



ICHILOLA

CHENGLO SECONDARY SCHOOL'S TERMLY NEWSLETTER

Term 3 2009

HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of our new termly newsletter. We hope that ICHILOLA, which is the Bemba word for MIRROR, will provide you with a true reflection of each terms' activities. We also hope it will keep you up to date with changes and developments in the school and highlight some of the achievements of your children—our students—here at Chengelo. I am grateful to Mr David Sitondo who has come up with this new format and for his hard work in collating and editing the articles along with the members of the Scoops Club.

This term has, as ever, been busy at Chengelo. There have been outdoor activities and expeditions designed to stretch our students and build character. There have been sports events where we have competed against the best from other schools. There have been exams—final exams for some. And at the heart of our school we believe that God has been with us, speaking to us and challenging us to become evermore like Him. It is always with mixed feelings that we bid our students farewell, but our prayer is that those who have left Chengelo this year will live up to our school motto and be 'witnesses to the light' of Jesus Christ in their lives wherever they go.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr Charles Alford, Headteacher

PTA FUNDRAISING

DINNER, KITWE

We greatly appreciate the hard work that was put in by the PTA Executive Committee to organise this highly successful and enjoyable evening. Well over 200 people gathered at Jubilee Lodge at the showground in Kitwe. The guest of honour was the Ministry of Education Permanent Secretary, Mrs Lillian Kapulu. She delivered a speech from the Defence Minister, Honourable Kalombo Mwansa. There was also a speech from Mr. Brian Bentley, Chairman of Governors.

After some excellent food the evening relaxed and we enjoyed some entertainment. Overall the evening raised an impressive ZKw 43 Million including a donation from the Honourable Defence Minister and sponsorship from ZAIN. The money raised will go towards games and other improvements in the Hostels across the school.

NEW STAFF & APPOINTMENTS

The theme for new staff during Term 3 is one of 'returning' to Chengelo!

Mr David Russon is now a full member of the Science staff after serving as a volunteer in Term 1.

Miss Agatha Phiri returned to Chengelo to teach Physical Education.

Mr Evans Kataji returned to Chengelo to teach Religious Studies during Mrs Mukuni's leave this term. Mr Kataji was at Chengelo in 2003.

Miss Delwyn Houghton returned to Chengelo during Term 3 to take up the role of Pastoral Head for Senior Girls and to introduce curricular music to Form 1 & 2 classes.

Mr Chanda Kaluba has taken up the post of Physical Education Teacher.

Mr. Laurence Richardson has been appointed Head of English. He takes over from Mr. Trevor Roff.

Ms. Caroline Mubangala has been appointed Pastoral Head for Junior Girls.

STAFF FAREWELLS

Mr Trevor Roff & Mrs Mollie Roff, who have been at Chengelo for 8 years will leave at the end of this Term. They will be missed at Chengelo, but it has been wonderful that Trevor has been well enough to return following his illness and that they will be able to 'finish well' the work that God brought them here to do (see page 2).

We will also be sorry to say farewell to Pastor John Symons and Mrs Gwyneth Symons. John has been Pastor of North Church for 8 years and has been active in the school and an encouragement to staff and students in their Christian lives.

EARLY GCSE RESULTS

Form 5 students studying GCSE French and Religious Studies with the Edexcel examination board sat their exams early in June. Their results were very encouraging:

French: 5 A*, 6 A, 4 B
Religious Studies: 1A*, 9A, 6B, 1C

We look forward to some more very good results in January!

PAPA PANOV'S MAGIC CHRISTMAS

On the evening of November 27, the school will stage a play called 'Papa Panov' as part of its Christmas celebration and to wrap up the year. This will be quite an emotional event not only because of the story of Papa Panov, but because the producer and director of the play, Mr. Trevor Roff, will be showcasing his last play and production in Chengelo School.

Mr. Roff and Mrs. Mollie Roff are leaving the school at the end of the month after faithfully serving the school for 8 years as Head of English department and Pastoral Head for Junior Girls respectively. The couple have devoted a lot of their time to developing drama in the school. Mrs. Roff has been the costume designer for all costumes used in the plays. She has helped in stage setting, lighting and directing of most of the plays produced by her husband.

During his eight years at Chengelo, Mr. Roff has produced a total of ten plays. His inspiration came from a dream he had before coming to Chengelo. He has adapted a number of plays to help bring them closer to home as they feature Chengelo's own students. These plays have been taped and are a useful resource for teaching Literature and Drama. The following are the ten plays directed by Mr. Roff since he came to Chengelo:

Easter 2002 – *A Midsummer Nights' Dream*.
Easter 2003 – *The Vigil*.
Christmas 2003 – *The True Story of Good King Wenceslas and Papa Panov's Magic Christmas*.
May/June 2004 – *The Merchant of Venice*.

Easter 2005 – *West Side Story**
Easter 2006 – *The Taming of the Shrew*.
Easter 2007 – *The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew*.
Christmas 2007 – *A Christmas Carol*.
July 2008 – *Love in Idleness (The New Dream)*.
Christmas 2009 – *Papa Panov's Magic Christmas*.

*This was the only play in which Mr Roff acted due to an injury to one of the cast.

For all this hard work and dedication Trevor and Mollie gave Chengelo, they shall surely be greatly missed. Chengelo staff and students wish them well as they go back to the UK.



LOWER SIXTH SOUTH AFRICA TRIP

A representative number of Sixth Form Students led by Mr. B. Kalilanjani and Mr. S. Tembo travelled to South Africa on 23rd November, on another yearly tour of Universities, industries and other places of educational interest. The group is expected back on the 28th of November.

This is a voluntary trip organised by the Careers Department of Chengelo School, sponsored by individual parents, with the aim of exposing students to South African universities – a common destination for a number of the Sixth Form Leavers.

Through these trips, students are given an opportunity to make informed choices about their future careers by visiting selected industries and learning from experts on various aspects of jobs.

This year the students will visit universities in Johannesburg and Pretoria, the Rossilyn BMW plant in Rossilyn, the Coca Cola plant, Origins Creations, the Zambian Embassy and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Other places in the itinerary were business galleries, historical and cultural sites.

Boniface Kalilanjani, Head of Sixth Form

FORMS 5 & 6 LEAVERS' DINNERS

The Form 5 Leaver's Dinner was held on Monday 16th November at Loza Lodge. With the last exam taken that morning and the many hours of revision and hard work behind them this offered the opportunity for the class of 2009 to celebrate with staff the end of their exams and to relax with good food and music.

Glamour is what best describes the whole event. With black and gold as the theme, the students turned out in their finest suits and dresses with some unbelievable hairstyles.

Before the departure for Loza Lodge, the highlight was the students exiting from the staff room. They walked out to the deafening applause of the expectant school population that had gathered to witness their departure.



The Sixth Form Leavers' Dinner followed on Friday 20th after the last A-level exam. There is no doubt that these dinners are the social highlight of the year!

NDUBALUBA OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

MT. MUMPU TRIP



The mighty Mount Mumpu expedition Form 3 camp was blessed by the presence of good leadership and the trustworthiness of the Form 3 students. To this, add great humour and energy creating a great spirit in the teams. To conquer the mountain was a fun challenge, the team went up through the cave and faced their challenges and fears head on. One thing I learned from the expedition was good teamwork. This reminded me of the African proverb which says, 'If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together'.

ACS TEAM

Chengelo A team, 'Chimwala ('rock') Zambia', consists of Neil Parsons (capt), JP McAdam, Lubanji Maseka and Daniel Parsons. The B team, 'Tonga Bulls', is Michael Goneos (capt) Paulo Graca, Bianca and Choolwe Lourens.

The team who leave for South Africa to compete against other teams on Saturday 28th November have been training hard and are looking forward to the tough challenge. They will be competing over a 300 km course doing a range of different adventure activities including Mountain Biking, Canoeing, Hiking, Orienteering, Kayaking, Climbing and Problem Solving. We wish them God's very best down in SA. Ndubaluba staff, Mr Thompson, Mr McMaster and Miss Chrissy Hick will accompany the teams.

IYA GOLD AWARD

Nine students have successfully completed their Gold IYA during this year: Melanie Bruce-Miller, Andrew McAdam, Esanju Maseka, Gabriel Mulenga, Sakwasa Kazadi, David Kamwana, Chishala Musonda, Sume Bukali and Fabian Renaux. Congratulations to Ndubaluba staff member, Sarah Cowling, who also achieved the Gold Award.

They have canoed across Lake Tanganyika, worked in hospitals and orphanages around the country, developed their sporting abilities and participated in clubs such as car mechanics, choir and music. They join a very exclusive group of IYA Gold holders and this puts them in a great position when applying for university places or attending interviews for employment. Ultimately it says much about their positive character attributes. We look forward to attending the presentation of the awards His Excellency President Rupiah Banda at State House on 26th November.

MT. SANCHA EXPEDITION



A group of twelve energized students were up for the challenge. They hiked from the village school, where their lorry was parked, for about 7 kilometres to reach their base camp at the foot of Mt. Sancha. On arrival they immediately set up camp and had some free time before dinner and went to bed early to get some sleep before starting the climb at 1:30 am for the moonlight ascent! Though it was early the students were eager to walk in the light of the moon and climb the special mountain. The students proceeded to climb in torch light to the top where they were greeted with a welcoming sunrise. Once all the students made it to the top, they were placed around the mountain top for a peaceful sunrise solitaire to reflect on the climb and the beauty of God's creation. The descent was a joyful one with lots more good memories to pack away of Chengelo days. Early the next morning they trekked back to the lorry for the return trip

CHENGELO CHOFA

The annual Chengelo Chofa was a great success again this year. Around 50 Workers, Staff and Students competed for the prestigious Chofa Champion title. Neil Parsons was the first student, Lawrence Richardson the first staff member and the reigning champ Allan Siame was the overall winner again for the men and there was a new winner for the ladies, Florence Palata. The event encourages Staff, Students and Workers to have fun together and we look forward to next year.

Richard Thompson, Ndubaluba



YOUTH WITH A VISION FOR ZAMBIA

Chishala Kateka visits Chengelo

Ms Chishala Kateka, one of our School governors, and founder of a faith based organisation called 'Youth with a Vision for Zambia' and author of the book 'Let us Pray for Zambia and Let His Kingdom Come...' came to visit Chengelo with a team of people from varying professions. Their visit was eagerly and expectantly awaited by the majority of the secondary school students and staff, as well as a small representation from the primary school.

The aim of her visit together with her team, was to encourage us as students and individuals, to develop a vision in life. In her talk she mentioned how Zambia, has so much potential to be a better and stronger nation. One example she gave was that Zambia has been blessed abundantly with natural resources yet, due to a lack of vision, no progress is being made to use them to their full potential. She highlighted the mindset of the Zambian people, that is, the way we think, as the main issue.

Ms Kateka urged us to change our mindset, and to move forward together in a shared vision; to make Zambia a better nation in all aspects. She encouraged us to also aim high in life and to think big.

Her visit was a great inspiration to the school as a whole and was greatly appreciated.

Wongani Ngulube (Form 6)



REFLECTIONS ON MY BAPTISM

Baptism for me is a rebirth, a renewal into the life Christ has planned for me. It is also a step toward Christ because it is a promise made before everyone. This is even more serious when it is done at Chengelo because

it is done before your peers, people who know your weaknesses and have records of all your worst deeds! Baptism for me was a promise of obedience to God.

The step I took does not mean I am perfect or righteous, but it was a bold step with Christ leading me.

The experience was amazing and unforgettable.

The training and development meetings were very helpful and made me understand what baptism really was.

I would like to thank all the Chengelo staff and trustees who made this experience of mine come true. All the Chengelo elders for their support and my fellow students for their encouragement throughout my journey to baptism and after, and most importantly, for Chengelo School which provided the right environment.

Danny Chanda (4S)

THE KUNDALILA TRIP

Form 4 Geography Field Trip to Kundalila Falls: 19th September 2009 .

The Form 4 Geography class set out Saturday morning on the annual field trip to the Kaombe River and the famous Kundalila Falls (which are found on this river). It was almost a three-hour's drive north to this location in the Serenje District. This trip was mainly for practical experience in collecting primary data, in an exciting way in the field, to help us appreciate what we learn in the classroom.

The key areas of study were observing and sketching river valley features, measuring discharge, collecting sample sediment, understanding rock formations and doing some rock climbing. The scenery above the falls, on top of the ridge, and the falls itself, was spectacular!

ICDL

We have decided to offer the International Computer Driving Licence, ICDL at Chengelo next year. This widely recognised ICT course will be offered to Form 3 & 4 students. ICDL is being offered by a number of schools and organisations in Zambia, and throughout the world.

FORM 4 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The theme of the week's camp was 'character' the emphasis on building character through team challenges and looking at characteristics of good leadership and reviewing the character traits of God.

Students took part in an adventure race activity in which team work was essential. There were also individual challenges encouraging students to overcome fears and inhibitions.

The afternoons were more reflective times with groups looking at role models and reviewing their own character strengths and weaknesses and areas in which they would like to become more like Jesus Christ.

Overall the Form 4's responded very well to the challenges that were thrown at them with noticeable improvements in confidence during the course of the week. At the final feedback session the whole group pledged to work together to improve the 'character' of the year group as they go into Form five next year.

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INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS COMPETITION

At the end of Term 2 we had our annual Inter House Athletics competitions. This is always a culmination of what is taught in class. The lessons are devoted to the teaching of both field and track events. The pupils work hard to improve their performances and as is usually the case we had some students breaking school records during class time. There was increased participation in training after school as students prepared for this day. It was a fun filled event as students competed with great enthusiasm. Unfortunately, after all this hard work some students were unable to take part in Sports Day. Their parents either collected them early or arranged for them to leave Chengelo before or on the morning of Sports Day – in some cases without prior notice. It was however wonderful to see most of the parents wait until the end of Sports Day and of course the very entertaining tug of war competition between parents and staff. The result was a tie and I am sure this can be settled at our next Sports Day, if the parents are brave enough to turn up for the event!

The individual records broken were as follows.

Junior Girls 1500m	Lufunda Manongo
Junior Boys 1500m	Kachinvya Silwamba
Intermediate Girls 1500m	Lubanji Maseka
Senior Girls 4x100m Relay	Debra Yambala, Wezi Mutambo, Grace Nonde, Esanju Maseka

GAMES AGAINST NKRUMAH TEACHERS COLLEGE

As part of our Independence Day celebrations Nkrumah Teachers' College teams travelled to Chengelo on October 24. It was also a time to say farewell to our senior students who would be leaving Chengelo after their final exams. The most exciting games to watch on the day were undoubtedly the basketball matches. Earlier in the year Chengelo basketball teams had beaten the Nkrumah basketball teams and the return matches were not a disappointment. The girls' match was very close with small differences in the points as the game progressed. The Chengelo coach started the match with a weaker team to try to assess how they would perform and they played quite well. When Chengelo put in a stronger team, the Nkrumah girls were no match for us. In the end Chengelo won the match 17-13. Stars in the game were Debra Musonda, Suwema Banda and Lubanji Maseka.

The most exciting basketball match was the boys' game. Last time the two teams met, Chengelo won 21-12 at Nkrumah. This time round Nkrumah were in no compromising mood. The final result was secured by an important 3-point shot from Wisdom Banda bringing Chengelo to win the match 33-31. Well done to Chengelo players! This match was also an opportunity to use three new players from the younger and less experienced Chengelo boys basketball team, William Chiwasha, Mahali Zabangwa and Muyunda Hantuba.

Another repeat on the day was the girls' netball match. Last time they met Changelo beat Nkrumah 15-6. This time Nkrumah featured all their best players. The opposition team led for most of the match until Chengelo stepped up their game to finally win 16-10. Other results on the day were as follows: Girls' soccer: drew 0-0, Boys' soccer: lost 4-1, Boys' volleyball: lost 3-1.

SCHOOLS RUGBY SEVENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 25th of September a group of 13 boys set off for Ndola Wanderers grounds. The annual tournament sponsored by First Quantum Minerals (FQM) for National Schools Sevens rugby championships attracted 16 teams which were drawn in four pools.

Pool B had Chengelo, Mufulira, Simba and Highridge. To reach the final, Chengelo who were last year's losing finalists, saw off Chifubu High School 15 – 0 in a lopsided affair while Mufulira beat Kafue boys 17 – 12 in the day's most exhilarating match.

In the quarter finals, Mufulira defeated the defending champions Mpelembe 11 – 5 and Chengelo beat David Kaunda 17 – 0. Kafue beat the much fancied Baobab 17 – 11 and Kansenshi got the better of Chifubu 10 -5.

In a closely contested final between Chengelo and Mufulira; Chengelo boys dropped a bombshell on Mufulira with the final score line at 17 – 11 after a late try and a conversion from Teza Chituta, who was also voted player of the tournament and walked away with an original Gilbert rugby ball.

Chengelo boys travelled back to Mkushi as 2009 FQM National Schools Sevens Rugby Champions! The boys walked away with a school trophy, T-shirts and individual trophies. Well done to them all.

The Championship side was: Nawa Simakoloyi (captain), Maximillian Bussler (vice captain), Teza Chituta, Chipego Kalembo, Jonathan Mcadam (a.k.a) JP, Danny Simbeye, Joshua Musosa, Muwana Lisulo, Chomba Lombe, Maambo Muleya, Sterling Merritt, Albert Mwamba, Karl Walden.

Miss Agatha W. Phiri

SECONDARY SWIMMING GALA

On the 26th of October, we held our annual Swimming Gala. This was a lively event with all teams giving great support to their swimmers in the traditional Chengelo “booste” songs. Even though some houses did not take part in some events, we had 48% of our student population taking part in the event. Mukwa House emerged winners of the event for the third year running and Ndale and Kaimbi came in second and third positions respectively. Seven records on the day were broken. Another interesting thing to see was how some swimmers from the beginners’ teams managed to fair well against some swimmers from the advanced group. The records were broken on the day as follows.

Bianca Lourens	Intermediate Girls	50m Breaststroke
	Intermediate Girls	50m Butterfly
Mahali Zabangwa	Intermediate Boys	25m Butterfly
Choolwe Lourens	Senior Girls	50m Backstroke
	Senior Girls	50m Breaststroke
Neil Parsons	Senior Boys	50m Freestyle
	Open	Individual Medley



CRICKET

A team of 13 boys took part in a triangular cricket tournament that was hosted by Baobab College. It was difficult to gauge the level of cricket we would be playing against as no Chengelo teams had taken part in the game for more than six years. The boys were probably just as anxious as the staff. We played our first match against Simba School using the T20 format. Each team had to complete its 20 overs in an hour and thirty minutes or risk the penalty of losing 5 runs. Chengelo fielded first against an experienced Simba side that also happen to be the Copperbelt schools champions. **Mashuta Kayumba** opened the bowling for Chengelo. The pressure of playing his first competitive match saw him make no bowls to the pleasure of the opposition. This situation however, was not going to last for long. The rest of the Chengelo players gave Mashuta good encouragement and it paid off. By the time he was completing his first over, Mashuta had bowled out one batsman. Chengelo’s player of the day, **Dhruv Valand** came to bowl at number three. His bowling skills were exceptional. By his efforts alone he was able to get three batsmen out against Simba. Another exciting bowler to watch was **Henil Desai**. This was Chengelo’s topspin bowler. At 75 runs, Chengelo had run out of batsmen and was totally dependent on the skills of Dhruv and his opposite **Gareth Vidmar**. Their batting skills were really tested and they did not break down under the pressure of catching up with Simba. The two boys held on to the last chance when Dhruv was caught out. Final score, 97 runs each for both teams.

2010 TERM DATES

Term 1, 2010 (6 weeks / 6 weeks)

Open	Sunday 10th January
Half Term	Saturday 20th February—Sunday 28th February
Close	Saturday 10th April

Term 2, 2010 (7 weeks / 5 weeks)

Open	Sunday 9th May
Half Term	Saturday 26th June—Tuesday 6th July
Close	Saturday 7th August

Term 3, 2010 (5 weeks / 6 weeks)

Open	Sunday 5th September
Half Term	Saturday 9th October—Sunday 17th October
Close	Saturday 27th November

A REMINDER TO PARENTS...

It is becoming increasingly common for parents to take their children out of school early for free weekends, half-term breaks and at the end of term. This disrupts our teaching programme and your child’s education and it makes the job of teachers more difficult.

The School would be grateful if you could adhere to the published term dates and times for collecting children as far as possible. We would ask that you arrange holidays and travel to coincide with the school holidays. We are always sympathetic when genuine reasons present themselves such as the need for emergency or on-going medical treatment or exceptional family circumstances.