

Happy New Year

from the Starfish UK & Malawi Teams.

We hope and pray you had a restful and joyous Christmas time and we're really looking forward to this new year and what God's got in store for us all.

Our staff team in Malawi had a very positive retreat and a really relaxing Christmas on the lake... can't be bad!

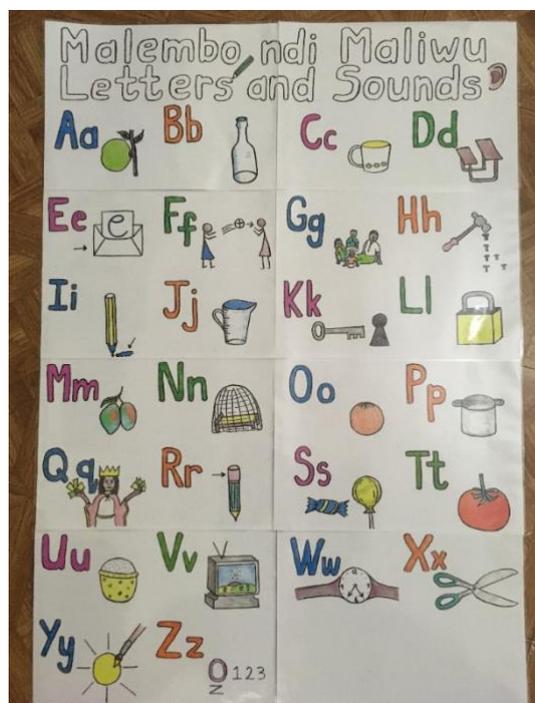
So much is happening, so here are a few things we want to share with you in this January newsletter.....



Welcome Yolanda Banda

Yolanda is our new secondary school sponsorship coordinator in Malawi. She has a Diploma in Community Development and we are very much looking forward to working alongside her.

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Christmas Appeal Thank you from Rachel....

On behalf of the Literacy Leaders we would like to say a huge thank you for the generous response to our Christmas appeal to raise funds for a special phonics resource to help children learn to read and write.

A fantastic £700 was raised, which means that thousands of children will benefit. When we used the prototype poster to teach the song, pupils responded very enthusiastically so we cannot wait to roll this out across more schools and nurseries. Thank you for being part of making this happen!

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Margaret Lewis

Some of you may or may not know that Margaret has been doing fantastic work in Malawi the last few months. In December, she was set to come home for some rest, but before she had the chance to prepare, she had a minor stroke and lost feeling in her right arm. She was rushed to hospital in Lilongwe and then flown to Nairobi, Kenya where she was diagnosed with a blood disorder. She's now safely back in the UK and on medication while resting. Since being back in the UK, she has improved massively and now has most of the feeling back in her arm. We thank God that she was seen in Nairobi and that she was able to get back to the UK safely.

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