

## English course report

THIS month we report on the 2024 English Course run by Kevin Bushiri, chair of the Nachingwea Link.

45 pupils, 35 girls and 10 boys from several primary schools in the Nachingwea district took part in the three month course held during the school holiday before moving to secondary schools where the teaching is in English. The head teachers helped to find pupils whose families wouldn't have been able to afford the course, so were supported by Stapleford Link.

Kevin reports the following successes:

- The parents were involved, coming to a meeting at the beginning at which they were given advice about how to best support both their children and the teachers, not only during the English course but also as they progress to secondary school. The parents also cooked food at the graduation ceremony.

- Two assistants, Neema and Pricilla, were employed which enabled one to one sessions, where the children's confidence grew as they spoke in English about their backgrounds and ambitions.

- The pupils were given tests in written and spoken English at the end of each month.

- Those who did particularly well were rewarded. This increased competition and had a positive impact on their learning.



*An end of course certificate*

- A graduation day was held when the pupils performed songs in English and acted out a scene as if they were in the Tanzanian Parliament. Kevin and the Nachingwea committee send their grateful thanks to all who support the Link.

We thank Kevin for his enthusiasm and excellent organisation, which has enabled these youngsters to start their secondary school education with the great advantage of a good grasp of English. **St Andrew's Stapleford Link Committee**



*From top left clockwise: Kevin with Neema and the group of students; the three prizewinners; Obed, the past chairman, Kevin Bushiri and the new priest, Rev. Father Lihewe, presenting the certificates to the children; one of the students speaking English to Kevin*

## Forthcoming events

Put the dates in your diary for these two events in May

Nachingwea



Stapleford

Join friends and neighbours for the May Lunch and Jazz Concert on Monday 5th and Friday 9th May, to support education and health projects in the village of Nachingwea, Tanzania.

No booking necessary. Both events free to attend but your donations welcomed!

For more information please email: [nachingwealink@standrewstapleford.org](mailto:nachingwealink@standrewstapleford.org)



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## May Lunch

Bank Holiday Monday May 5th 12-2pm  
Jubilee Pavilion, Stapleford Rec

*Get together with friends, family  
and neighbours and enjoy a fabulous  
homemade lunch in the Jubilee  
Pavilion*



## Jazz Concert

Friday May 9th 7.30pm  
St Andrew's Church, Stapleford

*A varied programme of light music from the Duxford  
Workshop Jazz Band, followed by refreshments*

