

Malawi Library Fundraising

At the start of the new school year our Head Teacher, Mrs Darroch, asked us to take on a challenge; to raise £500 for a library in a school in Malawi, which we thought was a great thing to do as Malawi is the seventh poorest country in the world and their schools resources are low.

We have raised money through different events in school:

October 2013: **£26.00** from donations at our annual Harvesting of the school's Fruit and Vegetables from our organic garden.

November/ December 2013: **£140.00** from our Guess the Polar Bear's Birthday fundraiser

December 2013: **£105.39** from the sale of recycled cards, bird cake and reindeer food at our Christmas Fayre.

December 2013: **£140.91** from donations made by the audience at our Nativity Shows.

January 2014: **£28.50** from Ink Cartridge Recycling.

This gives us a total so far of **£440.80** and we are now only £59.20 Away from our goal of £500!



We were pleased when we heard that Mrs McKenna, the Executive Director of Education, was coming to our school as she has taken a deep interest in Malawi and went there with pupils from Holyrood Secondary School. Mrs McKenna was coming to say thank you for all our efforts and to give us a little more background knowledge about the country we were supplying a library for.

We prepared for Mrs McKenna's visit by reading the diary she wrote while in Malawi and each class had loads of questions to ask her and couldn't wait to find out more about Malawi.

The day of the visit arrived. Everyone was buzzing with excitement, but it didn't stop us filing into assembly with our perfect behaviour. We welcomed Mrs McKenna with smiling faces, but it would never match the songs and cheering of the pupils of the schools of Malawi, known as the Warm Heart of Africa.

Mrs McKenna's presentation made us think about the challenges the Malawian people have and especially the children. We found it hard to imagine one teacher teaching a class of about 200 pupils without any books, paper or pencils!

Mrs McKenna's visit has motivated us to appreciate our school even more and to work hard and to make sure we reach our £500 target to provide the books and a sewing machine for a school in Malawi as soon as possible!

The staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed Mrs McKenna's visit.

Later that day (03.02.14) Mrs McKenna and Fiona Ross, Public Relations Officer for Education tweeted. . .

"Out this morning at Kelvindale talking @MalawiLOL- fabulous questions from the children, impressive knowledge of Malawi- well done teachers."

"Kelvindale PS has raised almost £500 towards a library in one of our Malawian schools, Woo Hoo Well Done! #learningtogether #2014legacy"

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