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Website

I am pleased to announce that The Banana Tree Project website is now up and running. I am very grateful to Charlie Clark for the time and effort that he has volunteered to design and create the site. Charlie spent two years living in Mwanza between 2005 – 2007. He has visited the orphanages and met the children and so is well aware of the work that the BTP does. The site is intended to be simple and easy to navigate. It includes an outline of the charity’s work, copies of recent newsletters and a donations page, explaining the variety of ways in which people can donate. Please do take time to visit the site and send us any comments or suggestions. It can be found at: www.bananatreeproject.org.

School Grades



At the end of the first semester, Tanzanian children receive mid-term grades to show their progress. The BTP students have generally done well, although in some cases poor grounding in English and Maths have led to a slow start to Secondary School. Marco Mathias (pictured left) finished 4th in his year with

an overall B grade (reflecting how hard it is to get an A!!!). He performed particularly well in Kiswahili, the sciences and geography. Witness Mussa (pictured right) earned an A grade for physics and also did well in chemistry, biology and history. Sylvester Kitenteni (pictured opposite) gained As for English and History with strong results in the sciences. Aziza Hassan



(pictured right) scored highest in Kiswahili, English and the sciences. At the other end of the spectrum, several students, such as Jumanne Magembe, have struggled with the demands of secondary school. The orphanage staff will provide what help they can, but we may need to consider alternative options for him at the end of the year.



Gift Aid



The website includes a link to a charity donations website called The Dove Trust. This is a charitable organisation established to help charities raise funds. Donations can be made through this website. The Dove Trust administers the Gift Aid claim (tax rebate for UK tax payers) and then sends the donations plus tax rebate to the BTP.

Whenever possible, it is best that donations from UK tax payers are made through this site. The site is safe, secure and easy to use. Many thanks in advance for your help.

Thank you

Thank you for your support of, and interest in, The Banana Tree Project. It remains the case that over 100 children at orphanages in Mwanza would not be getting educated if it wasn't for donations to the charity. Please keep up the good work!

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