

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 years 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; childrens 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

Expenses

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

26618.65

35226.94

Balance as at 31/03/2022

Current Account

19806.92

Shawbrook Dep Acct
United Trust Dep Acct

16343.47
8515.59

Balances

44665.98
£ 79,892.92

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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

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