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Welcome to our summer 2015 newsletter – and we have much to tell you...

The Indigo team and you have been very busy fundraising over the past six months. We have managed to raise over £2,500. The money has already been sent to Abdul, the Headmaster at Janet School and was used to pay for building materials for the upper school and nursery building (more on that further in the newsletter).

Great thanks to all that have supported our efforts...

Including – for The Rag Bag

- The Pines in Inverness for having a clothing collection for a textile weigh in.
- Members of the Forres, Dyke and Conicavel communities for their clothing and textile donations.
- St Mary's Church in Nairn who pass donations through Patricia on a regular basis as they come in
- All other friends, friends of friends and others that have donated clothing and shoes.

... Raising over £500 – This goes a long way.

Another huge thanks to ...

- Dorothy Drake who donated cleaning items, work boots and office equipment.
- Rachel Coffey for knitting over 50 hedgehogs and selling for donations.
- Scottish School of Forestry for donating school equipment no longer needed.
- Diana West for helping organise a coffee morning with St Paul's Church in Rawtenstall.
- All that helped and attended the ceilidh in the Mosset Tavern, Forres.
- The organisers of Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival for allowing us to collect tents after the event, we collected 15 in total. These will be given to people sleeping on the beaches in Gambia to reduce the risks of malaria.
- Everyone who supported us at The Little Theatre in Nairn showing the 'Gods must be crazy' Thank you to all those that attended and supported the event ... We raised £100..
- Finally all the wonderful sponsors who continue to support the children in their education.

For individual donations and continuing sales of goods.

You did it!
Thank you all x



News on The Big Build

The Janet School has now received most of its funding for the new build of the upper school and nursery, both of which are in the same building. People at the school worked tirelessly to get the building up and the roof on before the rainy season and now all that is required is it painting and preparing for the children to use.



We are still raising funds towards this build but the main structure is now up and any further money raised will complete the work when the volunteers go out in November 2015. Ten volunteers will be going to The Gambia to paint the new building, turn a storeroom into a junior library, replace part of its ceiling and tile the nursery floor.

One of the volunteers will be staying on in Gambia to help at a local hospital for several months as she is a newly qualified nurse and wishes to gain more experience and support the community.



What's new with the charity?

As you know from the last newsletter, In April the charity changed the constitution to include; 'increasing livelihood opportunities'. This was identified as a need as finding funds to send containers with tools, bikes, sewing machines etc. would enable people to become self-sufficient. To date we have provided items for parents & carers of the children we sponsor.

The amended constitution can be downloaded from the website.

We have also introduced change into the trustee structure.

Presently the charity Trustees are:

Jeana Stott - Chairperson
Rona Harvey- Treasurer
Vicky Flood- Secretary

These positions will be changed as discussed at the last AGM as Rona Harvey stepped down as Treasurer and Elizabeth Spilsbury will be taking over this roll. She is currently a book keeper for several charities in Moray, so we are very fortunate and grateful to have her on board. Rona Harvey will be taking on the roll as Secretary and Vicky Flood has stepped down from this position and will be an opted Trustee with a new much needed role as Fundraising and Events Coordinator. OSCR (Official Scottish Charity Register) are currently processing these changes.

Sponsorships.

In academic school year 14/15 we sponsored 33 children to attend school. In this next school year 15/16 we will support 45 children to access an education. The cost of annual sponsorship is £40 per year in Generie village or £150 per year at The Janet School.

We still have some children requiring sponsorship if you are interested, please contact for more information.

May I take this opportunity to thank all those that wish to and do sponsor again. Our charity always ensures child sponsorship continues before committing to new children. So your continued support allows us to help more children to access an education or to stay in it. Below are some of the children sponsored and needing sponsorship



Special Announcement

We are very grateful to have help from David Ingleby. He will soon be starting his Silver Duke of Edinburgh award with us.

Fundraising events:

We continue to cater for the Whist Drive meeting in Nairn every six weeks. Thank you Rona Harvey for your continuous making of egg sandwiches and holding this.. This raises £400 per year.

Fundraising Events Calendar

Viaduct Abseil 16 April 2016



We are holding a Charity abseil at Cullen Viaduct. It is an abseil of 65 Ft. This is a sponsored event with minimum sponsorship money raised of £100 and £15 registration fee. There are limited spaces so book early. Registration and sponsorship forms will soon be available

to download from the website. Alternatively contact me directly via the website or Facebook and I will post or e-mail you one.

Ragbag collection:

We will be having a ragbag collection on 7th October. We take all textiles, good or old shoes and bags. Items will then be sorted and good items will go to Gambia and other items will be weighed in. We can arrange for collection within the Moray area.



Ceilidh:

The last ceilidh was such great fun we are holding another one, it will be at the Mosset Tavern .. Date to be confirmed. £10 including stovies.

Disco:

There is a rumour that there will be a 70/80's Disco in Forres, again the date and venue to be confirmed.

What will the funds be used for next?

Our next task is to send a container to Gambia with items that were kindly donated. Office desks, school desks & chairs, medical treatment beds, conference chairs, 30+ suitcases of clothing and shoes and several push bikes will go by sea to help in one way or another.

We are always collecting items such as tools, bikes, sewing machines and stationary as this will all be help to a Gambian to gain a trade.

Many, many thanks from all at The Indigo Project-Gambia. Please do keep up to date with events on the Facebook page as there is always something exciting happening.

If you would like any information about volunteering or getting involved, please contact me via the website.

Please note The AGM this year will be Thursday 12th November at 7pm at Tearie Farmhouse. Forres. Please contact us to let us know your intention to attend for numbers.

Best Wishes

Jeana & the Indigo Team

Tearie Farm House