



Year 8 Restore Rwanda

On Wednesday 16th December, two year 8 pupils, Orhan Khanbayov and Louise Loughlin, were selected to present a cheque to Geoff Lane, Director of the charity Rwanda Restored on behalf of year 8.

This charity was created to ensure that children, orphaned by the genocide or aids, are provided with an education by building or improving schools. They are currently in the process of completing their first boarding school.



£600 of the money raised was from a Craft fair held on Thursday, 19th December by 8C and 8G. Where various crafts made by the Rwandan widows and orphans were sold. Parents, teachers and children attended the fair in the library with the librarian, Miss Edwards and many pupils staying well after 6 p.m. The following day, the remainder of year 8s began their money making activities including events such as car washing, selling cakes, beauty makeovers, sponsored silence and one pupil, Toby, even had his leg waxed. A grand total of **£1,220.11** was awarded to Geoff when all the monies had eventually been counted.

On receiving the cheque, Geoff stated that “£1220.11 was a wonderful amount and will be put towards the ongoing building work for the new secondary boarding school. Well done year 8!” This event is just the beginning in fund raising for Rwanda. Geoff presented an assembly high lighting the plight of many of the Rwandan orphans and Form 8C were so touched that they felt they wanted to do more and following a form discussion, we decided we would commit ourselves to sponsor a child to attend school for at least the next two years. Miss Edwards got another form- 8G with their form teacher, Mrs. Thomas involved and together they have already raised £216. 39.

Geoff selected an orphan girl, **Solange** who has no family and he confirmed that, “Solange will now be able to continue her secondary education at our new boarding school in Kagali thanks to the £216.39 raised so far. She was almost turned out of school due to non payment of school fees”. The two forms must raise at least £85 per term to ensure that Solange continues with her education, which we are all committed to achieve. Mr Huw Jones-Williams, Headteacher, and Mrs Jenny Griffiths, Learning Leader for year 8, were also delighted to take part in the presentation and congratulate all pupils and staff involved in such a worthy contribution and sustained support for such an excellent cause. We look forward to hearing news of Solange’s progress and achievements.

