



THE MARY WOOD TRUST—CHRISTMAS UPDATE 2023

We would like to say thank you to everyone for their generous and ongoing support for the Mary Wood Trust & we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



NYAKABUNGO GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Exciting news! New A level and Fine Arts block

The construction of the long awaited new A level and Fine Arts block has started. We are very grateful for a generous gift given to the MWT in memory of a great friend of the Wood family. The dream of this new building for the NGSS is about to come true and we hope it will be ready to be used by the students at the start of the new school year in early 2024. Here is a photo of the ground breaking ceremony and the start of the building work.



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MORE NEWS ABOUT NYAKABUNGO GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL

End of term - The school year ends at the beginning in December. There is a long school holiday over the Christmas break, with the school opening again late January.

Solar power - We have raised enough money for solar power for this block and will also be able to provide a rain water collection tank.

Desks & chairs - We would love to buy new desks and chairs for the new building.

Can you help?

Sports kits - We have provided new sports kit for the football team. We think they all look very smart.

Sanitary wear - We are providing sanitary towels for all the girls and female teachers.



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

- * **MOSQUITO NETS - £5 PER NET**
- * **SANITARY ITEMS - £10 A PERSON FOR 1 YEAR**
- * **SPONSORSHIP - £20 A MONTH**
- * **DESK & CHAIR - £25 PER SET FOR NEW A-LEVEL BLOCK**



Please email marywoodtrust@gmail.com for more information

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40 SPONSORS FOR 40 YEARS APPEAL

The new building coincides with the 40th anniversary since the founding of the NGSS school in 1984. Next year we hope to be able to sponsor 40 students. In Uganda more people are struggling as food and commodities costs have gone up. It is now £20 per month or £240 per year to sponsor a girl at NGSS. This would help pay for their food, accommodation and other needs whilst they study and board at NGSS.

We would love YOUR help to enable us to sponsor the education of 40 girls at NGSS. Please contact us if you would like information about sponsorship.



RUTH MEMORIAL NURSERY SCHOOL

Work has been done to replace old black boards, paint desks, fix holes in the perimeter fence and mend broken outdoor play equipment. We provide footballs as and when they are needed. The children really enjoy their daily milk, porridge and pancakes, and the refurbished see-saws and the slides are a great success.



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NYAKATARE HEALTH CENTRE

We have paid the dental assistant's salary and the MWT would like to be able to help finance more community health outreaches. This would enable medical help and advice to reach people living in this rural community in South West Uganda.

Please can you help - Just £30 would finance one outreach to a new community providing family planning advice, HIV testing, immunisation clinic, dental education and baby health checks.



FURTHER EDUCATION AND PAST STUDENTS

We love to get updates from the students we have sponsored. Success comes in lots of different ways. We have a number of students completing their A-levels in this academic year. Supporting them further into higher education is quite a financial commitment. If you feel able to help or would like further information then please get in touch.

We sponsored Medius for a certificate in Electrical Installation some years ago now. She then managed to support herself to do a diploma. She has recently secured a job in a private company.

We heard from Medius recently *"This is my special appreciation to all the Mary Wood Trustees. Am really so grateful for all you have done in my life for the love, care and support you have given me until now. Thanks for the love you have for the girl child in Uganda."*



Photo of Medius at work