

# THUGULU PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

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EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS

## In brief

- Covid-19 has affected learning at Thugulu primary
- No any sporting activity at the school



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THUGULU Primary

## SCHOOL HISTORY

**T**hugulu primary school was built in 1935 by the Nkhoma Synod of CCAP. By then the School had only two classrooms. Some learners were learning under the tree. The school is situated along M5 Road about 200M from the main road at Nkhwidzi trading centre in Salima district. It is found in Ngodzi Zone.

Currently the School has ten classrooms but one classroom is used as the head teacher's office and part of it is used as the staff room.

The school has over one thousand learners and the current number of teachers is

at twelve including the head teacher.



A classroom donated by star fish Malawi

There are only five teacher's house at the school. This means that only five teachers stays at the school.

### CURRENT STAFF

- The head teacher R. Mkumpha
- Deputy head

teacher Omar Bashiri

- STD 1 Debora Soda
- STD 2 Brenda Chunga
- STD 3 Thocco Kuchipanga
- STD 4 Grayson Chelewani and Macheal Fweta
- STD 5 Hasting Mapira and Mr Asiki
- STD 6 Berth Domingo and Emanuel Reuben
- STD 7 Steven Mikundi and George Makalani
- STD 8 Waziya Andrew and Omar Bashiri

## Thugulu football team



Learning in progress—  
standard six learners



Its hard to say goodbye



Mr Flaydon Masakatira receiving a gift from Thugulu staff during his farewell party. Mr Steven Mikundi presenting the gift.



—Learning in progress

### COVID-19 TRAINING

In preparation to the reopening of schools, the government of Malawi organized the training on COVID-19.

During the training teachers were told how the disease is spread and how they can prevent their learners from getting the virus.

Among other things teachers were trained how to make face masks using locally



To the left—Community members sewing masks

available materials as one way of preventing COVID-19.

-Pictures during the trainings



### TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES

Some of the teaching and learning resources that are use at Thugulu School are as follows;

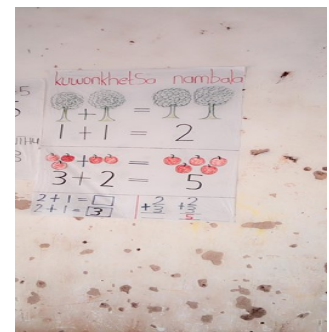
A shopping corner. This is used when teaching mathematics especially in counting and business. The materials displayed has the price tags. Learners use this to role-plays selling and buying of goods.



A word tree. This is used when teaching language for example English and Chichewa. It is mostly used when teaching vocabulary or new words. The new words are attached to the tree branches and the learner is asked to identify them.



Modeling addition of numbers. This is useful in infant and junior classes. When teaching addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of numbers.



**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

Education is a key and fundamental principle of the development in every country in the world. It is for this reason that communities in Malawi take reading role in the development of education

The community around Thugulu primary has assisted the school in a number of ways. From the following pictures, one can appreciate how the members of the community has assisted the school



Two teachers houses constructed by the community.

The bricks, sand and man labor that were used to construct these two teacher’s houses were provided by the members of the community.

**In brief**

The community noted the need to have more teachers houses at the school. Therefore the chiefs mobilized their people to mold bricks. Then they asked the district council through the District Education Manager for assistance. The council provided them with cement and iron sheets. Currently the school has five teachers houses.

**School woodlot**



Left pic —Trees on this woodlot were planted by community members. They cared the trees from the nursery up to now. And they have by laws which prevent people from un necessary cutting down of trees from the woodlot.



Simple chairs constructed by community members— learner use these chairs when they are learning under the tree

**SANITATION**

The school environment is very clean. Learners are encouraged to use the toilets and throw waste or any dirty into the bins.

The school has a borehole and good hand washing facilities for every class-room as shown on the pictures.



Standard seven learners washing hands before entering the classroom.

**SOME OF THE THUGULU STAFF MEMBERS**



**Emanuel Reuben**



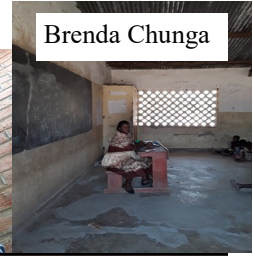
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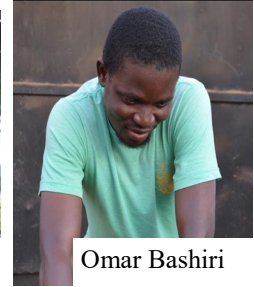
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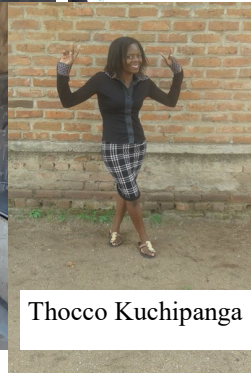
**George Makalani**



**Steven Mikundi**



**Gift Asiki**



**Thocco Kuchipanga**



**Grayson Chelewani**



**Debora Sodala**

**News In pictures**



Role playing— one of the teaching and learning methods used at the school



A teacher demonstrating how to write by writing on the sand



Posing a photo after receiving radios from The Story Workshop



**HEAD TEACHER'S OFFICE**