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Community School Support, Malawi



We have continued our support of the rural primary school that High Five Club built last year in the north of Malawi, **Hajimac Academy Primary School**, through the provision of essential start-up resources.

This rural school caters for the youngest children in the Chitimba community with nursery provision and the first four classes of primary school. These young children struggle to access the nearest government school (distance and resources), so this new community-owned school is providing a real life-line to this impoverished community.

High Five Club Support:

Once the new school construction was complete, High Five Club agreed to help in providing the resources needed for the school to open to pupils. Over the coming year the school will start to generate income from the modest school fees paid by children whose parents can afford, along with grant applications and its own fund-raising efforts. The majority of parents cannot afford to pay school fees because of extreme poverty, so it will take time for the school to build up its own resources and achieve sustainability. An empowering 'hand up' from the High Five Club is hence important at this early phase in the school's development.

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To kick-start the opening of the school, High Five Club members have come together to provide funding of £1,026 from which the school has purchased text books in all subject areas for the teachers to plan their lessons and for text books to be used in each class shared out between the



pupils. Our support has also enabled the school to equip itself with all of its initial stationary needs, the provision of exercise books and pencils etc. for the most vulnerable children, school signage and a phone for the school co-ordinator.

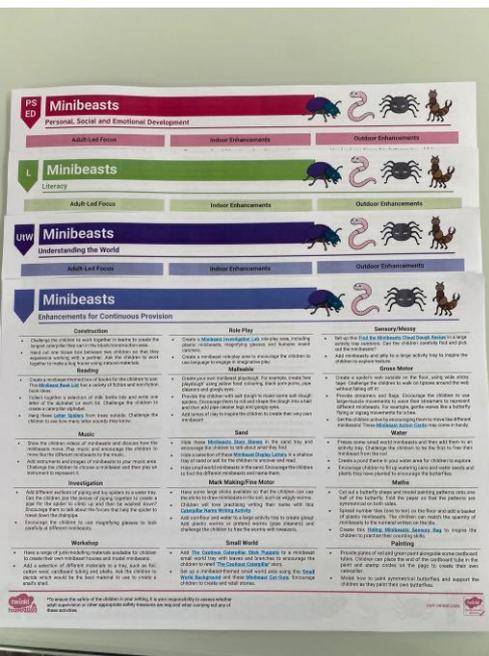
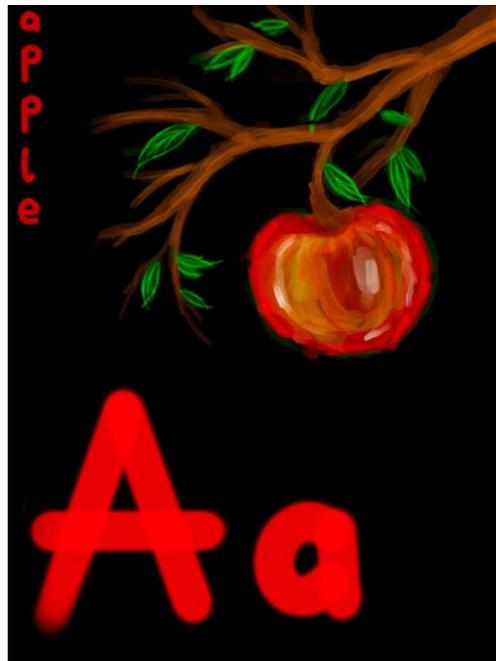
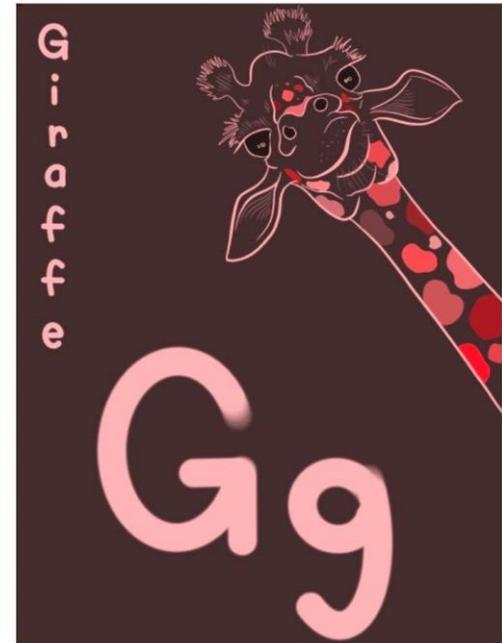
One of our High Five Club member's three teenage daughters – Angelica, Antonia and Anika of the Ngai family – have passionately volunteered their time and giftings since the summer of 2020 to help this community school get started, including fund-raising and the creation of teaching resources. A recent fund-raiser by the family involved making and selling Bubble Tea at a school fayre. This raised a whopping £505 which has been used by the school to pay monthly



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stipends to the 5 community teachers over the 3 months Dec-Feb. The family also researched and printed off some excellent teaching resources for the teachers to use in their lesson planning, and used their artistic skills to hand-draw colourful alphabet and number posters for each classroom. They laminated these posters and shipped them out to Malawi where they are now being used by the youngest children to learn the alphabet and in their maths lessons. They are also brightening up the walls of the classrooms. We are so thankful for the girls' practical, outpouring of love to help this rural school prosper. So talented!



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