



Mellis CE Primary Summer Term 2018

As part of its outreach to Christian communities in the wider world, the School is very proud to be working with the Christian charity 'Hands at Work (Africa)'. This came about through an Old Girl of Mellis, who is the final year of A-Levels before going to university to study medicine. Through her church and its affiliations with the charity, she visited the Mopusa School in Zambia last year to work there with the local community.

She resolved to return there, and is due to do so this summer. She wanted to take pencils, pens, colouring pencils, rubbers and pencil sharpeners to support the education of the children there, and came to us to see if we could help. We duly had a grand assembly on the charity and its work, and our former pupil explained her experiences with pictures and video. We then set up donation boxes, and we are pleased to say these are bulging with all the equipment needed!

As part of her presentation, she emphasised the immense challenges the children of Mopusa face in just getting to school, in terms of the long distances they must walk for clean water and to physically get to school. To raise awareness of these challenges, the whole of Mellis School took part in a 'Water Trek' across Mellis Common, where we had set up a water station. The children had to walk all the way there (in suitably hot weather!) and then carry a cup of water back to School before they could drink it! Older children were paired with younger children (we learned in assembly that children as young as 12 look after their younger siblings) and we learned how it is for others in the world. Our former pupil will be coming in shortly to collect the donations, and we look forward to writing to the Mopusa School next term to extend a link halfway across the world!





Note: to see school website blog, please click on the link below and scroll down to Sunday 8th July.

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