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School for
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Latest News from Congo

The main picture for the spring newsletter is from the 1955 Basilica in Lubumbashi showing an example of the beautiful art work which can be found everywhere in Congo. In spite of some recent attacks by separatists on two military camps in the city and the lack of vaccinations, the school and the sisters seem to be doing well. 'All is calm' reports Sister



Scholastique, headteacher of the nursery school. She sent us some lovely photos and video footage of the nursery children. We have sent some money for them to buy resources which they lacked. The families of the children in the photo cannot afford to buy the uniform but they will contribute a little when they can.

The school inspectors have paid a visit to confirm the number of teachers in the primary school and have informed the authorities in Kinshasa so that they will all be registered and receive a salary. We hope that this time the message will get through, as all primary school teachers are meant to be paid. The

same inspectors will also make a case for the teachers in the secondary school, none of whom is paid by the state. Money will also be needed this year for training costs for those teaching maths and science as the syllabus has changed. The sisters have managed to secure a good deal on the piece of land they need to enlarge the toilet block and we await news of the cost of making these improvements. We hope to update you about the progress of this necessary work in the next newsletter.

University students

The pupils featured in the last newsletter are doing well and Josué, the former head of the school council, is studying medicine. Pichouna Tshitungu (left with her mentor) is currently carrying out a four-month placement at The School for Peace. She is studying computer science and can now share her knowledge with the pupils at her old school.



Isaac Tshabata Mutale, who was sponsored through secondary school, is now studying nursing



sciences and will need supporting through further education although his

older brother will be able to pay half of his fees. His family accompanied him back to the school recently to say how much they appreciated all the support he had received.

Fundraising

Over £450 was made at stalls before Christmas and there were also a number of online donations and private sales. A big thank you to everyone who donated or helped with the stalls.

Future events

Our Italian friend has agreed to organise another dinner which will hopefully take place at The Old Rectory, Barsham, in September.

Please do not forget to use easyfundraising.org.uk if you shop online. Just search for **Congo School for Peace**. £1400 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>

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