



**Tain Royal Academy & Ekwendeni Community Day Secondary School,
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Welcome, to our third edition -



There is now an exchange committee in ECDSS with the following membership: Nested Mnyenyembe, Abel Kayange (Chairperson), Janet Chimaliro and Chanju Banda. This committee has sent us a package of items for sale here to support the fundraising. The package includes beautiful carved animals, striking paintings (example above) and delicate necklaces. We will be able to offer these for sale at future events.

Fundraising Thank-you

The exchange funds have been greatly helped by financial support from local Community Councils. We are extremely grateful for this support which has been an enormous help on the way to our overall **target of £24,000**. The

group continues to plan fundraising events, with the focus still very much on raising the funds necessary to bring a group from Ekwendeni over to Tain in 2011

Treasure Hunt 30th May

The Car Treasure hunt was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. The weather was excellent & the clues prepared by Tod Blyth and Sheila Thow (pictured below) challenging! The trail took us out of Tain towards Portmahomack & back through Fearn. Items of interest were ticked off on the way such as the doorway with ten horseshoes & screwdrivers stuck in a tree. The fierce creatures hiding in corners in Portmahomack were a surprise to most of us. Excellent entertainment on a beautiful afternoon!





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Curry Night 4th June

Ian and Kathy Smith of the Caledonia Curry Company contacted the school to suggest a curry night fundraiser. They offered to prepare a Malawian-themed meal and pass profits on to the exchange group. On Friday 4th June 24 people sat down to this African meal. The menu proved a challenge for the Smiths and they had produced a most unusual and highly delicious meal:

Chilled Carrot and Mango Soup
served with Nthochi (banana bread)
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Malawian Pink Crepes with Cream  
Cheese Filling

Nsima (maizemeal porridge)  
Masamaba (greens)

Wali wa Samaki (fish and rice)  
Mutton Meatballs (no goat to be had in  
the Highlands)  
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Mtedza (peanut puffs)
Mbatata Cookies

We are grateful for the support of the Smiths and their contribution to the exchange funds.



Pictured - student representatives of the Malawi Exchange receiving a cheque for £350 from Ian and Kathy Smith.

Forthcoming events:

26th June - TRA School Fete
1000 -1400

Entrance: Adults £1 children 20p
Bar-B-Q: £1.50 per person
Grand Raffle, Stalls, Games, Races,
Tug of War, Car Wash, Car Boot
Sale Something for all the family

1st September - The Scottish Air Ambulance Presentation and Cheese and Wine at TRA - price £5 a ticket
January 2011 - Burns Night Supper

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