



## Tracksuits for Nomonde Children

The annual supply of tracksuits to Nomonde Pre-school children has been renewed following a break for two years. During our visit in January we found that the stock was very low, partly because many garments had been given to children fleeing from the raging fire in the area during Easter 2022. Also, pressure on our budget arising especially from unforeseen COVID support costs meant that the annual top up of tracksuit stock had not been maintained.

The January visit convinced us that we should restart the supply for the coming harsh Cape Town Winter. There was a problem, however, our budget for 2023/24 did not include this item.

Tentatively I wrote to two long-standing supporters and one of them, Quentin Baum of Milton Keynes, responded positively. Quentin has visited Langa twice and donated previously to LTPT. Through his contacts he raised £1,150, including £250 from his old firm, Morgan Systems Ltd, £500 from his former trade association, the Printing Industry Confederation (Picon) and £400 from his own pocket and his group of friends. Adding to this the £150 given to LTPT by the Clueit Foundation in the Isle of Man, we were able to cover the whole cost of 104 tracksuits of various sizes.

The tracksuits displayed are made of a triacetate material with a fleece lining, the colours being black, with green



Above: Machinists at work on the tracksuits and (left) two young pupils ready for the Winter.

and yellow flashes. They are provided by Lorrianne Engel, who has helped us since the start of this initiative. She employs three machinists, the embroidery being outsourced. Lorrianne gave us a good price, worked on this at short notice and took some risks by starting the work ahead of receiving the deposit she required to get going.

Bettine Pellant, the CEO of Picon, when thanked, wrote back to us saying, 'I am delighted that Picon can assist in making the lives of these young students better', and Quentin wrote, 'I am glad we could help a little'. Where would we be without such donations? Thank you again.

# The One World Challenge



*A selection of slides from a presentation put together by students from St Ninian's Upper School, IOM as part of their entry into an inter-schools challenge.*

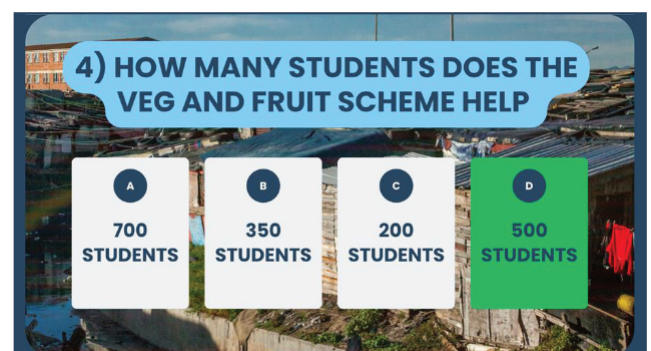
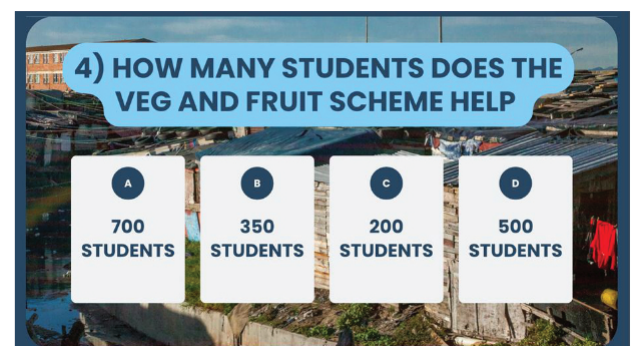
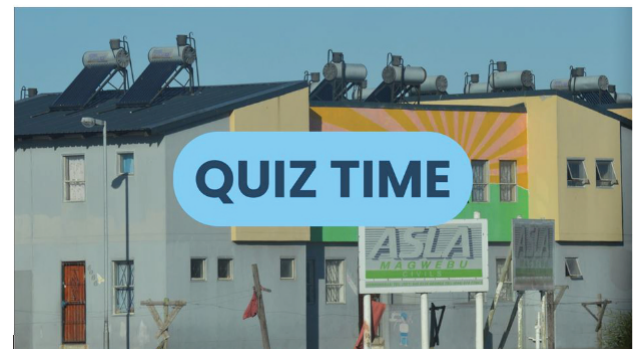
In our February issue, page 2, we reported fully on the tutorial group 12D of St Ninian's Upper School, in the representing LTPT in an annual inter-schools' challenge on the Isle of Man, organised on behalf of the Clueit Foundation. In the first round, which aimed to select a school champion to represent the school in the six - school competition, whilst 12D did not win, its work and presentation were highly commended.

Arising from this the Foundation sent a cheque to LTPT for £150, gratefully received and used to top up the tracksuit fund. Additionally, recently we received a cheque from St Ninian's for £144.55. Enquiring about this with our tutorial group contact Amy McAlinden, Amy replied:

*'We raised money for your charity during two events in December. The first was a 'make your own slime' stall at one of the school's Christmas Fairs. The stall allowed the children to decorate slime as they wanted. The second was a bake sale, which was hosted in the main hall of our school. This was open to all year groups and teachers with a mix of home - made and store - bought cakes and treats, which people could buy alongside a LTPT Christmas card'.*

We had supplied 300 Christmas cards to Amy and are delighted to learn how they were used to get our message around. On 3 March Amy had written to us, *'We've all enjoyed the experience so much and felt it helped us with so many skills and gave us an insight into what life is like for people in other areas of the world'.* Then on 10 March we received this message from the Challenge Organiser, Helen Kneale, *'It really was a close competition. The team did very well'.*

**All's well that ends well and maybe an acorn has been planted in the Isle of Man** (see Newsletter 32 November 2019 page 1, 'Hubs of Activity, Acorns, Saplings and Oak Trees')





# Summary of Financial Year to March 2023

*Figures to the nearest £100, for comparison the previous year's figures are in brackets.*

**Income:** £37,400 (£36,000);  
**Expenditure** £38,000 (£31,000);  
**Surplus/Deficit** -£600 (£5,000).

## Main income sources:

Donations £22,100 (£20,000)  
Gift Aid HMRC £3,700 (£2,400)  
Events £11,400 (£10,500)

## Main expenditure sources:

Nomonde Educare and Langa Early Child Development Forum  
£10,400 (£9,400);  
Events £7,800 (£7,600);  
Nomonde Pre-School development and maintenance £5,900 (£5000);  
Transfer to SHOP infrastructure deposit fund £11,700.

## Bank numbers 31 March 2023:

Current account £2,363  
SHOP deposit account £17,307.

## Coming Up

The next event is some time away but promises to be special. Ricky Lopez of Palladium and TV fame will bring us **'Rat Pack Music at the Gatsby'** on Wednesday 25 October. Cocktails and a three course dinner, £52 per person.

**The Christmas Dinner at The Marchmont Arms** on Friday 1 December is being considered, but we need to assess whether there will be sufficient support in the more difficult financial times we currently face.'

# Recent Fund Raising Happenings

On 29 March **'Gin and Jazz at The Gatsby'**, with The Al Nicholls Quartet, was attended by 78 people and a contribution of £1,391 was made to LTPT funds. The Raffle raised £248 and the £5 for £50 raised £400.

**The 2023 Spring Appeal** was launched in April with the commitment that donations arising would be transferred to the SHOP infrastructure fund. We are grateful to the 16 donors who contributed £1,360, and this has been transferred. Of this sum, six contributors raised £120, in response to Fergus Pickles' run for LTPT in the recent Leeds Marathon.

**The Tracksuit Appeal**, reported on page 1 of this issue raised £1,300.

On 28 June, **'Cocktails and the Nightcall Duo at The Gatsby'** was attended by 44 people and a contribution of £1,296 was made to LTPT funds. We are very grateful that The Duo performed without charge, that all the fundraising event prizes were donated and that four donors contributed £160 to the kitty. The Raffle raised £248 and the £5 for £50 - £225.



*'Fun and Joy at The Gatsby'*

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## SHOP Situation Report

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### Gordon writes,

The particular aim of the LTPT SHOP project is to enable the Langa Early Child Development Forum to have a building to work from on behalf of the pre-schools and creches serving 5,000 children aged 1-6 in Langa Township. To enable this Cheltenham College Partnerships, Charity and Community has made a significant donation, which is being built up further by other donations over the coming months.

In recent months I have met and have been discussing SHOP with Chris Beech, who now has relocated from Norfolk to Cape Town. Chris sees SHOP in the wider context of a strategy and plans, which aim to significantly improve learning and personal development for many children as they prepare for primary school education. The development of the Langa ECD Forum would be central to achieving this ambition. Chris, earlier the Managing Director of building and construction companies in Cape Town, in retirement from 2015 became the project and development manager within the Newlands Rotary Club programme of support for creches and pre-schools in Langa.

That programme has now ended but Chris intends to continue the work linking with his local contacts and taking the lead for LTPT in Cape Town on the SHOP project. It has been a blessing to have come across Chris Beech, given his deep experience and his commitment to causes such as economic empowerment and the education of young children.

Yet another blessing has emerged in recent weeks following contact with Gary Clueit, who is a 'technology entrepreneur, investor, maker and philanthropist' based in the Isle of Man. Following e-mail correspondence and a Team meeting, I met Gary in London for several hours in London. His name will be familiar to you through our reports on 'The One World Challenge' in this newsletter and earlier ones. The Gary Clueit Foundation has a particular focus on Africa, South of the Sahara, the empowerment of women, education and sustainability. I have asked Gary whether, 'you and your foundation would like to be a partner in our SHOP project, somehow, as a sponsor, as a funder or a co-driver' and the response to this has been positive. Meeting Gary I sensed empathy and synergy and I hope that we can work together on SHOP.

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