

# News from the Lakeshore

## Bbale Village, Nabugabo, Uganda

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016



Most sincere greetings to all sponsors, supporters and friends,



The new academic year began here last Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> following a 'peaceful' Presidential election process.

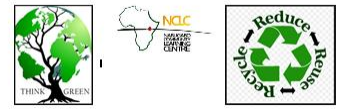
All here at the school are in great form and happy as a family to be back together once again.

The sound of learning and laughter from all the staff and children is simply uplifting for everyone.



Everyone at school decided that one of our first tasks, after a two month long break, must be to clean up the community. Over the course of one morning 100 children with their teachers combed the area making it pristine. There is no waste disposal here so all rubbish must be burned which we did at night - some 200+ plastic bottles inevitably gave off noxious gases!

The following pictures probably tell a better story of the great work the children undertook which also mobilised many community members to join in the clean-up, including our two police officers. The community is now committed to making this a monthly event for everyone.



HOW LONG UNTIL IT'S GONE?	
Glass bottle	1 million years
Manufactured fishing line	600 years
Plastic beverage bottles	450 years
Disposable diapers	450 years
Aluminum can	80-200 years
Formed plastic kiddy	80 years
Rubber boot sole	50-60 years
Formed plastic cup	50 years
Tin can	50 years
Leather	30-40 years
Nylon fabric	20-30 years
Plastic film canister	10-20 years
Plastic bag	1-5 years
Cigarette filter	1-5 years
Wood sock	1-5 years
Plywood	1-3 years
Waxed milk carton	3 months
Apple core	2 months
Newspaper	6 weeks
Orange or banana peel	2-5 weeks
Paper towel	2-4 weeks

Sources: U.S. National Park Service, Mike Marino Ltd., Saratoga, FL and "Garbage in, Garbage Out," Audubon magazine, September 1996



Special thanks to Paula and Max from South Africa for joining us for a week. Their enthusiasm was infectious and they accomplished much ... from building a new climbing frame to helping to look after and rehabilitate an orphaned baby vervet monkey.

Good luck on your drive back to the Cape.



Sadly, malaria and typhoid continue to strike this area, often hand in hand. This is a sad, sometimes fatal, never-ending story. Nevertheless, these are problems that be will resolved somehow with some help. The remarkable assistance of schools around the world has already made many positive and significant changes here

One very recent amazing example of young people 'Making Change Happen' is the work of Pangbourne College, U.K. The note below copied from the school's web site tells the story well. Massive congratulations to Colin Hearn for driving this initiative forward and Sir Ranulph Fiennes for supporting this project ... and especially all the students, staff and friends of the school who enabled this to happen.

The community here is aware of your work and sends heartfelt thanks. We look forward to greeting the Pangbourne Expedition Team in July; you are guaranteed of an exceptionally warm welcome, open arms and great adventures. Your assistance with health care projects will truly be life-saving. Webale nnyo, nnyo, nnyo ... Thank you so, so much!

## UGANDA CHARITY DINNER RAISES £18,000 FOR NABUGABO COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE

'The World's Greatest Living Explorer', Sir Ranulph Fiennes, was guest speaker at the Uganda Charity Night Dinner hosted in February by Pangbourne College for 200 guests in which £19,387.65 (84,385,857.17 Uganda Shillings) was raised to support the work of Nabugabo Community Learning Centre, which is based in the Masaka District of Uganda. The Centre, which was founded in 2013, provides invaluable education, nutritious food and life-changing facilities for over 70 children.



Since 2014, Pangbourne College has developed links with this Centre and the money raised from the Dinner will go towards educational materials, uniforms, games kits and building materials.

Additionally, this year, for the first time, 32 Pangbourne College students aged 16 to 18 years old will join 5 members of staff led by Mr Colin Hearn and spend 3 weeks there, helping to teach English, build homes, and run community sports events. It is hoped that their visit will be the first of many annual trips of Pangbourne College students to Nabugabo.



All those planning to visit the Centre in Summer 2016 helped host the evening and among the silent auction lots were two very special paintings with an African feel to them and one pencil drawing of Sir Ranulph Fiennes, also signed by him, by Upper Sixth student, Phoebe Hessian.

Mr Colin Hearn, who has visited Nabugabo Community Learning Centre over three times over the last two years, said, "As Nelson Mandela said, 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' I am over the moon that with the generosity of parents, past parents, old girls and boys, as well as members of the local Pangbourne community, we have been able to raise such a large sum for Nabugabo at this dinner.



To have Sir Ranulph Fiennes as our guest speaker was the icing on the cake. With amazing determination, he has achieved so much in his life time and is a great example to those of us who have dreams of exploration work."

Sotogrande International School (Spain) was instrumental in literally building the foundations for NCLC and their support has been unwavering for over four years.



Sincere thanks to Valentina Sterling, Director of the Kindred Project, the school's own NGO, Kerry Wickersham for his myriad of skills and unmatched enthusiasm and of course all students, staff and friends at Sotogrande who have helped us move forward in so many ways.

Your recent enormous fund raising efforts have enabled much work to go on. The photo at the right shows two super humans (Ronald and Derrick) digging down 30 feet through hard rock as they begin work on the new latrine block which you have financed. A truly vital addition to the school with our numbers now up to 100 children.

Many, many thanks!



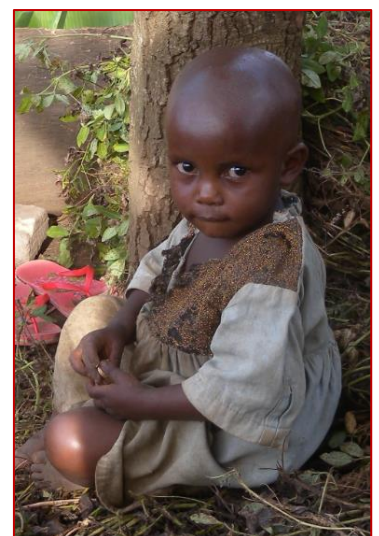
### Moving Forward,

We are delighted to report that we now have enough beans from our school farm to carry us through much of this term thanks to all the community members who helped weed, sow and harvest. Thanks once again to the Jasani Foundation for the donation of 45 cows to individual community members some 2 years ago. We were delighted to welcome 'Fred' to the world just 48 hours ago. Wonderful, the Dairy Cooperative has now grown to 78 cows!



The second week of school begins tomorrow with great enthusiasm and a myriad of exciting learning experiences ahead including a trip to Masaka for the older children in our new school mini van contributed by the HUGE Partnership, U.K. This will be a great experience for the youngsters as most have never ventured much beyond their local villages. What a fantastic field trip!

Four members of staff will travel to Acorns International School in Kampala on Friday for a second set of workshops and hands-on activities. Sincere thanks to Mr. Jasani, Mme Ameena, Shawn and Chelsea for offering us these wonderful opportunities and also for Acorns' support over the years. Over the Easter break we look forward to welcoming the HUGE Partnership team for their biannual trustees visit; this NGO's drive and support is simply formidable. Sincere thanks to all HUGE supporters and friends for your numerous inputs. The web site [www.thehugepartnership.org](http://www.thehugepartnership.org) offers further insights.



In closing, sincere thanks to all schools, sponsors, supporters and friends from Qatar, UK and Spain to Canada, the USA ... and beyond. Yes, the "Field of Dreams" is now a reality as we attempt to 'make education a force for good', strive for self-sustainability and work to try to create a safe and healthy future for all here on the lakeshore. Finally, big thanks to our new sponsors in Alderley Edge, U.K. for sponsoring 10 children – simply life-changing. Thank you so much.

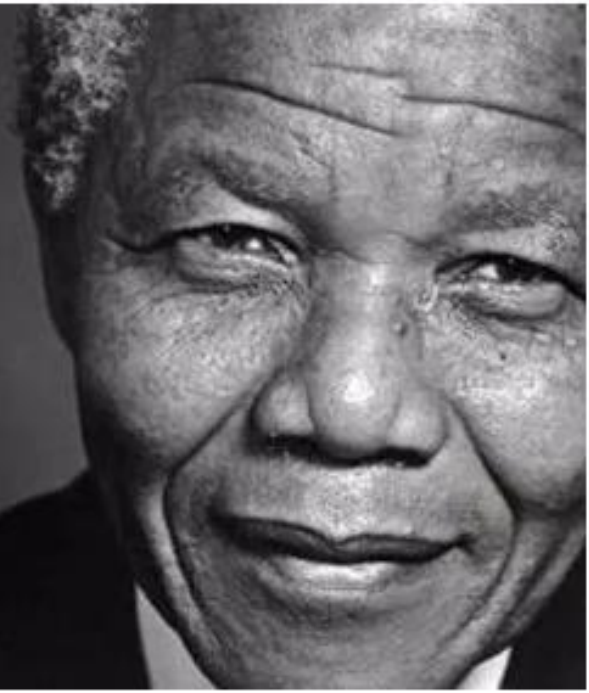
More news soon.

With warmest regards,

*Dave, Judy and the community, especially all NCLC staff, children and parents/guardians.*

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- Nelson Mandela



There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.

(Nelson Mandela)

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