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Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers

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Endeavour High School has a strong history of supporting charitable events. The school has already raised a substantial amount of money this year for the Kick Out Teenage Cancer Campaign.

Alongside this work Mr Browne and Mr Thor have been making contact with, and supporting, a school in Tanzania. They have raised money and written to the school.

I would like to propose that we support the school further by having **two charity days on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 of March 2008**. As you can see from the information below, children in the Itili school have to pay 50p a day to go to school. **I would like all staff and pupils in the school, who can, to contribute 50p per day for those two days to raise money for the school**. Everything we raise will then be sent as a *moneygram* to the school's Headteacher. The money will be then used to complete work on the school. This is especially important as the rainy season has just washed away the walls of the newly built teaching blocks.

Pupils will get a series of assemblies on the subject and we will show pictures of the school and the children on the screens around the school. There will also be a sale of free trade cooking – made by our pupils – to purchase at break and lunchtime on those days. I hope you will support the events over the two days.

The Itili Woman's Training Centre

The centre was founded in 1987. The founder and head teacher is a retired Christian minister, Mr Simalike Mwantila. Mr Simalike also deals with the day to day running of the centre and trying to raise funds. The centre gets no government funding and depends entirely on donations.

Initially the object of the centre was to educate women in literacy, energy saving cooking, sewing and other crafts.

Firstly there was a classroom and a library with no books. Then came the nursery school. There are about 20 children attending the nursery class. They are given a bowl of porridge a day, this ensures they are getting at least one meal a day.

The pupils are supposed to pay 50p per month (for the teacher's wages) but not many of them can actually pay anything. Tanzania is a very poor country. Some of the children have lost one or both parents to aids and are brought up by relatives.

There is no clean running water at the centres so water has to be brought in daily. They have tried to dig wells but the ground is too hard underneath so they cannot dig deep enough.

In 2004 the school faced closure as the toilet block was condemned by the local council. Luckily money was raised and a new hygienic toilet system was built, saving the school.

Over the years with constant work and donations the classrooms and conditions have improved. The latest project is the construction of classrooms for older pupils. Work has been started but funding is always needed.

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John Browne Learning Support Assistant at Endeavour High school says:

"I first met the patron of the school in 1998 and have been sending items such as books, pens and pencils etc (things we take for granted) over ever since. As it is quite expensive to send books I have fundraised in the past and am grateful for any donations. Four years ago the school was threatened with closure as the toilet block was condemned by the local council. We managed to raise enough money to build a new toilet block and have enough money left over to buy swings for the children

In 1998 the school had two classrooms and a library (with no books). They are now building two new classrooms for the older children; they have 32 students at the moment hoping to raise it to 90 when the rooms are complete.

The classrooms are built to roof level and hopefully the rainy season won't do too much damage to the walls. (Unfortunately heavy rains have severely damaged the walls of both buildings).

Any money raised will be really helpful to either send books and classroom equipment or to help with the new roof."

Extracts from letters to Endeavour staff and pupils:

I can never truly express with enough words what fulfilment and satisfaction has bathed my heart since I received your letter telling us that Mr Thor's children and other staff will be raising money for the school. The headteacher.

I like itilli school because it is a good school. Boys start school at 14 years of age and girls at 13 years of age.
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Lets make the two days a success and send the Itilli school a wonderful Easter gift.

Can I also 'advise' parents that the school closes to pupils on Wednesday 19th March, 2008, for Easter. This is to accommodate an extra training day that the Government require schools to have. We re-open again on Tuesday 8th April, 2008, for pupils at the usual times.

REMINDER KEY STAGE 3 SATS

Year 9 pupils will be taking their SATS from Tuesday 6th May, 2008, to Friday 9th May, 2008. Please do not book holidays, or take your child out of school during this time.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Straker
Head Teacher