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## School for Peace Update

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## Latest News from Congo

The children returned to school after Easter and were almost straight into the exam season (26<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> May). The UN distributed workbooks to help the students study at home while the schools were closed. The Belgian charity which installed the computer room and science lab has now paid for the electrification of the two-storey building which means there can be more regular use of the computers (see main picture) and has put in a water tower so that the students have water on site. The sisters are trying to buy a plot of land in order to enlarge the toilet block.



*The new school council led by Josué*

### University students

The three former students have started their second semestre. Joseph and Bénédicte Pichouna are in their second year, but Victor Ilunga has changed faculty. He is now

studying Public Health because the chemistry faculty was unable to assess the students during the COVID pandemic, and they extended the year. Madeleine has also started her studies at the private Catholic university, Maria Malkia. She is taking Science of Education, Peace and Governance.

### Fundraising



We were kindly donated a signed Norwich City football shirt which was auctioned on Ebay. Mary was interviewed by Rob Butler on Radio Norfolk which was good publicity for the charity and helped us raise £50 for the shirt. We also had stalls at two antiques fairs in May and have received some donations from well-wishers including the Beccles Rotary Club. So despite a year without any large fundraising events we have managed to send £4,200 recently to cover university fees and to ensure there are enough hand basins for every classroom.

### Message from Sr Angéline

“Thank you very much for your support and generosity. We have already bought some portable hand basins for the prevention of COVID, but ideally we would like to have

water via sinks in the classrooms and also electricity in the rest of the classrooms because not all of the school has electricity. Although we received solar panels from the Porticus team, they only light one building. We will happily answer any questions from our sponsors. Wishing them long life and God bless them forever. Thank you for everything. Sr Angéline” (21<sup>st</sup> May).

### A DATE FOR YOU DIARIES

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July there will be a garden party in the grounds of the Old Rectory, Barsham, NR34 8HA by kind permission of Howard Trust. There will be stalls, refreshments and live music. Free entry but proceeds will be shared between the school and Aid to the Church in Need. Please do not forget to use [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) if you shop online, search for **Congo School for Peace**. Over £1000 has been raised in this way with no extra cost to the buyer.

Also, if you are using Amazon, we have now signed up with **Amazon Smile**:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1151173-0>

If you can fundraise, find sponsors or help us in any way please contact Mary Ellwood (Secretary) or Alan Williams (Treasurer): [congschool4peace@gmail.com](mailto:congschool4peace@gmail.com)