

Buyala Primary School

Buyala experienced tough times over the last few years when at one stage faltering leadership together with dwindling pupil numbers almost forced it to close down completely. Then in 2019, the appointment of a new Director, who in turn consolidated the teaching staff, took the school through a transitional phase of growth. It came out the other side having seen a huge increase in enrolment - 100 more pupils when schools opened in 2020 than at the end of 2019, taking it to 315 children - so we were pleased we could provide extra classroom furniture to accommodate the swell in numbers. At the same time, a new Head Teacher with years of experience was taken on who continued to turn the school around.

Buyala and JET have further strengthened their ties; teachers are regularly attending training, are once again taking part in other JET activities and all have embraced the Health Programme. We have been investing extra time to bring Buyala up to speed while adapting our Education Programme to accommodate the requirements of the inexperienced and new teachers who had not had the exposure to our innovative training methods. The school has in a very short space of time seen a significant improvement in exam results.

