

ACE Newsletter: April 2021

Registered Charity:1157852

Dear Supporter(s),

Arise Grade 7 and 4 Superstars!



2021 started with some good news. In October, for the very first time, 36 **Grade 7** students sat exams for their National Primary School Leaving Certificate - 4 received Grade A average overall, 28 Grade B and 4 Grade C. Arise came 5th. out of 31 schools in the local District. All received their Certificate and were eligible to move on to secondary school in January.



This includes the sponsored children who will continue to be supported by ACE through this next stage in their education. How proud they looked in their new uniforms!

The **Grade 4** students also did incredibly well in their national exams. Of 44 pupils, 34 received Grade A average and 10 Grade B. Arise School came **first** in the District and in the top 3% of schools in Tanzania as a whole!

Both sets of results were amazing. We are so proud of all the students and staff who supported them in their efforts. They are all a credit to themselves, their families, Arise and ACE. They are Arise Superstars!

Also, we were overwhelmed by the result of the **ACE Christmas Appeal**. In spite of Coronavirus making 2020 such a difficult year for everyone, over £2,740 was raised to help Arise School on its journey towards self sustainability.



Sustain Arise School

The next two projects involve breeding rabbits for meat and constructing two ponds for fish farming. If you would like to help sustain Arise by donating to these initiatives, please do so either via the Virgin Money Giving facility on the ACE website: acecharity.uk or directly into the charity's bank account: Barclays Bank Name of Account: Africa's Children in Education Account Number: 03910431 Sort Code: 20 74 45



A cow shed has been built and two cows purchased. Children and cows are now getting to know each other! Arise will generate savings on the cost of milk for the children and raise income from the sale of surplus locally. We add our thanks to those of Frank, the School Manager who told us: *“We are very grateful to everyone for making this possible. Asante sana (Thank you so much).”*

Computer Room

Just 12 months ago, we heard that a grant application to the British and Foreign Schools Society (BFSS) to bring the benefits of ICT to Arise School had been successful. It will also provide free access to other local schools and the community. Although delayed because of the pandemic, the Computer Room is now built, equipped and ready for use after the Easter break. This is a huge step forward for Arise and the local community. We look forward to bringing you further news as the project develops.



A Very Warm Welcome to Andrew and Jo

Recently, we were very pleased to welcome Andrew and Jo as new members of our ACE Management Committee. Each brings new and different skills and experience to the charity which we are already drawing on to benefit. We wanted to take the opportunity to introduce them to you.

Andrew:

Hailing from Northampton, England, but with a job that involves extensively working across Africa, Andrew wanted to find a way to give back to the African continent. The coincidence of Arise being in the foothills of Kilimanjaro which Andrew climbed in 2019 was enough to make ACE the charity he chose to support. Since then he has been amazed at what has been achieved and is

Jo:

With a background in housing and building communities, Jo was keen to get involved and volunteer with a local charity whose focus was all about making a difference to the lives, homes and communities of others. “Whilst looking to sponsor a child in Africa, I came across ACE and was inspired with what they have achieved and established at Arise, I hope that I am able to help fulfil ACE’s longer term goals...I am excited to part of this”.

We very much look forward to electing Andrew and Jo as Trustees of the charity at its next AGM in June.

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*By using Amazon Smile, you will be helping us make a real difference in the lives of the children at Arise School. **Thank you.***

ACE Website

Finally, if you have not yet taken the opportunity to do so, please visit our revised ACE website at acecharity.uk . From the charity's small beginnings in 2012 raising money to build just one classroom, to a full school of 400 children in 2020, the website has videos, photos and every blog written since it was first set up. It now tells the story of Arise School, its philosophy and ethos. Arise School has gone **"From Dream to Reality"**



Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the years to make this possible and give so many children the chance of an education that would not otherwise have been available to them.