

Lungumadzi - Goudhurst and Kilndown

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On the 14th December, we visited Lungumadzi School. We were greeted warmly by the staff and shown around their school. There are nearly 800 pupils at Lungumadzi and nine teachers. There are more children in the lower end of the school as there is often a high drop out of pupils by the time they get to Standard 7 and 8. With only 6 classrooms, some of the classes have to learn outside. Despite these challenges, they report that standards are continuing to improve each year and exam results are rising.



This is one of the outdoor classrooms



Saved grass to repair the classroom

Lungumadzi is a member of Eco-Schools Malawi. They have a school garden in which they grow vegetables to help supplement the food pupils get as part of a school feeding programme. They used to have some guinea fowl too to help raise funds for the school, but sadly these died.

Each morning, classes take it in turn to get to school early to tidy up and sweep the school. The local community is also very supportive of their school. They constructed houses to provide homes for teachers near the school.



The school garden. Heavy winds the night before had blown the fence down.

Whilst we were there, we filmed some of the pupils asking questions of pupils at Goudhurst and Kilndown. It would be wonderful if you could send them a short film showing your pupils answering these questions and asking some of their own. We hope, that by communicating this way the partnership becomes more meaningful to pupils and enhances their understanding of each others' lives.



Pupils at Lungumadzi gathered together to hear about Downe Primary School

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