



Africa Committee 2017-18



- Welcome to new members/thank you to last year's members
- Election of Officers photos- Ind/Grp
- Apple Tree Harvest and Food tasting
- AOB: Workshop ideas- Harvest Festival Fair Trade/Food bank – Water Aid
- Dress-Down Day feedback from ilumula house
- Key –Hole Garden Maintenance
- Date of next meeting

Africa Committee Meeting Thursday 5th October 2017

1. Mrs Hughes and Mrs Lacey welcomed the new members to the meeting and said a huge THANK YOU to last year's committee for a magnificent year!
2. The Officers were elected: Congratulations to Melissa – Chair –person, Ella – Vice Chair and Kai Secretary.
3. Harvesting our Vegetable patch, Africa Key Hole Garden and Apple Trees

Next week 12th October we will pick the apples from the Royal Wedding Apple Trees – we have noticed that Kate has produced more apples than William. Mrs Hughes will bring baskets and scissors ready for picking.

Kai commented that the veg-patch is ready for digging-out – we have onions, tomatoes, herbs and one pumpkin!

We will have a food tasting session in the library on Thursday 19th October. Everyone agreed to tomato soup and apple crumble.

Harvesting our fruit and vegetables and making Apple Crumble and Tomato Soup



Tomatoes Parsley Pumpkin and Onions





Every one enjoyed the soup and crumble!

Harvest Festival Fair Trade/Food bank – Water Aid

We agreed that the theme for our Harvest Festival should link in the 50th Birthday Celebrations of Gorse Hall School. Melissa suggested “50 Years of Harvest”

Mrs Hughes and Mrs Lacey to get together to organise logistics.

Once again we decided that our local foodbank and Water Aid would be the charities we would like to support.



We really enjoyed looking at how harvests have changed over the past fifty years in order to support and feed a growing nation.

Mrs Jarman was pleased at the amount of food we had collected from all the classes. THANK YOU everyone!



We've had a fabulous time once again celebrating Harvest this year. Thank you to all who made generous donations to Tameside East Foodbank and also to Water Aid. Our celebration at Holy Trinity Church was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who came; it was a fantastic turnout. A huge well done to all pupils who had speaking parts- you were fabulous. The singing was amazing too- it's always a pleasure to sing our favourite Harvest songs. Miss Flood

4. Fund Raising for Ilumula House

Suggestions came from the children: Bake Off, sponsored walk/wellython/pyjama day

To be decided. Mrs Hughes to contact Helen to see if she could visit school next term to update us on Ilumula House.

5. Africa Key-Hole Garden

This is in need of attention and revamping ready for next year. Mrs Hughes will consult Bernie.

AOB- Mrs Hughes and Mrs Lacey to update Africa Council notice Board



The whole school took part in raising awareness of mental health issues in October "Hello Yellow"

Date of next meeting Autumn 2

Autumn 2-Thursday 16th November

Library 12:30

- Welcome/Apologies
- Dress-Down Day for Ilumula house
- Key -Hole Garden Maintenance
- Date of next meeting

Dress-Down Day for Ilumula house

We raised a magnificent £120 on the last day of term at our Pyjama Day. Helen sent a photo of the girls from Ilumula House who wore their pyjamas too. Helen is coming to the next meeting in January to receive the cheque.



Miss Hylands class in their pyjamas- Well done everyone.

Key –Hole Garden Maintenance

Due to a mouse infestation Bernie has explained that we have to dismantle temporarily the Key-Hole Garden for health and safety reasons. Bernie will dismantle next week and re-house the mice up at Gorse Hall Country Park where the mice will find it less noisy!

Date of next meeting Spring 1

Africa Council Meeting Spring 1

Thursday 1st February 12;30 - Library

Welcome/Apologies

- Dress-Down Day for Ilumula house cheque presentation
- Further Fundraising Ideas
- Key –Hole Garden, Vegetable Garden and Wild Flower Meadow
- Date of next meeting

Melissa welcomed Helen to the meeting and explained that we were to present the cheque. Helen was delighted to accept the money £120 .



Helen explained that the money will be used to buy uniforms as education should be accessible to all irrespective of background or culture.



Ilumula House - Our school prayer hangs proudly in the kitchen!

Helen informed us that the Winnie Mobasso Foundation will be celebrating and fundraising alongside the Nelson Mandela Centenary Celebrations.

We will be thinking of some ideas over the next few months eg "Educate 100" (100 pencils at 50p)



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Africa Key Hole Garden will be twinned again with Ilumula House- Mrs Hughes to ask Bernie about the relocation ready for planting after Easter.



Date of next meeting Spring 2