made the decision of providing 10 bags of ugali flour to every teacher each month during the pandemic to ensure that they have a supply of food. MPS Head Teacher has agreed to ensure this flour gets delivered to the teachers each month

In May we received feedback from our Head Teacher, Joshua, with regard to the situation in Kenya relating to the pandemic. The school remains closed by order of the Government. It was reported that this was the 55th day that curfew has been imposed and originally the curfew was supposed to end early June! The number of cases reported by 19/5/20 was 953 with 50 deaths, the incidents are rising with the most affected area's being 1) Kilifi 2) Mombasa 3) Mandera 4) Nairobi. These counties are in total lockdown with people unable to travel to other counties. No-one is allowed to move outside their house between 7pm & 5am if they do and are found by the police they will be punished and taken to forced isolation for a period of 14 days.

Businesses are suffering tremendously, education is not easily accessible for all especially the children of MPS as they do not have internet access & therefore cannot receive home learning from the school, indeed their priority is getting food to eat which is something that could be provided if they were attending school at MPS.

In June the Kenya Government Ministers made an announcement that the KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) and KCSE (Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education) exams have been postponed from this October to April of next year.

In July the feedback we had from Joshua indicated a worsening of the situation with the number of cases still rising, the belief now is that the school will probably not re-open until January 2021 at the earliest and we await government advice on this. Locust swarms have affected many counties, floods have also been responsible for 250 people being swept away, and there has been a dramatic increase in pregnancy rates from many young children. These are very tough times for the area surrounding the school. However there has been some relaxation of lockdown rules around Mombasa with inter county travel being opened up & some internal flights resuming, the 9pm to 5am curfew still remains though.

In September we received potential plans for the return of schools, starting with year 8's toward the tail end of October. However these plans seemed to change every other day and so whilst plans were being made no definite arrangements can be made until confirmation is received by the Kenyan government. Provision of personal protection equipment will be necessary when the return is approved therefore Joshua is starting to source the equipment needed.

In the second week of October we were able to reopen the school, before doing so we had to give the school a thorough cleanse throughout and also train all staff on the Covid regulation measures set out by the Kenya government's education department. This being done we were able to introduce 2 classes (grade 4 & grade 8) back into the school, 54 pupils returned. During October the trustees met online to discuss the longevity of the school, given the financial pressures that are being felt by the charity, basically at the current rate of average donations received the long term future of the school is at risk. It was decided that we must try to

maintain the key learning groups i.e. grade 1 through to 8, however the kindergarten classes were not essential classes in the school and therefore these may cease when the school resumed fully. The classes had not attended since lockdown last March and would have to effectively start their year again. The result of this meant, after consultation with head teacher Joshua, that sadly 4 teaching roles would need to be terminated. These were notified in December. A review of this will be made at the end of the financial year to establish the best way forward for the long term sustainability of the school.

On a more positive note, we were contacted by a school in Chorley, Euxton C of E Primary school, the year 3 class are keen on exploring a 'partnership' with MPS whereby both parties can benefit from the understanding of how the different cultures work in the educational sense. Euxton see this as a long-term partnership and we are exploring different ideas & projects that we may be able to engage in. Initially planned was a day in December whereby the children receive some juice & a biscuit (courtesy of Euxton PS), a tradition at Euxton where apparently the year 3 children always serve the rest of their school with chocolate drinks at Christmas time, so they wish to share this day with MPS and exchange photos & videos. A great way to introduce each other. The day went well.

2021 started with the school still operating under strict Covid guidelines which obviously puts a strain on the staffing arrangements and also the finances of the charity. 252 children attending classes grade 1 to grade 8. However due to the restrictions with regard to social distancing we have had to split the classes to allow space in classrooms. As such we are having to run morning and afternoon classes. Taking temperatures as children enter the school, ensuring they wash hands, use sanitisers and are wearing masks – our teaching staff are doing a wonderful job given the circumstances. January also saw us resume our feeding programme so are happy that the children are getting at least one meal a day. Between 18th and 22nd January students in grade 1 to 7 did their national assessments set from the government education department, so we will be able to measure how the children have coped without schooling for almost 10 months.

MPS treasurer, Keith, started a 'virtual' walk from Lands End to John o'Groats to raise funds for our feeding programme. The distance is 874 miles and he is walking between 5 & 7 miles on average a day (sometimes more!), then logging the miles on the 'endtoend' challenge website which plots his progress. The original target for funds raised was £874 & this was more than exceeded, by the end of March almost £1300 had been raised.

MPS were fortunate to be invited to take part in an online International Rally held by the Rotary District 1285. 27 charities, small & large, took part and were each given up to 6 minutes to present the works of their charity. MPS get good support from Rotary clubs and very much appreciated this opportunity to raise further awareness of the school.

As MPS approached the Easter break, the government yet again announced all schools were to close, due to Covid-19, until further notice. We are hopeful, and in fact planning, for a return on May 10th and further that the situation regarding Covid-19 eases somewhat for the future.

The pandemic has had a clear effect on the finances of the charity but by making tough decisions on spend MPS has maintained a reasonable balance in the accounts. The charity, as always, is so appreciative of the continuous donations given by long term and some new supporters. We are pleased yet again to report that over 98% of all donations are used directly for the school. The trustees took the decision to switch banks from Nat West to the Co-operative Bank, partly due to the ethical policy of the Co-op and partly due to a switching fee incentive. This change-over took place at the end of December and no problems were experienced.

Sadly, again due to the pandemic, trustee visits to the school were not possible and this is something we hope will resume during the next year. However the trustees maintain very good links over the internet with the head teacher and are managing to advise on any issues arise.