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Za Foundation Newsletter

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Global School Partnerships

The Global School Partnerships link between schools in North Somerset and Nkomazi continues to develop with nine of the Partnerships recently applying for a Reciprocal Visit Grant. If successful, the grant will enable members of staff to visit their partner schools. Staff from participating schools in Nkomazi, will then make reciprocal visits later in the year. So far contact between partner schools has been limited to letters, email and Skype so a visit is a very exciting prospect.

At the time of going to press, seven schools were waiting to hear whether their applications had been successful. Northleaze, Long Ashton and Priory Community School, Worle had already heard the good news that they will indeed be receiving the grant.

We look forward to reporting back on successful visits later in the year.



Library Project Update



During her recent visit to South Africa, Jayne Morris-Thurgood, Za Foundation Director, met with representatives from two charities, both of whom have already provided communities with container libraries in South Africa.

We will be working closely with Breadline Africa and New Kidz over the coming months and making full use of their expertise and experience in order to make our dream of a community library become a reality.

Recent fund-raising efforts (see overleaf) have helped us nudge ever closer to our £10,000 target but funds are still desperately needed to complete this project. So if you are able help us in any way, please do get in touch with us by email: info@zafoundation.org



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Clothing Bank

Za Foundation recently took delivery of a brand new clothing recycling bank. Working in partnership with Bristol Textile Recyclers, we hope that the bank will create a steady stream of funds by encouraging people to recycle their unwanted clothing, shoes and handbags. Members of the public can at any time deliver their pre-loved clothes, into the bank which is situated behind the Goodman Lilley estate agent's office at 36 High Street, Portishead.

With Spring just around the corner, it must be time for a wardrobe clear out!



Thank you, Redland High!

The girls at Redland High Junior School have been working hard to raise money for our Nkomazi Community Library and we were recently presented with a cheque for £1349.11.

Junior School girls raised the money in just one term through publishing their own poetry book, a sponsored read, a cake sale and various other events, including 'Bring a book and a pound' week.

It just goes to show how much can be achieved with a little effort. So come on, what could *you* do to raise money for Za Foundation?

Long Ashton Orchestra

The wonderful Long Ashton Orchestra have once again shown their support for Za Foundation by holding a free concert at Portishead Methodist Church earlier in January. The church was packed with eager listeners who enjoyed an evening of fabulous music performed by the 54-piece orchestra.

Special thanks must go to the team of volunteers who provided refreshments on the evening and of course to the Long Ashton Orchestra for giving up their time.

£1100 in donations was raised on the night so well done, everyone!

New Year with Zakhele

During a Christmas trip to South Africa to visit family, Za Director, Jayne Morris-Thurgood took some time out to catch up with members of the Zakhele Group. A New Year party for current and former members of the group gave everyone the chance to catch up on what's been happening in the past six months since the group visited the UK. It was also an opportunity for Jayne to visit our sister charity, Themba lethu to discuss how our two charities can continue to work together in the coming months.

