

NEWS FROM THE LAKESHORE

Nabugabo, Uganda. May, 2015



Greetings to all sponsors, visitors, supporters and friends,

Whenever we put together our newsletters it is always hard to believe that we have only been open for two years and one term. So much has happened in such a short time. This has only been possible due to the massive support we have and are receiving from our many friends around the world. Simply put, NCLC would not exist if it was not for your help; thank you so very from all of us at Nabugabo.

This has been an especially busy time as you will see from the following pages and we have been delighted to receive team visits from far and wide. A special mention of massive thanks must be extended to the HUGE Partnership team who dragged a massive 700 kg of resources across the seas and achieved so much in so little time. Many thanks to staff and students from the International School of Uganda who have often travelled from Kampala to help NCLC and the Community at large.

The Jasani Foundation, beyond helping to construct much of the school and introduce a dairy herd, has made our IT programme a reality with the generous donation of computers. Basseleg School, Newport creatively and successfully wrote a book and put our collective project into print. Acorns International School continues to offer support and visit NCLC frequently combining their studies with our community life. Impressively, the Comares Community in Andalucia, southern Spain recently rallied behind our work and raised an impressive 1700€.

Importantly, the ongoing support of the Kindred Project at Sotogrande International School (Spain), the International of London, Qatar; Pangbourne College (UK), Headington School (UK), Rotary Club, Marbella (Spain), Professor Diana Gibb, Kasozi Herman and Michael Soutar continue to make a positive, significant impact upon all at Nabugabo in many meaningful ways.

To all our friends who support us on a daily basis through sponsorship of our wonderful students - and all schools, organisations and individuals who work with us - the entire Nabugabo community speaks with one voice to say, "Webale nyo - Thank you!" Please remember, our doors are always open; we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible when you visit us to share our school and home with you.



A HUGE Impact

One short visit ...
massive achievements



The HUGE Partnership is a registered NGO in the UK (*HUGE = Helping UGanda Educate*). Their website offers full details of their work, alongside past and present projects with the Nabugabo Community Learning Centre. Please go to: www.thehugepartnership.org for further details.

Two months ago, HUGE trustees, family and friends spent five days visiting the school and community. They literally 'hit the ground running' bring with them over 700 kg of supplies for the school (from uniforms, class resouces, sports equipment, gumboots, rain capes to medicines ... and much more). A most sincere thank you is extended to all those who donated resources: Headington School, Pangbourne College, Basseleg School, Joanne Batten and so many others who contributed materials which are either unavaible here in Uganda or far too expensive to purchase. Rest assured all resources will be well-invested and cared for.

During the HUGE visit much was accomplished, beyond building a house for an elderly, disabled community member (see page 8 for details) by the male contingent. Mel, Cath, Bridget, Emma and Amy supported by Ed conducted health checks, administered standardized academic tests, gave reading sessions with all children, installed 5 computers, organized the stock room, distributed clothes/boots/ponchos, distributed tooth brushes and toothpaste following a workshop on their use for all children, amongst a myriad of other activities.

In short, it is simply impossible to summarise all that was achieved ... everybody was busy, all of the time. When not building or working, time was shared with the children playing sports, quietly reading, sharing moments, laughing, drumming and dancing. This was an intense, memorable, impactful and joyful five days for not only NCLC but also the community at large. Thank you HUGE!



The Uganda – Wales Connection

This story begins two years ago when NCLC finished construction. The first children enrolled in the school suggested we paint the walls with bright colours 'to be different'. In timely fashion, the International School of Uganda visited NCLC during their community service 'Week Without Walls' and brought the school to life with their Tingatinga paintings.

Visits by Mr. Marc Batten and Mme. Cathlean Kear (administrators at Bassaleg School, Wales, UK) shared news, impressions and photographs of NCLC at their school assemblies. A connection was somehow made when staff and students felt they could not only help Nabugabo but also learn from the experience. Beyond most generous contributions of clothes, resources, medicines, etc., Bassaleg School has helped put Nabugabo 'on the map'.

The mural in their assembly hall (to the right) is a truly amazing work of art showing the myriad of beautiful creatures which adorn NCLC's walls.

Extending this connection, with the support of the school's administration, the students in the school began work on a book entitled, "Tales of Nabugabo".

There are many tales within the book, each describes the adventures of various animals which come to life and leap off the walls after sunset. A local reporter gave a swift review, "WOW! This is truly an imaginative, informed and engaging book showing real insights into Nabugabo and Africa at large. Did secondary students really write this?!"

Moreover, Bassaleg students have extended the Uganda – Wales connection by sharing information with the City Council and many others. The Bassaleg – Nabugabo connection has now extended way beyond simply offering a hand-out/hand-up; it has truly become a win-win learning scenario for all involved.

Thank you Bassaleg School staff and students for not only caring but, most importantly, being inspirational.

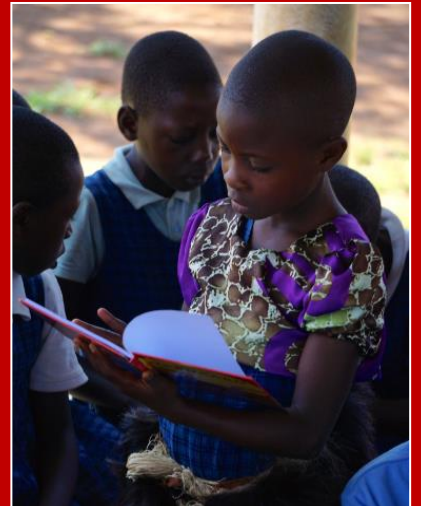
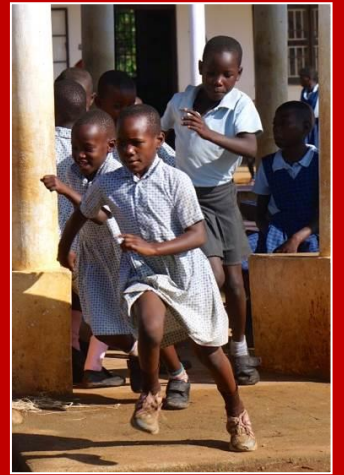


International School of Uganda Grade 8 painters.



NCLC Snapshots





NCLC makes the news in Spain. 16/05/2015

Many, many thanks to all enthusiastic fundraisers and supporters

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CHARITY

Changing the lives of Ugandan children

An event in Comares raised 2,000 euros for a school that educates 100 pupils

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A fund-raising event in Comares on Sunday in aid of a school in Uganda that offers free education to local children raised much more than organisers hoped.

The 'rastrillo' and raffle at the Mirador de la Axarquía (Camping bar) in Comares collected almost 2,000 euros from the sale of raffle tickets, fees paid by stall holders and donations from the public.

The Nabugabo Community Learning Centre was set up in a remote part of Uganda by educationalists David and Judy Batten who have a home in Los Ventorros.

The school opened in February 2013 and now gives a free education to 100 local children as well as feeding and clothing them properly. Its costs are entirely met by private individuals and groups - including the Sotogrande International School - and the school has no government or state funding.

A photograph of two women, Judy Batten and Jackee Rootham, standing behind a table covered with a white cloth. They are surrounded by various items, including a large blue container and several small boxes, likely for the raffle or donations. Judy is wearing a striped shirt and Jackee is wearing a colorful patterned top. They are both smiling at the camera.

School founder Judy Batten and event organiser Jackee Rootham. :: P. R. B.

Charity information:
www.thehugepartnership.org

Judy Batten, who was at the event to hand out raffle prizes, said she was overwhelmed with the support she and David had received.

Explaining that fund-raising efforts for Nabugabo had been severely hampered this year by Ebola and the increased threat of terrorism in Africa, Judy said, "When Jackee [Jackee Rootham, the rastrillo's organiser] suggested the idea I said I'd be pleased if we raised 250 euros which is enough to sponsor a child for a year.

"We have raised enough to sponsor six children. My home is in Uganda now but my home is also here still. Thank you all so much for your help - you are always welcome to visit us in Africa."

Jackee Rootham said that the event went so well, with the charity, stall holders and bar all making money that she is planning another similar one for the end of September and is working with the Battens on creating some kind of link between Comares and Nabugabo.

<http://www.surinenglish.com/20150515/news/costasol-malaga/changing-lives-ugandan-children-201505151329.html>



Nabugabo Community News



The Nabugabo Community Drummers and Dancers comprise of both school and community members. After months of training, twice a week at the NCLC, they have assembled costumes and an impressive drum set. They have now given five public performances and look forward to an international tour in the not too distant future!



Run a course through beautiful Uganda, shoulder to shoulder with local runners

Run a half (13.1 mile) or full marathon (26.2 miles) through a beautiful rural course that goes through the projects the race has funded. Don't fancy the long distance? We also have a 10k option!

Sixteen runners (8 from school and 8 from the wider community) will participate in the Uganda International Marathon which will be held in Masaka on May 25th. After months of training, twice a day, they are ready for the 10km team challenge. We wish all Nabugabo participants a great day ahead.

Farm News

The Nabugabo Community Dairy Cooperative is now registered and has an expanding herd of 76 dairy cows distributed across the local community. Thank you - The Jasani Foundation - for making this possible. The school farm is also expanding. We now have 28 pigs/piglets, 5 ducks, 15 chickens, a quarter acre of kitchen garden, one acre of eucalyptus forest and three acres of cassava and napier grass. As we write, a small chicken/duck enclosure and coop is being built. We are growing on all fronts!

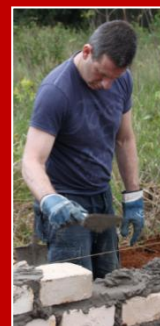


A HUGE Project, Nabugabo, Uganda, April, 2015



Charles' home for eight years ... one month ago.

The HUGE Partnership team from the UK, with NCLC community workers, laying foundations for a new life



Charles' new home is now finished and he is 'installed'. Charles had a stroke eight years ago and is paralysed down his entire left side ... but resilient, powerful and very, very grateful to all who have given him assistance. His moving letter of appreciation, in Luganda, is available on request.



The International School of Uganda Building Project, Nabugabo, Uganda, May 7-9, 2015



Charles, besides gaining a new house, now has a purpose built latrine, washroom and pathway, thanks to the endeavours of five remarkable young ladies with the support of their parents, friends and mentors at the International School of Uganda.

Aisha, Anna, Mercy, Gaiane and Victoria (Grade 8 students) at ISU, backed up with years of local experience and guidance from Mme. Muzee Betty and Mr. Ochieng Frank, succeeded in raising 2,000,000 ugx (\$669) through a variety of fundraising projects supported by their school and community.



To ensure personal responsibility that money raised would be wisely invested, the 5 young ladies escorted by Mme. Betty visited Nabugabo for three days of hands-on experience meeting Charles, the local community, builders and ... mixing concrete, laying bricks and creating a pathway. Wwebale nyo Team ISU, you not only provided a model of community work that other schools might follow but showed the local community how they might better work together. Yes, you 'made a difference'! As Charles said, "The simple words 'Thank you' fall far short of the mark!" " Well done .

Acorns International School Revisits Nabugabo

AIS has made many visits to Nabugabo.

This one day study trip, working toward the PYP Grade 6 Exhibition: 'Sharing our Planet'

was fast moving, focused and dynamic. Every student threw themselves into every new, and sometimes difficult situation, with compassion, confidence and enthusiasm working swiftly to understand problems, suggest solutions and work together to find a resolution ... inquirers and problem-solvers in action. The kind gifts of clothes from the AIS community was deeply appreciated by all here at Nabugabo. Return 'home' soon and thank you for sharing your passion and love of life.



A New Home for Charles, Joanne and Maureen. April, 2015



Joanne (in the middle of the photo to the right) attends NCLC. The home above 'sheltered' her, her mother, sister and grandfather two weeks ago. The story is complicated.



A new home is constructed. The family is now safe in many ways.

Future NCLC community projects include further house construction and improved health care, when funds permit. Many, many thanks from all here at Nabugabo to all individuals, schools and organisations who have already helped to construct three new homes and make serious inroads in terms of health care. Simply truly impactful in so, so many ways. *Webbale nyo, nyo nyo!*



NCLC now has a Computer Lab thanks to the Jasani Foundation, Uganda



We are now privileged to be one of very, very few primary schools in Masaka District with a computer lab thanks to the generosity of the Jasani family, Foundation and friends. The exceptionally generous donation of five Acer computer screens, connected to a single server by 'N Network', will undoubtedly transform education at Nabugabo, not only for the children but the community at large during their evening workshops. The children and staff are clearly delighted!

Here at NCLC we are proud of constructing the furniture 'in-house' and we offer special thanks to the HUGE Partnership team who installed the computers. Thanks to one and all for firstly making the construction of the new building possible and secondly to all those who assisted in furnishing and equipping the computer lab – especially the Jasani Foundation. This is truly a quantum leap forward for Nabugabo. Webale nyo, nyo, nyo!





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P.O. BOX
24th April 2015

Dear our sponsors,

As the parents of NCLC would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thanks to all of you out there doing the possible things to support our children and the whole Community in Health, Education, accommodation and the great love you have towards us.

We as parents, wellwishers and Guardians we are working hand in hand to see that we charge the Community by protecting the lake, forest and teaching our children to be good Citizens in the future.
May the good lord reward you abundantly.

Yours

Sanyu Sam
for all the parents & P.T.A.

With love from
Nabugabo

