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Welcome

Welcome to our latest newsletter. What a start to the year it has been. The teams in both the UK and Africa have been hard at work, with amazing results. We have so much planned this year we're sure it will be another hugely successful one. We would like to thank all of our volunteers and supporters, because it's only with your help that we can do what we do.

Africa News

Lesotho

Christmas was not a quiet time for School Aid. We sent a shipment to Lesotho that arrived on the 26th December in Maseru at the World Vision warehouse. Our partner NGO Sentebale was in charge of distribution, with the Maseru Rotary Club and Dolen Cymru also delivering to their 39 schools. The Maseru Rotary Club and Dolen Cymru collected all the books and delivered them to their project schools. We have already received some wonderful feedback:



"We wish to express our sincere gratitude as a school on the books we received from your organization. This has been a great help since our learners are currently equipped with material to enhance their learning as it's even varied from what they have always used. This came at the right time when the national curriculum is changing demanding students to do more research and discovery."

— *Head teacher, Makhethisa High School*

South Africa

School Aid is so proud to have our first South Africa Project Manager, Michael Makwela. Already Mike has made a significant difference and has created a School Aid Library Assistants course sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm with others. We all look forward to hearing more about his on going achievements.



Heatherdale Library

We are very excited that our new library at Heatherdale Primary School opened its doors on 16th March 2015. We are really happy to be working on this project with The Bookery, whose mission is to give children access to libraries in order to improve literacy and numeracy. We will be working with them on future projects.

Breadline Africa

School Aid has worked with Breadline Africa by supplying their Mandela Day Libraries with books. The books left the warehouse in January and are currently being delivered to selected libraries.



UK News

Next Shipments

As always we have been busy in the warehouse. We have a shipment heading to South Africa this month, one to Malawi next month and a shipment packed and ready for sending to Tanzania too. Watch this space for news of their arrival.

Supporting Sports

School Aid is very grateful for the donation from the Wimbledon Foundation. They have generously given us sports equipment that we can spread amongst all our shipments. We hope this partnership will continue to grow.

School Aid is very happy to be working with Kit Aid who has kindly donated a great deal of kit that we have packed into our new shipments. We are looking forward to all the photos of the children in the kit.



Lions Club

The Lions Club of the British Isles and Ireland have just announced that they will be supporting School Aid's Malawi programme as part of their international literacy theme. Local Lions Clubs across the UK have been fundraising to help support reading projects and libraries in Malawi, and we look forward to working in partnership with Lions over the coming years.

Bassenthwaite Primary School

We are so lucky to have such support from so many schools in the UK. Over the years the School Aid message has spread throughout the UK but no one was more surprised when we heard about Bassenthwaite Primary School and Ducklings Nursery in Cumbria who were not only collecting for School Aid but used the story of posting the package to us as a way of showing the children how the Royal Mail works. This is such a heart warming story that it put a smile on everyone's faces in the office!

Everything Else

The School Run

Please don't forget our School Run is on Sunday 5th July 2015 in Gerrards Cross. It's a fun day out for all, no matter your ability. You can enter individually or as a team at:

www.school-aid.org/school-run

Martha Ware will be running the School Run to fundraise for us, so if you can't join us on the day and would like to donate, please visit her [JustGiving page](#).



Spare Craft Supplies

School Aid would really like any craft supplies for the children in our programme to enjoy and develop their creative skills. Do you have any spare pencils, crayons or craft equipment or know anyone who does?

Donations

If you would like to support our work you can [donate online](#) or post a cheque to the office.



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