Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter

Dear <<First Name>>

Christmas is fast approaching, but before we all get immersed in the festive season, we thought you might enjoy reading about our recent activities.

Kind regards

Clare Junak
General Manager

Shipments to Tanzania, Malawi and South Africa

In June, we shipped resources to the remote Bukoba region of Tanzania, in partnership with Computers4Africa. The beneficiaries were diverse: two primary schools, eight secondary schools, a vocational college and a university, reaching over 5,000 students.

On 6 September, we closed the doors on a 20ft container of books, furniture and supplies bound for 18 Malawian primary schools.

On 6 November, we sent a container to Johannesburg, where volunteers will distribute the books to 18 schools.

Friends of School Aid: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Vital for any charity is to establish a dependable revenue stream, and with that in mind, this autumn, we launched our Friends of School Aid campaign.

This Christmas we ask if you would consider supporting our work by making a regular donation. Your money will help to give the children in Africa a very special gift: the chance to progress, gain an education and the possibility of an independent and better life.

To find out more, please follow the link below. Thank you.

Tanzanian Ambassador visits School Aid

On 25 September, School Aid staff attended an evening organised by the Britain Tanzania Society, celebrating 50 years of Tanzania's nationhood. The guest speaker was His Excellency Dr Diodorus
Kamala, Tanzanian Ambassador to the Benelux countries and the European Union. The following day, accompanied by Said Surur, Chairperson of the Tanzania Association London, His Excellency visited our warehouse and met volunteers. He thanked School Aid, on behalf of his country, for the work that we do and generously offered his support in developing School Aid's links in Tanzania.

**Fundraising Events**

In September we entered a crew in the Dragon Boat Challenge held at Kingston-upon-Thames. School Aid finished an impressive 12th out of 45 crews over three timed races – and raised over £1,000.

October saw our Jubilee Celebration Dinner in the Long Room at Lord’s Cricket Ground. Archbishop Walter Makhulu, gave a moving and poignant speech based on his personal experiences in Africa and finished by saying grace in English and Setswana. It was an entertaining and successful evening, raising over £50,000, a great contribution towards our annual costs of nearly £140,000.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE**

Pupils from schools in the UK and Africa entered a competition to design a Christmas card to accompany cards produced by our professional artist, Diane Lilley. I hope you agree they are a wonderful representation of the festive season. Congratulations to the winners.

Please support us by purchasing your cards from our website or when you visit the warehouse.

UK deliveries only, 10 cards for £4.50 plus postage.