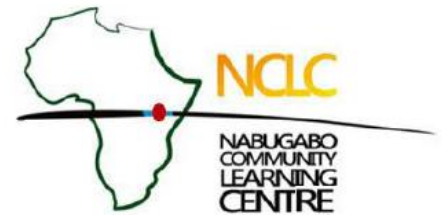


# News from the Lakeshore

## Bbale Village, Nabugabo, Uganda

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017



Most sincere greetings to all sponsors, supporters and friends. Term One of the Ugandan academic year began on February 7<sup>th</sup> with the addition of 12 children in Primary 1 with Teacher Cissy.

NCLC now runs from Primary 1 (P1) to Primary 5 (P5) with a total enrollment of 112 very happy and enthusiastic young people. All NCLC pupils, parents/guardians, and community at large, are deeply appreciative of the positive life-changing initiatives you have made possible, notably offering opportunities for disadvantaged children to attend school.



*The first hour of P 1's first day at school.*



*Teacher Cissy with very smart, newly uniformed, P.1 children.*



We continue to provide care and shelter for three very young girls (Joan, Brenda and Jane) who now live in a comfortable, dedicated home - 'The Ark'. After six months living on site, under the caring, watchful eye of 'Matron Irene' and resident NCLC staff, the children have become an integral part of the NCLC family / village ... *which continues to grow*. A massive thank you to Iain Roache for making this possible.



Congratulations to three NCLC staff (teachers: Betty, Stella and Cissy), and their families, for extending the number of people living within the school campus with the recent introductions of four babies: Favour, Isiah, Lisa and Teacher Cissy's new baby.



The 2016 academic year ended well with all the children performing better than expected in the standardised national examinations. The children left for the long vacation in December with big smiles (as always) with parents / guardians and reports in hand. Well done Headmaster Moses Oroni and all staff for a most successful year.



Now that the rainy season is once again underway, it appears that malaria and typhoid are now making a re-entry but thankfully the school's infirmary and Ssunga Clinic have managed admirably to handle most cases very effectively.

On the health front, sincere apologies to all for a rather lengthy lapse of communication. Having recovered from a bout of malaria and typhoid, I was knocked low by double pneumonia in late October. It took a HUGE rescue team and 3 months of hospitalisation in Uganda and the UK to get back into circulation; I was lucky thanks to Judy, all my family and friends around the world. Now it's time to recover and rebuild the body ... while also 'champing at the bit' to return to Nabugabo as soon as possible!



As shown by the photos above, Pangbourne College made a massive impact within the school and across the community as a whole. In brief, amidst diverse cultural/white water/safari adventures, Team Pangbourne: built four community latrines, built a new 'home' kitchen, offered diverse educational support across the school, generated art work in the NCLC classrooms, visited local government schools and offered support at the Brain Trust primary school. Remarkable! 'Webbale nyo' (thank you) Pangbourne College staff, students, parents and friends, including HUGE, for truly making a most positive difference to the lives of others.

## Community News



Nabugabo now has access to piped water from Masaka town. Initial installation costs (£11.29, \$13.89, €13.08) - with monthly payments for water consumed - present a formidable financial challenge for most community members. More positive news to follow.

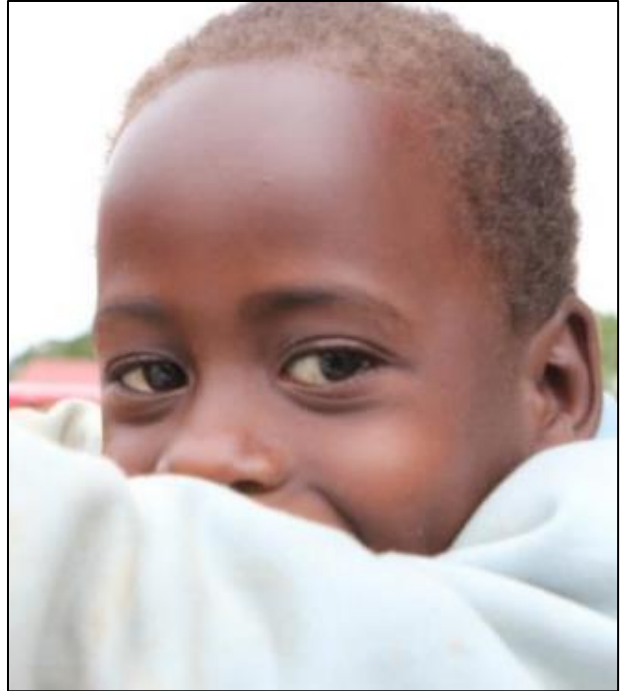
NCLC Drummers and Dancers have performed seven times this year at large venues. More youngsters and elders have joined to share rehearsals – and perform at some massive events. Moreover, after three years of training and road/bush racing, NCLC runners continue to excel. This year the team enters the Uganda Marathon in June. Five experienced young runners, under 13 years of age, will enter the 10km run ... without shoes despite consistent advice to the contrary.



2016 was a dynamic year with continued child sponsorship and a number of construction projects made possible (latrines, shower, 'Ark', water-harvesting, etc.) driven onward and made possible by the work and support of the extended global NCLC family. We received two visits by HUGE Partnership trustees

(*Helping **U**ganda **E**ducate* - <http://www.thehugepartnership.org/>), visiting school groups from Kampala and overseas, who enriched the children, school and community in so many ways ... and numerous individual visitors/volunteers' who offered invaluable advice, expertise and practical on-site support.

The 2017 academic year looks increasingly productive - a two week visit by 21 students and staff from Sotogrande International School (SIS), Spain is imminent at the end of this month. We look forward to welcoming the 'NCLC Founders' back to their home. Positive, proactive times lie ahead giving substance to our collective, fundamental vision and understanding that 'Education is a Force for Good'.



Meanwhile, our informal/informed vision and mission remains consistent: to offer the very best education opportunities possible for disadvantaged children within an informed, cheerful, safe and caring 'second home'. Exciting times lie ahead. A full NCLC newsletter will be 'en route' in April with insights from the community and visitors. Meanwhile, Judy sets off for seven weeks in Uganda tomorrow and I return to Spain.

Very best wishes to all for a calm, balanced/dynamic, safe, bright and healthy 2017. Visit us soon at Nabugabo. As always, our doors at NCLC are always open ... and a very warm welcome guaranteed.

Sincerely, with thanks and warmest regards,

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

***Past and present Nabugabo Snapshots lie below.***









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