

Hello!

Welcome to spring! Here's hoping that the New Year has treated you all well so far.

EdUKaid is certainly pushing upwards. We are at a really exciting point and need to increase our network and support base significantly to realise all that we are aiming to achieve in 2007. The project out in Tanzania has big potential to expand into further areas both in terms of what we do, such as introducing projects like teacher training, and where we do it, basically increasing the number of schools that we are currently supporting.

Here in the UK we've been working alongside the Giant Peach boys, to get the new website honed and polished for launching. It was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 and looks really fantastic, a big thank you to them. Below is an idea of how we've revamped it and how we can use it as a valuable instrument to get the EdUKaid word out there and get people really involved in what we're doing.

We are also planning the 2007 future events. We do have some firm dates, you'll be glad to know all the old favourites will be happening as usual, the beer festival, rugby tournament and the ball, early next year. We want to really increase our activities and hope to have as much input from all of you as possible. There is a social fundraising meeting early in March that all are very welcome to attend. The idea is to have a glass of wine to get the creative ideas flowing! We hope you enjoy hearing about the latest goings on in the EdUKaid world, from a 'Day in the Life' at the EdUKaid UK office to the creation of the new website. Please do check it out [www.edukaid.com](http://www.edukaid.com).

Thank you all.

Editor

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# New Website



The new EdUKaid Website is now up and running. It is a vast improvement on the old one and has loads more information about all aspects of the charity.

“Education is absolutely key to the long term success of developing countries and is something we really do take for granted in this country. After finding out about the excellent work EdUKaid has achieved, we felt we could help and the development of the new website is the result”  
James Read – Giant Peach



The boys at Giant Peach

We have been working really hard on this as it will be a great way for us to look like a smart and professional outfit and have detailed information about what we stand for anyone who checks out the site. A website really is an essential asset to promote any organisation and we are really lucky to have such invaluable support from Giant Peach who have worked on, and donated the site free of charge.

We have made the information much more in depth, particularly regarding our volunteering experiences. We wanted to really let people understand what getting involved with EdUKaid is like out in Tanzania. There are experiences from Tim Dench and the volunteers about the ‘rewarding’, ‘unique’ and sometimes ‘bizarre’ times they have had in the name of EdUKaid. We are still looking for volunteer teachers to go out and work in the schools. These volunteers are really the core of what EdUKaid is about. Volunteering really is the most amazing way to actively make a hands-on difference and expand your sights above and beyond what you would have previously imagined.

We also really want to encourage people to get involved with supporting our fundraising activities. We have details of how you can get involved either with our existing events or take the initiative yourself and organise something that appeals to you, be it a marathon or a pub – crawl. You have the freedom to do anything that you like as long as it’s honest, decent, and above all, fun!

We have made it much online. You can now ‘Make a Donation’ button to make give money credit card. You do not paypal account. We have online shop considerably. much more merchandise our Meaningful Presents possible to contribute project to equip the supporting, with everything from paint for the walls, to books, to blackboards! You can also download all you need to start sponsoring a child.



easier to donate simply click on the and you will be able either by debit or now have to have a also revamped the You can now buy and you can support scheme, whereby it is directly towards our schools that we are

We want the website to be more interactive and a way for people to feel in touch with EdUKaid operations in Tanzania. We therefore have a blog for the first time. This will keep you up to date with what is going on out there. You can send your own comments and give us any feedback from events, with fundraising ideas, how to attract more volunteers, whatever comes to mind.

Our hope is that the website will become a vital tool for encouraging people to get involved with us, donate money, widen the EdUKaid network and fully realise the huge potential that we have. We really hope that you enjoy having a read through all the new material and revamped downloads. If you notice anything that you think is inaccurate or that you think needs to be included please feel free to contact the EdUKaid office.

Nicky Triance

# EdUKaid HQ

We thought it might be nice to give you a bit of an insight into what goes on in the EdUKaid office in the UK. Our activities may be less high profile than those out in Tanzania but we are still an integral part of the charity. We make an effort here helping to keep the wheels in motion of operations both here and out in Tanzania.

An important part of what we do here is to ensure that the two halves of the charity work together. We're like the left and right hand and have to make sure that both are trying to do the same thing! We are effectively enabling things to happen out in Tanzania by supplying vital resources from volunteers to money. They meanwhile make the things really happen and get their hands dirty.



Nicky in the UK office

We keep in touch with the project out in Tanzania via a call on Skype every other day. This is an invaluable way to maintain a link and give those out there a sense that they are not completely cut off from the rest of the World. We can help to sort out any issues that arise, and are in turn, kept abreast of how the projects are progressing, how the children in the schools are getting on, and how the volunteers are adapting to the African way of life.

I spend a lot of time filling in applications asking all those big money trusts and foundations to believe in us and support our cause. We have to convince them so show faith in the work that EdUKaid is involved in, that we are viable, and demonstrate that our presence out in Africa is of long lasting importance and value to those we are helping. (Which if course we do and it is!) These are often long and in depth and quite frustrating. The rate of success tends to typically be very low but it's all very much worth it when we find that we have appealed to someone believe in the EdUKaid cause and lend us their support.

One of our main concerns is with keeping our support network strong and vibrant over here. Organising fundraising activities is probably the most enjoyable part of the work that we do. After all it's really just arranging a big

party for everyone to enjoy for a great cause! Does it get any better? Actually this does involve a lot of letter writing and organising and getting people on board but it is so satisfying when you stand back and see everyone having a good time because of all the work you've put in, with the double bonus that the money that you're raising is helping in such a significant way.

Preparation for events may involve a visit to the Guildhall to check out their fantastic function room and finalise the details of the annual ball. It may be a trip to the V&A out in Netherhampton to chat with Pete, to arrange details of the annual beer festival and barbeque. It may be a visit to Bishops Wordsworth to discuss the rugby extravaganza. We have a good rapport with many local organisations and businesses and receive amazing support from them. This is a really satisfying arrangement for us all. They can get involved with a good cause without having to organise it all themselves and the financial benefit we receive is invaluable in keeping our projects going.



Tim Varney giving a talk at St. Osmund's School

We also sometimes get out to local schools to give a talk and inspire the children to take an interest in children living so many miles away. We are attempting to really increase this aspect of our activities as it is valuable opportunity to promote citizenship for the schools in the UK and create a reciprocal relationship with the schools in Tanzania

You can see that a day in the life of the EdUKaid office is certainly varied and has its ups and downs. It is however a fantastic job involving interaction with a huge variety of people, many of whom are quite inspiring in their determination to help people that they don't even know. It is always satisfying to feel that we are working to keep the projects out in Tanzania afloat and giving the children out there a chance to realise that "to learn is to live".

Nicky Triance

# News in Brief

## Personnel

We would like to welcome Sally McCartney to the EdUKaid team as she begins her year long placement in Mikindani as our Project Manager replacing Tim Dench. This is a great result and will allow us to make headway in our future plans for expanding our activities over there and making an even greater difference. Tim will oversee her initial months in the role and help her to settle into the African way of life and get to grips with the sometimes erratic, often frustrating bureaucratic procedures. He will then head back to the UK at the end of April.

## New Student Sponsorship Scheme

We constantly assess the value of the work we do to ensure that we spend our money in the most effective manner possible. As a result we have revised our Student Sponsorship scheme. Previously when a student was sponsored EdUKaid provided them with the necessary means to go to school and there were a large number of eligible children who did not attend school because of the cost. Now there are no Primary aged children not attending school in our area and the Secondary schools are oversubscribed so we have decided to end the direct sponsorship of individuals. For those people who have sponsored children up to this point the situation remains the same - your money continues to fund the student through their schooling. From now on any new sponsors' funding will go to provide the schools the students attend with books, teaching aids and other resources. This benefits the individual sponsored and their peers as well. If you would like to have any of this clarified then please contact us and we continue to monitor the scheme.

Tim Dench  
Project Manager, Mtwara

## EdUKaid Networking

EdUKaid had now joined the Salisbury and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This will give us an invaluable opportunity to increase the EdUKaid network locally. We will also hopefully benefit from support and fundraising opportunities through this. We want to thank Pete from the V&A for paying the subscription fee for us. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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## Cake Sale at St. Osmund's School

There will be a cake sale taking place at St. Osmund's School, Salisbury on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm. We are hoping that it will be opened by the mayor. Please do come along and support if you can. All the proceeds will go to EdUKaid. Tim Varney and I went along to give an assembly to the whole school about EdUKaid to help them to understand and appreciate what they were making and selling the cakes for.

## 3 Peaks

If anyone is interested in getting involved in the three peaks challenge, climbing the three highest peaks in England in 24 hours then please contact us.

## Fundraising Meeting

On Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March from 7.30 p.m. the EdUKaid Fundraising Committee are meeting at 12 Stratford Road for a glass of wine and a time of sharing our plans for 2007 fundraising events. So far we have pencilled in a few dates and would like to hear from you of any ideas which you may have. Please come along if you're interested.

## Market Stall

If you have any plants or cakes for our stall on May 19<sup>th</sup> please either contact us.

## Beer Festival

If you'd like to help out at the beer festival on the weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July, manning a bar, helping to sell merchandise etc. please get in touch with us.

# Dates for your Diary

**Cake Stall**

2:15pm 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
St. Osmund's School, Salisbury

**Fundraising Meeting**

7:30pm 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
12 Stratford Road

**Market Stall**

Salisbury Market Square  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2007

One also to be held towards the end of the year

**Beer Festival and BBQ**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Victoria and Albert, Netherhampton, Salisbury

**Rugby Sevens Tournament**

11<sup>th</sup> August 2007  
Bishop Wordsworth's School Playing Fields, Salisbury

**EdUKaid Leap Ball**

29<sup>th</sup> February 2008  
The Guildhall, Salisbury

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We also have a wealth of information on our website. From our website you can sponsor children, buy EdUKaid merchandise and make online donations.

We also have an excellent photo gallery and you can learn more about life in the area we live in and the work we do.

Please visit our website at

[www.edukaid.com](http://www.edukaid.com)