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**Trip Reports 2014**

The Malawian Teachers visit to the UK

**Kajendere linked to St Mary’s Hartfield**

I would like to report about my visit to St Mary’s. The following are the things I have learnt on this visit that differ from life in Malawi.

Firstly I observed about the school is that parents and teachers plan their own curriculum for the children to learn for the academic year whilst in Malawi we use Government curriculum.

Secondly I observed that the school manages their time well. Each activity done at the school has its specific time, for example break time children play games while in Malawi children go outside to buy local foods and much time is wasted because children do not go to class in time.

Thirdly l observed that each parent escort his or her children to school to make sure they are in class, but each and every child in his or her school uniform. In Malawi children go on their own this has an impact on the child because they may either go and attend classes or not.

Most of the children do not wear school uniforms out of poverty and negligence but the policy of the ministry of education is that children should not be sent away from school if they are not wearing their uniforms.

Finally, teacher’s assist in groups during lessons and most classes do have taking walls and children who perform well are motivated by positive remarks and teachers give gifts which is almost the same with Malawian schools.

I taught a practical lesson on how to cook nsima and a reading lesson where children read local stories from Malawi and finally a lesson on things at our doorstep.

I am very grateful to be given this opportunity for a chance in a lifetime.

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