

School for Peace Update



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Latest News from Congo

The situation in the country is still tense because of the insecurity and devaluation of the money. In spite of this, the parents are making a big effort to enrol their children. This school year there are an incredible 915 children at the school: 115 in the nursery, 500 in primary and 300 in secondary. There is a head teacher for each section. The new head teacher of the secondary school, Sister Angeline, has a degree in English; Sister Scholastique is the new head of the nursery school; while Sister Rosine will continue to lead the primary school.

The new playground

With the last money we sent in the spring, the playground has been



paved to prevent dust and dirt getting into the computers. Sr Rosine has written to say how lovely it looks and that the children and their parents are very happy with it. She thanks us all

sincerely for sending the money.

The paved playground with the secondary block behind

The first entrants to university



The pupils who were in the sixth form last year took the State Exam and all passed, enabling them to go to university. The secondary school has still not been recognised by the state and the teachers are not yet salaried. We hope this will change next year.

The container



Some of the donations we have received waiting in St John's Storage unit before leaving for Antwerp at the beginning of November.

Thanks to all who have donated goods, money and time to help us realise this project; to St John's

Storage in Bungay and to Darren Williams and Mike Webb for driving the donations to Antwerp. We are also extremely grateful to Norton Peskett Solicitors for their donation towards transport costs. Sister Euphrasie is overseeing the project and is so grateful for all we have collected for the good of their school and medical projects.

Sponsorship

It is lovely that we have several schools sponsoring children at the School for Peace. They raise money by baking cakes, organising coffee mornings and non-uniform days. We currently send enough money each year to cover the education of 100 children. However more sponsors are still urgently needed, especially as the school is growing in numbers.

Forthcoming events

AGM 18th October
Italian Evening 28th October
Films at Geldeston at 2pm:
18 October, 29 November
2018: 31 January, 28 February,
21 March, 25 April
Two concerts are already being planned for 2018.

Please see our website for all information and events or contact Mary Ellwood (Secretary) or Alan Williams (Treasurer) on school4peace@gmail.com