



August Newsletter 2022

Dear Supporters,

As the Summer term at NCLC ends on Friday 12th August, we have pleasure in enclosing an update of school life – it has been a busy and productive term with much achieved in respect of both academic learning and on the sports and cultural front.

Full Occupancy at NCLC

We currently have 138 children at NCLC across Primary 1 to Primary 7 together with 9 teaching staff, 1 community officer and 3 support staff. All the staff play a vital role in the success and care of the school, and here are the individuals and their roles which make up this hard-working team:

- Headteacher Vincent – Head teacher and head of English studies. Also, class teacher of P6.
- Teacher Daniel – Head of academic studies, science teacher and class teacher of P5.
- Teacher Ssali – Head of Maths and class teacher of P7.
- Teacher Jackson – Head of social studies and class teacher of P4. Also lead teacher on football for boys and girls.
- Teacher Joan – Class teacher of P3.
- Teacher Maureen – Class teacher of P2.
- Teaching Assistant Jacent – Assists with P2.
- Teacher Annett – Class teacher of P1.
- Teaching Assistant Betty – Assists with P1 and head of Drumming and Dance.
- Community Officer Irene – Head of safeguarding and well-being.
- Cook Justine – responsible for preparing two meals a day.
- Michael – Head of maintenance and repairs.
- Benon – Looks after the children in the Ark and assists Justine in the kitchen.



Teacher Joan has only recently arrived at NCLC, and we would like to give her a very warm welcome and a long and a happy time at the school.

There are 16 children in Primary 7 and they will sit their Primary Leaving Exam at the end of October. They have been working very hard and we wish them well as they approach their final term.

At the current time there are four children in the Ark which is a building onsite which provides safe and loving care for vulnerable young children.

Girls and Boys football

One of the key initiatives this year has been the introduction of specialist football coaching and under the expert tuition of Marvin, all the football teams have flourished and enjoyed competitive success against other teams in the region. In particular:

- At a recent sub county tournament, U16 Girls and U12 Boys all won their respective games to qualify for the Masaka District Tournament.
- At the Masaka District Tournament, the U16 Girls won in the final with Resty scoring a hattrick! We are now eagerly awaiting the dates of the Regionals.



Drum and Dance

Another initiative has been the assembly of a drum and dance group under the expert tuition of Betty. We are very grateful to Sotogrande International School for the funding of a new set of drums and costumes for the dancers, and this has now become a very important and enjoyable part of school life.



Helping in the Community

Under the guidance of Irene, HUGE funded the construction of a house in April for a family who had been evicted from their previous dwelling and were forced to live on the streets. There were several vulnerable children at risk within the family unit which was important in the decision-making process.



HUGE Visit to Nabugabo in July

Five members of the Batten family together with three friends were fortunate to visit and had a very happy, productive time working in the school and spending time with staff and children. There were many highlights, and these are just a few – safe transit and delivery of 450 kg of school uniform and home clothes, a programme of weights and measures of all children, IT training, painting of football bench and hopscotch, visiting the community and St Kizito Secondary school, sorting in the library, many football matches and a memorable drum and dance party with NCLC and students from St Kizito.



Fundraising

We would like to thank Sotogrande International School for raising money for the Drum and Dance. We understand they performed Grease which was truly electrifying and raised record ticket sales. We would also like to thank Jessica Cross and the company, Team Lewis, where she works for the significant donation made in aid of HUGE. In addition, enormous thanks to Kit 4 Kenya who donated England football kit for our children at secondary school and for the staff at NCLC.



Over the last couple of years, as a result of Covid there, has been limited opportunity for organised fundraising which is essential to the ongoing running of the school. In particular, like so many countries in the world, Uganda is facing rising costs especially in respect of fuel and food products. This brings new challenges and NCLC is no exception. Therefore, with our positive caps on and with the need to get fundraising, we are planning a formal fund-raising event in London on Thursday November 24th. More news to follow but please put in your diaries.

A HUGE Thank You to all of our Supporters

Finally, a HUGE thank you to all our supporters, whether it is donating clothes, uniform, funds or just showing interest and support. The school would not be able to thrive without your valuable help. THANK YOU!

The HUGE Partnership

The HUGE Partnership is UK registered charity which has been set up to make a difference to children in Uganda. It specifically provides financial and resource support to the Nabugabo Community Learning Centre, a primary school set up originally by David and Judy Batten solely to provide free education and support to vulnerable and disadvantaged children, who would otherwise not be able to attend school.

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