



## School for Peace Update



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# Latest News from Congo

The sisters were the first to send condolences on the death of the Queen. They watched the funeral on television and said that it had brought the whole world together. Sister Angéline writes: "The term started on 5<sup>th</sup> September (see main picture). Most of the pupils arrived within the first two weeks and lessons are in full swing. There are now **1136** pupils in the school: 183 in the Nursery; 583 in Primary and 370 in Secondary where enrolment remains open. The pigeon holes and shelving for the staff room have been ordered from the Cité des Jeunes (where there is a carpentry project for homeless boys). Last year the pupils in the Business and Management stream received a prize for their average of 79%. The secondary teachers are still waiting for news of their official status. May God bless you for all you are doing for the education of our pupils at the St Benet's School for Peace. It's thanks to you that the school is increasingly becoming a benchmark for good practice in the area. We repeat our thanks for all your sacrifices. May God bless you." Sadly, since she sent this message, Sr Angéline has had to take the autumn term off due to stress and I imagine over work. She is being

replaced this term by Sr Émilie. We wish both sisters well. Our main contact, Sister Virginie, has been elected Mother General with responsibility for the whole order. This means that she will occasionally attend meetings in Belgium where we hope to visit her in 2023.

### University students

Isaac Mutabe (the latest student to attend university - from January 2021) is studying Nursing and his sponsorship is being covered in part by his older brother. Pitchouna finished her work experience and has returned to her studies. Victor Ilunga will soon start his work experience, Madeleine, Joseph and Isaac are also doing well. Sara Mutungu hopes to start university in January 2023 with our help (January is when the university term starts). We do not yet know how much her fees will be, but fortunately a sponsor has already come forward to help her.

### The toilets

The law demands one toilet for 50 pupils and they only have 10 toilets for the children at the moment plus two for the teachers. Therefore they need several more. Our summer fundraising has meant that

there is almost enough money to send for the work to commence for eight toilets. The estimate is \$3,748.

### Fundraising



Thank you all so much for the money we have raised this summer: The Garden Party at Joy Jeffery's raised £1176 which included a very generous donation; The two stalls raised £280 (the picture above shows one stall which was run by our visiting German students; Three church collections: £429 Sue and Chris's Jam sales: £115 The Italian meal: £1097, thanks to the cooks donating the food. Total: **£3097** which we now know will cover most of the toilet costs. We hope to have news of our postponed quiz evening soon.

If you can fundraise, find sponsors or help us in any way please contact Mary Ellwood (Secretary) or Alan Williams (Treasurer):  
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